



Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.

CLUBLICITY

May 2008

Conformation class will be held at Tuesday, May 20, at 8pm.

Obedience & Rally classes start **May 27 - 28**. To register: email Barbara Mann bmann4 @ woh.rr.com your name, address, phone number, email address, dog's name, dog's breed, and the class(es) you expect to take.

Sunday June 8, Agility Show-N-Go, registration 9:30 -12:30. A novice/excellent nested course. Workers needed. Questions to sherr-terr @ woh.rr.com Sherri Heizer, chairperson.

June 19-22 Sandra Ladwig Obedience Workshop. There are a few working slots available at the special rate of \$250 for DDTC members. There is a great opportunity to work with one of the country's top obedience instructors. Contact Marcia Richley marcia1118 @ aol.com 372-9036. (\$400 for non-DDTC members).

Obedience & Rally Show n Go's Friday June 6, Sunday July 6, Friday August 1 and Friday August 22.

Registration 6:30 p.m to 8:00 p.m. \$6 one run & \$10 for two runs with same dog. Need workers from 6 pm -10 for set-up, stewarding, calling the pattern, judging, tear-down and clean up. Need stewards in novice to be posts for figure 8's; stewards in open also pretend to be a posts for figure 8's, get jumps set, and pass the dumbbell; utility stewards get to set jumps, set the article pile, drop gloves; need folks to get people registered and get the teams into the ring. Little to no experience necessary. Chairperson Elaine Stoermer will have a sign-up sheet at the club for volunteers. For each 2 hours worked, we'll give you a free run.

DDTC CALENDAR

(unless otherwise stated, event will be held at the DDTC building)

Obedience & Rally classes start May 27-28. Agility Classes start May 19 - 22.	Friday, June 6 Obedience & Rally Show-n-Go, Elaine Stoermer chairperson	Sunday, June 8, Agility Show-n-Go, Sherri Heizer, chairperson	June 19-22 Sandra Ladwig Workshop, Marcia Richley, chairperson.	Sunday July 6 Rally & Obedience Show-n-Go	July 11-12-13: Rally & Obedience Trials. See page 4.	July 26-27, Agility Trials, see page 3
Friday, Aug. 1 Rally & Obedience Show-n-Go	Friday, Aug. 22 Rally & Obedience Show-n-Go	Obedience & Rally classes start Sept. 2 - 3	Saturday, Sept. 6 DDTC picnic at Roberta Shellabarger's home.	Mon. Sept. 8 DDTC Membership Meeting, 7:30 (no classes)	Agility classes start September 15 & 18	October 17-19. Rally & obedience Trials
October 24-26 - Agility Trials at the Circle G arena Lewisburg	Puppy class starts Nov. 4	Monday Nov. 10 Membership Meeting, 7:30 (no classes)	Sat. Dec. 6 - Annual Awards & Christmas Party	January 23, 24, 25, 2009 AKC Agility Trials, Lewisburg	March ? , Membership Meeting, 7:30 (no classes)	April ?, AKC Tracking Test at new site.

Prize Donations for Summer Trial

Please help cover expenses for our Summer Obedience/Rally Trial.

Mail contributions (check made out to DDTC; not cash) to:

DDTC Trial Secretary; c/o Sue Wallace; PO BOX 153; Enon, Ohio 45323

We need about \$300 dollars yet to cover expenses. Just \$5 from 60 members will cover the remaining amount needed.

If you want it put in "memory of", indicate your pet's name and special qualities. Keep to 2 lines max. We will have a page(s) of dedications in our show catalog. Deadline July 4.

Ring stewards needed for July 11 (rally trial), July 12 (rally trial & obedience trial), July 13 (obedience trial). Contact Sue Wallace. 937-322-7978 e-mail: sueanddiane @ netzero.com

Raffle items needed for the obedience trials. Please leave your donation in the kitchen. Nelda Mattison 431-8577 is the July obedience trial raffle coordinator. Mary Jo Debrosse is the October obedience trial raffle chairperson 885-4163 gone2thedogs @ woh.rr.com

DDTC club t-shirts and polo shirts are for sale - contact Roberta Shellabarger 426-3546.

