



Dayton Dog Training Club

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Keeping Up with Club Maintenance

Holly Jergens

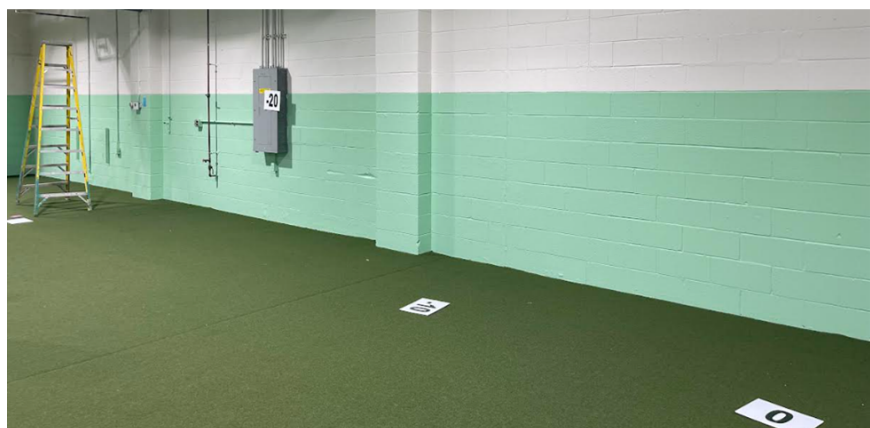
Did you know there is a dedicated group of people behind the scenes ensuring that our beautiful building stays up to date and in one piece? Our Building Manager, Rhonda Holzhauser, and her team of Carl Holzhauser and Denny Shook have worked hard this past year to provide some much needed maintenance and updates to keep us running as flawlessly as possible. We also have members like Rita Drewry and Vicki Ventura who volunteer their time to clean our agility equipment and keep them operational and safe.

Some of these fixes require renting equipment, assembling and climbing scaffolding, picking up a paintbrush or two or even some creative problem solving.

The bigger, newer changes you may have noticed include fresh mulch outside, new bathroom countertops/sinks in the restrooms and new toilets in the women's restroom. The hand rail out front has a fresh coat of paint, and the main lobby vestibule has been updated to help with moisture on the floor.



Agility paint job before and after



Club Maintenance continued

The agility room and rings 6/7 have received fresh coats of paint, while many areas are now shining brighter with replaced light bulbs. New shelving has been installed in various areas allowing for more storage.

There are also fixes that happen more quietly and less obviously but require just as much work and coordination. Rings 4 and 5 have a new A/C unit cooling them down, while the agility room's A/C unit has been fixed. A pipe was added to drain the A/C away from the building to prevent moisture issues that included removing and replacing a chunk of wall.

Drains have been declogged, mouse traps have been placed and monitored, and skylights are scheduled to be replaced so leaks stop occurring. When vandals find joy in defacing our property, Rhonda and her team act quickly to cover graffiti.

If you see any of these individuals around, make sure to thank them for their work and the constant building upkeep.

There are more projects planned for the future that will continue to upgrade various spaces, and as always, they keep track of any ongoing maintenance. A place as large as ours takes a village and I'm sure glad we have members who care so much to spend so much physical and mental energy keeping it beautiful!



Resurfaced agility equipment



Graffiti before and after



Looking Back at 2025

Holly Jergens

Welcome to our final Clublicity issue of 2025!

When Lucy approached me about reviving Clublicity this year, I remember thinking how excited I was but also nervous. Clublicity is not a new endeavor for the club - it is a tradition steeped in history that goes back to the club's origins. I wanted to ensure I did it justice but wasn't sure if what I had in mind fell in line with the Clublicity of old. I knew I wanted to use Clublicity as a way to celebrate our members and share information but I also wanted to highlight traditions the club has carried through the years such as the well curated library.

What I didn't know was how it would be received or the effect it would have on me as a member of DDTC. I have said it before and will say it again - thank you to everyone who has let me tell their stories this year. As is common

this time of year, I've been reflecting on 2025 and how the club has become an integral part of my life through the acquisition of various roles. This year I joined the Board as a Member at Large, became a member of the agility trial committee as the new Hospitality Chair, began making the club's MACH and PACH bars, volunteered as a member of the 75th Anniversary committee, hosted a Bingo night I'll not soon forget, participated in my first agility trial as Trial Secretary, helped with my first holiday party, became the agility trial "judge finder," and even taught my first agility class as a Lead Instructor.

But the task I took on this year that has brought me the most unrivaled joy is being your Clublicity Content Curator. (Although making MACH and PACH bars is a very close second because who doesn't love craft

time??) Your stories, your accomplishments, your memories, and your love for this club - sharing this with everyone has made my heart explode with love for DDTC. Discovering the amazing people and dogs behind the doors of what was once just a building for me, has made it a home.

I hope when you take time to reflect on your 2025, that you find precious memories of time well spent at DDTC, surrounded by friends made through a shared love of our canine companions. That when you think of your accomplishments this year, you also picture the congratulatory support from competitors, members, friends and found family who make those wins that much sweeter. And I also hope that you've enjoyed seeing Clublicity come back to life and you look forward to more to come in 2026!



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Member Spotlight—Rhonda Holzauer



Rhonda and Emmylou placing in Rally Novice at the Golden National

Favorite Thing About Owning a Dog(s): Companionship.

