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## AKC Outstanding Sportsman Award

In the American Kennel Club's ongoing efforts to recognize and celebrate its volunteer club members, The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award program was established in 2006. This award honors individuals who deserve special recognition because they have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club.

DDTC's award this year goes to Dennis Steinke, a member who started training his dogs in obedience, moved into agility and became Dayton Dog Training Club's agility training director. Dennis is one of the most supportive members and friends anyone could have and exemplifies AKC's drive to insure good sportsmanship in all dog activities. On behalf of the club, we present this prestigious award to Dennis Steinke.



# Crate Rack Use Guidelines

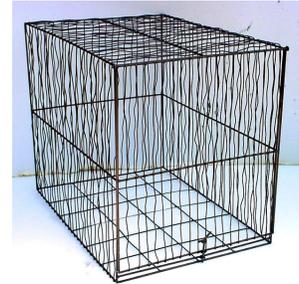
At the March Board meeting the board approved these guidelines for crate rack use.

Any member instructing or training in the building on a regular basis may leave up to three crates in either of the crate storage rooms.

All crates left in either room must be CLEARLY labeled with the owner's name on or attached to them.

One room is on the obedience side next to the directors' office; the other crate room is on the agility side between the men's and women's rest rooms.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.  
DDTC Board of Directors



## Upcoming Events

**DDTC will continue with classes and events under safety guidelines and restrictions imposed by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine to protect members, students, and exhibitors during the emergency imposed by the COVID-19 coronavirus.**

### **DDTC Events and Building Rentals**

Clermont County KC Agility trials, May 15-16 (set-up May 14)

Hamilton Agility trials, May 22-23 (set-up May 21)

Greenville CPE trial, May 29-30 (set-up May 28)

Fast CAT at K9 Splash Zone, June 5-6

### **Board Meetings**

Generally the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

### **Building Cleaning**

Thursdays; no equipment set-up for practice

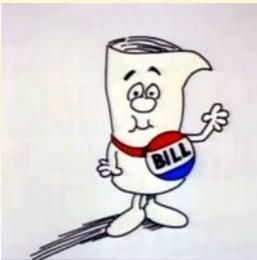
**Watch [groups.io](https://groups.io) and our website for schedule updates.**

# Silver Muzzle Award

## We need your help!

A couple of years ago the Board wanted to do something for our older members and we decided to create the Silver Muzzle Award. This award is bestowed on a Regular member that has attained the age of 80 years old and is still active in the club. The member will pay zero for membership fees or any training classes taken and will have key privileges.

So far this award has been given to Roberta Shellabarger, Sarah & Richard Eppley, Barbara Mann, Judy Collopy, and Terry McCarty. If you know of anyone else in the club that qualifies for this award, please contact any Board member.



## Legislative Report

*Submitted by Norma Bennett Woolf  
DDTC Legislative Chair*

Montgomery County Senator Niraj Antani introduced SB130, a bill to grant limited immunity from prosecution or civil liability to people who find lost animals, in the Ohio Legislature on March 16.

Unlike most legislative bills, SB130 is less than a full page long. The language allows for people who find a lost dog to take possession without liability for any injuries present or prosecution for theft if they notify the local dog warden or other animal control authority within 48 hours.

SB130 also protects veterinarians who treat a found dog for illness, injuries, or humane euthanasia. Hearings will take place in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

In the 2019-2020 legislative session, Senator Anjani introduced a bill to change the state's dangerous dog laws to give dog owners an affirmative defense if a dog attacks and seriously injures or kills another dog or bites, seriously injures, or menaces a person, specifically if the dog is protecting itself, its family, its property, or its pups; is being purposely teased or tormented; or bites a person who is attempting to break up a dog fight. This bill also established training requirements for dog wardens and deputies and clarified and reaffirmed due process protections for owners of dogs accused of biting or other aggressive behavior. However, it did not get out of committee.

# AKC News

## *AKC extends fix 'n' go concept to obedience trials*

The ability to 'fix' an exercise in the ring started with agility trials and became popular with handlers who wanted to help a dog to successfully complete a particular obstacle under the stress of a trial run. On April 1, AKC began a pilot project to extend that opportunity to obedience competitions.

