



## Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.

### *CLUBLICITY*

November 2005

### **DDTC CALENDAR**

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

Send in your vote for the DDTC Good Sportsmanship Award before November 19, to Barbara Mann.

November 8 & 9 - Last Obedience Classes.

Monday Nov. 14 - DDTC Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm (no classes).

November 23 **DEADLINE** for Reservations for Annual Awards/Christmas Party. \$5 per person.  
Mail check to Patty Steele-Scott.

Thursday Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving. Building closed. No agility classes.

Wednesday Nov. 30, Rally & Obedience practice from 7 - 9 pm, Elaine Stoermer, chairperson.

Thursday Dec. 1 - Last Agility Class.

**Saturday December 3 - Annual Awards/Christmas Party**, at Bergamo Center, 4400 Shakertown Road, Beavercreek. Patty Steele-Scott, chairperson.

**Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30pm - Instructors meeting.** All instructors, assistants, and potential instructors and assistants of obedience and rally classes are encouraged to attend.  
From Sue Wallace, Obedience Director Of Training.

Wednesday Dec. 7, Rally & Obedience practice from 7 - 9 pm, Barbara Mann, chairperson.

Monday Dec. 12 - Last Agility Class.

Wednesday Dec. 14, Rally & Obedience practice from 7 - 9 pm, Barbara Mann, chairperson.

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January 10 & 11 - First Obedience Classes.

January 27-28-29 - DDTC Agility Trials at the Circle G Arena Lewisburg, Vicky Head, secretary.

March 11 - 12, *Motivating Your Obedience Or Agility Performance Dog Seminar* (see page 15).

Monday March 13, 2006 - DDTC Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm (no classes).

Sunday April 16 - DDTC Tracking Test at Sycamore State Park, Trotwood.

Monday May 8 - DDTC Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm (no classes).

Saturday, September 9 - DDTC picnic at Roberta Shellabarger's home.

Monday September 11 - DDTC Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm (no classes).

Friday October 20 - DDTC Rally Trial.

October 21-22 - DDTC Obedience Trials

October 27-28-29 - DDTC Agility Trials at the Circle G Arena Lewisburg OH.

2006 Obedience/Rally Class Schedule (tentative).

Winter Session	Jan. 10-11 through March 7-8.	No classes March 14-15.
Spring Session	March 21-22 through May 16-17.	No classes May 23-24.
Summer Session	May 30-31 through August 1-2.	No classes July 4-5.
Fall Session	September 12-13 through Nov. 14-15.	No classes Oct. 17-18.

**Welcome new members:** Deborah Gravitt has a standard poodle. Lee Ann Hagerty has a border collie. Renae Thompson has a flat coated retriever. Barbara Denen, and her daughters Alyssa and Sarah Denen, have collies. Hillary Dwire has a collie and a border collie. Christy Hutchison has a rottweiler and a Finnish spitz. Hillary & Christy are Youth Members and are involved with the 4-H club. Kenneth (K.C.) Heizer has a sheltie, and is a Junior Member.

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DDTC members Mike & Vickie Kilroy train an All-American & a Large Munsterlander. They were asked to tell us about the Large Munsterlanders.

The Large Munsterlander originated in Germany, in the region of Munster, around the end of the nineteenth century. The German Longhaired Pointer (Deutsche Langhaar) was a popular working breed and the huntsmen were not too particular as to what color they were, as long as they could do their job properly. But when dog breeds began to be registered and standardized, the pedigree Longhaired Pointer was established as a brown-and-white dog. However, black-and-white pups still occurred in litters and although these could not be registered as pure-bred dogs, they were much valued by sportsmen because of their qualities as a general purpose gundog and gradually a new breed was established from these "rejected" pups. The Large Munsterlander was registered as a separate breed in 1919 and enthusiasts continued to strengthen the bloodlines. All of you club members who have met our Large Munsterlander, David, know that they are definitely "people" dogs ! David was found wandering a country road at about 8 weeks of age and we were the very lucky people chosen to adopt him.

## President's Report By Barbara Mann

A million thank yous to all of the wonderful club members who made our obedience/rally weekend and our agility weekend such major successes. I know that it was a real challenge to run two trial weekends back to back, but I am very proud of the way you folks pulled it off! With so many people pitching in to help, it took some of the load off of the "regulars" who seem to always be there working at club events.

I'd like to extend a special thank you to Elaine Stoermer, Chair of the first annual DDTC Rally Trial. Elaine and her crew of volunteers organized and ran a rally trial that was extremely well planned and executed. We had a large entry in rally, which provided a financial success in its own right, but also helped encourage entries in Obedience. Elaine has also done a wonderful job of spearheading our effort to provide Rally classes . Many of her students have finished Rally titles and are competing successfully at all levels of Rally.

