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Dayton Dog Training Club
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Shiraz's story

By Diane Scott

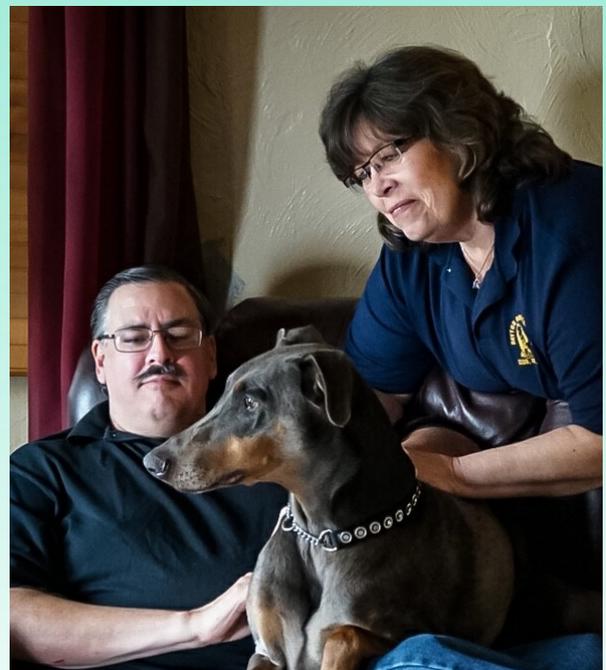
As most of you know, we recently lost Shiraz to lung cancer. A few months prior we were asked to nominate her for the Fellton Memorial Award given at the Doberman Pinscher Club of America Nationals for a rescue dog that best represents the breed. Shiraz did not receive the award, but DPCA asked permission to publish her story.

In memory of our beloved Shiraz, this is her story.

A call from a friend led us to Hand Me Down Dobs and a puppy that needed an experienced home. On September 28, 2012, Miele, a blue 12-week-old skinny little Dobe girl became a member of our family and was renamed Shiraz. The rescue was correct; she was a highly intelligent girl that needed a job. We obtained an AKC PAL number for her, she became Manitous Shiraz with Blue Notes, and her career began.

On her first birthday Mike took Shiraz to her first Rally trial. She left the ring that day with a perfect score of 100 and first place; two more trials and she had her first title, Rally Novice. Her Rally career went from Novice all the way through Rally Champion without a single NQ.

At the same time, she began working in obedience, successfully obtaining her BN, CD, CDX and Utility titles. For relaxation, she also enjoyed participating in Fast Cat, frisbee, barn hunt and therapy work. Shiraz was certified as a therapy dog through TherapyDogs. It wasn't unusual for a dozen wheelchairs and walkers to surround her while she greeted every person. Shiraz also proudly heeled alongside wheelchairs, putting smiles on the residents faces



At training classes, every person and most dogs were her friends. Outside of the ring, she was happy and sociable, but she always has an eye on us. In the ring, she was eager to learn and had a great work ethic along with the confidence to let us know when we were wrong and she was correct.

Many people have told us she was one of the best ambassadors for her breed. At home she was playful, loving, and protective. People who belong in the neighborhood were friends and she greeted them with a bow and kiss, even the mailman! With others she was right on in her ability to read people and respond accordingly. Her nose was amazing; she found skin cancer in a friend three times!

Shiraz retired at 10 years old with some health issues. She still went to the club, helped set up the Rally course, enjoyed time with her friends, and occasionally showed off by demonstrating exercises. She became my service dog, moving items from my path and notifying people if I needed help. She represented her breed with 100 percent confidence and intelligence. She earned many titles, becoming RACH Manitous Shiraz with Blue Notes UD BN RAE3 RM3. CGCA CGCU. Aka Miele. Thank you, Hand Me Down Doves of Columbus, Ohio, for this remarkable girl!



Four DDTC members and their dogs visited Roberta Shellabarger, a long-time member of DDTC at Traditions of Beavercreek.

Pictured left to right, are **Karen Fischer & Mikey**, **Marcia Pittman & Storm**, **Roberta Shellebarger**, **Mary Savage & Bella**, and **Linda Bingman & Addie**.

AKC board approves new Rally class and new jump heights for optional obedience classes

Beginning April 3, 2023, clubs must add the new Rally Choice class for trials that include all classes from Novice to Masters held on or after June 29. The Choice class course will be the same as the Master course without the jump and will be done off-lead. Dogs earn the Rally Choice (RC) title after qualifying 10 times at licensed or member club trials under at least two judges. Additional titles earned carry a numerical designation indicating the number of times the dog has achieved the title.