Dogs' Names, Ages and Breeds:

- “Rain” MACH Liberty Lionswatch 2 Hott 2 Rain CD TD SH MXB MJS NF, Golden Retriever, 10 Years
- “Emmy Lou” MACH Honeybee’s Emmylou VCD1 BN TDX MXB MJS MXP MJPB, Golden Retriever, 8 Years
- “Ace” Rradac Ace in the Hole JH AX AXJ MF ACT1, Golden Retriever, 4 Years
- Patch the 19-year-old cat

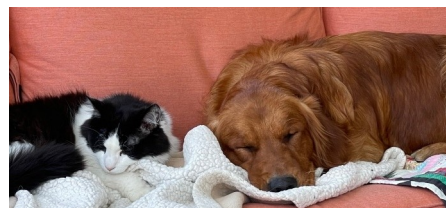
Dogs' Nicknames: Rainy Day (Rain), Em-ster/Emlou, Em (Emmylou), Red/Red Head (Ace).

Dogs' Activities: Field Work, Agility, Obedience, and Tracking.

Dogs' Favorite Toy: Pillows (Rain and Ace) and Ball (Emmylou).

Dogs' Favorite Treat: Nudges.

Dogs' Funny Quirk/Habit: Rain spins when waiting for his food.



Patch and Ace

Years of Membership: 17

Club Involvement: Building Manager, Obedience and Agility Instructor, Agility Training Committee, Agility Trial Committee, DDTC 75th Committee, Agility Trial Secretary

Daytime Occupation: Retired.

Hobbies: Reading and gardening.

Favorite Human Treat: Any kind of cookie.

One Question You'd Like to Ask your Dog(s): What are you smelling???

Favorite Trick/Command You've Taught your Dog: To take off my socks.

Fun Fact About Yourself: I once went to belly dancing lessons.



Rhonda's first MACH: Rain and judge Peter Lui

Member Spotlight—*Carl Holzauer*



Carl on scaffolding, working maintenance at the club

Years of Membership: 15

Club Involvement: Building Maintenance.

Daytime Occupation: Retired.

Hobbies: Field training and gambling.

Favorite Human Treat: Pie

One Question You'd Like to Ask your Dog: Do you love me?

Favorite Trick/Command You've Taught your Dog: Reading.

Fun Fact About Yourself: Traveled to 34 states on a motorcycle.

Favorite Thing About Owning a Dog: They make me happy.

Dog's Funny Quirk/Habit: Ace likes to steal the TV remote and show it to you so you will try to get it from him.



Carl and Ace



Rain Making a Retrieve



Emmylou

Brownie's Barracks—A History

Contributors: Barbara Mann and Darlene Rak



Have you ever wondered why our store is named “Brownie’s Barracks”? Who was Brownie, anyhow? Is there a reason behind the name?

Yes, there is a very good reason behind the name. Harold Lloyd Brown, Sr., known by most of us as Brownie, was an extremely valued member of the Dayton Dog Training Club from the 1950s until his passing in 2005 at the age of 85. When we both started our connection with DDTC, our classes were held in the Army National Guard Armory, on County Line Road in Kettering, on two nights each week.

For classes, there were three rings set up to separate the classes and rubber matting laid down so that we and our dogs would have good footing. This wasn’t a typical arrangement in an Armory, so clearly someone had worked to set things up.

Brownie was the person who was behind our use of the Armory and who was the “main man” for rolling out the mats, setting up the rings, and taking everything down after classes.

He had a distinguished career in the Army, serving in World War II, and then joining the Army National Guard until his retirement with the rank of Master Sergeant. He was then employed with the National Guard as a maintenance man and helped the DDTC get use of the Armory when the club lost access to a different building they were using for classes and training.

Brownie was also responsible for ordering leashes and training collars and keeping track of what we needed. The supplies he ordered were the precursors to the ones that are sold in Brownie’s Barracks today, so that’s where the name of our shop originates. Brownie’s picture is posted in the Barracks, so go take a look.

When DDTC moved to our present building in 2001, Brownie didn’t stop doing some of the hard work for the club. He was an active member of the cleanup team that vacuumed and mopped every Thursday.

Brownie had a passion for boxing in his earlier years and became a lightweight Golden Gloves champion. Maybe that’s one of the reasons that he especially loved Boxers and owned and trained many of them over the years. He taught classes for the club and served terms on the Board of Directors. He was a constant gentle presence for years.

Not everybody knows that Brownie and his wife, Charlene, besides raising eleven kids of their own, fostered and loved over 360 children who needed temporary homes. What an extraordinary accomplishment!!

Lawmakers Approve Stronger Dangerous Dog Law

Norma Bennett Woolf, DDTC Legislative Liaison

As reported in the July/August issue, Ohio Senator Louis Blessing of Hamilton County wanted a stricter dangerous dog law to hold owners more accountable for the bad actions of their dogs.

On November 19, the Ohio Senate passed an amended version of HB 247, the dangerous dog bill previously approved by the Ohio House of Representatives. Like the House version, the Senate unanimously approved the measure.

Next step is for the bill to return to the House for concurrence with changes made by the Senate. Upon agreement, the bill heads to the governor for signing.

Changes to the dangerous dog law to tighten responsibility for dog attacks have been a long time coming as previous attempts have failed to pass. Details will be forthcoming as soon as the final votes are taken and the governor attaches his signature.



“The Good, The Bad, The Pugly”



On September 13, Pugs of all shapes and sizes gathered at Factory 52 in Norwood, Ohio, for a Wild West-themed Pug Fair titled “The Good, the Bad, the Pugly.” Used as a fundraiser for Bluegrass Pug Rescue, the event celebrates Pugs but welcomes all breeds to participate in its many activities.