Many of our members are going to obedience, rally, and/or agility trials during December. During the break before classes begin again in January, please observe the following **Holiday Building Schedule** so that everyone has a fair chance to train in the building: During most of the week, the east side of the big room can have agility courses set up and left in place and the west side can have obedience equipment left in place. Please use the new wheeled high jump whenever possible for obedience training to avoid damaging the floor (and your back!). On Monday and Thursday evenings beginning at 6 pm, the big room will be reserved solely for agility training. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings beginning at 6 pm, the big room will be reserved solely for obedience and rally training. On Tuesdays, it is not necessary to get all of the agility equipment put away in advance, but if obedience

and rally trainers need the space, they may move any agility equipment that is in the way. On Wednesdays, the agility equipment needs to be put away before 6 pm to clear the space for rally courses and for Thursday morning cleaning. All obedience equipment also needs to be stowed after Wednesday night training.

Exceptions: There is no guarantee that the building will be open on Wednesday, November 23 (the day before Thanksgiving) or during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day.

And finally, congratulations to the many, many club members who spent October competing successfully in agility, rally, and obedience trials. The list is too long to put in this report, but I hope to see many, many brags in this issue.

Please Note - If you purchase IAMS dog food.

Help our club make money. Please save your IAMS proof of purchase from the packages. Put the IAMS proof of purchase in the jar marked "IAMS" located on the "Treat" Table in the back of the big room. Thank you !

## Obedience Trials, 2005

By Barbara Mann

On October 22 and 23, DDTC put on another highly successful obedience trial weekend. Our entries were up slightly this year (thanks in part, I believe, to having the rally trial on Friday) and the judges were all impressed with the quality of the entries. Many members finished legs or titles and even those of us who didn't (Parker blew the broad jump both days and decided that the dachshund next door was too interesting to stay "sat" on the long sit Sunday) had fun and accomplished some goals.

We had a couple of features this year that were different from the past. First of all, we arranged to have photographers available both days and on the rally day. Besides taking formal set photos, they also provided us with many action shots. We intend to provide this service again in the future.

Secondly, instead of asking busy members to provide food at the trial, we used the services of City Barbecue to provide lunches. I had many people comment on how good the food was, so we intend to use them again if we can get them.

We had a glitch in the collection of trophy funds. Marie Castore, our trophy chair, unexpectedly was caught in the middle of a job change and a long-distance move, so things got started a little late. As one consequence, trophy donations did not get listed in the catalog. We'll do better next year. Belatedly, I would like to extend many thanks to the following donors: Cricket Zink, Lura McEvoy, The Scotts (Patty and Doug), Mary Savage, Charlie Evilsizer, Ted and Janie Fahrer, Mary Jo DeBrosse, Rikki Gessaman, Teresa and Fred McCarty, Bill and Nila Faulkner, Linda Bingman, Karen Fischer, Bob Kennedy, and Jane Kowaski.

As another consequence of the trophy glitch, we did not get enough donations to cover all of our cash prizes. We give out over \$1000 in prizes in the two days of trials and so far have only covered slightly under \$400 of that money in gifts. Donations are still being accepted and can be sent to Barbara Mann. Checks need to be made out to DDTC.

Last, but certainly not least, I'd like to extend a sincere thank you to the many people who helped make these trials go so well. Thank you to all of the stewards (lots of good comments from the judges about the high quality of the stewarding) and the many people who helped prepare the building before the trials, put stuff away afterwards, and vacuum up the clouds of dog hair and other dirt left behind by exhibitors.

Special thanks to Roberta Shellabarger for helping me stay on top of all the jobs that needed to be done (and doing at least half of them herself), to Lynn Luikart for scheduling and "honcho-ing" the ring stewards, to DJ James for doing a bang-up job in her first (and I hope not last) year as hospitality chair, to Richard Eppley for computer support (which includes providing a wonderful database for the trial secretary to use, getting all of the mailings

ready to go out, and creating the catalog), Carol Artley for once again being a terrifically organized and conscientious trial secretary, Sherri Heizer and the Wallaces (Sue and Diane) for running the evening "C" matches so that I could go home and collapse, Patty and Doug Scott for being there when I needed them, and Elaine Stoermer and her brother for providing lovely flower arrangements. Plus a special personal thank you to Sue and Diane Wallace and Claudia Wolfram. The 3 of them stayed late Saturday night after the C match and vacuumed the entire building so that I didn't have to drag myself down there at the crack of dawn Sunday to do that job. (They even left me a message on my voice mail letting me know I could relax.)