The board also approved a change to the obedience regulations for optional title classes (Graduate Novice, Graduate Open, and Versatility) to reduce jump sizes to a minimum of half the height of the dog at the withers. This change is effective December 1, 2022.

Details are in the November minutes of the board at <https://tinyurl.com/3dsy5yud>.

What's New in our Library?

Sara Eppley, our librarian for many years, has retired. She has seen the library grow from about a hundred books to its current size. This has entailed a great deal of work on her part and we would like her to know that we greatly appreciate all that she has done for us. If you see Sara, please thank her.

We are very pleased to announce that Leah Blake and Kathy Hilt will be our new librarians. Sara feels that the library will be in good hands. Please continue to donate any books you might have that are dog related.

About a year ago we created a new section of the library for non-dog related books. For years many of our members have exchanged books and now there is a place for them. These books are not processed and cataloged by the librarians.

If you want to share a book, place it on the shelf. If you see one that interests you, take it. There is no due date for any of the books in this or the dog-related section.

We have now added puzzles that can be borrowed. Check them out and see if there is one you or your family would enjoy. Please feel free to donate one by adding it to the shelves.

AKC Detection Dog Task Force responds to need for well-bred and trained military and law enforcement dogs

The availability of explosive detection dogs has become a matter of national security. Until the last half dozen years, the US had been able to purchase trained dogs from Europe, but the proliferation of terrorist activities overseas and the subsequent need for these dogs by other countries has made it obvious that a home-grown detection dog breeding and training plan is necessary. AKC stepped up in 2016 with the Detection Dog Task Force, a cooperative effort between the military, law enforcement, terrorism experts, and dog breeders.

Part of the program is to bring national security experts, law enforcement, federal agencies, and breeders together to discuss task force development, breeding strategies, puppy training, methods of determining which puppies may be suitable for detection work, and other details that will increase the number of “Made in the USA” explosive detection dogs. This year, more than 100 attendees gathered at the detection dog conference in Durham, North Carolina, in August. Topics covered included

- Federal Procurement of Detection Dogs
- Detection Dog Industry Outlook and Forecast.
- National Standards and Certification for Explosive Detection Dogs.
- Scalability of a Detection Dog Program.
- Early Prediction of Puppies’ Suitability for Detection Careers.
- AKC & Breeding Data – What an Analysis of Top Retriever Pedigrees Reveals for the Development of Detection Dogs.
- Update in Genetic/Genomic Research Impacting Detection Dogs.
- Career Options for Detection Dogs: Options and Specialties within Detection

The Detection Dog Task Force is breaking new ground in dog training, purpose breeding, and use. For more information and learn how breeders can become involved, check the AKC website at <https://tinyurl.com/yck3m5my>.



How Much We Have Grown!

By Darlene Rak

What a difference 10 years has made at DDTC!

I pulled an instructor sign-up sheet from the 2012 early fall session. At that time, we offered 22 obedience type classes and used 40 instructors. We had 135-150 students in each of the five sessions that we offered every year. We leased the building and only had about half the space that we do now. We had far fewer members and very little money in the bank.

Fast forward to this current session – early fall 2022. Between obedience, conformation, rally, and scent work, we are holding 46 classes using 82 instructors. Approximately 350 students take our classes each session! And unfortunately, we sometimes turn people away because most of the classes are full and we have no place to put them.

We offer basic manners classes – puppy, junior dog, and beginners. These are followed by intermediate, and then there are so many options:

Canine Good Citizen	Advanced Obedience
Therapy Dog	Beginner Novice
Basic Obedience for Performance	Conformation
Rally	Novice, Open, and Utility

Not that long ago we added scent work classes where dogs learn to find an odor by using their nose. Any dog can participate in this activity, even reactive, shy, or elderly dogs. Many venues offer ways to achieve a title in the sport, including AKC and NACSW (National Association of Canine Scent Work). Dogs love using their noses to find things, and the DDTC program is thriving!

I am not even addressing our exceptional agility program in this article! They have also seen a huge increase in the number of classes offered and the quantity of instructors that they use.

In 2020, our lease was up for renewal, and we faced a large increase in rent and other related expenses. The Board worked hard and put many hours into the difficult decision of whether to continue to lease the building or to buy it. We were busting at the seams and really needed more space and more control over our future. We decided to buy and closed on the building in March 2020 – just as Covid 19 reared its ugly head. Then we were shut down, and our income became \$0. We were able to obtain a \$20,000 grant which kept us afloat until we could again begin having classes and renting out the building for dog related events in June that year.