We need help cleaning the building on Thursday mornings - contact Roberta Shellabarger 426-3546.

DDTC has a new five year lease on this building. The bad news is that the building rent has increased an additional \$673 per month. Therefore the club needs to raise \$8,000 more so that we can continue to have this building. The DDTC Board will be discussing various ways of raising money.

DDTC OFFICERS & Board Members

President: Ken Kistler. Vice President. Richard Eppley 885-2235. Treasurer: Mina Knox 429-3941
Corresponding Secretary: Lynn Luikart 885-0780. Financial Secretary: Mike Scott 974-6444.
Board: Barbara Mann 767-9164, Susan Young 548-6887, Bob Miller 435-5056, Judy Collopy 847-2601.

DDTC Committees

Classes

Phone Registrar for all classes: Fred & Terry McCarty Club Phone: 293-5219
Paper Registrar for Agility Classes : Terry McCarty Club Phone: 293-5219
Paper Registrar for Obedience & Rally Classes: Barbara Mann 767-9164 bmann4 @ woh.rr.com
Obedience Director Of Training: Darlene Rak 937-306-2156 drak @ woh.rr.com.
Agility Director Of Training: Sherrri Heizer 454-1837 sherr-terr @ woh.rr.com

Building

Problem with our Building call: Doug Scott 937-307-6742 (cell) or 937-648-1034 (home),
until Roberta Shellabarger 426-3546 has recovered from surgery.
Agility Equipment Maintenance: Ken Kistler 513-490-3844 sandylk01 @ yahoo.com
Building Rental: Elaine Stoermer 253-3795 pwc823emstoer @ aol.com

Other Club committees

Bulletin Board: Corky Andrews 434-3822 sprg @ woh.rr.com
Calendar Coordinator: Elaine Stoermer 253-3795 pwc823emstoer @ aol.com
Demo Chairperson: Darlene Rak 937-306-2156 drak @ woh.rr.com.
Leash & Collar Sales (Tuesday night): Linda Gordon
Membership Chairperson: Sandra Kistler 367-6447 sandylk01 @ yahoo.com
Newsletter - Clublicity: Carol "KC" Artley, 937-325-1129 kcartley @ earthlink.net
Pet Sympathy & Sunshine Chairperson: Mary Savage 836-5280 cliff414 @ verizon.net
Publicity Chairperson: Nancy Ellis 293-7075 ingeee @ netscape.com
Tracking Chairperson: Karyl Parks 996-0157
Web site: Richard Eppley 885-2235 reppey @ woh.rr.com www.daytondogtraining.com

July Obedience Trial: Sue Wallace. 937-322-7978 sueanddiane @ netzero.com

July Agility Trial: Lynn Luikart 937-885-0780 koiradals @ att.net

Obedience & Rally Show-N-Go: Elaine Stoermer 253-3795 pwc823emstoer @ aol.com
Deadline for next issue of Clublicity: August 1, 2008

July 26 & 27 Agility Trials at the Dayton Dog Training Building.

Entries Open: Monday, June 2, 2008 8:00 a.m. Entries Close: Tuesday, July 8, 2008. Total Entry Limit: 330. Random Draw Draw Closes: Monday, June 16, 2008 7:00 p.m. Draw: Tuesday, June 17, 2008 7:30 p.m. Lynn Luikart, Event Secretary 10130 Atchison Rd Centerville, OH 45458-9209 (937) 885-0780 koiradals @ att.net

Our thanks to DJ James for serving as President, and to Sandra Kistler for serving as a board member this past term.

From Roberta: Thank you to the club for the lovely flowers when I was in the hospital having knee surgery. Also thanks to the people who sent me get-well cards.

Dayton Dog Training Club's
AKC SUMMER OBEDIENCE TRIAL & RALLY

July 11, 12, and 13

Unlimited Entries

***** AIR CONDITIONED *****

FULLY MATTED INDOOR RINGS

Show Site: 3040 E. River Rd.