I think we all need to give a round of applause to the wonderful people who stewarded DDTC obedience trials! They did a marvelous job and it made my job as chief ring steward amazingly easy. There was always someone there to pick up if people needed to show, help out new stewards or pick up for those that got sent home sick. I want to thank every one of them for their participation this weekend!

Thanks again, from Lynn Luikart.

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### Dog Peeves About Humans, submitted by Roberta Shellabarger

1. Blaming your farts on me... not funny...not funny at all !!
  2. Yelling at me for barking...I'm A Friggin' dog, you idiot!
  3. Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway ?
  4. Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose...stop it!!
  5. Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. Now you know why we chew your stuff up when your not home.
  6. The sleight of hand, fake fetch throw. You fooled a dog! Woooo-Hooooo! Oh, what a proud moment for the top of the food chain.
  7. Taking me to the vet for the "the big snip", then acting surprised when I freak out every time we go back!
  8. Getting upset when I sniff the crotches of your guests. Sorry, but I haven't quite mastered that handshake thing yet.
  9. Dog sweaters. Hello ?? Haven't you noticed the fur?
  10. How you act disgusted when I lick myself. Look we both know the truth, you're just jealous.
- Now lay off me on some of these things. We both know who's boss here (you don't see me picking up your poop do you ?)

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### Caring For Our Aging Dogs

By Lura McEvoy

As our dogs age we know to watch their weight, note if they seem to have trouble getting up or getting down and keep an eye - and brush - on their teeth. Recently though, we had occasion to learn about another age issue with our then 12+ year old Lab. Laryngeal paralysis almost killed her twice in one week.

What's that ? For unknown reason the nerves to the larynx start to lose their proper functionality. This allows both the normal reflexes and conscious control of the larynx to deteriorate. You might first hear a change of 'voice tone'. The dog probably starts doing a lot of 'throat clearing' coughs. Perhaps they seem to be panting excessively for the situation. Or they tire very quickly. All of these things could be caused by a variety of things, of course. Although once you hear coughs and know about this health issue you'll probably not miss it in the future. It usually comes on slowly. CoCo's did. But it can cause a crisis without warning.

When these dogs pant the throat doesn't open wide as it should. Instead, the larynx just sort of hangs loose; no reflex. When they try harder and really suck in air they can effectively pull the throat CLOSED. At this point they panic - of course. Their heart rate goes up and they want to pant more. They get hot and hotter. They can't break the cycle without help. They are suffocating and headed for heat stroke. You'll have no more than 20 minutes or so, to save them without permanent damage.

They must be treated by a vet as an emergency. A sedative, airway opening procedure and cooling treatments are used. These are not a 'cure'. The only 'fix' is a surgery to stitch a side of the larynx to the inside surface of the throat. It is a procedure usually only done by a specialist surgeon.

The only way to 100% diagnose laryngeal paralysis is to visually observe the throat reflex which requires some sedation. This IS NOT an uncommon problem. It is most often seen in larger dogs of middle to old age. There is a genetic form seen even in puppies, but that is another issue.

CoCo had her surgery and did very well. She had her 13th birthday a few weeks after it. She's back taking modest walks and swimming short pool laps. And we are very happy to have her share our lives a little longer - healthy.

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When I Got My New Dog. -Author unknown

I asked for strength that I might rear him perfectly;  
I was given weakness that I might feed him more treats.

I asked for good health that I might rest easy;  
I was given a "special needs" dog that I might know nurturing.

I asked for an obedient dog that I might feel proud;  
I was given stubbornness that I might feel humble.

I asked for compliance that I might feel masterful;  
I was given a clown that I might laugh.

I asked for a companion that I might not feel lonely;  
I was given a best friend that I would feel loved.  
I got nothing I asked for, But everything that I needed.

### PET SYMPATHY REPORT

Dillon CD CGC      Golden Retriever      Linda & Steve Miller

Westwood's Deacon Blues CDX AXJ HIC CGC TDI,    Rough Collie,    Carol Dunton

Blinky            a Cat            Darlene Rak

Cody            All American      Marrietta Gentry

### SUNSHINE REPORT

Illness            Cards to Joy Maurer

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

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## Seminars, Matches, Show-N-Go's

December 4-5. The premium for Queen City's Rally & Obedience Trials  
<http://www.qcdtc.org/> Closes November 16.

January 7-8, 2006, Clermont County Dog Training Club, APDT Rally trials (all 3 levels) at its facilities in Cincinnati. The premium is at <http://www.ccdtc.org/events.htm>.

