

Clublicity

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DDTC is now an official AKC FIT DOG club!

by Sarah Fortman

Fit Dog is a noncompetitive AKC title program that recognizes a dog's fitness achievements. Dogs earn points towards titles by taking a Fit Dog class, participating in community runs, completing group or individual walks, earning AKC or parent club titles, and other fitness activities. Once a dog has earned enough points, the owner can apply for the appropriate title through the AKC.



Group walks and Fit Dog classes are an easy way to earn points towards Fit Dog titles. DDTC will offer Level 1 Fit Dog classes and organize group walks. Our goal is to have one group walk per session.

The Fit Dog class exposes dogs to cardio, flexibility, balance, and strength training exercises along with mental fitness and confidence building. Requirements for the class include completion of Puppy, Junior Dog, or Beginner class and must have reasonable focus on the handler. Exercises include tuck sits, front paw targeting, cookie stretches, kick back stands, pivoting with rear legs, and obstacle courses. Students who attend at least six classes and can demonstrate eight of 10 skills will earn a Fit Dog Level 1 certificate that they can use towards earning an AKC Fit Dog Title.

Dogs in this class must be healthy and uninjured. The class does not address rehabilitation or physical therapy.

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Participants can earn Fit Dog bronze (FITB), silver (FITS) and gold (FITG) titles. To earn a Fit Dog Bronze title a dog needs five points from at least two categories. Dog can earn points by:

- Passing a Fit Dog course (3 points)
- Participating in a community run (3 points)
- Completing one group walk or walk 75 minutes per week for eight weeks (3 points)
- Completing swimming, parkour, or other fitness sessions (2 points)
- Earning an AKC title that is fitness related (2 points)
- Earning a parent club performance title (2 points)

Fitness-related titles for a Fit Dog bronze title are an AKC Novice or equivalent title in the following disciplines: Rally (RN), Obedience (BN, CD), Agility (ACT1, NA, NAJ, NF), Fast Cat (BCAT), Dock Diving, Disc Dog, Lure Coursing, Herding, Flyball, Field/Hunting Trials, or Tracking. Equivalent virtual titles and preferred classes also count. Until further notice, titles earned in previous years may be counted towards FIT DOG titles.

The DDTC Fit Dog class is Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The next walk is in late September or October, date to be determined.

If you have any questions about the AKC Fit Dog program or the upcoming DDTC events, please email me at sfortman@gmail.com. For an explanation of Fit Dog titles at all three levels, go to <https://tinyurl.com/23u2zsne>.




DDTC “Fun Facts” – Part 2

We have grown so much over the past few years, and it appears there are some things that the membership may not be familiar with.

Please be advised that for safety reasons, adherence is needed to the following:


- There can be NOTHING in any of our hallways nor blocking any of the outside doors or access to the outside doors at any time.
- This includes anything! Jumps, chairs, gating, etc. In the event of any emergency, especially at night if the power fails, these areas must always be clear to allow for quick exiting.

- All exterior doors **MUST** be unlocked when the building is occupied for any event. This means **BOTH** doors at the ramp (Door 4) must be unlocked/unlatched, not just the one that takes the key
- Please be aware of your surroundings at all times.
 - ◇ Lock the door behind you if there are only a couple of people in the building or there isn't an official event going on.
 - ◇ Report anything suspicious to the person in charge if there is an event or to the building manager (currently Rhonda Holzhauser) if you are simply there training
 - ◇ Make sure all doors are locked, lights are off, and any changed thermostats are reset when leaving.
 - ◇ Always make sure that there will not be only one person left alone, unattended when leaving at night. Walk together to your vehicles and make sure that both vehicles start before one person leaves.



All JUNIOR HANDLERS must have a parent present for their class and:

- Be 10 years or older.
- Be able to stop the dog.
- Be able to follow the instructor's directions.



If you are purchasing something on the club's behalf and will expect reimbursement:

- Make sure you get approval before making any purchase for which you will seek reimbursement. The club may not reimburse for any item purchased without prior authorization.
- Once the item has been approved please complete the required form, attach the receipt, place both in an envelope and deposit that in the bills side of the bin that is located attached to the wall in the cold Scent Work supply room.
- The Treasurer (currently Mike Scott) will issue you a check.