Dayton, Ohio 45439

HIGH IN TRIAL ---- \$75

HIGH COMBINED --- \$50

HIGH COMBINED RAE SCORE --- \$25

Placement Rosettes, New Title Awards, Special Double Q Awards

Friday July 11, 2008

Saturday July 12, 2008

RALLY Judges:

Diane Wallace - all Novice & Non-regular* Rally classes

Charles MacMillan (Canada) - all Advanced & Excellent classes

Saturday July 12, 2008

OBEDIENCE Judges:

Ted Walshesky - Utility A & B; Open B

Catherine Thompson - Novice A & B; Open A

Sunday July 13, 2008

OBEDIENCE Judges:

Ted Walshesky - Novice A & B; Open A

Catherine Thompson - Utility A & B; Open B

Plenty of INDOOR CRATING ROOM AVAILABLE

* NO EX-PENS INSIDE; AREA for TENTS OUTSIDE *

FOOD AVAILABLE ON-SITE

Mail Entries to: Trial Secretary—Sue Wallace

PO Box 153

Enon, Ohio

45323

937-322-7978

e-mail: sueanddiane @ netzero.com

Entry fees: \$23. (1st entry) \$15. (2nd entry same dog, same day)

All Friday Non-regular Rally classes are \$10. each

* Non-regular Rally classes: Friday Rally Plus and Rally T Challenge

Saturday Rally Team (Adv.) (4 dogs/team - \$20/team)

Member News

The top dogs in agility for 2007 have been announced by the AKC. MACH3 Bodywags She's In Control, a Cardigan Welsh Corgi owned by Kandy & Rob Robinson was ranked #4 in her breed.

In March, Susan Young showed her Belgian Tervuren "Nacho", CH StarBright Top Notch CD NA NAJ RAE, at 3 UKC trials in March. Nacho won a 196 and first place in Novice B. The next day he earned a 199, first place in Novice B and High In Trial and then finished his U-CD with a 190.5 and a third place.

Corky Andrews went to the QCDTC rally trial in March. Daisy earned the first leg of her excellent title with a 99 and a first place. Fribbie got a 90 in Excellent and a 93 in Advanced Rally to earn her third double Q.

Helen Fraga finished the Conformation Championship on her 2 year old borzoi "Ruby" at the Marietta show in March. Ruby is Helen's first show dog, and Helen handled Ruby to all her wins.

At the QCDTC March trial, Karen Fischer got another UDX leg on German Shepard Dog "Grizzy" .

DJ James and standard poodle "Cognac" earned their 5th UDX leg on April 19. Also earning a UDX leg, was Rottweiler "Gypsy" owned by Nancy Ellis. Suzy Howard and Doberman "Smitty" earned a UDX leg both days. The Alaskan Malamute "Drake", earned 2 Novice obedience legs; he is owned by Ron Applegate and co-owner and handler Chelsea Montgomery (out DDTC conformation instructor).

Jessica Isenbarger and papillon "DJ" had a Q in open jumpers at the April 6 Columbus trial.

April 12, Charlie Evilsizer and his Golden Retriever "Joey" got 100 and 2nd place in novice jumpers. Mary Beth Steinke got a novice jumpers leg on sheltie "Knote". Dennis Steinke and sheltie "Knicky" to 3 q's in excellent.

At the Gem City CPE agility trials in March, Joanne Blewett finished the "N-ATCH" on Dalmatian "Libby". Darlene Miller's beagle "Zoey" had several "Q's".

April 5, Sue Young's Belgian Tervuren "Nacho" passed the certification tracking test.

April 19 Mary Beth Steinke finished the Novice JWW title on sheltie "Knote" at the Parkersburg WVA agility trial, plus finished the Open Fast title on her Aussie "Owen".

Jessica Isenbarger took her papillons to Fredrick Maryland for their national specialty. "Rhiannon" q'd in excellent-B jumpers and placed 3rd out of 35 papillon in 8 inch and got 11 MACH points. "DJ" ran excellent-A jumpers for the first time and won first. "DJ" also got 1st in open standard and finished his OA title. "DJ" q'd in novice Fast and came in 5th out of 25 papillons in the 8 inch division. In conformation "Quest" placed 4th in American Bred dogs. At the Metropolitan Area Papillon Club specialty: "DJ" placed 4th in Bred-By dogs, and "Quest" placed 3rd in American bred.