January 14 - 15 in Columbus. Training Levels by Sue Ailsby.  
[http://www.pawzitivebeginnings.org/index\\_files/Page441.htm](http://www.pawzitivebeginnings.org/index_files/Page441.htm)

January 21-22, Queen City Dog Training Club presents a 2 day seminar with Chris Zink DVM PhD "Coaching The Canine Athlete With Emphasis On Agility. Register with Sharon Sharp

February 18 & 19, Columbus Ohio. The In Focus seminar by Deb Jones & Judy Keller.  
[www.pawzitivebeginnings.org/index\\_files/Page1264.htm](http://www.pawzitivebeginnings.org/index_files/Page1264.htm) FOCUS stands for Fun, Obedience & Consistency lead to Unbelievable Success. Each part of the day introduces exercises that build on the foundation skills necessary to have a great working relationship with your dog. Motivational games will be used for the dogs that need speed. The dogs that need control will work on exercises that teach restraint (without killing drive).

February 18 & 19. Conformation Handling Seminar by Bill Sahloff & Mike Szabo at Mt Gilead OH.

March 11 - 12, at the DDTC building *Motivating Your Obedience Or Agility Performance Dog by Diane Carr*. See enclosed flyer on page 15.

## *RallyHo: DDTC's 1<sup>st</sup> Rally Trial a Huge Success* *By Elaine Stoermer*

The first sighting of a Rally trial at Dayton Dog Training was Friday, October 21, 2005. Over 140 entries and at least 120 dogs chased after a Q on the challenging courses devised by Judge Dave Maurer. Fortunately, no team caught the "foxes" hidden in the Offset Figure 8 food bowls - thanks to Rikki Gessaman for pushing them well into their dens.

Many Q's were earned by DDTC members: Marilyn Coleman with Bobber and Buddy (Labs) (separate runs - no brace in Rally yet)- RN title, Lynn Luikart with Anna and Brio (Dals), Marcia Richley with Maggie and Sonny (Goldens), Mary Jo DeBrosse with Rally and Kai (BC and Ridgeback), Alyssa Denen with Skippy (Collie), Diane Scott with Serenity (Dobe), Karlene Thompson with Maezy (Golden), Betty Frank with Mi (Lab)-4th place in Novice B, Nancy Ellis with Gracie (Rottweiler), Diane Wallace with Terry Ramey's "T" (Golden), Sandra Kistler with Sean (Boxer), Barbara Mann with Parker (Airdale)- RN title, Marty Burns with Dotes (Havanese), Karen Fischer with Grizz (GSD)- 3rd place in Novice B, Richard Eppley with "JJ" (Sheltie), Doug Scott with Gunner (Brittany), Darlene Miller with Lucy and Zoe (Beagles), Trish Clute with Zippa (Border Terrier) - 1st place in Advanced A, Carol Dunton with Stryker (Collie)-3rd place in Advanced A, Sue Wallace with Scooter (Pembroke Welsh Corgi), Claudia Wolfram with Bernie (Anatolian Shepherd)- 3rd place in Excellent B, and Diane Wallace and Lady (BC); Lucy (Pembroke Welsh Corgi) and Elaine Stoermer also ran - okay, walked briskly - and earned our second RE leg. Many other members above earned titles too. Terry Ramey and Storm filled in as our courtesy team and wowed the spectators/exhibitors with perfect 3 step backwards on their two runs in Excellent; hope Terry does obedience with that dog - he's pretty good.

Highlights of the day were Sue Wallace and Diane Wallace earning their 10th double Q and earning their RAE title - Rally Advanced Excellent. After earning an RE title, teams can earn an RAE title by qualifying ten times in

Advanced and Excellent in the same trials. They've been busy at a lot of Rally trials and traveled the Midwest to accomplish this. Sue and Diane are the first members to achieve an RAE at Dayton Dog Training. And they did it with a lot of placements - Sue and Scooter took 2nd in Excellent B (and 4th place in Advanced B) and Diane and Lady took 4th on Friday. Sue and Diane have a multitude of blue and red ribbons from their 20 shows. Many exhibitors that saw them show asked where they trained and learned Rally. They always sang the praises of DDTC in response. Sue and Diane had decorated cones to celebrate their great achievement. Maybe DDTC just started a Rally tradition.

Another highlight was seeing Brownie's Sean earn a Q with Sandra Kistler. Brownie had taken Sean through DDTC's Rally classes and Sean showed how well Brownie trained him (and how well Sandy has worked him) with a respectable 95 score. I am sure Brownie is still beaming over it.

The stewards and workers for the trial were excellent. Many thanks to Carol Artley, Mary Savage, Diane Wallace, Marcia Pittman, Mike Scott, Darlene Miller, Bob Miller, Darlene James – “DJ”, Carol Dunton, Trish Clute, Sandy Kistler, Ken Kistler, Diane Scott, Sue Wallace, Barb Mann, Richard Eppley, Rikki Gessaman, Marcia Richley, Roberta Shellabarger, Lura McEvoy (on the sidelines), Karlene Thompson, Nancy Ellis, and everyone else who helped.