These activities include everything from a costume contest and parade to psychic pet readings and races. There’s a pug kissing booth and plenty of photo-ops. This year, one of DDTC’s most popular pugs, Tucker, put on an agility demonstration to show that though they be but squish-faced, pugs can also be tiny, athletic powerhouses!

Tucker is an 11-year-old pug owned and loved by Sheryl Provens. An energetic little guy who loves cucumbers and stuffed dinosaurs, Tucker loves to test his abilities on the agility turf. During the Pug Fair, Tucker was invited to demonstrate his agility prowess to his fellow pug friends. For anyone who has ever had the pleasure of watching Tucker run agility, you can instantly tell how much enjoyment he gets from conquering a course - something not many brachycephalic dogs are seen doing. His antics in class earn him nicknames such as “Mister Naughty Pants,” “The Wonder Pug,” and “Hold My Beer and Watch This,” the latter being Sheryl’s personal favorite.

In addition to agility, Tucker is a versatile companion with titles in Trick Dog, Canine Good Citizen Urban, and Fit Dog Gold. He’s a member of one of DDTC’s Agility League teams and has been ranked in the top 5 in JWW by the Pug Dog Club of America several times. In his prime, Tucker was also the fastest-ranked Pug by Bad Dog.

The Pug Fair was just one opportunity for Sheryl to show the bond the pair have made through their work with agility. “Training and competing in agility has forged an



incredibly strong bond between us. I could never imagine a better teammate. Tucker is proof that not only are pugs the best snuggle buddies, they are also super smart and can be competitive athletes.” If you see Tucker and Sheryl around the club, don’t hesitate to say hi or ask to see one of his fun tricks. He’s always game to show off the amazing things he can do!



When One Doggie Door Closes, Another One Opens

Holly Jergens



When preparing the September/October issue for Clublicity, I received a brag from Joan Stoppelman about her Papillon, Mila. She had just completed her Scent Work Excellent Title at the DDTC Scent Work August trial. I happened to notice that Mila's AKC name is "4 Paws Kisses of an Angel CD RA BCAT ACT2 SWE TKI," and I had to know - was Mila a 4 Paws puppy or was it just a coincidence? Turns out Mila is one of many dogs that are placed in loving homes when their training to become a service dog through 4 Paws for Ability comes to an end.

4 Paws for Ability is a Xenia-based, non-profit organization that breeds, raises, trains, and places service dogs encompassing a wide range of disabilities, disorders, and more. Founded in 1998, the program has grown over the years, now placing over 120

dogs annually with children and Veterans. The process of training a task-oriented service dog is a big one, and 4 Paws accomplishes it through thousands of volunteers across multiple programs including the Puppy Enrichment Program, the Prison Program, and the Dog Training Program. The dogs are constantly evaluated throughout the process, and sometimes it's determined that being a service dog just isn't what they were born to do. Dogs, just like people, have strengths in certain areas and sometimes it just takes some experimenting to get it right. That's where loving homes and families like that of Joan Stoppelman come into play.

Joan originally learned about 4 Paws through her granddaughter who was raising a puppy at Kent State University and she decided to volunteer, knowing she was interested in potentially raising a

puppy as well. Having always owned Golden Retrievers, Joan was ready for something smaller, and a Papillon named Mila was just coming back from her Prison Program stay as Joan completed her Puppy Raising class. Mila needed a home placement for additional socialization and training, and Joan was selected to give her that home.

During her time at Joan's home, Mila was taught good house manners and proper greetings through training at DDTC, work with 4 Paws trainers, and in 4 Paws classes. The training needed to also encompass basic commands, establishing a comfort level of the dog wearing its vest, and socializing the puppy in different environments such as shopping centers, schools, churches, concerts, medical offices, etc. When Mila was 5 months old, Joan taught the pup to close the trash can drawer - a task she still persistently (and inconveniently) tries to complete while Joan is peeling carrots. The overall goal is to develop a well-rounded dog that can move into further advanced training in specific service-related tasks.

When it turned out that Mila was just a little too shy to be a service dog, Joan welcomed her into her home as a companion. She has since gone on to enter Mila into all sorts of DDTC classes and various dog sports. Mila now holds titles in Scent Work, Agility, Trick Dog, Obedience, FastCAT, and Rally. Mila and Joan are working towards her CDX, Utility title, and Masters Scent Work title and are working with a friend to allow Mila to continue competing in agility

despite Joan's physical limitations. An incredibly smart pup with a vibrant personality, Mila's also just a girl who loves cheese and plush squeaky toys.

Mila is an excellent reminder that as we try different activities with our pups, sometimes things don't work out because there's something out there that's better for them. While she may not have gone on to be a service dog, she has proven to be an amazing companion to Joan and her family and has shown she can excel in so many other great activities.

Joan offered the home, love and patience to let Mila find her place. Joan also encourages anyone who is interested to tour the 4 Paws facility, attend a graduation ceremony, volunteer, or donate. You can learn more on their website at www.4pawsforability.org or even catch them in the first episode of the Netflix documentary, "Dogs." Joan sums up her experience nicely, "Although we never expected to welcome a Papillon into our lives in 2019, we are grateful for the unplanned events that brought Mila to us. This journey has again opened doors to the joys of the dog world, with new activities, friendships and opportunities at DDTC!"



Puppy, It's Cold Outside



Joan Ulloth's Toy Poodle, Rusty, playing in the snow.

