



## Dayton Dog Training Club

# Clublicity

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### Welcome Back!

*Holly Jergens*



It's been a while!

I want to start off this new issue by thanking everyone who filled out the survey I sent regarding what you'd like to see in the revamped Clublicity as well as those of you who emailed me directly with suggestions. Also, a big thanks to **Kate Stephenson** for continuing in her role as Layout Editor and **Norma Woolf** for the Content Creator info I needed to carry on the Clublicity legacy!

This is a completely new endeavor for me but I'm excited to share

your stories, your dogs' accomplishments, community news and continue to show what makes Dayton Dog Training Club so special. Please have patience with me as I get my feet under me and figure out how to incorporate all your suggestions over the next few issues and know that if you send in articles or ideas, they will eventually make it in, even if they don't go in right away.

That being said, if you would like to write an article, share an article idea, send in a brag/photo, share community events/news, etc.,

there is now a designated Clublicity email! Please send everything to [DDTCClublicity@gmail.com](mailto:DDTCClublicity@gmail.com) so I can collect it all in one place before sending it to Kate to incorporate.

I look forward to finding creative ways to share the amazing happenings of our growing community and I hope you enjoy this new adventure too!

Enjoy!

### A Letter from Lucy

*Lucy Hayes, DDTC President*



Our Club is steeped in 74 years of history and over 30 years of Clublicity channeling information to our Membership. Having a common place to share information, celebrate our successes and lend support in our losses is an important fabric to our community.

On behalf of our club, I'd like to give thanks to **Norma Woolf** for all of her work to bring Clublicity to fruition for our members. After a hiatus, we are thrilled and grateful to have **Holly Jergens** take on the torch as content creator and **Kate Stephenson** for

her continued devotion to editing and bringing the publication to life. Clublicity is a treasured tradition to facilitate information to our community.

Despite what walks in life or professions we may all come from, we have a shared bond in our love for dogs and our innate need to expand our bond with our dogs. We learn both from helping others and taking in what others have to share with us, whether that be from observing, taking a class as a student or simply reflecting on our ever-evolving experiences with each dog we work with.

Holly has reached out to our membership to gather your stories and brags as well as articles you've written or topics you'd like to hear about. She's gathered information and written articles that pertain to our community and as your Club President, I would like to extend an invite for our membership to contribute as well!

Share your stories, share your wins and let us share our love and admiration together with the amazing people and dogs of Dayton Dog Training Club through the pages of Clublicity.

## Leah's Library List

### Leah Blake

Hello DDTC! My name is Leah Blake, and I am your Club Librarian.

I would like to highlight recent donations in each Clublicity issue to bring attention to the wonderful library resource we have – thanks to generous members sharing their book collections with the club.

**The library accepts donations in a box next to the front door lobby.** I catalog and label the official DDTC library books before I shelve them. Non-dog-related book donations should be immediately shelved on the bookcases next to the bathroom in the front lobby. Those are free to take!

Thank you again to the members who donate these resources to the club!

#### ★★ Featured Donations ★★

### ***The Other End of the Leash: Why We Do What We Do Around Dogs* by Patricia McConnell**

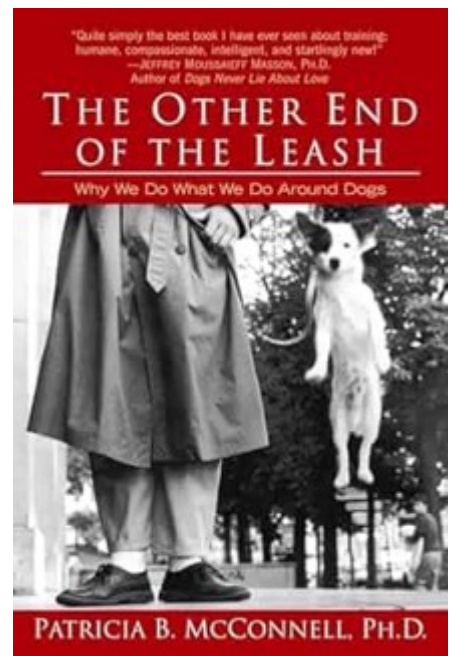
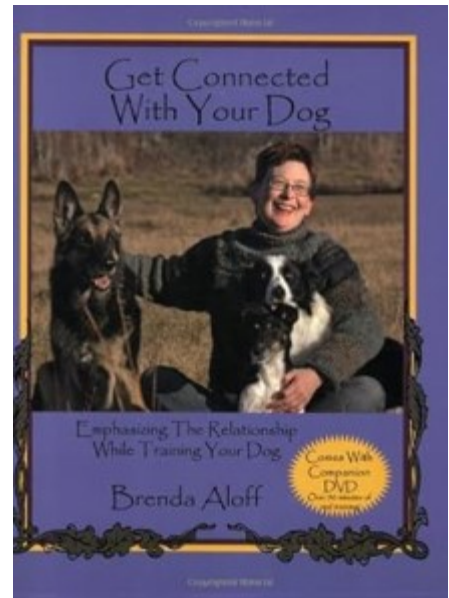
Most people probably have heard of this book, and for good reason! This is the book to jumpstart a new dog owner's understanding of dog behavior, their own behavior, and the relationship between the two.

Patricia highlights species-specific differences and tendencies that lead to tension and conflict due to misunderstanding. Her tone is informative and compassionate for both humans and dogs. If you don't have time to sit down

and read a printed copy, Amazon sells an audiobook version. I haven't bought it, but the written style of this book would lend itself well to causal listening during a work commute. For more information about Patricia McConnell, see her website: <https://www.patriciamcconnell.com/about-patricia/>

### ***Get Connected with Your Dog: Emphasizing the Relationship While Training Your Dog* by Brenda Aloff**

Brenda Aloff has 30+ years of professional experience working with dogs and their owners, tackling behavior modification and competition sports alike. Her start was not unlike most: a challenging dog and a driving desire to understand. Her books are dense but written in a conversational tone for the amateur dog owner. *Get Connected* provides multiple protocols for improving your relationship with your dog through building a solid foundation for engagement and handler focus. There's a focus on learning theory, understanding behavior modification and developing a relationship with dogs that respects their needs. The book is sold with an accompanying DVD to demonstrate the various described exercises. Some library copies are missing the DVDs. If you are interested in the DVD, let me know and I will lend out my personal copy. I'm told Dogwise is working on a streaming solution, but there's no word on when it will be available. For more information about Brenda Aloff, see her website: <https://www.brendaaloff.com/pages/about>



## DDTC to Celebrate its Diamond Anniversary — 75 Years!

The year 2026 marks 75 years of Dayton Dog Training Club! In order to celebrate, a committee of volunteers has been organizing a variety of fundraisers to occur between now and next year's celebration to help cover costs. These fundraisers include everything from apparel sales to raffles to club events!