NO member of DDTC at any time may profit privately in any way from any action at the club. This includes giving private lessons on club property.

Teaching Vouchers

A teaching voucher can be earned by:

- Instructing or assisting in one of DDTC's classes with no more than two absences per session.
- One voucher can also be earned for every eight hours of work on the cleaning committee.

A record of the vouchers is kept by Corky Andrews. The Directors of Training send a list of people who have earned them to Corky at the end of each session.

The vouchers can be used in the following ways:

- To attend one of the DDTC classes for free, except for Agility which currently has an additional \$10 equipment fee and Scent Work which currently has an additional \$10 supply fee. These fees will be included in the new class fee of \$85 which goes into effect beginning with the Summer 2023 session and no additional \$10 payment will then be required.
- To pay for dues. It currently takes two vouchers to pay for one membership renewal.
- Vouchers can be given to someone for a class fee or towards paying dues. Each voucher then becomes a \$25 off coupon and cannot be used in conjunction with our \$10 off coupon if being used for taking a class.
- One voucher is worth \$15 towards an entry fee at any DDTC Trial, but only one may be used per dog, per trial.

Teaching Vouchers earned can be redeemed by doing the following:

- For dues and trials, send in the paper work and indicate the number of vouchers that are being used. The Financial Secretary and the Trial secretaries will contact Corky and the number of vouchers will be deducted from your account.
- For classes, indicate that one is being used for the class either on the registration form or the email and it will be deducted.

Updates will be sent to the DDTC group via email whenever changes are made. If you cannot open the email or you don't belong to the group, send an email to Corky and she will attach the file and send it back to you.

If there are any discrepancies or questions about whether a voucher was earned, please contact the appropriate Director of Training or Corky Andrews (sprig@woh.rr.com or 937.434.3822).

Ohio law gives guidelines for saving pets in locked vehicles

Summer temperatures bring stories of suffering in the extreme heat that can build up in closed vehicles. Exhibitors at dog shows and trials are particularly aware of the potential for problems because of the amount of time dogs can spend in cars, motor homes, and vans.

Ohio law exempts those who forcibly enter a vehicle to save a suffering pet from civil liability if the rescuer:



- ◆ Determines that the vehicle is locked or there is otherwise no reasonable method for the animal to get out.
- ◆ Has a good faith and reasonable belief that forcible entry into the vehicle is necessary because the animal is in imminent danger of suffering harm if not immediately removed from the vehicle;
- ◆ Makes a good faith effort to contact local emergency responders before forcibly entering the vehicle. If prior contact is not possible, the person shall make contact as soon as possible after entry.
- ◆ Makes a good faith effort to notify the vehicle owner with a note on the windshield giving contact information, the reason for the entry, the location of the animal, and the fact that the authorities have been notified.
- ◆ Remains with the animal in a safe location until law enforcement or emergency responders arrive.
- ◆ Uses only the forced entry necessary to remove the animal. Excessive damage to the vehicle opens the person to civil liability.

For more information, see “What to do if you see a dog in a hot car” at <https://tinyurl.com/cw5sxv44>.

Things I learned by reading breed columns in the *Gazette*

by Norma Bennett Woolf

I've browsed or devoured in detail the breed columns in the *AKC Gazette* for many years and even written a few Canaan Dog columns along the way. The columns I like best are those that show the character or history of the breed as it developed with special attention to its contribution to human civilization and progress, and it's always fun to pick up tidbits of info about the breeds and their breeders, owners, and clubs along the way.

Here's a brief list of things I learned in the breed columns just since January.

An Akita named Gabby became the first of the breed to earn a Rally Championship with a wow! performance at the 2022 National Specialty.

The Vizsla Club of America now uses PennHip to evaluate hip health in the breed.

Along with an amazing repertoire of skills, Boxers also have herding ability and are adept at carting.

The *Hamilton Daily News* ran an article about the death of Chinook, the founding sire of the breed that bears his name, on April 25, 1930. Chinook and his sons were part of Admiral Byrd's Arctic Expedition.

How the mischievous Basenji foiled the pet sitter.

The challenge of breeding Otterhounds for the field.

Some reasons behind the entry decline in Wire-Haired Fox Terriers (and other terrier breeds)

That patches of color in a ShihTzu coat are called flowers and a black Shih Tzu with white feet is "a sable cloud over snow."