Since then, we have continued to grow in leaps and bounds. All of our programs are doing well, and we have money in the bank! We have had some growing pains as well with having to install multiple new AC units and a roof that will soon need replacing.

We are in excellent shape and it's all because of our wonderful members who assist the club in many varied ways. We thank you all very much! You are what makes DDTC so amazing!

Braggs and Accomplishments

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



DDTC's Scent Work Trial

Linda Bingman and her Golden Retriever **Drake** finished their Advanced Interiors title on Saturday, August 20. On Sunday they placed second out of 12 dogs in Advanced Buried.



Golden Retriever National Specialty

Rhonda and Carl Holzauer headed for the Golden Retriever National Specialty in Monroe, Michigan and came home with ribbons, titles, and memories.

Rhonda and **Emmylou** ended their national specialty on a high note with their Agility MACH title, a perfect score of 100 in Rally Novice B and third place in the large class of 73 dogs, and with a first place in team obedience.



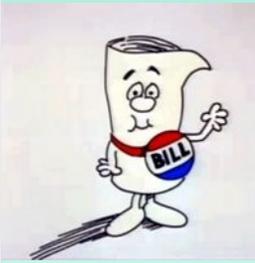
Carl and **Ace**, who is not even a year old yet, got their Junior Hunter title at the specialty field Event.



The Greater Cincinnati Golden Retriever Club team of Angela Profit & Pilot, Tami Woodrow & China, **Rhonda Holzauer & Emmylou** and **Pam Murn & Scout** won first place in team obedience. Rhonda noted that team obedience is fun because anything can go wrong!



Send brags to ddtcnews@canismajor.com. Don't forget to include your name, dog's call name and registered name if applicable, along with the title or honor achieved.



Legislative Report

Submitted by Norma Bennett Woolf
DDTC Legislative Chair

Ear crop bill introduced in Ohio

Ohio State Representative Laura Lanese of Grove City introduced HB 725, a bill banning ear cropping, tail docking and some other medical procedures unless carried out by a veterinarian.

Representative Lanese was ineligible to run again because of term limits. She introduced the bill in October as the legislature was winding down the current term, and it has not had a hearing as of November 20.

Representative Jim Hoops, a potential sponsor of a crop and dock bill in the 2023-2024 legislative session has contacted AKC's Government Relations Department for information and met with the department staff member who monitors Ohio legislation. Watch the department website (<https://tinyurl.com/5n99n4aa>) to find out if a bill is introduced in the legislative session beginning in January.

New California law requires training businesses to disclose court judgments and cruelty convictions

Laws passed in California often find their way to other states in similar form so dog owners should be aware of this attempt to regulate dog training in that state. Enactment of this law placing some requirements on training clubs and businesses illustrates two major points: Golden State lawmakers have opened the door for restrictions on dog training businesses, including clubs; and AKC played a major role in removing far greater restrictions included in the original bill.

The original proposal banned ear cropping and tail docking. The law signed by California's governor is far milder: it requires only that training businesses disclose any civil judgments or animal cruelty convictions to potential customers. However, it could pave the way for further regulations.

What does this mean for Ohio? Past legislative efforts by Ohio activists have centered on training tools such as prong collars or e-collars, not a general set of regulations for training businesses. However, the trend is towards more regulation in animal businesses. Ohio licenses commercial breeding kennels, requires registration of shelters and rescues, and includes boarding kennels in cruelty law, and there has been discussion about licensing pet groomers, so there could be a similar push for training businesses. AKC's Government Relations Department (<https://tinyurl.com/2s46z6c9>) will have information if an Ohio bill is proposed.

New federal law directs FEMA to review plans for animal safety in natural disasters

Ohio Senator Rob Portman cosponsored the Planning for Animal Wellness Act, a bill directing the Federal Emergency Management Agency to appoint an advisory group to

examine the current FEMA guidance* in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery for animal care. The bill passed the Senate and House of Representatives and was signed by the President in October.

The law requires FEMA to create a panel of consultants to review current practices and federal guidance on sheltering and evacuation planning for household pets, service and assistance animals, and other animals. If the administrator, in consultation with the working group, finds that the guidance needs changes, the law also requires FEMA to issue an update.

The legislation creating the advisory unit was backed by several activist groups, the National Animal Care & Control Association, the National Alliance of State Animal & Agricultural Emergency Programs, and the National Animal Rescue and Sheltering Coalition, a conglomerate of nonprofit groups ranging from activist organizations such as HSUS and the ASPCA to veterinary association AVMA and search and rescue group ASAR.**

* A guidance is a set of recommendations that do not have the force of law but is often used by public and private agencies and businesses as a guide to designing their own plans for various circumstances.