Fix 'n' go does not allow a handler to correct or touch the dog but does allow a repeat of one individual exercise if he has told the judge his intention before starting the exercise. If the handler chooses the option, the judge gives the team an NQ and releases it from the ring after the retry. Handlers can encourage the dog with verbal encouragement, repeated commands, praise, and approaching the dog in a friendly manner. Here are some of the guidelines for using this option; the entire release from AKC is at [Fix-n-Go-Blog-3-17-21.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/19132118/Fix-n-Go-Blog-3-17-21.pdf) [<https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/19132118/Fix-n-Go-Blog-3-17-21.pdf>].

- The handler must begin an exercise to choose to use the Fix n' Go option.
- The team does not have to NQ an exercise for the handler to choose the Fix n' Go option.
- If the option is going to be used, the handler must do so before moving onto the next exercise.
- Only one part of a two-part exercise may be reattempted. Two-part exercises are Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, Heel Free and Figure Eight, and Directed Jumping.
- The handler may begin the reattempt from the start or at any point during the exercise.

## *The virtual Rally program adds Advanced and Excellent classes*

AKC launched its Virtual Rally® Pilot Program at the beginning of May 2020 with the Novice class, expanded it to include the Intermediate class in July 2020, and recently added both Advanced and Excellent classes.

The exercises at each class level are the same as those used at trial classes. The virtual Advanced class will be first with the Excellent class phased in later. Course maps for the new classes were released in late February and entries for the new classes opened on March 8.

Dogs that pass these classes will earn the RA and RE titles but the virtual classes cannot be used to earn an RAE title that requires double Qs at the same event.

## *Random draw entry method approved for obedience and Rally*

The Board amended the Obedience and Rally regulations to establish a random draw method of entries, to be used at a club's option, for limited entry obedience and rally

trials that have their own standalone event number. Used at the club's option, the random draw of entries will provide a fair way to accept entries for trials if the club anticipates the entries will surpass the entry limit and will create equity between all exhibitors. This change will be effective for events applied for on or after May 1, 2021.

At obedience trials that have their own standalone event number, a club may use either the First Received or Random Draw method of acceptance of entries to a limited entry trial. The premium list must state an opening date and time for when entries will be accepted. These trials may be held in conjunction with rally or agility trials.

When using the random draw method, a club may reserve three spots per ring for exhibitors who are also assigned to work at the trial. Once these spots are filled, the remaining entries then become part of the random draw.

## ***Mudi joins Herding Group next January***

The Mudi, a Hungarian herding and protection dog, will leave the Miscellaneous Class in December and become a full-fledged AKC breed on January 1, 2022.

According to the breed standard, the Mudi is a courageous herder of the most stubborn livestock, a loyal protector of property and family members, and a sometime hunter of wild boar. Standing 15-18.5 inches at the shoulder and weighing less than 30 pounds, the Mudi is alert, energetic, cheerful and intelligent the without any trace of timidity or aggressiveness.

One of three small herding dogs in Hungary, the Mudi has the same history as the Puli and Pumi but became a separate breed in the 1930s. The Mudi coat is a distinguishing feature of the breed, described in the standard as "... uniformly very wavy to curly, dense and about one inch to three inches long" with some cow-licks and ridges. Breed colors are black, brown, gray, gray-brown, and yellow and white. The merle pattern may be present with any color, and all colors but gray can have lighter shading.

The Mudi is still used in Hungary to work flocks of several hundred sheep. For more information, go to [Mudi Dog Breed Information - American Kennel Club \(akc.org\)](https://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/mudi/) [<https://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/mudi/>].



By Vulpes at Dutch Wikipedia



Taru T Torpström, via Wikimedia Commons

## ***The Russian Toy will join the Toy Group in January 2022.***

The Russian Toy, is described by the parent club as impish with a delightful personality given to silly antics and a good little watch dog and great lap companion.

An elegant, active, intelligent, and playful little dog, the Russian Toy stands up to 10 inches tall and should weigh no more than six pounds. It comes in two coat types that can be black, brown, or blue, each with tan markings; or in solid red or sable. Breed history dates to the Russian aristocracy.

For more information, see [About the Russian toy dog breed | FAQ \(russiantoyclub.org\)](http://russiantoyclub.org/breed.html). [<http://russiantoyclub.org/breed.html>]

## ***Foundation Stock Service welcomes two new breeds***

The AKC board approved addition of the Volpino Italiano and the Barbado da Terceira to the Foundation Stock Service at its February meeting.