The difference between "common in the breed" and "normal for the breed" applied to Bulldogs.

Newfoundlands lived in the White House during the terms of Presidents James Buchanan, Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, and James A. Garfield, and Robert F. Kennedy's Newf frequently visited the White House of John F. Kennedy. President Garfield's Newf was named "Veto."

These are bits and pieces of rather obscure information to be sure, but fun for a dog person to know!

Braggs and Accomplishments

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

On Saturday, June 24, **Linda Bingman** showed **Addie** and **Drake** at the Muncie Obedience Training Club's Scent Work trial in Parker City, Indiana. Addie double q'd in Novice containers to earn her SCN title. Drake also doubled q'd in Advance exteriors with a 2nd place out of 17 dogs, to earn his SEA title.



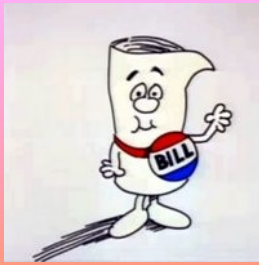
Clublicity Submissions

Submissions are due on the 1st of EVEN-numbered months (February, April, June, August, October, and December).

We hope you will continue to support our club's newsletter and submit items of interest such as: **Articles, Brags, Photos, Recipes, Club History, New Puppy Announcements, And More!**

Send to: ddtcnews@canismajor.com.

Thank you from your Clublicity Team (Norma Bennett Woolf and Kate Stephenson).



Legislative Report

*Submitted by Norma Bennett Woolf
DDTC Legislative Chair*

Ohio lawmakers have limited dog-related legislation to clarifying the definition of assistance dog* so far this year, but the national scene has not been quiet. The AKC Government Relations Department has monitored and responded to more than 1300 proposals in federal, state, and local jurisdictions that could impact dog ownership, breeding, trainers, sports, and the use of working dogs. Some of these proposals enhance the canine-human partnership, others are bad for people, pets, and working canine partners. Among them are proposals requiring the licensing of dog trainers, more breeding restrictions, limits on puppy sales in pet shops, and changes to the federal Animal Welfare Act. Here's a sample from the AKC GR Department:

Florida: defeat of legislation to require all owners of an intact female dog to register as a breeder, pay extra fees, and submit to property inspections.

Kansas: defeat of legislation forcing defendants to forfeit ownership of their pets if they have been seized and the defendants are unable to pay boarding costs during adjudication. Even if the defendant was found not guilty, the animals would not be returned.

Lafayette, Colorado: defeat of a proposal to ban all sales of dogs in the city. AKC worked with local clubs and the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs to coordinate opposition, resulting in the defeat of the ordinance and a promise that it would not be reintroduced.

California: After conferring with stakeholders including AKC, a state assemblyman has pulled his bill to limit the use of police canines in arrests, apprehension, and crowd control.

Pennsylvania lawmaker introduces more regs for commercial kennels

HR 1624, also known as the Puppy Protection Act is back in Congress with requirements for federally licensed kennels, including a prohibition on breeding a female unless pre-screened by a vet, a ban on breeding a female more than twice in 18 months, and breeding restrictions based on an animal's size or age. It also requires unfettered access from a primary enclosure to a run in which the dog can reach a running stride, yearly dental examinations, and arbitrary kennel temperature requirements. The GR Department has contacted the sponsor to express concern that one-size fits all mandates can have harmful, often unintended, impacts on the health and wellbeing of individual dogs.

The only local representative listed as a cosponsor is Representative Bob Carey, whose district spreads from north of Dayton east to Franklin County.

There's much more on the AKC website at <https://tinyurl.com/5n99n4aa>

*The clarification of assistance dog is included in HB 33, the 2024-2025 Ohio State budget bill, in a section referring to exemptions from dog license fees. It adds the phrase "... means a dog that has been trained by a nonprofit or for-profit special agency and that is one of the following: (a) A guide dog; (b) A hearing dog; or (c) A service dog. The change was apparently made to bring guide dogs and hearing dogs under this requirement that previously referred only to service dogs.

NAIA gives evidence on dog imports at congressional listening session

Patti Strand, president of the National Animal Interest Alliance, testified about the need for the Healthy Dog Importation Act at a listening session of the US House of Representatives in Oregon.