April 26, Bev Phillips and papillon "Lacie" won took 1st in rally excellent-A. Catherine Thompson qualified in rally both days with her Rottweilers "Flash" and "Gert". DJ James and standard poodle "Cognac" earned a UDX leg. Marcia Richey and golden retriever "Sunny" won 1st place in open-A on Saturday.

May 3, Bobbi Shook and standard poodle "Buster" finished his rally novice title with a first place & a 2nd place. He also earned two C.D. legs with two first placements. All scores were all in the 90s.

Connie Fields and "Cameron" earned his CD at the Dalmatian national specialty April 25. In agility, Joanne Blewett with "Libby" qualified with a first place in excellent-B preferred standard and excellent-B preferred JWW, plus got a second place in novice preferred FAST. In conformation, Mystic, owned by Lynn Luikart, made the cut in both Futurity and Sweeps. Mookie, owned by Joanne Blewett placed fourth in sweeps.

At the boxer club's agility trials in May, Patti Coleman q'd with cocker spaniel "Annie" in excellent-B standard. Mina Knox q'd with papillon "Gizmo" in excellent-B standard. Deb Monahan got her very first Q with "Lucy" in novice-A standard. Ken and Sandy Kistler, ran their boxers: Penny q'd in excellent-A standard, Emma q'd in open jumpers, Becca q'd in open jumpers, and Brutus finished his Novice Standard title.

May 10, at the Beaded Collie agility trials, Sherri Heizer and sheltie "Taree" finished her novice jumpers title, and also got a first place in novice standard. Mary Beth Steinke and sheltie "Knote" earned the novice standard title.

Obedience Director Of Training Report, by Darlene Rak

As usual I would like to thank everyone that helps make my job easier. My instructors are great and I thank you all very much. Thanks also to all the other people that help – Richard Eppley with the website, Barbara Mann with the registrations, Terry and Fred McCarty manning the phones, Linda Gordon who is now in charge of leashes and collars, and everyone else who assists me in different ways. My job would be a lot more difficult without all the help that I receive. Thanks again.

Just a reminder that we will be going to our triple tiered schedule starting with the May 2008 session. It appears in detail elsewhere in this issue. I could still use some assistants so if you would like to assist or would like to learn how to assist please let me know. We now have a bulletin board in the kitchen/office where I post notes about classes or things that instructors need to know about. Please remember to check it when you are in the building.

The spring session seems to be going along quite well. I hope that everyone who is taking a class is enjoying it. Please remember to contact our registrar, Barbara Mann if you plan on taking any classes for the next session.

Seminars, Matches, Show-N-Go's, Health Clinics

All-breed Obedience & Rally trials on May 23 & 24 sponsored by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Greater Cincinnati. From I-275, take exit 63B (East 32/Batavia) and go 13 miles east to SR 133 (Williamsburg). Turn left (north) onto SR 133 & go to Jackson Pike (flashing yellow light). Turn right (east) on Jackson Pike and go 1/2 mile to building on left (building sets back from road).

Obedience Show-N-Go June 1. Kuliga Obedience Club, 898 Kieley Pl, Cincinnati. I-75, Exit 7 east, then Paddock Road exit & go south. Turn right at Tennessee Ave. Go right on Kieley.

June 14, at the Echo Hills dog show, Miami County Fairgrounds, Troy, **CERF Eye Clinic & Home Again Micro-chipping clinic**, sponsored by the Miami Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club. Kathy Rutter 419-942-1204 katlru @ yahoo.com

DAWG DAYZ of Summer Celebration. **Friday, August 1, 6-8 p.m.** at the Westwood Recreation Center at 611 Leland Ave. at Hoover: an interactive discussion titled, "Pit-Bull: Friend or Foe?!" will take place. The panel will consist of a trainer/behaviorist, a breeder, and a Montgomery County Animal Control official. It is open to the public, refreshments will be served, and questions and concerns will be addressed. **Saturday, August 2**, 10a.m. to 4p.m. at Residence Park on Elmhurst Road: food and product vendors, rescue organizations, breeders, animal control officials, trainers, and other professionals sharing information. A unique dog show, open to all dogs, will be held with awards and prizes. Both days events sponsored by BigDAWG K9 Training & Rescue.