Active and playful, the Volpino is a toy breed descendant of the spitz dogs that existed in central Europe since the Bronze Age. Standing no more than 12 inches tall and weighing from nine to 14 pounds, the breed is a relative of the German Spitz with a typical spitz double coat. It is primarily solid white but can be solid red or champagne.

The Barbado da Terceira is a Portuguese herding breed that likely evolved from dogs that were brought to the island of Terceira in the Azores around the 15th century. Settlers in the islands developed the breed from the early dog to guard and herd cattle and other livestock.

This is a medium-sized breed at 19-23 inches tall and weighing 45-65 pounds. Males are larger than females. The Barbado da Terceira has a wavy coat in black, grey, fawn or yellow, either solid or with white markings. It is a somewhat strong-willed dog needing a firm hand.

## ***Danish-Swedish Farmdog moves to Miscellaneous Class***

The AKC board voted to advance the Danish-Swedish Farmdog from the Foundation Stock Service to the Miscellaneous Class effective on June 30, 2021.

This terrier-looking little all-purpose dog is actually related to the pinscher family. The breed has a long history as a farm helper on Scandinavian farms. Despite its small size, it worked as a mouse and rat hunter, livestock herder, hunting dog, watchdog and family companion. It was almost lost when small farms began to decline but both the Danish and Swedish kennel clubs cooperated to find breeding stock and bring it back from the brink. Now known as a national dog in both countries, it is a happy, highly-trainable dog weighing 15-20 pounds and topping out at 14.5 inches. Its color is predominantly white with colored patches.

For more information, go to [Danish-Swedish Farmdog Dog Breed Information - American Kennel Club \(akc.org\)](https://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/danish-swedish-farmdog/) [<https://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/danish-swedish-farmdog/>].

# Braggs and Accomplishments

*Congratulations to all members who have achieved titles and other milestones with their dogs.*

Sue Sheftic proudly announced that her Leonberger Tanza (RACH2 Lovable Tanzania of Serengeti CD RM4 RAE4 THDA DM DSX5 ASA AJA HDJ CGCA CGCU TKA) earned her RACH2, seven months after earning her RACH, at Queen City's March trials. Tanza is the first Leonberger to earn a RACH2. She also earned High Triple and High Combined both days of the event. She earned High Triple in her last four events and has 10 High Triples in her Rally career. Sue credits the amazing DDTC instructors, beginning with puppy class and her foundation training in Patty's novice class (that they repeated six times!) before focusing on Rally. Sue said has no plans for RACH3 because she doesn't want to burn Tanza out, but they will still enter trials from time to time because Tanza really has fun in the ring. Tanza celebrated her achievement with a bully stick, cookies, and a couple of her favorite toys that she instantly gutted, and, being a water-loving pup, she went swimming.



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# AKC releases breed registration standings for 2020



[George Digweed's labrador.jpg \(2336×3504\) \(wikimedia.org\)](#)

The Labrador Retriever marked three decades as AKC's most popular breed in 2020, and the increasingly popular French Bulldog passed the German Shepherd Dog for number two slot.

The friendly, capable, and playful Labrador Retriever does almost everything a dog can do. A great family dog, the Lab also excels in obedience, agility, scent work, and other endeavors; is a favored therapy, service, and working dog; and retains its hunting abilities in tests and trials, and in the field.

Nine of the top 10 breeds in registration remain the same but a few have shifted positions. The German Shepherd lost the second spot it held since 2009, giving way to the French Bulldog, a playful, adaptable breed that has surged in popularity over the



past decade and is well-suited to apartment and condo life.

In moving from fourth to second, the Frenchie pushed the GSD to third and the Golden Retriever to fourth. The Bulldog, Poodle, Beagle, Rottweiler, and German Short-haired Pointer maintained their fifth through ninth positions, and the Dachshund returned to the top ten by eclipsing the Pembroke Welsh Corgi for the tenth spot.

The remaining breeds in the top 20 were Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Australian Shepherd, Yorkshire Terrier, Boxer, Great Dane, Siberian Husky, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Doberman Pinscher, Miniature Schnauzer, and Shih Tzu. The complete list of 195 breeds is at [The Most Popular Dog Breeds of 2020 – American Kennel Club \(akc.org\)](https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/dog-breeds/the-most-popular-dog-breeds-of-2020/). [<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/dog-breeds/the-most-popular-dog-breeds-of-2020/>]



# Browsing the Web

## *Teenager helps shelter dogs get adopted by sewing bow ties*

A New Jersey teenager makes shelter dogs look spiffy by donating bow ties he sews himself. Darius Brown began his project when he was eight years old by sewing ties for himself, then for his friends, and finally for shelter dogs. Now 14, he makes ties of different fabrics – including polka dots, stripes, dog paw designs, sequins, and more – and donates them to shelters for dogs that need a unique something to catch a potential adopter’s eye.