To kick off the fundraising efforts, the committee has launched a sale for T-shirts, sweatshirts, tote bags, pencil cups, mugs and more!

Some items will feature a commemorative 75th Anniversary logo

from our contest winner, Jessica Harrell, while others will have the standard DDTC logo.

Commemorative 75th Anniversary apparel is available in a T-shirt that showcases a front and back design, a collared full-zip sweatshirt and a hooded full-zip sweatshirt. All 75th Anniversary apparel comes in gray and is available in sizes Small through 3XL.

The totes will come in two options - one with an anniversary logo and one with a DDTC logo with both priced around \$25. Pencil cups, mugs and other small batch items will be priced around \$10. Some items may be offered in limited supply.

The tie-dye short sleeve T-shirts feature the standard DDTC logo done in embroidery. The tie-dye shirts come in pink, kelly green, gold, turquoise, pastel rainbow and mint rainbow and are available in sizes Small to 4XL.

If you have any questions about the items, don't hesitate to reach out to Rhonda Holzhauser or Denice Ray!

### **Tie-Dye with DDTC Logo**

Small, Medium, Large, XL - \$25

2XL, 3XL, 4XL - \$27

Pink, Kelly Green, Gold, Turquoise, Pastel Rainbow, Mint Rainbow



### **Gray Anniversary Logo Apparel**

Full-Zip Collar Sweatshirt & Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt

Small, Medium, Large, XL - \$45

2XL, 3XL - \$50

Short Sleeve Front/Back T-Shirt

Small, Medium, Large, XL - \$25

2XL, 3XL - \$27

The sale is on-going through at least June of 2026, and shirts should have about a two-week-turnaround time after ordering as they will be done in batches.

Samples are available in Brownie's Barracks to check quality, colors and sizes in person, along with order forms that can be filled out and submitted with payment.



## Member Spotlight—Clublicity Team

### Holly Jergens: Content Curator/Content Creator

#### ***Years of Membership:*** 3

**Club Involvement:** Agility Assistant Instructor, Member-at-Large Board Member, Agility Trial Secretary, Clublicity Content Creator, Agility Trial Committee Member and Hospitality Chair, MACH/PACH Bar Maker, DDTC Turns 75 Committee Member, occasional Obedience Instructor.

***Daytime Occupation:*** Director of Product Engineering, Chemicals.

***Hobbies:*** Crafts, reading, running, lifting and dog sports!

***Favorite Human Treat:*** Anything lemon flavored.

***One Question You'd Like to Ask your Dog(s):*** What the heck are you barking at?

***Favorite Trick/Command You've Taught your Dog:*** "Go Poop" Comes in handy at trials...

***Fun Fact About Yourself:*** I created my first bucket list when I was 7. On it was running a dog in Agility. It took me 21 years but I'm finally living my dream!

***Favorite Thing About Owning a Dog(s):*** Their funny personalities and the way they learn to interact with you. Their ability to love unconditionally.

#### ***Current Dogs:***

"Bailey" Jendu Blue Skyes OA NAJ MXP3 MXPB MJP2 FCAT2 DJ – Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, 7 years old.

"Jake" GCH CH Jendu Life is Good OA OAJ AXP AJP FCAT ACT2 ACT1J DJ – Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, 5 years old.



#### ***Dog(s)'s Nicknames:***

Bailey: Bae Bae, Queen B, Princess, Pumpkin Head, Bailey Boo, Puppachino, Chalupa Poopah.

Jake: Jakey, Big Bubba, Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt, Handsome, [Darth] Vader, Puppachino, Chalupa Poopah.

I'm aware some of these make no sense but that is the way dog nicknames go.

***Dog(s)'s Activities:*** Agility, Dock Diving, FastCATs, hiking, swimming, couch potato-ing, barking at nothing and everything.

***Dog(s)'s Favorite Toy:*** Bailey loves Giant Lamby or anything small enough that she can ball up and carry around in her mouth. For Jake, ball is life.

***Dog(s)'s Favorite Treat:*** The 3 C's: cheese, carrots and cucumbers.

#### ***Dog(s)'s Funny Quirk/Habit:***

Bailey shakes her head vigorously when you've guessed correctly at what she wants. It's rather convenient. Jake LOVES pillows and will turn anything he can into a pillow/chin rest.

## Member Spotlight—Clublicity Team

### Kate Stephenson: Editor, Layout/Design

**Years of Membership:** 15

**Club Involvement:** Clublicity layout/design, Table Steward, occasional Instructor, previous Board Member.

**Daytime Occupation:** Bookkeeper.

**Hobbies:** DOGS! Photography. Writing. Necklace making.

**Favorite Human Treat:** Pizza.

**One Question You'd Like to Ask your Dogs:** I'm afraid to ask! :-)

**Favorite Trick/Command You've Taught your Dogs:** I love heeling with my dogs because of the connection it builds between us.

**Fun Fact About Yourself:** I've had dogs since I was a child. I obtained my first Belgian in 1996 and hope to never live without one — or more!

**Favorite Thing About Owning Dogs:** LOVE — especially that they love unconditionally. Even if no one else in the world cares about me, my dogs are there for a cuddle or a hug.

**Current Dogs:** “Aslan” RACH Genesis Chronicles of Narnia CD PCD BN RM5 RAE3 NA NAJ CGCA CGCU TKA (10th place in Master class at 2023 AKC Rally National Championship) – Belgian Tervuren, 14 years old.