As the temperatures continue to drop, the temptation to stay cozy and warm inside rises. Unfortunately for our furry friends, certain tasks like going to the bathroom or getting in daily exercise tend to have to occur outside in the nasty Ohio winter weather. Below are some cold weather tips, tricks, and tools to keep your pups safe, warm, and exercised during the winter months.

Similar to the warmer months, if it's too cold outside for you, it's probably too cold outside for them. There are obvious caveats to this if you own a dog with a double coat, but even those dogs shouldn't spend more time outside than necessary during certain temperature ranges. If you do venture outside with your dog, consider keeping your dog on a leash and always ensure they're wearing a form of ID or an air tag. Dogs can actually lose their scent in snow, making it easier for off-leash dogs to become lost. So if you frequently let your dog roam

off leash on hikes, consider adding an extra means of finding your pup should they wander off.

If your pup does not tolerate wearing boots to protect their feet from cold, ice and salt, consider massaging petroleum jelly or a vet-approved paw protectant on their paw pads. This helps protect them from the chemicals used to melt ice and snow and can prevent paw pad irritation. When you return home from walks, make sure to wash and dry your pup's feet and always check for cracks or redness in between their pads.

Many owners utilize coats or sweaters to keep dogs with shorter hair warm. Look for a coat with a waterproof outer shell and full coverage (tail, belly, chest, neck) along with a spot for leash access. Ruffwear, Canada Pooch, and Hurta are popular brands that offer a variety of options including coverage, reflectivity and insulation type.

When it's just too cold to be outside, there are a variety of ways to entertain your pup and exercise their minds inside. Snuffle mats and puzzle toys engage your dog's nose and brain as they search for ways to obtain their tasty treats.

Heavy duty chew toys like kongs or even frozen carrots provide appropriate chewing outlets for bored pups. Lastly, you can always catch up on your training! Participating in short training sessions for obedience, agility, rally, etc. can be a great way to stay sharp between classes and continue to build your bond while stuck inside.

BRAGS!

Aussiedoodle Boomer of Tartan MX MXJ NF FCAT5 SIN TKN “**Boomer**” recently got back into FastCAT after a 2-year hiatus. At the ripe age of 10 years young, he ran 26.75 mph and now only needs 200 more points for his FCAT6. He loves the chase! Boomer is loved and owned by **Bob and Kathy Condron**.

All-American Lady Midnight OA AXJ OF CAX3 FCAT8 CGCA CGCU TKN FITG “**Tovie**” earned her CAX3 with the Kennel Club of Columbus, Indiana in September. She also put on an incredible show at the Louisville Kennel Club FastCAT trials the first weekend of October earning her FCAT8 and 3 special speed awards for fastest All-American and fastest Large Dog. Tovie is owned and loved by **Ann Crum**.



Tovie

Labrador Retriever Sunfire’s Bon Bon CD PCD BN GN RE , “**Bon Bon**,” qualified 3 times in Rally Excellent with scores of 100, 99 and 99 at the October Rally trial. She is now qualified for the Excellent class at Rally National Championship, which will be held in July 2026 in Wilmington, OH. Bon Bon is owned and loved by **Anita Eisthen**.

Belgian Sheepdog Wandrlyn’s Baelanna Zoe RI NJP SCN SIN “**Baelanna**” finished her Novice Interiors Scent Work title with a second place in August before unexpectedly passing away one month later at 11.5 years old. While it took owner **Lynnette Gandl** 10 years to find Baelanna’s sport, she was able to succeed at something she loved in her last few months.

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier GCH CH Jendu Life is Good OA OAJ MXP MJP FCAT ACT2 ACT1J DJ “**Jake**” earned his Master Agility Excellent Preferred (MXP) title at the Clermont Agility trial in November at DDTC with handler Matthew, AKA Dad. Jake is owned and loved by **Holly and Matthew Jergens**.



Jake



Bailey

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Jendu Blue Skyes OA NAJ MXP4 MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX FCAT2 DJ “**Bailey**” earned her Preferred Agility Excellent

(PAX) title at the DDTC October Agility trial by obtaining her 20th double Q as she works towards her PACH. She now only needs 180 points! Bailey is handled by Holly and owned and loved by **Holly and Matthew Jergens**.

Basenji GCH DCH Select Epic Into Da Jungle SC CA FCAT3 CGC TKN FITG “**Joe Burrow**” received both his Canine Good Citizenship and Trick Dog Novice titles at the DDTC CGC & Trick Dog Testing event on October 4. Joe Burrow is loved and owned by **Jeff and Tracy Leonard** of “Select Basenjjs.”



Joe Burrow

Pembroke Welsh Corgi Sandfox Faerie Wing'D CDX PCD BN GN RA SWD SWM CGCA CGCU TKI “**Harper**” earned her Companion Dog Excellent title (CDX) by qualifying in Open A on October 18. Earlier in the month, she earned her Elite 3 (NACSW - National Association of Canine Scent Work) in an Elite trial in Smithton, PA. Harper is 10 years old, loves the color purple and food, and is owned and loved by **Elaine M. Stoermer**.



Harper
[See more about Harper in “It’s a Corgi Christmas” elsewhere in this issue.]



Rat Terrier Felixville’s Table Top Games NA CA BCAT ACT2 ACT2J SCN SIN CGCA CGCU TKN VHMP “**Dice**” recently earned his Novice Agility (NA), Scent Work Container Novice (SCN) and Scent Work Novice Interior (SIN) titles. He has also finished and passed all of his health tests with flying colors, obtaining his CHIC (Canine Health Information Center) number and providing valuable breed-related health information to the database. Dice is owned and loved by **Erin McDaniel**.