The committee is holding these sessions throughout the country in preparation for drafting the 2023 Farm Bill. The Healthy Dog Importation Act has been introduced In Congress and is intended to assure that dogs brought into the country for resale commercially or through rescue channels do not carry transmittable diseases and parasites.

NAIA has supported stronger federal oversight of dog imports for more than two decades. Strand told the committee that the current gap in federal oversight of such imports has led to introduction of diseases such as rabies, canine influenza, canine brucellosis, screwworm, and more. She urged the committee to include the Healthy Dog Importation Act in the upcoming Farm Bill and joins the strong coalition of more than five dozen veterinary associations, pet industry businesses, and livestock organizations that support the bill, including the American Kennel Club, the American Veterinary Medical Association, and more than three dozen state veterinary associations including the Ohio Veterinary Association, the Indiana Veterinary Medical Association, and the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association.

NAIA encourages dog owners to contact their representatives and senators and urge them to support the addition of the Healthy Dog Import Act to the Farm Bill. DDTC members can find their legislators at <https://tinyurl.com/4hnvbx8a>.

Know the law when crossing state lines

Summer and fall are optimum times for traveling to dog shows and trials, and most seasoned exhibitors have a preparation routine. In addition to supplies needed for feeding, grooming, and otherwise caring for the dogs, in-the-know exhibitors are also aware of the dog laws in the states or jurisdictions of the event venue and, if they are staying at a motel or campground in a different county, the regulations at that location as well.

The laws and regulations they are most likely to encounter are those limiting specific breeds and a requirement for a health certificate. All states require a rabies vaccination, some at three months of age, some at four months. Massachusetts requires ra-

bies at six months, and Arizona does not accept titers as proof. Many states require a certificate of veterinary inspection, some within 30 days of the event, some within 10 days. AKC has a table with links to the laws in each state at <https://tinyurl.com/2a9n888c>.

Some states have laws limiting liability for anyone who frees a distressed dog from a hot car if the rescuer takes certain precautions to avoid unnecessary damage to the vehicle, notifies appropriate authorities, and restrains the dog after removing it from the vehicle. Ohio's law is in this issue of *Clublicity*.

State laws often change, so the AKC notes that exhibitors should check official sources or the appropriate state agency for the most up-to-date information.



On April 26, DDTC members Marcia Pittman and Storm, Karen Fischer and Mikey, and Linda Bingman and Addie visited River Oaks dementia facility in Miamisburg.

We introduced the dogs and did a short demo showing tricks the dogs knew. Then the residents' favorite part: petting the dogs. The dogs, staff and residents all had a fun time.

Pet Sympathy / Sunshine Report

Please contact Mary Savage (cliff414@frontier.com) with any Pet Sympathy/Sunshine items.

Pet Sympathy

“Crystal” – Crystal of Sunnington Grove BN,
RN, RA, RE, RAE, NAP, NJP,
OAP, OJP, AXP, AJP, MJP, NW1,
SCN, SEN, CGCA (Goldendoodle)
John Falasco and Tonya Harmon

Sunshine

K.C. Artley
Mina Knox

Deaths

Dean Hayes – husband of Lucy Hayes

Jack McEvoy – father of Katherine McEvoy

Ginger Fitch

Kent Bromagen – former member

Mike Freeze – husband of Suzie Freeze



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Dayton Dog Training Club on the web: www.daytondogtraining.com

Upcoming Events

General Membership Meeting

August 1

Summer Classes

Obedience, Rally, Conformation begin August 14

Agility begins August 14

Scent Work begins August 21

Tracking TBD

DDTC Events and Building Rentals

Rent-a-Ring, July 13

Obedience & Rally trials, July 14-16

Agility trials, July 28-30 (set-up July 27)

Scentwork trials set-up, August 18 – building closed to training

Scentwork trials, August 19-20

Agility trials, September 9-10 (set-up, September 8)

GOASC Agility trials, August 5-6 (set-up August 4)

Hamilton Dog Training Agility trials, September 22-24 (set-up Sept. 21)

Agility Run-Thrus

Check the calendar or DDTC groups.io for latest information.

Board Meetings

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

Building Cleaning

Thursdays; no equipment set-up for practice

Dates are subject to change and new additions may be made as the year progresses, so check the website member section for calendar updates.

Watch groups.io and our website for schedule updates.