Darius began sewing to help him overcome a speech disorder and develop his fine motor skills. The family lives in an apartment house that doesn’t allow dogs, so the young man uses his bow ties to help shelter dogs get new homes. For more information, go to [This teen makes tiny bow ties for shelter dogs to help them look spiffy and get adopted \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/good-news/this-teen-makes-tiny-bow-ties-for-shelter-dogs-to-help-them-look-spiffy-and-get-adopted/ar-BB1eFZFH?ocid=uxbndlbing). [<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/good-news/this-teen-makes-tiny-bow-ties-for-shelter-dogs-to-help-them-look-spiffy-and-get-adopted/ar-BB1eFZFH?ocid=uxbndlbing>]

## *Dogs sniff out COVID at NASCAR events*

Along with their other talents, dogs are fighting the COVID-19 virus by sniffing human sweat for traces of the disease. Research puts the dog’ accuracy at 94-98 percent, and NASCAR is putting that talent to use.

Race officials hired a company based in Florida and Alabama to provide dogs to check out race teams, officials, and vendors to determine whether these people in the race track inner circle carry the virus. Eventually, dogs could perform the same service in airports and at public events. The story is at [NASCAR's sniffer dogs can detect COVID-19 98% accuracy \(nypost.com\)](https://nypost.com/2021/03/18/nascars-sniffer-dogs-can-detect-covid-19-98-accuracy/). [<https://nypost.com/2021/03/18/nascars-sniffer-dogs-can-detect-covid-19-98-accuracy/>]

## *Canine gut health is more than good digestion*

Veterinary researchers and practitioners use canine gut health when diagnosing health and behavior problems. Far more than simply a digestive system, the gut is a complex organ that houses more than 70 percent of the immune system, contains millions of organisms, influences metabolism, and can play a role in cognitive and autoimmune diseases. The February-March issue of *PetVet Magazine* focuses attention on canine gut health as a driver of overall good health and a potential factor in diagnosis of allergies, chronic skin conditions, cancers, neurologic diseases, and even chronic inflammatory joint disease. See the article at [The Importance of Gut Health in Pets an Integrative Veterinary Approach \(petvetmagazine.com\)](https://www.petvetmagazine.com/the-importance-of-gut-health-in-pets-an-integrative-veterinary-approach/). [<https://www.petvetmagazine.com/the-importance-of-gut-health-in-pets-an-integrative-veterinary-approach/>]

# Tick talk: spring brings eight-legged pests searching for a blood meal

The advent of spring makes dogs and owners itch to get out and walk, especially after months of pandemic isolation. The relief provided by a walk in the woods is almost palpable, but this simple pleasure should be followed by a thorough search for hitchhikers of the eight-legged sort to help prevent tick-borne diseases that can affect both dogs and people.

Montgomery County is not a hotbed of tick-borne diseases, but disease-carrying ticks were found here and in surrounding counties during 2020 and their range is spreading in the state and throughout the country.

Ticks transmit disease by biting a host animal for a blood meal and transferring disease organisms as they feed. Blood meals are necessary for the tick's reproductive system and for the growth of the critter's nymph stage. Different tick species carry different diseases, and many of these diseases can affect dogs and people. Ohio has three important tick species:

- the black-legged tick that carries Lyme disease and is a vector for both human granulocytic anaplasmosis and babesiosis; bites from black-legged ticks can simultaneously infect a host with two or more of the diseases it carries. The black-legged tick is also known as the deer tick because deer are an intermediate host for the species.
- the American dog tick that is a primary vector for Rocky Mountain spotted fever and can also transmit tularemia and cause tick paralysis; and
- the Lone Star tick that is the primary transmitter of human monocytic ehrlichiosis and southern tick-associated rash illness and may also transmit tularemia and Q-fever.

A fourth species, the brown dog tick, is uncommon in Ohio but is the only tick species that can become established indoors in homes with dogs and in kennels. Nationwide, it is an important, but uncommon, transmitter of RMSF and several other disease organisms to dogs but has not been implicated as a vector in Ohio.