Many exhibitors commented about how well the trial went and how much fun it was. The trial received a compliment on the Rally-Obedience Yahoo list from an exhibitor: “. . .today at Dayton Dog Training Club's first rally trial. Beautiful site. Well-run trial and a nice but tough course . . . with my favorite judge and friends to celebrate with. It doesn't get much better than that. Oh yes we bought a new purple rally sweatshirt to celebrate. The trial was well worth the almost 6 hours driving each way.”

Dayton Dog Training Club was “Ready to Rally” and did it very well its first try. Congrats and thanks to everyone who participated.

## Member News

Joann Jozwiak and Scottish Terrier “Dougal” ,MACH Summerfield's Dougal, achieved their MACH in July.

Brittany “Beree”, Voyageur's B B Beretta, owned by Doug & Patty Scott, won the points at the Medina & Richland shows in July. Beree qualified at the DDTC trials in October, earning legs towards her AX title and her Open Jumpers title. Their flat coated retriever “Dusty” got two MX legs at the DDTC October trials, handled by Patti Seligman.

Dalmatian “Rya”, Koira Fyrlyte Magic Happens NA NAJ, owned by Lynn Luikart, won a major at the Richland show in July. CH Redrock's Harmony Con Brio finished his CD at the DDTC trial.

At the Marion Ohio July obedience trial, Susan Young & “Zap”, CH Starbright Kilowatt UDX AX AXJ finished their UDX.

DDTC members had great runs at the Queen City Dog Training Club Rally trial on August 19. Sue Wallace and Scooter (Pembroke Welsh Corgi) double-Q'd in Excellent and Advanced, & they took 1st place in Excellent. Diane Wallace and Lady (Border Collie) also double-Q'd in Excellent and Advanced, & they took 2nd place in both Excellent and Advanced. Lee Ann Hagerty and Zima (Border Collie) earned their Rally Advanced title. Claudia Wolfram and Berni (Anatolian Shepherd) and Lucy (Pembroke Welsh Corgi) with Elaine Stoermer earned legs in Rally Advanced. Darlene Miller and Lucy (Beagle), Charlene Murphy and Ollie (Golden), Karlene Thompson and Maezy (Golden), Lura McEvoy and Brewster (Golden), Marcia Richley and Maggie and Sundance (Goldens), Mary Jo DeBrosse and Rally and Kai (Border Collie and Rhodesian Ridgeback), Marilyn Coleman and Bobber and Buddy (Labs), Karen Fischer and Grizz (GSD), and Carol Dunton and Stryker (Collie) all earned legs in Rally Novice B. Linda Gordon and her Alaskan

Malamute, Weyekin, earned their Rally Novice A leg. Richley's Maggie CD RN, owned by David & Marcia Richley finished her RN title. Rosehaevens What A Catch RN NA NAJ, owned by Carol Dunton, finished his RN title.

Kent Bromagen and "Katie" QQ on Saturday at the Corydon Indiana trials. Also at the Corydon Indiana trials, Kandy and Rob Robinson with Chelsea and Spectacle, both who had QQ. Kandy finished the AX title on her Border Collie "Mach-zie", JUSDANDY MOVIN AX OAJ.

Sue Peterson's "Divot" finished his OA title at the August QCDTC trial.

Joanne Blewett: Libby earned her CD at the QCDTC Obedience Trial August 21' with a third placement. They competed for the first time in obedience at the Dalmatian Specialty on May 1, 2005 where she won second place. Then, at QCDTC in August, she won her second leg with a third place. So Libby earned her CD in only 3 trials. At the QCDTC agility trial in September, Libby Q'ed 4 of 6 runs and finished her AXP and AJP titles. In the whole line of Preferred title runs since February (novice, open and excellent-a for both standard and jww), she only had 2 non-qualifying runs; and all of the Qs were first place except for one second. She now needs only 4 Qs to finish her MXJ. In October, she earned the last 2 legs for her MX and another leg for her MXJ.

Emily Geisler won best junior handler in Lexington KY September 4.

Steve & Carol Artley's borzoi, Tahoe's High Bidder SC won a 4 point major at the Canfield Saturday show. Litterbrother, Tahoe's Hit The Jackpot SC won 2 points at the Sugarbush show & one point at the Licking River show. Both boys and their sisters, Emma and Heidi, have won points in lure coursing this fall.