Toy Poodle MACH2 Ginger MXS MJS FCAT3 CGCU TKE FITG “**Ginger**” qualified in the AKC 2025 Virtual Trick Dog Competition. You can find her Trick Video on the AKC website. Ginger is owned and loved by **Joan Ulloth**.

Toy Poodle Rusty OA OAJ FCAT6 CA ACT2 ACT2J CGC TKE FITG “**Rusty**” qualified in the AKC 2025 Virtual Trick Dog Competition, earning the #1 Toy Poodle spot. You can find his Trick Video on the AKC website. Rusty is owned and loved by **Joan Ulloth**.

Therapy Dogs Making a Difference

We all know that dogs are amazing creatures, capable of learning, communicating, loving and serving in big ways. Many of our members graciously spend their free time sharing their dogs with the greater community through work as therapy dogs. This article is an ode to the therapy dogs of DDTC and their owners - to the teams and pairs that use their special skills to bring comfort, joy, and peace to people in our community who need a little extra love. I hope you enjoy reading about each of these pups, their stories and experiences, as they unknowingly bring light and happiness to the world around them just by being themselves.

Our first team is **Dakota Tevis** and her All-American, 4-year-old Winnifred (**Wynn**). A DDTC member since 2023, Dakota was first exposed to the possibility of training a therapy dog through DDTC's classes. Now she and Wynn work with Best Friends

Pet Assisted Therapy and the Alliance of Therapy Dogs to bring joy to others. As a team, they not only frequent Daybreak in downtown Dayton but also work Honor Flights in the mornings before vets take off for Washington DC. (American Veterans are flown to DC to honor their service at the nation's memorials.) They also frequent middle and high schools in the area when requested and work as first responders for acute grief and trauma. What makes Wynn unique is her appearance. As a dog that looks like a bully breed, she sometimes gets mixed reactions but her therapy work makes her a great ambassador for dogs that are usually unfairly labeled. While Dakota and Wynn have found their DDTC

classes helpful in their training (including Trick Dog and Fit Dog!), Dakota suggests starting early with desensitization in various environments such as Lowe's, Michael's, and others stores that allow dogs. When your dog shows signs of distress, remove them and let them decompress to help build up their tolerance to loud sounds or crazy environments. Dakota loves working with Wynn, and her favorite part is letting others see how great she is. "It's a balm for my soul."

Kristin Green and her 5-year-old Standard Poodle, Maxim (**Max**), work with the Miami Valley Pet



Tammy's Maddie



Dakota and Wynn - Honor Flight

Therapy Association to bring joy to the Dayton Physicians Network Oncology Center and Miami Valley Hospital South. After four weeks of classroom work and two weeks of supervised visits, Kristin and Max began visiting patients. Max's size means he's big enough for people to pet while remaining seated in their chairs or recliners, making him easily accessible. Max is very friendly and loves meeting new people, making him a great candidate for therapy work. In Kristin's words, "He is so good at it, and I love it." What more could you ask for?? She recommends starting slowly and evaluating your dog for stress symptoms!

A DDTC member for 17 years, **Anita Eisthen** has worked with her fair share of therapy dogs over the years including **Casey, Aspen, Bonnie, Boomer, T-Bird, and Porsche**. While all have passed on, their work lives on in the memories of those they visited. After a friend suggested she look into therapy work, Anita and her pups spent time over the years visiting multiple hospitals and nursing homes as well as Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Her dogs showed off their Open and Utility skills, bringing joy to both patients and hospital staff. They provided comfort and even participated in Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT), an intervention method that incorporates animals into the healing process. Anita's advice includes having poop bags on hand, using quick release collars, carrying extra leashes, toys and treats, and to join a therapy dog group that provides insurance. "Your dog needs to like new people/strangers and be able to work in complex situations with medical devices, mobility assistance devices, and chaos." Anita is currently in training with her new partners.

Tammy Brewer and her 11-year-old All-American, **Maddie**, like to cuddle up with the little ones at the elementary schools for story time. The team visits Orchard Park Elementary every Thursday and Southdale Elementary every Friday to bring joy to four Kindergarten classes. A retired teacher, Tammy would bring Maddie to class sometimes and saw how much happiness she could create. Once retired, Tammy and Maddie combined their 9 years of training at DDTC with a 10-week AAT course through Dogtors to become a certified and insured team. Tammy says, "I love spending time with Maddie, and the two of us working together to bring joy to the kids. There is nothing better than seeing the smiles on the kids' faces when Maddie walks in the room." Her advice is to first focus on your dog's temperament, which means you may need to wait until they're older and calmer. Basic obedience training, socialization with



*Marcia and Storm
visiting Roberta Shellabarger*

distractions, and working through a certified AAT program are all extremely important.

Rescue dogs can also make great therapy partners! **Linda Bingman** and her All-American, a 5-year-old rescue named **Addie**, frequent libraries, nursing homes, and hospice facilities together. A Great Pyrenees/Husky mix, Addie has a calm, steady temperament and strong affection for people. Linda learned about therapy work when her previous Golden only had interest in being pet and would naturally seek out sad or upset people to comfort. After completing training in Obedience, Linda worked with Addie to get her TDI through Therapy Dogs International. Linda notes it's important to know your dog's temperament and to only continue with therapy work if your dog enjoys it.