“Almondine” Genesis Story of E. Sawtelle SCN – Belgian Tervuren, 14 years old.

“Topsy” Genesis Top Secret – Belgian Tervuren, 11 years old.

“Sunshine” BasqueLaine Silver & Gold at Genesis RM RAE CGC – Belgian Tervuren, 3 years old.

Also, Clarence the Cat, taken in when he suffered an injury with loss of sight in one eye. He was named after the lion in the movie, “Clarence the Cross-Eyed Lion.”

**Dog's Nicknames:** I often refer to Almondine as “Almond Joy” — partly because she brings me joy, and partly because sometimes she feels like a nut :-)  
(Reference the 1970s Almond Joy/Mounds commercials.)

**Dogs' Activities:** Past and present dogs have trained in and/or competed in obedience, rally, agility, scent work and tracking. My three senior dogs are currently excelling in championship-level cuddling and snuggling. Sunshine is working on her Rally Championship while we are training for obedience competition. The plan is to then do agility, tracking, and scent work with her.

**Dogs' Favorite Toy:** Anything that can be de-stuffed and de-squeaked!

**Dogs' Favorite Treat:** Cheese for the seniors. Sunshine is not selective — she will eat anything!

**Dog's Funny Quirk/Habit:** Sunshine starts every morning with a play bow.



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## Junior Member Triumphs at State 4-H Dog Show



*1st Place You and Your Dog*

One of the greatest aspects of DDTC is the uniqueness and diversity of our membership. You can see this by looking at the Dog Activity survey results in this issue! But we are not just diverse in the activities we do with our dogs - we also vary in ages! Dayton offers a Junior Membership for those ages 9 - 18 who would like to participate in club activities and training with their pups.

One such Junior Member that I am extremely excited to highlight in this issue of Clublicity is Emerson Tibuni! Emerson is 11 years old and will be entering 6th grade this coming fall. As a Junior Member of DDTC since November 2024, she has spent time training with her 3-year-old Standard Poodle, Tamera, in classes such as BOP (Basic Obedience for Performance), Agility, and Trick Dog. Emerson recently took all the training she's learned at DDTC to her first 4-H state competition at the 2025 Ohio State Fair Dog Show in June!

For those who are not familiar, 4-H is a wonderful organization that provides education, experiences and competitions to empower young people, teaching them valuable skills and leadership within their lives and communities. Topics include STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), agriculture, healthy living and civic engagement. It is impossible to put all the good that 4-H does for young people and the community into such few words. Young members are offered the opportunity to work with mentors on projects and while every county offers 4-H dog projects, only some counties have 4-H dog clubs with advisors that mentor their members. Emerson challenged her amazing instructors at DDTC to help her on her dog project and become her personal 4-H dog club, and the incredible volunteers rose to that challenge.

This year was Emerson's first in 4-H as she wanted to compete with her dog alongside other kids. She hopes to one day compete within AKC. She likes trying new things with Tamera and loves learning new skills. Most recently she has taken the dive into learning scentwork!

Emerson's first 4-H state competition had her competing in Freestyle -Singles, Rally, Showmanship, You & Your Dog, Skillathon, Obedience, and Trick Dog. They were a busy (and successful) duo! Below is a list of all of Emerson and Tamera's impressive accomplishments at state this year:

- ★ 1st Place in Junior Poster Contest
- ★ 1st Place in You and Your Dog Junior Competition



*4th Place Rally Novice A*

- ★ 2nd Place in Showmanship Junior A
- ★ 3rd Place in Skillathon Junior Age 10
- ★ 3rd Place in Obedience Beginner Novice A
- ★ 4th Place in Rally Novice A
- ★ 9th Place in Freestyle-Singles
- ★ Gold Medal for Trick Dog Novice
- ★ Pattie Stover State Championship Title
- ★ Versatility Award

As a competitor, you have to earn a certain amount of points to obtain a State Championship Title. If you place 5th or higher in five or more events you can earn the Versatility Award. Kids compete in their age groups against those with similar 4-H experience. Emerson and Tamera knocked it out of the show ring!

As Emerson and Tamera continue to grow as a team, Emerson is looking forward to doing more Drop-In Conformation classes, learning more tricks and continuing in scentwork.

Outside of the ring, Emerson loves how loving and smart Tamera is and how she picks up on all these new tricks so quickly.

Emerson and Tamera would love to thank the following instructors for helping to prepare her to do so well at her first State dog show whether it was working on their skills or their bond as a pair: Bonnie Maki, Angela Britton, Vicki Ventura, Leah Blake, and Sherri Swabb.

And of course, Emerson and Tamera wouldn't be as successful as they are without the support of their family. As a parent, mom Kandice loves the bond her daughter and dog share.

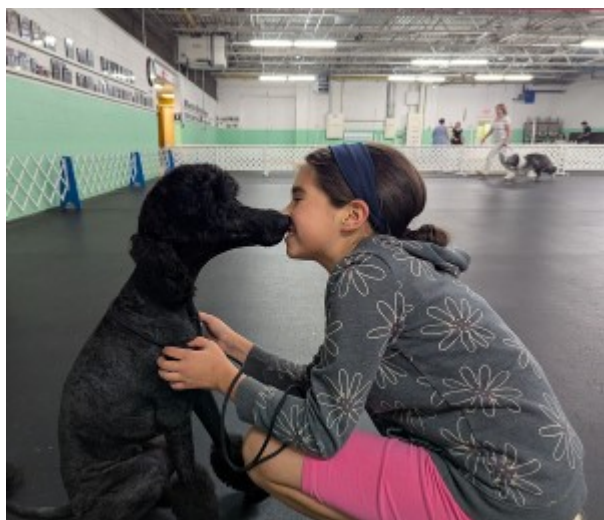
"I love how Tamera switches gears when she knows she is going to train with Emerson. With my son, she knows she just needs to give him kisses and be ready for hugs. With my husband, she is his couch buddy and they go on car rides. With me, she knows I will play ball and feed her. Tamera loves each of us in the way we need/want. Tamera loves learning with Emerson and understands fully who has the treats in the family."