DDTC was well represented at the September QCDTC agility trials in Hamilton. Dennis Steinke & sheltie "Knicky" had one Q. Mina Knox and her Pap Gizmo had a QQ on Friday. Melissa Venrick and sheltie Jasper QQ on Sunday for their 19th QQ. Vicki Head and her MACH sheltie Hope QQ on Friday. Carol Dunton and her young Collie Stryker ran great. Patty Steele-Scott and Brittany "Beree" qualified in both open Standard and Jumpers on Saturday. Patti Seligman and her sheltie Ginni had several Q's. Sue Peterson and her young Corgi Divot had a great weekend. Patti Coleman and her Cocker Annie did well. Marilyn Coleman and her Labrador Bobber had a nice run on Sunday. Susan Pence and Richard Stephenson had nice runs with their young Border Collies. Rob Robinson and his MACH dog Spectacle had a great weekend with many Q's.

Fred & Terry Mccarty: Sheltie "Sara" won first place at the Friday QCDTC trial and finished her Novice Jumpers title. Sara finished her Novice Standard title at the Wilmington Ohio trial November 6. Sara got a leg towards her CD title at the Hamilton trial.

Melissa Venrick: Sheltie "Jasper" earned his 20th QQ at Hamilton's trial September 23. He is now MACH Sandi-Lon's Jasper Disaster. Jasper won first place in both Standard and JWW.

Vicki Head and her sheltie MACH2 Bach Keepin the Faith UDX PT earned another QQ at the DDTC trials. "Hope" needs 1 more QQ for the MACH 3.

Trish Clute: Border Terrier, Ch Tav-A-Mac Zippa Dee Doodah JE earned her RN. She finished in Lebanon Indiana in September. At Columbus Indiana September 24, she took first place with a score of 197 at her first trial in Advanced. She got her second Advanced Rally leg on October 8 with a 97 and 4th place out of 17 teams. She finished with a score of 98 at the DDTC rally trial. She earned a leg towards her CD at the DDTC trial.

Sue & Diane Wallace: In Belleville MI in September, Scooter earned two 100's and several 99 and 98's. Her 100's resulted in two 3rd places (tie breaker based on time) where she was the shortest dog in the placements and still ran the course in 54.68 seconds. Border Collie, Lady, earned two 100's both of which got 1st place (one with a blazing time of 41.38 seconds) and four 99's including a 2nd and 4th place.

Scooter earned two more QQ's in Lebanon Indiana in September, with a 2nd and 4th place in Excellent. Lady swept Advanced and Excellent both days earning four 1st places, including two 100's on Friday.

Claudia Wolfram and her Anatolian Shepherd, Bernie, finished their RA title September 16 at Lebanon Indiana, with a score of 97 and 4th place They moved up to Excellent on Saturday, getting their first RE leg with a 95 and another 4th place. The following weekend they completed their RE in Columbus Indiana. They got 97's both days, earning a second on Saturday and first on Sunday. They double Q'd twice in October in Pittsburg with a 95, 97, 97 and 99 scores. They earned double Q's at the Greater Louisville Training Club Rally trials on October 29 and 30. Claudia and Bernie took 2nd place on Saturday in Rally Excellent B and took 2nd place again on Sunday in Rally Excellent B with a perfect score of 100. The team has 6 double Q's and are on their way to an RAE.

Tracy Leonard: At the Clermont show in September, Basenji "Angel" got her last point to finish. Angel is now Ch Select Inchanting Epic. Angel is co-owned and co-bred by Becky Blansett.

Kathy Moore and her German Shepard Dog "Yahtzee", earned the Open Jumpers title in 3 trials with 3 first placements.

DDTC members won at the Hamilton October rally & obedience trials. Diane Wallace and Lady (Border Collie), Sue Wallace and Scooter (Pembroke Welsh Corgi), and Lee Ann Hagerty with Zima (Border Collie) took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, respectively, in Rally Excellent- B. Diane Wallace and Lady took 1st place in Rally Advanced B; Lucy (Pembroke Welsh Corgi) and Elaine Stoermer took 3rd place and earned their Rally Advanced title. Sue Wallace and Scooter qualified in Rally Advanced-B. Marcia Richley and Maggie (Golden) took 1st place in Rally Advanced A with a perfect score of 100; Trish Clute and Zippa (Border Terrier) took 4th place in Rally Advanced A. Qualifiers in Rally Novice B were: Marty Burns and her two Havanese Dotes and LahTee, Mary Jo Debrosse and Kai (Ridgeback) and Rally (Border Collie), Diane Scott and Serenity (Dobe), Marilyn Coleman and Buddy and Bobber (Labs), Darlene Miller and Lucy (Beagle), Charlene Murphy and Ollie (Golden), Karlene Thompson and Maezy (Golden) earning their RN title, and Marcia Richley and Sonny (Golden). Linda Gordon and her Malamute, Weyekin qualified in Novice A. Joann Jozwiak earned RN titles for Riley (Wire-haired Fox Terrier) and Dougal (Scotty).