Jane Adams and 15-year-old Samoyed, **Storm**, are also members of Therapy Dogs International as they spend their time supporting the Hospice of Dayton. An extremely empathetic dog, Storm can sense who needs her most,

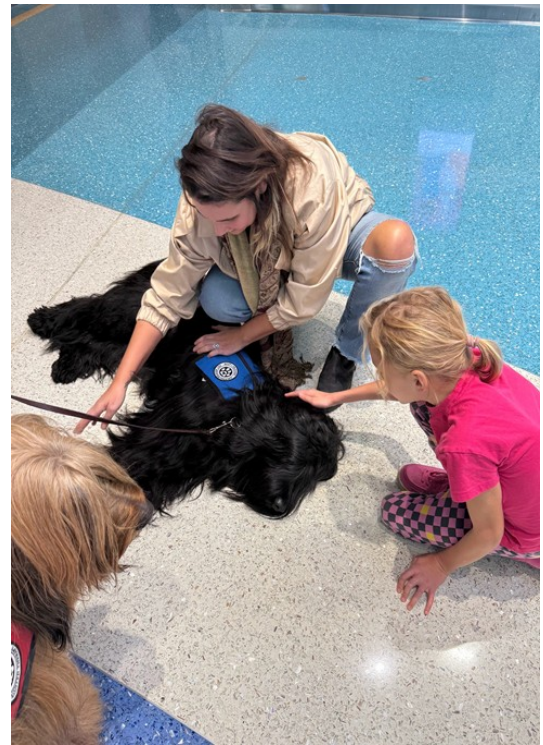


Linda and Addie (far left)

Therapy Dogs continued



Cassie the Briard



Remi the Briard

helping to bring smiles through tears. Jane noticed early on that Storm was very much a “people dog.” She recalls, “she demonstrated her affinity to be a therapy dog when I witnessed her interaction with a young cerebral palsy child. The sheer joy on the little boy’s face was all I needed to see. We enrolled in the club’s therapy dog class right away.” Jane’s advice is probably the one bit most people truly need to hear and think about before pursuing therapy work with their dog. “While you might want to do therapy work, not all dogs will make great therapy dogs.” As many others have noted, make sure it’s something your dog can handle.

A member of the club for 50 years, **Trish Clute** currently works with her second therapy dog, a 10-year-old Havanese



Trish and Moochie

named **Moochie**. The pair took a training class through MVPTA and now work with MVPTA to visit Soin Hospital and Bethany Nursing Home. Friendly with everyone, Moochie shows off his Freestyle moves to bring smiles to those around him. Expressing similar sentiments, Trish says to be sure your dog enjoys it and most importantly, have fun!

Marcia Pittman has worked with both MVPTA and Wagmor Service Dogs to train her previous and current therapy dogs. Currently working independently with 10-year-old Standard Poodle, **Storm**, Marcia entered the therapy world with her first pup, **Lil**. Now, she and Storm visit various assisted living and nursing facilities including Traditions of Beaver Creek,



Dakota's Wynnie

Cypress Point, Brookhaven, Royal Oaks and Trinity. Storm is quiet and gentle, intuitively picking out who needs him most and sitting by their side. He's always well behaved and confident in unknown settings which is important in therapy work. Marcia's favorite part is the smiles they receive from staff and residents. They tell her stories about animals they've had and how much they love seeing dogs after going so long without. Sometimes, residents will respond to nothing until a dog comes along, truly bringing them back to life. Her

advice is to "be accepting if your dog is not cut out for being a therapy dog. Then find the sport or activity your dog loves. It is about the bond and love you share."

Lastly we have **Barbara and John Stolzenberg** and their three Briards, **Cassie** (8 years), **Remi** (5 years) and **Reese** (5 years). Going wherever they're needed, they tend to frequent Dayton Children's Hospital, the airport, USO

Cassie visits and can help put a smile on the kid's face doing some of her tricks. Reese loves the pets and enjoys putting a smile on their faces." Not to mention, stroking that long beautiful Briard hair is quite therapeutic! Barbara and John got into therapy work long before certifications were "a thing," bringing their dogs and kids to nursing homes for visits through their 4-H club. They suggest building a strong obedience foundation with lots of exposure and socialization. "It is very rewarding and best of all you can do it with your best friend!"



Tammy's Maddie

Wright Patterson, hospitals, libraries and schools. Certified through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs, the Briards currently work with the Best Friends Pet Therapy Group, and each dog brings something different. "Remi is a lover and makes everyone her best friend.

Thank you to all of these teams for sharing their experiences and their advice when it comes to therapy work. It's an extremely rewarding activity, but you need to ensure it's something your dog can handle.

If it's not meant to be, that's ok! There are still plenty of ways to connect with your dog and give back to the community. If you think your dog may have what it takes, start looking into the different classes DDTC has to offer including Obedience, Canine Good Citizen, Therapy Dog, and more!

Therapy visits with Roberta



It's a Corgi Christmas

Whether it's their bright smiles, little legs, or fluffy, bouncy bums, Corgis are hard not to love! This Christmas, they're taking over Clublicity as we celebrate how much our club Corgis have accomplished, overcome, and learned this year! From overcoming paralysis to road tripping out west, our little-legged friends live big lives. They excel in multiple arenas including Scentwork, Agility, Conformation, Herding, FastCAT, Trick Dog, and so much more.

While similar in appearance, the Pembroke Welsh Corgi and the Cardigan Welsh Corgi are two different breeds with separate origins. The Cardigan breed is over 2,000 years older than the Pembroke.