Queen City Dog Training Club (Cincinnati) - **Rally Show-N-Go on Saturdays Aug 9, Sept 20, Nov 22**, Registration 10am -2pm. First walk-thru 10:15. Judging starts 10:30. **Obedience Show-N-Go on Sundays on May 18, Aug 10, Sept 21, Nov 23**, Registration 9am -2pm, Judging 9:30am. **Agility Run-Thru's** are held most Friday evenings at the Queen City DTC, beginning at 6:30 pm. \$5 per handler, \$8 for two runs. Dogs must have completed an introductory agility course. For the schedule, contact Jim Hutchins (513) 761-4675. At the Queen City DTC building, 12018 Tramway Dr, Sharonville. From I-75, go east on I-275, to SR42 (exit 46). Go north on SR42, one block to first traffic light (by the McDonald's), & turn left onto Hauck Road. Go 3/4 mile on Hauck road and turn right (north) onto Tramway. The Queen City building is on the right, at the end of Tramway.

Clermont County Dog Training Club www.ccdtc.org: **June 1** - CGC tests and Delta Society Pet Partners Testing by appointment, emarkof@cinci.rr.com. **June 28-29** Stuart Mah Agility seminar.

August 23 - Doggie Dash-N-Splash, Xenia Dog Park, 210 Fairgrounds Road, Xenia. www.dashsplash.com Games for dogs, plus swimming in the pool. Lots of booths selling doggie items, plus food for humans.

Obedience Class Schedule

Session II

No classes May 20/21. Last classes May 13/14.

Session III

Starts May 27/28. Last classes July 22/23.

Session IV

Starts September 2/3. Last classes October 28/29.

Session V

Puppy Only –Tuesdays: November 4,11,18,25,
December 2, 9,16

Agility Class Schedule

Session 2 Ends May 5 & May 8.

Session 3 starts May 19 & May 22.

No class May 26 Memorial Day

No class July 3

Last classes July 14 & July 17

Session 4 start Sept 15 & 18.

No classes October 23, October 27, November 10.

Last classes Monday Nov. 24 & Thursday Nov 20.

Note: new times for Obedience & Rally classes starting May 27.

Class Times

Monday 6:15pm	All rings Agility Class - Open/Excellent				
Monday 7:00 pm	Rings 1 & 2 Agility Class - Beginner Level 2		Rings 3 & 4 Agility Class - Beginner Level 3		
Monday 8 pm	All rings Agility Class - Novice				
Tuesday 6:30 pm	Ring 1 <i>Member sign-up for practice</i>	Ring 2 <i>Member sign-up for practice</i>	Ring 3 Beginners Obedience Class	Ring 4 <i>Member sign-up for practice</i>	Back Room Attention Class
Tuesday 7:30 pm	Ring 1 Novice Obedience Class	Ring 2 <i>Member sign-up for practice</i>	Ring 3 Beginners Obedience Class	Ring 4 <i>Member sign-up for practice</i>	Back Room Puppy Class
Tuesday 8:30 pm	Ring 1 Open & Utility Class	Ring 2 Conformation Showmanship	Ring 3 <i>Member sign-up for practice</i>	Ring 4 <i>Member sign-up for practice</i>	
Wednesday 6:30 pm	Ring 1 Rally Beginners Class	Ring 2 <i>Member sign-up for practice</i>	Ring 3 Beginners Obedience Class	Ring 4 <i>Member sign-up for practice</i>	Back Room Puppy Class
Wednesday 7:30 pm	Ring 1I Rally Advanced Class	Ring 2 Open Obedience Class	Ring 3 Beginners Obedience Class	Ring 4 <i>Member sign-up for practice</i>	Back Room Attention Class
Wednesday 8:30 pm	Ring 1 <i>Member sign-up for practice</i>	Ring 2 Utility Obedience Class	Ring 3 Advanced Beginners Obedience Class	Ring 4 <i>Member sign-up for practice</i>	
Thursday 7:00 pm	Rings 1 & 2 Agility Class - Beginner Level 1		Rings 3 & 4 Agility Class - Beginner Level 2		
Thursday 8 pm	All rings Agility Class - Open/Excellent				