In addition, the Asian long horned tick, a species not usually found in the Western Hemisphere, has been found in several states, including Ohio, since 2017. Researchers are examining these ticks to find out if they carry diseases, can transmit these diseases to people and pets. More information is at [What you need to know about Asian longhorned ticks - A new tick in the United States | Ticks | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/longhorned-tick/index.html). [<https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/longhorned-tick/index.html>]

Blacklegged ticks are most commonly found in the eastern and southern areas of Ohio, but are likely to occur in suitable wooded habitat throughout most or all of the

state. Three human cases of Lyme occurred in Montgomery County in 2020, but the county of diagnosis may not be the county where the patient encountered the tick. This tick may be active any time the temperature is above freezing.

The American dog tick occurs in grassy fields, clearings and other areas with little tree cover and is active from April through September. Its hosts are small rodents and medium-sized wild mammals, domestic cats, dogs and humans. Although RMSF has been found in every Ohio county over the past 10 years, few cases were diagnosed in 2020, none of them in Montgomery County and only a handful in southwestern Ohio.

The Lone Star tick occurs in woodlands with a lot of undergrowth and uses squirrels, raccoons, deer, cattle, some bird species, dogs and humans as hosts. An aggressive tick, it is active from April through September throughout the state with heavier infestations in the southern counties. The Ohio Department of Health does not have a map indicating distribution of ehrlichiosis cases in the state but information about the disease is available at the Centers for Disease Control at [Ehrlichiosis home | Ehrlichiosis | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/ehrlichiosis/). [<https://www.cdc.gov/ehrlichiosis/>]

General symptoms of tick-borne diseases include fever, chills, severe headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, confusion, and a rash. Early diagnosis and treatment with antibiotics are critical to preventing severe or chronic illness.

Specifically, severe cases of RMSF have the potential to damage blood vessels in arms, legs, fingers or toes or to result in hearing loss, paralysis, and mental disability.

Symptoms of severe or untreated cases of Lyme disease can appear months after the tick bite and can include painful headaches and neck stiffness, facial palsy, large joint arthritis, heart palpitations, episodes of dizziness or shortness of breath, nerve and muscle pain and spinal cord inflammation.

Severe cases of ehrlichiosis can result in nervous system damage, respiratory failure, uncontrolled bleeding, organ failure, and even death. Risk factors for severe illness include delayed antibiotic treatment and a weakened immune system with young children and elderly patients being more susceptible to severe disease.

More information about tick-borne diseases is available at [Diseases Transmitted by Ticks | Ticks | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/index.html). [<https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/index.html>]

## **Prevention**

The best defense against tick-borne disease is to avoid ticks and their habitats. If you hike or camp, stay to the center of the trail and keep your dog on a leash so he stays away from brushy areas. Other hints: wear light-colored clothes to make ticks easier to spot; tuck pants into socks or boots and shirts into pants to keep ticks outside clothing; and use a tick repellent on exposed skin and on tents and other camping gear.

Next best is to check people and dogs that have been in tick habitats and to carefully remove imbedded ticks so that mouth parts are not left in the skin.

Finally, if hiking with your dog is your thing, check with your vet about an appropriate tick preventive for your dog and check for ticks after every jaunt.

## Notes

Lyme disease incidence map, [Lyme Disease | Ohio Department of Health](https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/zoonotic-disease-program/resources/lyme-disease)  
[<https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/zoonotic-disease-program/resources/lyme-disease>]

Rocky Mountain spotted fever incidence map, [Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever | Ohio Department of Health](https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/zoonotic-disease-program/resources/rmsf)  
[<https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/zoonotic-disease-program/resources/rmsf>]

Tick fact sheet from Ohio State University, [Ticks and Tick-Borne Diseases | Ohio-line \(osu.edu\)](https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/HYG-2073)  
[<https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/HYG-2073>]

AKC Canine Health Foundation tick-borne disease initiative: [AKC Canine Health Foundation | Tick-Borne Disease Initiative \(akcchf.org\)](https://www.akcchf.org/canine-health/top-health-concerns/tick-borne-disease/tick-borne-disease-initiative.html)  
[<https://www.akcchf.org/canine-health/top-health-concerns/tick-borne-disease/tick-borne-disease-initiative.html>]

Darwin's Ark Project Acari: [Our Projects – Darwin's Ark](https://darwinsark.org/our-projects/); scroll down to project information  
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