If that isn't family dog ownership in one statement, I don't know what is! Kandice and her family are so thankful to DDTC for helping Emerson grow in all her different events and within her bond to Tamera.

"We can't wait to see what lies ahead for this dynamic duo. We do hope more opportunities for Junior Members arise in the future at DDTC."

It is exciting to see involvement from our youngest club members and to see them fostering such amazing relationships with their pups. Another heartfelt thank you to our volunteer instructors for helping not only Emerson but any and all of our Junior Members as they strive for and reach their goals at such young ages. It takes a lot of hard work, dedication and maturity to train a dog to do the activities we ask them to do, and it is all the more impressive to see such young people succeed in doing so! Congratulations again to Emerson and Tamera!

To learn more about Ohio 4-H membership and activities, please visit [www.ohio4h.org](http://www.ohio4h.org).



*Kisses with Tamera*

## Take a Walk on the Wild Side

Tired of taking your pup down the same old path? Use the list below to create a summer walk/hiking bucket list for you and your dogs! Try out a new park, and explore all the dog-friendly trails the greater Dayton area has to offer.



### Dayton Five Rivers MetroParks:

- Carriage Hill
- Cox Arboretum
- Eastwood
- Englewood
- Germantown
- Hills & Dales
- Huffman
- Island
- Possum Creek
- Sugarcreek
- Taylorsville
- Twin Creek
- Wegerzyn Gardens
- Wesleyan

### State Parks:

- Caesar Creek
- John Bryan
- Sycamore

### Local Parks:

- Bill Yeck
- Charleston Falls Preserve
- Grant Park
- Holes Creek
- Narrows Reserve Nature Center
- Oak Grove
- Patricia Allyn
- Russ Nature Reserve
- Stubbs
- Sunset Ridge Lavender Farm

### Paved Bike Path Trails:

- Creekside Trail
- Great Little Trail
- Great Miami River Trail
- Iron Horse Trail
- Mad River Trail
- Wolf Creek Trail

Some of these parks offer unique landscapes and challenging hikes while others offer paved paths for easy walking. For more information on how the paved bike path trails connect across the area, please visit [www.miamivalleytrails.org](http://www.miamivalleytrails.org) to find an interactive map!

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## BRAGS!

Scotch Collie, **Katie Rose** of Nestle Creek FACT FITS ACT1 ACT2J earned her ACT 2 Jumps with Weaves title and got 3 out 4 qualifying runs at DDTC's June ACT trial. Katie is owned by **Debora Barnes**.



*Katie Rose*

**Linda Bingman** and Golden Retriever "**Drake**" competed in the Rottweiler Trial at Robert's Center on June 27, 2025. He showed in Novice B Interiors. Trial 1 he got 1st place with a time of 12 seconds. Trial 2 he got 4th place with a time of 1 minute.



*Drake*

On Saturday, May 3, Labrador Retriever Millstone Cinder's Du Aoife SCN CGC "**Aoife**" earned her AKC CGC Certification. For those who know her, this is a real dream come true! Thanks to AKC Evaluator Cayrn Schill, and her helpers, the crowd and all of the DDTC members who volunteered to run all of the AKC CGC, CGC Urban and CGC Trick Dog evaluations that day. Aoife is owned by **Cindy Cozad-Rudinger**.

**Matthew Jergens** and Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, "**Jake**" (GCH CH Jendu Life is Good OA OAJ AXP AJP FCAT ACT2 ACT1J DJ) earned their first double Q towards their PACH title at the May Hamilton Agility Trial.

Basenji "**Betty**" finished her BCAT title at the June DDTC FastCAT trial. She is now Select Epic Wild West Boop-Boop-a-Doop BCAT! She is bred, owned and loved by **Jeff & Tracy Leonard** of Select Basenjjs.



*Betty*

Rat Terrier "**Dice**" earned his ACT2 and ACT2J titles at the DDTC ACT Trial on June 21. Dice is owned and loved by **Erin McDaniel**.

"**Sunshine**," BasqueLaine Silver & Gold at Genesis, owned by **Kate Stephenson**, earned her Rally Master title in April and her Rally Advanced Excellent title in June. In May, she passed her Canine Good Citizen, Canine Good Citizen Advanced, and Canine Good Citizen Urban tests, along with Trick Dog Novice, Trick Dog Intermediate, and Trick Dog Advanced.

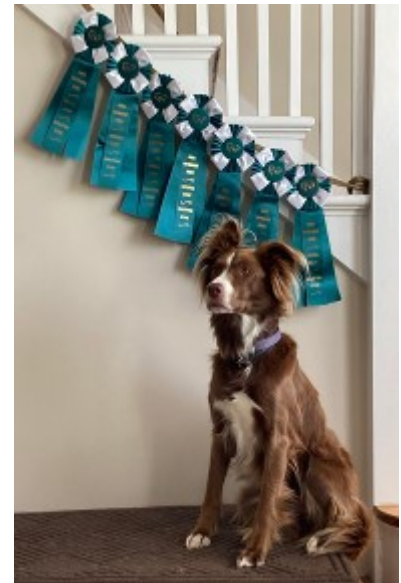




*Almondine*

“**Almondine**,” Genesis Story of E. Sawtelle SCN, earned her Scent Work Novice Containers title — at age 13! Bred, owned, and loved by **Kate Stephenson**, Almondine has officially retired from competition but still enjoys playing “sniffy games” at home.

Lori also competed with **Toasty**, her 9-year-old Border Collie mix, adopted from the Humane Society. Toasty impressed with 7 Qs out of 9 runs.



*Toasty*

## TOFFEE CROWNED NATIONAL CHAMPION AT CPE AGILITY NATIONALS

Massachusetts—June 1, 2025—**Toffee**, a 5-year-old red Border Collie, and handler **Lori Woodruff**, earned top honors at the CPE National Agility Championship held May 30 through June 1. Competing in the highly competitive 20” division, Toffee was named National Champion among a field of over 530 dogs from across the U.S. and Canada.