Physically, Cardigans usually have a long, fox-like tail whereas Pembrokes' tails are docked close to their body. Pembrokes actually have an oval bone structure while Cardigans have a round bone structure, both with different rear shapes giving their whole bodies a slightly different look. Cardigans can come in many color variations, while Pembrokes are usually red, sable, or tricolor with white markings.

Regardless of their differences, both Corgis are super smart and agile, making them versatile and enjoyable training partners. Due to their natural herding instincts, training is important and so is having a daily job to do. As you learn about DDTC's resident Corgis, you'll see just how talented (and busy) these pups are!

Call Name: Harper
AKC Name: Sandfox Faerie Wing'D CDX PCD BN GN RA SWD SWM CGCA CGCU TKI
Breed: Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Age: 11 years old
Owner: Elaine Stoermer

2025 Accomplishments: Harper recently earned her CDX, placing 2nd in all three Open legs. She also earned her Elite 3 in an Elite NACSW trial.

Harper excels in Nosework and has earned her AKC Detective title, AKC Master title, and NACSM Elite 3 title. She has five AKC High in Trials with numerous placements. She finished first overall in her inaugural NACSW trial earning her NW1.



Harper



Sophia

Call Name: Sophia
AKC Name: MACH Arbennig Dream of Spring RM RAE MXB MJB XF CAX FCAT13 SWNE SWA SCAE SBAE SEAE SWEE SWM SCME TKI
Breed: Cardigan Welsh Corgi
Age: 7 years old
Owner: Kelly Kirk

2025 Accomplishments: Sophia earned her overall Master Scentwork title this year!

Just days after earning her MACH, at the young age of 4, Sophia lost the ability to walk and had to undergo a 5 Level Hemilaminectomy of her back. She has since regained her ability to walk and loves participating in her new sport of Scentwork. She's a walking miracle... literally!

Call Name: Crackerjack "CJ"
AKC Name: MACH4 Fernbriar
What's The Name Of That Song
CD RA MXS2 MJS2 PADP
MFG TQX T2B4 BCAT CGC
TKA
Breed: Cardigan Welsh Corgi
Age: 10 years old
Owner: Kathy Roberts

2025 Accomplishments: CJ earned an impressive MACH4 in agility this year! She also traveled to Purina Farms in May for the Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America National Specialty.

Call Name: Parker
AKC Name: Woodrose In The
Park Home Run OA OAJ XF
CGC TKI
Breed: Cardigan Welsh Corgi
Age: 2.5 years old
Owner: Kathy Roberts

2025 Accomplishments: Parker made her debut into the world of dog sports this year earning all 5 of the titles in her name including those in Agility, Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog! She also traveled with sister CJ to Purina Farms in May for the Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America National Specialty. A new trick Parker learned this year was turning her Beagle sister, Dottie, into a hare!



Ella

Call Name: Ella
AKC Name: Jokin's Monster
Reborn FDC BCAT
Breed: Cardigan Welsh Corgi
Age: 2 years old
Owner: Kelly Kirk

2025 Accomplishments: Ella earned 3rd Place at the CWCCA National Specialty this year in Conformation. She also earned Best of Breed at the UKC Premier Nationals for Top 10!

Ella is a busy girl working on Agility, Scentwork, Rally, Herding, and Conformation.

Call Name: Dino
AKC Name: Serah Knight In
White Satin
Breed: Cardigan Welsh Corgi
Age: 4 years old
Owner: Kim Adkins
Hobbies: Scentwork enthusiast
and world traveler

2025 Adventures: Dino is big into camping and hiking, recently taking a trip out west! "My happy place is hiking the Colorado trails with my boys. Everywhere I go, people stop and look at me and want to rub my belly - it makes them smile!"



Dino



CJ (left) Parker (center), honorary Corgi, Dottie (right)

Consider Canine Chiropractic Care

Holly Jergens

As we all know - it's hell getting old. (I may be in my early 30s, but my left knee is pushing 85). So just imagine if you aged 7 times faster... your dog knows what I'm talking about! When we push our bodies too far physically, we try to relieve the pain through medicine, massage, and realignment. Did you know that our dogs can benefit greatly from similar methods, especially chiropractic care?

Chiropractic care is generally classified under holistic medicine, and while used widely, there are many skeptics out there. "Chiropractic addresses the core cause of ill health and performance, and it is not addressed at all with traditional medicine," states chiropractor Dr. Denise Coppock, D.C.

I asked 3 canine chiropractors in the area to give me their thoughts on the benefits of chiropractic care for your dogs, explain the methods they choose to use, and advise what you should look for when choosing a doctor to work on your precious pup.

Dr. Tracy A. Leonard, BS, DVM is a name that probably sounds familiar to many as she is a member of our club. She also owns Indian Ripple Veterinary Clinic in Beavercreek, where she practices Veterinary Orthopedic Manipulation (VOM) and cold laser therapy. With 20+ years of experience, Tracy says canine chiropractic care "improves range of motion and flexibility, reduces pain and inflammation, restores proper alignment of the spine and joints, promotes healing and tissue repair, and supports overall musculoskeletal health." Well - just sign my dogs AND me up!

When she's not getting our dogs back into sporting shape, she's spending time showing her own dogs in various activities including her Basenjis Rocket, T-Man, Ren, Joe Burrow, Betty, and Benny, and her Pomeranian Tic-Tac. Her advice when looking for a chiropractor for your dog is to double check that they are licensed!