** Animal Search and Rescue, an organization that works with first responders to locate, stabilize, extricate, and evacuate animals believed to be in distress, lost, abandoned, sick, stranded, trapped or injured



On August 26, 2022, four DDTC members and their dogs visited Vienna Springs Nursing Home in Miamisburg. The team included **Frances Abrams & Kevin**, **Mary Savage & Bella**, **Marcia Pittman & Storm**, and **Linda Bingman & Addie**.

Canine health bits & pieces

OSU clinical trials

The Ohio State University Veterinary Medical Center has several current clinical trials involving dogs: “Pain management in dogs undergoing knee surgery;” “Extracorporeal shockwave therapy on lower back pain;” “Spine disease in Labrador Retrievers and large breeds;” “Detection of remaining cancer after tumor removal;” and “Lymph node and imaging evaluation in oral melanomas.”

Details for each study, including parameters and requirements for participation and covered costs, are posted at <https://tinyurl.com/yc4amjs9>.

There’s a test for that!

The University of Wisconsin now offers a genetic test to screen for cruciate ligament rupture in Labrador Retrievers.

Noting that up to 10 percent of Labradors may rupture a cruciate ligament during their lifetime, researchers studied the genetic makeup of 1000 purebred Labs to build a genetic picture of this complex disease. Cruciate ligament injuries are limiting and painful for the dog and expensive to repair for the owners; knowing in advance that the dog has the potential for the injury helps owners and their veterinarians to adjust the dog’s environment and activities to improve chances that an injury can be avoided and early signs of disease can be identified and treated to mitigate development of osteoarthritis. The knowledge also helps breeders evaluate breeding stock.

The test identifies the presence of marker genes that either predict whether the dog is susceptible to the disease or will be protected from it. It is more detailed than most genetic screenings because it involves evaluating many genetic markers across the genome and analyzing the results to predict disease risk for each dog.

The cost of the test is about \$250. More information is at <https://tinyurl.com/3pu5r2nx>.

Veterinarians have new drug to relieve pain and keep dogs calm

The US Federal Drug Administration has approved a new combination drug for use as a sedative and pain reliever in dogs undergoing an exam or medical procedure that requires the dog to be calm.

Zenalpha is a combination of medetomidine and vatinoxan. Medetomidine was previously approved for use in dogs but can cause a decrease in heart rate and increase the potential for irregular heartbeats in some dogs. Vatinoxin, not previously approved by FDA, reduces these negative cardiac effects of medetomidine by keeping the heart rate closer to the normal range while the dog is sedated.

Zenalpha provides sedation along with pain relief that lasts for the duration of the sedation for clinical examinations or procedures that require the dog to remain still or quiet. It can be used in a range of procedures from nail trims to diagnostic methods to minor surgeries such as removing skin masses or draining abscesses.

For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2r5weuzz>.

Pet Sympathy / Sunshine Report

If you have a Pet Sympathy/Sunshine item, please contact Mary Savage (cliff414@frontier.com, 937-836-5280).

Pet Sympathy

“Bella” (German Shepherd)
Ellen Charette

“Aria” (Australian Shepherd)
Terri Hendrix

“Purdi” (All-American)
Terri Hendrix

“Journey” – Tudorose Star Girl's Journey
CGC, TDI, NN, DS, AJ, BN, UD
(Standard Poodle)
D J James

“Sky” – Tanbark's What's Not To Like
OTCH 6 UDX 6 OGM (Golden Retriever)
Marcia Richley

“Cooper” (Jack Russell Terrier)
Diana Roberts

“Babka” – OHRBIS GCH Quiche's New
Benbears Babka CGCA CGCU TKN
(Bouvier)
Caryn Schill

“Shiraz” – RACH Manitous “Shiraz” With
Blue Notes UD BN RAE3 RM3 CGCA
CGCU (Doberman)
Mike & Diane Scott

“Zoey” (Miniature Pinscher)
Karen Ward

Sunshine

Roberta Shellabarger
Marcia Pittman
D J James
Charlene Murphy
Trisha Bierley

Deaths

Joseph Deley – Father of Mary Jo
DeBrosse

John Charerre – Husband of Ellen
Charerre

Clublicity News

Recently, we made the decision to change the Clublicity deadline and publication schedule. ***Submissions are now 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)



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