Please note that a club member sets up the 4 obedience rings early on Tuesdays. If you train during the day on Tuesdays or Wednesday, please leave the rings set-up. Don't move the "baby-gates", or if you have to move them, please put them back as they were before you leave the building. Put all jumps back against the north wall. That way, the rings do not have to be set-up again, for the evening obedience classes. Thank you.

Additions & Changes to the DDTC Membership Roster.

Welcome new members: Margaret Rodrigue has a Border Collie. Caryn Schill has a Border Collie and a Bouvier Des Flandres. Anne Bidwell has a Russell Terrier. Rebecca Rupert has a Bedlington & a Welsh Terrier. Welcome back to former members Susan Goss, who has Norwegian Elkhound and to Suzanne Fachon-Kalweit who has a German Shepherd.

Anne Bidwell, 956 Castro Ln., Cincinnati OH 45246-1917, jrthloe @ gmail.com 937-545-2233

Alyssa Denen (new address) 251 N. Main St. #2873 Cedarville, OH 45314, alyssadenen @ cedarville.edu 937-474-4707

Suzanne Fachon-Kalweit, 937-390-1869, 632 Willow Rd Springfield, OH 45502-9590.

Susan Goss, 937-667-3685, 4660 Ross Rd. Tipp City, OH 45371-9464.

Deb Monahan, name change from Deb Shock, same address.

Pamela Murn, 9160 Taylorsville Rd, Dayton OH 45424-6342

Margaret Rodrigue, 937-408-9240, P.O. Box 239, Enon, OH 45323.

Rebecca Rupert, 920 La Tourette Ct., Vandalia OH 45377-2917 beckysdane @ aol.com 937-717-2452

Caryn Schill, 165 Greendale Dr., Kettering OH 45429-1501 woozlesr1cr @ aol.com 937-298-3310

Kim Woollard, (new address) 9667 Haines Rd, Waynesville OH 45068-9039, 937-478-3091.

PET SYMPATHY REPORT

BRUTUS Giant Schnauzer, owned by Tom Rohrbacher

TAYLOR Golden Retriever, owned by Kristina McIntosh and family

LILLY All American, owned by Ken & Sandy Kistler

SUNSHINE REPORT

Illnesses

Roberta Shellabarger

Bobbi Shook

Wife of Charlie Evilsizer

Husband of Kathy Combs

Deaths

Helena Steele (Mother of Patty Steele-Scott)

Hello everyone! Please keep up the good work on keeping me informed of Pet Sympathy & Sunshine concerns. Everyone is doing an excellent job of letting me know about what is going on with our club members. THANKS!! I appreciate it. Members thank me constantly and then tell me that they really appreciate the cards and also the flowers (when we send them). The cards and flowers really do help cheer up our club members; they add a boost to a person's day by letting them know that we club members really do care about them and their dogs/cats/horses, kids, parents, etc. Thank you again everyone for your cooperation and please continue to keep me posted! Mary Savage 836-5280 cliff414 @ verizon.net