If you've been to an agility trial at DDTC, you have probably seen Dr. Mark D. McClure demonstrate how canine chiropractic care works on our furry competitors. Dr. McClure's clinic, McClure Chiropractic Treatment for People and Animals, is located in Middletown, and he's been practicing on canines for 17 years. Owner of a Coton de Tulear named Jack, Mark is no stranger to the frustrations that dog parents face when expensive fixes or surgeries just aren't in the cards. This led him to attend Options for Animals, College of Animal Chiropractic, in Wellsville, KS, followed by experience working at Lake View Animal Hospital in Amelia, OH. Similar to Tracy, he sees a reduction in pain and inflammation with improved joint mobility. This leads to enhanced performance and, in some cases, bypassing the need for surgery. Dr. McClure utilizes hands-on manipulation, cold laser therapy and Magnawave PEMF. PEMF or Pulsed Electromagnetic Fields is used medically to increase blood oxygen levels and stimulate new cell growth. This helps promote the healing process with increased blood flow and reduced inflammation. Mark has used these methods to treat hip dysplasia, wobblers, sacral and pelvic issues, cervical fixation, Cushings

disease, and even CCL/ACL tears. When looking for a chiropractor, consider their years of experience and what their reviews say - we all know dog parents don't hold back!

Dr. Denise Coppock, D.C. is no stranger to treating animals as she's in her 24th year running Coppock Chiropractic in Xenia, with her Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, Peppin. After graduating Chiropractic school in 2002, Dr. Coppock immediately started working on animals. A personal experience led her to see that traditional western medicine did not address all aspects of health. After her dog was hit by a car and treated with drugs to ease the soreness and swelling, the only care that brought her dog back to full health and mobility was chiropractic. That's when she realized that "chiropractic was essential for animals to have optimum health and performance." Similar to Dr. McClure, Denise uses a hands-on approach that allows for diversified adjusting techniques that can be specialized for each patient's individual needs. Proficient in activator techniques, Dr. Coppock also supplements with soft tissue techniques such as Gau Sha/graston, cupping, kinesiotaping, PEMF and red light therapy. If you're looking for a canine chiropractor in Ohio, Denise mentions that the state requires anyone adjusting animals to have both a medical doctorate license (DC or DVM) AND be certified by AVCA (American Veterinary Chiropractic Association) in order to legally practice. Owners can look up a state chiropractic license by the doctors name as well as their AVCA certification. A licensed DVM can also be used as a chiropractor and the AVCA

website can confirm if they have had training in chiropractic medicine.

If you have been curious about what a chiropractor can do for your dog (or you!), please consider reaching out to any of our participating chiropractors. Each has their own training and methods, so do your research to find one that works for you and your dog's needs. I have taken my dogs to multiple chiropractors over the years and have found that even a few adjustments a year have been beneficial. They have taught me what to look for as well as stretches to keep my dogs agile in their various activities.

I think Denise sums it up best. "Whether your dog is a pet or competitor, chiropractic can help them live the healthiest life possible by addressing health and biomechanical issues in a way not provided by Western medicine. [It is] a focus on healing the true causes of illness opposed to masking issues with drugs and also focusing on keeping the body healthy in order to avoid becoming ill or injured."

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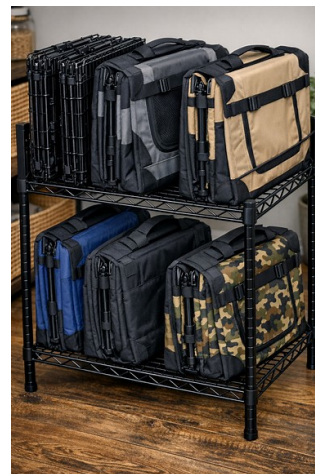
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DDTC Crate Policy Reminder

- ◆ When you are instructing or training in the building on a regular basis, you may leave up to 3 crates on the racks in a crate room.
- ◆ All crates left on a rack must be broken down/collapsed and CLEARLY labeled with the owner's name on them or attached to them.
- ◆ Please place all large metal crates on a bottom shelf
- ◆ Please do not leave crates up in any of the training areas when you are not actively using them, especially not overnight. The cleaning crew

comes at different times and days and should not have to move crates out of their way to vacuum.



DDTC Class Cancellation Policy



- ◆ The DDTC Webmaster will be notified to post it to the club website and contact WHIO, who MAY add it to their closure list.
- ◆ The person who handles the club phone number (937-293-5219) will post a message on our answering machine.
- ◆ The decision will also be listed on our official Facebook page and posted to the club members-only group.
- ◆ Instructors will try to contact their students regarding any class cancellations.
- ◆ We build in a spare week in between classes to accommodate class cancellations.
- ◆ We cancel classes based on the forecast, local cancellations and the level of emergencies declared by the counties surrounding our area.
- ◆ The DDTC Vice President will make a decision as soon as it is clear as to whether or not to cancel, no later than 3 hours before a scheduled class time.
- ◆ In the event the VP is not available, the President will handle any class cancellations.

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Pet Sympathy / Sunshine Report

Mary Savage

PET SYMPATHY

Dazzle (Coton De Tulear)
Karen Hawk

Anak (Canaan Dog)
Victor Kaftal

Dexter (Pug)
Sheryl Provens

Tanza (Leonberger)
Sue Sheftic

Teddy (Toy Poodle)
Joan Ulloth

SUNSHINE

Sue and Russ Peterson

DEATHS

KC Artley (former Member)

John Falasco (Member)

Jim Savage, husband of Mary Savage

Roberta Shellabarger (Member)

If you have a Pet Sympathy/Sunshine concern you'd like to share with the club please give me a call at 937-836-5280, or you can email me at clifford414@hotmail.com.

Thanks,
Mary Savage



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