To qualify, each dog must earn 48 qualifying scores (Qs) in the previous year. Over three days and nine classes, Toffee delivered an exceptional performance—earning 7 Qs, including two 1st-place finishes, a 2nd, and a 3rd, along with additional top-10 placements. She also took 1st place in the 20” Gamblers class and was one of only nine dogs to successfully complete the challenging gamble.



*Toffee and Lori*

Toffee also holds her AKC Master Agility Champion (MACH) title and helps train other dogs in the Distance Class at DDTC.

## NEW CONFORMATION CHAMPIONS ROCK THE RING

Basenji **Benny** finished his Conformation championship this past April in Columbus by going Best of Breed from the classes. He is now CH Select Epic Into da Swing. He is bred, owned and loved by **Jeff and Tracy Leonard** of Select Basenjies.



*Benny*

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## (BRAGS! continued)

Poodle **Tilda** earned her championship title in May, becoming the second homebred AKC CH for Endeavor Poodles! She is now CH Endeavor We Will Stand Tall. Tilda is handled by **Becky & Jeff Arch**. **Leah Blake** is looking forward to Tilda's future accomplishments with co-owner **Grace McKinney**!



*Tilda*

**MACH 2 (AND MORE!) IS TWICE AS NICE** Australian Cattle Dog, MACH2 Sawyer Mullins MXG MJG XF CA BCAT CGC (**Sawyer**), owned by **Ron and Julie Mullins**, having completed the requirements on May 3, 2025, has been officially recorded a Master Agility Champion 2 by the American Kennel Club. Sawyer is Ron's first agility dog, and they have learned many skills and grown over the years as an agility team. They have qualified and competed together in the past four National Agility Championships, as well as qualifying for their fifth this year!

Golden Retriever, MACH2 CHTD UUD Prr's Lookin For The Wild Life VCD2 UDX3 OM4 VER RE JH MXB MXJB XF CGC TKE WCX CCA (**Scout**) earns his MACH2, UDX3 (Utility Dog Excellent 3) and OM4 (Obedience Master 4) in April and May! He is owned by **Pam Murn**.

### What do all those letters mean?

ACT1—Agility Course Test 1  
 ACT2—Agility Course Test 2  
 ACT1J—Agility Course Test 1 Jumpers  
 ACT2J—Agility Course Test 2 Jumpers  
 AXJ—Excellent Agility Jumper  
 AJP—Excellent Agility Jumpers with Weaves Preferred "A"  
 AXP—Agility Excellent Preferred  
 BCAT—First title in FastCAT series  
 CA—Coursing Ability  
 CCA—Certificate of Conformation Assessment (Golden Retriever Club of America)  
 CGC—Canine Good Citizen  
 CGCA—Canine Good Citizen Advanced  
 CGCU—Canine Good Citizen Urban  
 CH—Champion  
 DJ—Dock Junior (NADD)  
 FCAT—FastCAT Title  
 FITS—Fit Dog Silver  
 GCH—Grand Champion  
 JH—Junior Hunter  
 MACH—Master Agility Champion  
 MJG—Master Gold JWW  
 MXB—Master Bronze Agility  
 MXG—Master Gold Agility  
 MXJ—Master Excellent Jumpers with Weaves  
 OA—Open Agility  
 OAJ—Open Agility Jumper  
 OM—Obedience Master  
 PACH—Preferred Agility Champion  
 RE—Rally Excellent  
 RM—Rally Master  
 RAE—Rally Advanced Excellent  
 SCN—Scent Work Container Novice  
 TDCH—Trick Dog Champion (Do More With Your Dog)  
 TKE—Trick Dog Elite Performer  
 UDX—Utility Dog Excellent  
 UUD—United Utility Dog (UKC)  
 VCD—Versatile Companion Dog  
 VER—Versatility  
 WCX—Working Certificate Excellent (Golden Retriever Club of America)  
 XF—Excellent Fast

For a list of all AKC titles: <https://www.akc.org/sports/titles-and-abbreviations/>



## Norwegian Elkhounds Win Big at National/Regional Specialty

If you've seen what looks like a cross between a small wolf and husky, fluffy tail curled over its back, and ears twitching as they listen intently, then you've seen the beautiful Norwegian Elkhounds of Norwind's Elkhounds around the club. Doug, Deanna and Dani Seitner are the proud breeders of this gorgeous troupe of hounds originating from Scandinavia.

Deanna Seitner has had Norwegian Elkhounds her entire life and has passed her love of them onto her husband and children as they continue the family tradition as second and third generation breeders. Originally companions of the early Vikings, Elkhounds are a loyal, loving, friendly and versatile dog. If you've had the pleasure to meet any of the Seit-

ner's crew at DDTC, you know just how sweet they are. Their intelligence and versatility is what continues to draw Deanna and her family to the breed. They make good watch dogs and family protectors because of their bark and distinguished looks. Their double coats require maintenance brushing in between all the possible activities these hardy dogs enjoy including agility, barn hunt, obedience, rally, scentwork and more!

From June 9 to 14, Norwind's Elkhounds swept the show floor at a combined National and Regional Norwegian Elkhound Specialty at Purina Farms in Gray Summit, MO. The Seitners have been full DDTC members for a year now, participating in classes and the TP member program

previously with this being their fourth year in a row participating in their breed's National show.

With 5 dogs in tow, the teams competed in Obedience, Rally, Conformation, and Scentwork, earning multiple Qs and placements, along with Ares taking home the Dominique Mercurio Versatile Elkhound Award for 2025. Dominique was a Cincinnati local and board member for the Norwegian Elkhound Association of America before passing away in 2023. The award is presented to the dog(s) entered in the most events at the National Specialty. Dani and Ares showed in a total of five events including Conformation, Rally, Obedience, Scentwork and Agility! Check out all their accomplishments on the next page!