TRACKING TEST REPORT by Karyl Parks, chairperson

First I want to thank the club and all of its hard working members for a wonderful test. I wish to thank Jane Kowaski, who shouldered the burden of this test. Although there was a little stutter hesitation; with a little support and encouragement, Jane came through for Dayton Dog training, stepped up to the plate and came through in a big way handling a big test flawlessly. I wish to thank Sue Young who headed up transportation and all the drivers that volunteered and got everyone where they needed to be on time without a hitch. Watching it all happen was very impressive. Food: Dayton Dog Training Tracking test has a long history of excellent hospitality with great food. This test was no exception and I wish to thank Mary Savage, and Helen Fraga who did a fantastic job of seeing everyone was well fed, and to those of you who carried in. Again, there was more than ample food for everyone, and no one left hungry. It was very gratifying to see how smoothly this all went, thanks to those who gave, supported and came together and made this a test to be proud of. A tracking test cannot happen without track layers and cross track layers. I felt our Track Layers were the finest. I held much confidence in all of them, and they did not disappoint. Our Tracklayers, to whom, I owe special thanks were Richard Eppley, Tom Rohrbacher on TDX with Claudia Wolfram, Dyanne Johnson, Karen Fischer and my husband, Jeff Parks as cross track layers, with Patty Scott, and Cindy Cozad-Rudinger for TD's. I owe special thanks to you. I wish to thank Suzie Shoen who came down from Coldwater, Ohio to tally the flags, see they got to the tracks where they needed to be, and got back, tallied, and put back in the correct order for next year. I never even had to look after them, but she did this job efficiently and I can return these flags to Roberta, and know they are all accounted for. I didn't have to do a thing, and this job was just "handled". Thank you Suzie! Doug Scott kept us cozy warm by being our fire starter. I was very impressed in how a club closed ranks, and put this together, even if this event was not one of particular interest to all who volunteered. There was a resounding absence at this test, as Robert Shellabarger was absent for the first time in over 20 years in this test. She was greatly missed and we pray her recovery from her surgery is fast and as pain free as possible, so she will be with us again next year. Our Judges are very much admired and respected by many, and at least TWO participants commented that they entered our test exclusively for the privilege of being judged by patient and fair judges who would not bend rules, play head games, and would give their dog a fair shake and evaluate them honestly. Without question, these are the most fair, patient and honest judges in tracking out there. Both Judges have authored

books and successfully sold them at our test. Not only was it reassuring these judges would offer our exhibitors a fair test, these judges plotted tracks quickly, gave instructions to the track layers and cross track layers clearly, and were so personable and fun, that it made two hard days of work pleasurable. Thank you judges, Steve Ripley, and Orrin Eldred. I wish to extend my sincerest thanks and gratitude for all those unmentioned volunteers who donated their gas, food, time, and efforts that made this all happen. Since I've never really been involved in your club before, I didn't know all of your names, but I would recognize your faces. I don't know how you got involved, but I'm sure the varying committee heads know you and selected you to help. Because everything ran so smoothly, they obviously had great judgment because you got it done!

The following is a **synopsis of the test** written by our Judge, Steve Ripley. This test had 3 TD's and 4 TDX entries. TD 1 was Sheltie male who started out well and invented a left turn on a long 4th leg. TD 2 was a Golden Retriever Male who is now GI-KI's Go Long Elijah, TD. This dog made the track look easy. He started with no hesitation and just trucked down each leg with no problems. He finished his track in 5 minutes. He was handled by Mr. Holzhauer. Sorry I can't remember his first name. TD 3 went to a Weimaraner male who is now Zauberhaft N Gaul Hot Commodity JH TD. Michelle Nowacki is a new handler and this is her first TD and on her first try. When she walked up to the flag a moment of panic went through her eyes when she saw the cover at Dayton. She had only trained on nice, clean, short grass pastures. The dog hesitated at the first tall, weedy area and finally decided that he could go through and never slowed down the rest of the track. We then moved on to the TDX portion of the test. TDX1 went to a Beagle 15 in male who is now FC/CH J and G Gentry TDX. This is the first Field Champion Beagle to earn his TDX. He was also the first Field Champion Beagle to earn a TD. It always a pleasure to pass a nice working dog and this was no exception. It was even nicer to be able to judge and pass a good friend and fellow judge in Joyce Klamut. This dog worked at a record speed for him, finishing in 55 minutes. He worked very slow and steady down the track baying when on the scent and quieting down when off of the track. The only real deviance from the track was when he decided to investigate around a large bush looking for the rabbit that must have been there at some point. Unfortunately the species of bush was a line tangler special that didn't want to give the line back. Joyce happened to have another line with her, she switched lines and moved on down the rest of the track on the alternate line. Our good friend Ed Wight used to teach everyone to carry an extra line just in case you got tangled in the woods. TDX