Alyssa Denen & her Collie "Skip" completed his CD at the DDTC Sunday show. Alyssa was also awarded "High Scoring Junior Handler". In only 3 shows Alyssa and Skip have won 3 legs and two 3rd places. They also have a leg in Rally Novice.

Karen Fischer and her German Shepherd Dog "Grizzly", Laika Vom Leerburg TD earned legs in Utility-A at Hamilton, Licking River & DDTC. They have earned their UD title.

At the October Greater Louisville Training Club Rally trials Elaine Stoermer and "Lucy" (Pembroke Welsh Corgi) earned the RE title on Saturday and double Q'd on Sunday. A "double Q" is qualifying runs in both the Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent classes at the same trial.

Lura McEvoy attended the Golden Retriever National Specialty where Brewster received the G.R.A.C.E. Award (Golden Rescue and Community Excellence) for 2005 in the Therapy/Service category. They also finished their Rally Novice title.

Kandy & Rob Robinson: MACH BodyWag's She's In Control (A cardigan Welsh Corgi) earned 2 first's, 2 second's and a third place at the DDTC October trials. This finished Chelsea's MACH 2. Kandy & Rob bred her litter from mother CH MACH Fantasy Farms She's in Charge HI UD, with sire Ch Rhydowen's I Be Jammin NA HT. This litter has now produced two sisters both who have MACH 2's. Five MACHs in one family, shows that heredity does play a great part.

At the Licking River kennel club's trial, Charles Evilsizer's Golden Retriever, One Ash Jolly Judge Joey CDX TD, won first place in Utility-A and finished his UD title.

Rikki Ann Gessaman, finished the UDX title on Labrador Retriever, Gessaman's Autumn In Aspen UDX AX AXJ, in October. Aspen also Q'd in Open-B and Utility-B at the DDTC trials.

Dennis Steinke and his sheltie "Knicky" earned their first CDX leg at the Marion Ohio trial. Knicky received his second CDX leg at the outdoor Cleveland show August 27. "Knicky" finished his CDX at the Saturday DDTC Obedience Trial with a score of 190 and 3rd place. He is now CH MACH Baccara Super Sonic CDX.

### Other Winners at the DDTC October Obedience Trials

Christy Hutchison with Finnish Spitz, Sydnie Maxx Hutchison, qualified in Novice-A, with a score of 193. This earned Christy "High Scoring Junior Handler" at the Saturday DDTC trial.

DJ James finished the CD on her Standard Poodle, Cognac.

Betty Frank finished the CD on her Labrador Retriever, Valcars Southern Peach.

Marilyn Coleman finished the CD on her Labrador Retriever, Diamond's BJ Bobber OAP AJP.

Sue Wallace and Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Penewits Making Up Lost Time CD RE, qualified in Novice-B.

Suzannah Howard had 2 Q's in Novice-B with her Doberman, Les Anges First & Fore Most Vexata CD, and finished the CD on Doberman, Hooker De Akido San.

Diane Wallace earned a leg in Open-A on Border Collie, Stinkisox Harvest Lady CD RE.

Terry Ramey had scores of 198 1/2 and 198 in Open-B, and a score of 196 1/2 in Utility-B, on Golden Retriever, OTCH Merrygold Is Ramey's Storm UDX2. He was the High Scoring Dog In Trial on Saturday.

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### Vickie & Mike Kilroy's New Orleans HSUS Animal Rescue Experience

Upon our return from New Orleans, my husband Mike and I were asked to write something about our experience. Though I am not particularly good with words, I have written this brief description so that others might get an idea of what a remarkable rescue effort this was.

After receiving an urgent message from the HSUS (Humane Society of the United States), we set out for Gonzales, Louisiana. This is the home to Lamar Dixon Expo Center, the site of the largest emergency animal shelter in history. Here approximately 300 veterinarians and volunteers cared for more than 8,200 animals of every size and description. Most of these animals were brought in by the rescue teams who scoured the city daily and literally broke down doors to reach them. Mike and I feel very fortunate to have been one of these rescue teams.

When we first arrived, we discovered that most of the volunteers had been evacuated for the arrival of the new hurricane Rita, so we were put immediately to work feeding, walking, and cleaning the cages of the rescued dogs in one of the 6 huge block long barns. This was quite an experience in itself as most of the dogs in our barn were "pits." We were somewhat wary at first, but soon realized that most were "people friendly" and wanted human attention. We did learn several lessons though. Mike learned he shouldn't walk a pit too close to another pit's

cage as they locked onto each other through the wire (everyone was fine), and I learned not to turn my back on the one who took out the back of my pants! We stayed on in the barn for several days. When the evacuated volunteers began to return, we moved to search and rescue.