*The Whole Crew*



## (Elkhounds continued)

### CH Norwinds Designed to Please CGCA CGCU TKI (Ares)

- Obedience Novice A
  - 1st Place Regional; first Q
  - 1st Place National; second Q
- Rally Novice A
  - 1st Place Regional; first 100 Q
  - 2nd Place National; second Q
- Conformation
  - 1st Round Callback - National Best of Breed
  - 1st Place (with Gunnar) - National Brace
- Scentwork
  - Container Novice A - National/All Breed Trials 1st Place, 2 Qs
  - Interior Novice A - 4th Place All Breed, 2nd Place National and 1 Q
  - Exterior Novice A - 4th Place All Breed, 1st Place National and 1 Q
  - Dominique Mercurio Versatile Elkhound Award

### GCH Norwinds Spirit of Design (Gunnar)

- Rally Novice A
  - Received 2 Qs
- Conformation
  - Award of Merit - National Best of Breed
  - 1st Place (with Ares) - National Brace

### CH Norwinds True to Design (Hera)

- Conformation
  - 2nd Place (with Wicca) - National Brace
- Scentwork
  - Container Novice A - 3rd Place National, 4th Place All Breed and 1 Q
  - Container Novice A - 2nd Place Regional, 4th Place All Breed and 1 Q

### Ellyka's Crown Royal CGCA, TKN (Sterling)

- Obedience Beginner Novice A
  - 2nd Place National and 1 Q
- Rally Novice A
  - 3rd Place National and 2 Qs
- Conformation
  - 1st Place AmBred Class and Reserve Winners Dog - Regional
  - 1st Place AmBred Class - National

### GCH, NOHSB Hestsko's Waiting on a Girl Like U FDC CGCA CGCU TKN (Wicca)

- Obedience Beginner Novice A
  - 1st Place - National and Regional and 2 Qs
- Rally Novice A
  - 1st Place - National



Dani with Sterling, Reserve Winner

- 2nd Place - Regional
- Two scores of 99 and 2 Qs
- Conformation
  - Final Round Callback - National Best of Breed
  - 2nd Place (with Hera) - National Brace



Dani w/ Ares and Deanna with Gunnar

*[Editor's Note (Holly Jergens): I have personally had the pleasure of having worked with all five of these Seitners' pups through a combination of Obedience and Agility classes. They are friendly, intelligent, confident and adventurous with very sweet temperaments and have been trained well by their family. Not to mention, they are fluffy and cute - that's definitely breed standard, right?! If you see the Seitner family and their Elkhounds around the club, don't be afraid to congratulate them on their amazing breed representation at their National Specialty!]*

## Say “Hello” to Your New AKC Agility Judges!

We are all passionate about the sports and events we participate in with our dogs whether we dabble for fun, compete for excellence or go the extra distance and become a part of the wider organization.

Three of DDTC’s members have taken their love of AKC Agility to the next level as they dedicated their time and efforts to becoming AKC Agility Judges. This is a celebration of their hard work and accomplishments as they continue to serve the Agility community in new ways.

Each of their paths to this point has been a unique and individual experience, combined with the help and support of family, club and community members.

Congratulations to Sandy Kistler, Ron Mullins and Ron Seiter! DDTC is proud to be home to such amazing members!

### SANDRA KISTLER

**Agility Partners:** MACH PACH5 GC’s N Schmidts It’s Reigning Men (Kenna, Boxer). MACH Sherwood’s Riders on The Storm (Percy, Boxer) MACH Tealcrest’s Flashback (Jethro, Boxer).

**Years in Agility:** 20 Years.

**What inspired you to pursue becoming an AKC Agility Judge?** To give back to the sport that I have loved.

**What is your favorite type of course to design?** I love Jumpers. I also love to run Jumpers. I like long lines and lots of flow – let the dogs spread out a bit.

**What was the hardest part of becoming a judge?** Actually designing courses. The average exhibitor has no idea of the math and the science behind the design of courses. Angles and distance which both affect the speed and the enjoyment of the course. Also the RULES!!! The rules...

**What event or facility is your dream judging opportunity?** Purina Farms in Grey Summit,

MO. Two rings that are both large and open – no obstructions.

**What advice do you have for those considering it in the future?** Take your time. Do the work. Do not assume you know – you most likely don’t. Get the latest version of Course Designer as early in your thinking process to begin practicing with the software.

**What are your favorite and least favorite agility obstacles?** My least favorite to run is the dog walk. I have lost a lot of Qs there. My least favorite to design around is also the dog walk. It’s big and takes a lot of room, plus there are all the pesky rules attached to it.

**Some final thoughts...** I am proud to have finally passed and become an AKC Agility Judge. Perseverance pays off. I am also glad to be a member of such a great club. Dayton Dog Training has taught me a lot over the years. It is now my turn to give back.

*[Editor’s Note (Holly Jergens): I have learned a lot from Sandy about running a different kind of dog, and I look forward to taking my pup through a Sandy Kistler JWW course someday!]*



## (New Agility Judges continued)

### RON MULLINS

**Agility Partners:** MACH2 Sawyer Mullins MXG MJG XF CA BCAT CGC (Sawyer, Australian Cattle Dog).

GCH CH Cobbers for Lack of Better Judgment AX AJ (Mercy, Australian Cattle Dog).

**Years in Agility:** 8 Years – Sawyer is his Novice A dog.

***What inspired you to pursue becoming an AKC Agility Judge?***

Many factors went into the decision to become an AKC Agility Judge. I see judging as a way to give back to the sport that I am very passionate about, by creating enjoyable courses and upholding fairness and consistency. Judging also gives me an opportunity to meet new friends and travel to different locations that I might not otherwise get to do.

***What is your favorite type of course to design?*** I don't necessarily have a favorite type of course to design but I do enjoy designing challenging and fun courses with good rhythm and flow – courses that I would want to run my dogs on. *[Editor's Note (Holly Jergens): We call these "Ron Mullins Specialties."]*

***What was the hardest part of becoming a judge?*** The hardest thing was dealing with the stress that AKC applied during the 3-day testing process.

***What event or facility is your dream judging opportunity?*** I want to judge in all parts of the country to see all the different running styles that different locations have. I do have a goal to one day judge at the National Championship.

***What advice do you have for those considering it in the future?*** My advice would be to always go for your dreams and accept all the wonderful help people around you are willingly giving.