2 went to a Cocker Spaniel female for the heartbreaker of the day. This dog worked the first part of the track very efficiently up to the corner after the first cross track. She started down the leg paralleling the leg on one side, worked her way back to the track only to parallel the leg on the other side where she intercepted the 2nd cross track which she followed for a short distance only to recover again and get back on the track. At the next corner the dog over shot the corner into a woods area where a herd of deer had recently vacated. The dog began following the deer to the whistle. Only about 200 yards from the glove. TDX 3 and 4 weren't having a good day and invented tracks where there were none to the whistle. Both will pass in the near future.

TRACKING TEST REPORT by Mary Savage

I'd like to thank everyone who baked/cooked for us, laid track(s) and cross tracks, and the drivers who drove everyone to their destination and also picked up people too. I'd also like to send big thanks out to Doug Scott who, as always, faithfully showed up at the shelter house at 6 am Saturday and Sunday mornings to start a fire for us and to help unload our vans filled with many supplies for feeding everyone breakfast and lunch. Also, Thank you Patty Steele-Scott and Bobbi Shook for your yummy food that filled our hungry tummies. Everything was very good. The tracking test this year was a big success, but only because all of you pitched in and helped. It could not have been done without the help of you faithful members, many of you who don't even track a dog. Also, thank you Karyl Parks for a great job well done and thanks to Jane Kowaski, our tracking test secretary who really came through!! Jane and Karyl, your hard work was really appreciated. Sue Young, you did a terrific job coordinating all the drivers; I know you worked very hard on that. Thanks for a job well done. Well, last but certainly not least I'd like to thank Helen Fraga for helping me with the food again this year. As she did last year Helen continued to show me that she is one of the most responsible people around with a really hard working work ethic too. Organizing our 'banquet' takes a certain amount of skill and Helen makes it look easy. I appreciate all that you did Helen..... thanks very much! I'd also like to thank Sara Eppley for helping to make the many lunches on Saturday and to Carol Dunton for helping me on Sunday. Thanks also to everybody who helped clean up the shelter house on Saturday and on Sunday. I can truthfully say that this year we had very little left over. It was amazing! Also, I want to thank Roberta Shellabarger for doing the awards for the participants who passed. Even though she had a knee replacement Roberta wanted to do one of her usual jobs for the test. If I've left anyone out I greatly apologize. What a great team effort by everybody.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

1. The AKC Board voted to revise its policies on "Change in appearance by artificial means" to include the use of substances or drugs. ... "Even procedures, substances and drugs which are absolutely necessary to the health and comfort of a dog shall disqualify that dog from competition if the former had the incidental effect of changing or even improving the dog's appearances, temperament, bite or gait. There may be cases in which a veterinarian has prescribed some drug as being necessary for the health of a dog. In such cases, the veterinarian's advice should be followed, but the dog should be withheld from competition in dogs show or obedience trials until all possible effect of the drug have worn off" ...

2. The AKC Board has reduced the number of members needed for clubs applying for member, licensed or sanctioned status:

All-Breed, Group and Obedience clubs: 30 members/25 local.

Specialty Breed Clubs, Agility, Earth Dog, Field Trial Hunting, Coursing and Herding: 20 members/12 local.

Coonhound: 15 members/8 local.

Tracking: 12 local members.

3. The AKC Board has reduced the time frame that a breed must remain in Miscellaneous Class prior to requesting full registration. Breeds with 1, 000 or more dogs enrolled in FSS may be evaluated for full registration after 6 months in Miscellaneous Class but will remain in FSS a minimum of 18 months. Breeds with less than 1,000 dogs will be evaluated for full registration at the end of each year in Miscellaneous Class.

4. All Secretaries who administer 9 or more Agility trials in a calendar year, to be subject to licensing by the AKC, effective 1-1-2009.

5. The Rally Regulations have been modified for Rally Team Competition: ... "If jumps are required, they will be set based on the height of the smallest dog on each competing team" ...

6. No action was taken on "a Mixed Breed Program", an issue which will continue to be discussed by the AKC Board.