Search and rescue was a physical and emotional roller coaster. Every morning at 5:30am we would be given a list of houses whose owners had let someone know that they had left an animal or animals behind, locked in their home. Armed with this list, our credentials to enter the city (no one without rescue credentials were let into New Orleans or suburbs), supplies of food, water, cages, crowbars and flashlights, we would leave for the hour long drive to New Orleans. The feeling of urgency was palatable as we knew that these animals had been left for more than four weeks and many were still in houses that had been battered with wind and flooded to the roof. Our "mission" was to get into as many houses as possible and rescue as many animals as possible, or failing rescue, leaving enough food and water for a month and a way out of the toxic house.

To accomplish this daily mission, we broke down many doors, climbed through windows, and crawled through muck under beds and moldy furniture. We learned many things. Some of the lessons we learned:

- Where there is a will, there is a way: there was not a house we could not get into.
- There is a distinct difference in the smell of decaying food and death.
- Listening carefully may lead you to an animal in a house not on your list
- Refrigerators and furniture float and block the doors when the water recedes.
- No matter how much destruction there is to a house, an animal could be in it alive.
- Leaving food out for one cat you've seen will soon get you many many cats.
- Always block inside doors open with something heavy. If the door blows shut, an animal could be trapped away from food and water and die.
- If you ever have to leave an animal, never assume it will only be a few days. Leave food and water for at least a month.
- All states should be made to have evacuation plans that include animals.
- There are no happier sounds than those of barking dogs, meowing cats, chirping birds.....
- And most important: The true heroes of the hurricane were the animals left behind who waged an exceptional battle to survive!

These are but a few of the things we learned. The smells were putrid, the work was bone aching hard, our bodies and minds were somewhat battered and bruised, but it was one of the most gratifying experiences of our lives. Sounds a little crazy, but for anyone who loves animals the following two examples of rescues we made will explain it perfectly.

#### THE DOG IN THE BATHROOM

On our list for the day was a house in east New Orleans that had been battered by floods. Our list said a dog had been locked in the bathroom, almost five weeks earlier. The water line around the house clearly showed and was about 12 inches down from the ceiling. As we donned our masks and gloves, both of us were sure there was little hope. Everything had pretty much floated to the front door and it took sometime to get in. Mud and muck was thick on the floor inside, and there wasn't a sound. Mike opened the bathroom door and out ran the skinniest, smelliest little dog with tail wagging! After a few minutes in the outside air, he seemed to decide he was still supposed to guard his house; so he showed some teeth and tried to bark but just a little scrappy sound came out. It took a little time and a lot of reassurance but then he again decided we were ok. When we thought about it later, it was evident that this little guy had had to keep himself afloat for a long long time in that bathroom as it also had the water mark about one foot from the ceiling. How he made it we will never know. I looked for him at the shelter as he was getting his shots and micro chip, and received my reward of a wagging tail and his tongue on my face.

#### A MOUND OF MOLD

This experience felt somewhat like a sci fi horror movie. One house on our list this day was in an area that had been flooded and everything outside was covered with brown muck. Trees, bushes, cars, everything was brown until we got into the house. Here, thick green and black mold covered every surface. Slipping and sliding through that house, Mike searched downstairs while I made my way up the slimy stairs. At the top, a door was closed and I

gingerly opened it to be confronted by a green moldy mound. I took my glove and as I wiped some mold away a dear little cockatiel started chirping at me! No food, no water, and covered in mold, this dear sweet little thing sang at the sight of me. Once outside, wiped down and given water, he rode with us the rest of the day. I can't begin to tell you how his singing and wanting a kiss cheered us.

One last encounter sticks in my mind, summing it all up. We pulled into a drive through to get a sandwich after a very hot, dirty, depressing day. A man in the parking lot, holding his dog saw our van, marked with the words "Animal Rescue" and came over to tell us he had lost everything. He and Mike were taken aback when I looked at him and said "no, you didn't. You have your dog!" A slow smile spread over his face as he hugged his dog and he replied, "you're right, I still have what is important."

I hope I have given everyone an idea of what this amazing experience was like. The HSUS and all the other animal groups were truly relentless in the effort to rescue as many animals as possible. The last 94 pets of the 8,200 that were rescued were airlifted out of Lamar Dixon on October 10<sup>th</sup> and now everyone is working to reunite them with their "people."