***A note of thanks...*** It is so important to me to include all the help that DDTC members freely gave me. All the run-throughs that Rita allowed me to design and build as well as practice calls during these runs. All the Agility League course building, measuring and adjustments. The two different times members organized practice tests for me to prepare with Rob and Kandy giving me their time to oversee my efforts and make sure I understood my responsibility and making the correct calls and decisions. All the members and

students who came out on a weekend just to support me – all the fun we had trying to stump me in the process – Rhonda even cussed to see if I would catch it! All the benefits of teaching classes.

I can't thank DDTC members and my students enough for all the unbelievable amount of support they gave me freely with nothing to gain for themselves... it was completely unbelievable, and I will never forget it. I want to thank my wife, Julie, for her support along the way and to Sawyer for teaching me everything about agility and trying to break all its rules along the way. This support has also continued during my provisional judging, with members and students traveling to my trials to show support.





## RON SEITER

**Agility Partners:** AGCH MACH5  
Landslide Be Careful What You  
Ask For MXS3 PDG MJS3 PJC  
MFS2 TQX T2B10 CGC (Bailey,  
Australian Shepherd).  
Rradac Mia Just Let Me Run  
MX MXB PAD MXJ MJS PJD  
MFS T2B3 (Mia, Field Golden  
Retriever).

*[Editor's Note (Holly Jergens):  
An Agility Grand Championship  
(AGCH) requires 100 Standard  
(Std) and 100 Jumpers (JWW) Qs,  
75 T2B and 75 FAST Qs, & 50  
Premier Std and 50 Premier JWW  
Qs. A MACH requires 20 QQs  
plus 750 points. At the time of  
writing this issue (June 2025)  
Bailey is only 7 Premier Std Qs  
from a SECOND AGCH title and  
1 QQ from a MACH6!!! Mia is 2  
QQs from her first MACH!!]*

**Years in Agility:** I didn't start  
until I was in my 60s. About 2013  
was my first trial (12+ years!)

**What inspired you to pursue becoming an AKC Agility Judge?** I credit Dave Hirsh, a previous agility judge, now a rep, for getting me interested and started as well as mentoring me along the way. I initially got started by building courses, eventually becoming Chief Course Builder for numerous trials. Dave fed me information about agility rules and course design as I was doing the course building and continued to learn more and more about the course design part of being an Agility Judge. Running agility has kept me active and help maintain some fitness level as well as some mental acuity. In the past, I have refereed several different sports and being a judge requires similar skills such as knowing the rules and being able to maneuver through contestants or playing field while making calls. As I get



older this becomes a way that I can continue to be involved in the sport that I so enjoy.

**What is your favorite type of course to design?** I really like doing the premier courses where you have the normal Master course challenges while adding 4 premier challenges which are numerous with a few being back sides, threadles, 270 turns, pull throughs and hard weave entries.

**What was the hardest part of becoming a judge?** Well you have to have thick skin, have workable knowledge of the AKC Agility regulations as well as the judge's guidelines. As with everything, there is paperwork that needs to be done in a very timely manner, staying on task with multiple things going on. I think the hardest is course design as it can become overwhelming trying to design a flowing course that has the proper contacts, spreads, jumps, weaves, tunnels, etc. for the specific class you are

designing for. Each class requires a specific number of options which are basically a 45- or 90-degree cone shape out in front of the dog that is an inviting obstacle that the dog would like to take but must not take. You have landing distance, take off distances as well as angles that are permitted for jumps. There are numerous distance restrictions as to how close or how far away different objects, jumps or contacts must be. There are also numerous distance requirements of how close you have to be while judging different contacts or jumps or walls. Yes our brains are ready to blow with everything that is required and needed to know.

**What event or facility is your dream judging opportunity?** I guess I hadn't thought of that but I suppose it would be to eventually judge at a national agility championship.

*(Continued next page)*

## (New Agility Judges continued)

***What advice do you have for those considering it in the future?*** I think just starting off and doing all the different jobs at an agility trial gets you started at seeing what actually goes on such as the scribe taking different hand signals, the timer with different settings, the standard course time sheet, how the gate steward keeps things going and seeing how the judge interacted. Observing judging while you're working as a bar setter. Work as a course builder, asking questions while trying to learn aspects of course design.

***What are your favorite and least favorite agility obstacles?*** I guess I don't really have a favorite obstacle but my least favorite obstacle are the different contacts mainly because my dogs tend to blow them as well as the difficulty making correct calls, the speed of the dogs and difficulty positioning yourself so you don't get blocked out to make the call.



### What does it take to become an agility judge?

- ◆ Minimum of 5 years competing in AKC agility
- ◆ Earned a AKC MX/MXP, MXJ/MJP and a NF/NFP Title
- ◆ Worked as a timer, scribe and course builder at a Licensed AKC Agility Trial
- ◆ Judged at an AKC ACT event as an ACT Evaluator, judged at an AKC sanctioned A-Match or be a fully approved judge of another agility org
- ◆ Must pass an open book Pre-Test prior to being accepted to participate in the AKC Agility Judges Seminar
- ◆ Attend a 3-Day AKC Agility Judges Seminar and pass all required tests given:
  - ◇ Timed course design
  - ◇ Timed written exam
  - ◇ Course analysis/safety
  - ◇ Wheeling path
  - ◇ Judge's path
  - ◇ Judge's briefing
  - ◇ Timer setting
  - ◇ Catalog verification
  - ◇ Standard course time determination/posting
  - ◇ Practical/Live judging test
  - ◇ AND MORE

But wait, it doesn't stop there! Once they pass their tests, they enter a Provisional period where they continue to prove their abilities until full approval status is reached.

In other words, these individuals have worked very hard for this achievement, so if you see them at the club, congratulate them on their hard work and their continued efforts on their way to full approval!

## Paws-itively Toxic Plants

As you and your pup start to spend more time outdoors, be aware of the dangers that plants can present to your dogs in public



*Peace Lily*

If you aren't sure if your dog ingested a poisonous plant, keep an eye out for the following symptoms:

- Lethargy
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Excessive drooling
- Seizures
- Pale gums
- Confusion

The ASPCA website also has an extensive list of poisonous plants that you can reference at any time.  
<https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/asPCA-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>

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*Daffodil*

places and your own home or backyard. The following are common in Ohio and are toxic for our pets:

- Azaleas
- Aloe Vera
- Ivy
- Poison Ivy
- Daffodils
- Tomato Plants
- Hydrangeas
- Oleanders
- Amaryllis
- Rhododendrons
- Lily of the Valley
- Sago Palm
- Peace Lily



*Hydrangea*

It's always smart to have your vet's phone number programmed into your phone, but below are two other numbers you may want to add just in case of emergencies!

**ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center: (888) 426-4435**

**Pet Poison Hotline: (855) 764-7661**

When in doubt, a quick vet visit never hurts!



*Amaryllis*



*Oleander*



# People are the Most Important Element of a Pet Plan

*Laura J. Martin, Esq.*

Pet Planning is estate planning for pets and their people. Pet Planning is the process of planning and preparing in advance to maintain human-animal relationships and provide for and protect your animals if you become unable to properly care for them or need assistance.

When creating a Pet Plan, our focus is understandably on the animals we want to provide for and protect. However, people are the most important element of a Pet Plan! Your pet's future and the success or failure of your plan depend almost entirely on the people you select to fill key roles. Pets can't provide for and protect themselves – people must do that.

Let's consider a few examples to help illustrate some of the key roles that people play in a well-designed Pet Plan.

**Temporary Pet Care** – What would happen to your pet if you were seriously injured in a car accident or suffered a major heart attack? You could be in the hospital and rehab for weeks or even months while you recover. In the meantime, who will care for your pet? – a family member, a friend, or maybe a professional pet caregiver? Who will make decisions if your pet needs medical treatment or palliative care? Where will your pet live? – in your home, in a temporary caregiver's home, or at a boarding facility?

**Pet Care Assistance** – What if you suffer from something more

permanently debilitating, such as an intermediate stroke or dementia? If your physical or mental abilities are impaired, you may need assistance to continue living with and caring for a pet. This assistance may take many forms depending on your exact circumstances, but could include dog walkers, litter box and birdcage cleaners, pet sitters, mobile groomers or veterinarians, stall cleaners, transportation assistance, medication assistance or reminders, feeding reminders, decision-making, housecleaning, yard maintenance, and more. Who will help you so you can continue living with and enjoying a relationship with your pet as long as possible?

**Permanent Pet Care** – What will happen to your pet when you die, or if you enter a nursing home? Do you have family members, friends, or a trusted rescue organization who will accept the responsibility of caring for your pet? If not, is there someone you trust to make decisions regarding your pet's future placement? If there is no plan in place or you don't pick the right people, your pet could be one of millions that are abandoned, euthanized, or worse each year.

The roles people fill in a Pet Plan fall into two main categories: (1) providing direct pet care, and (2) making decisions for the pet.

Often, these roles overlap, and the same person cares for and makes decisions for a pet. But these roles can be filled by

different people. Here are brief descriptions of the primary roles people play in a Pet Plan:

**Power of Attorney Agent** – A power of attorney gives another person authority to act on your behalf during your lifetime. Your power of attorney agent can provide or arrange for pet care and make decisions for your pet according to the terms of the power given to them and any standards, instructions or limitations you provide.

**Executor of Estate** – An executor is appointed by a probate court according to the terms of your Will. Following your death, the executor can provide or arrange for pet care and make decisions for your pet until the pet is transferred to a new home. The executor may also be responsible for placing your pet in a permanent home or with a rescue.

**Trustee** – If you choose to create a trust, the trustee may provide or arrange for pet care and make decisions for your pet during your lifetime and/or following your death. A trust is a more flexible planning option for long-term pet care.

**Pet Caregiver** – In addition to the primary fiduciary roles (POA agent, executor, trustee), you *may* select a separate person to provide direct, hands-on pet care. A temporary or long-term pet caregiver may be designated in your power of attorney, will, or trust.

**Pet Beneficiary** – The person you designate as your pet's beneficiary will own and become responsible for your pet when you die or if you become permanently unable to live with your pet.

**Pet Placement Advisor** – If your primary fiduciary (POA agent, executor, trustee) does not have a lot of experience with pets or you don't trust their judgment 100%, you *may* choose to designate someone else to advise or make temporary or permanent pet placement decisions.

When selecting people to serve in these roles, choose people who have standards of pet care similar to yours and a history of acting responsibly and reliably (at least when it comes to animals). Remember, pets cannot protect and provide for themselves – your pet is relying on you to carefully select and appoint the right people.

Discuss your plans with the people you select to fill key roles. Ensure that they understand

their role and agree to accept responsibility for your pet. Don't make assumptions – family members and friends who love your pets may not want the responsibility full-time.

Designate multiple alternates to fill each role. Providing for pets is a day-to-day commitment and it is startling how often people decline to serve when the need arises. Similarly, giving a pet to another is not like giving away money – many people refuse to accept a pet when the time comes, even if they have agreed in advance.

If you are struggling to come up with a list of people to fill key Pet Planning roles, you are not alone. It would be a real service to DDTC members and their pets if the club or a group of members could create and maintain a list of people willing to serve in any of the following roles:

- Pet power of attorney agent
- Executor of estate
- Pet trustee

- Temporary pet caregiver (in the owner's home or yours)
- Permanent pet caregiver or beneficiary/owner of pet
- Pet transportation assistance
- Dog walkers / litterbox and birdcage cleaners / stall cleaners
- Medication assistance or reminders
- Feeding and other reminders / regular check-ins
- Pet placement advisor

More information on Pet Planning is available at

<https://www.ohiolegalplanning.com/practice-areas/pet-planning/> and <https://www.ohiolegalplanning.com/resources/free-legal-resources/>.

Stay tuned – a website devoted just to Pet Planning is coming in 2026!



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## Feeling Hot, Hot, Hot!

Summer is upon us and that means the temperature is rising rapidly. Here are some hot tips to keep your dogs cool this summer!

**1. Hot Pavement:** Avoid taking your pups for walks on hot pavement. When temps reach 85F and beyond, even short distances can be dangerous to our pup's sensitive paw pads. Place your hand on the pavement—if you can't handle it, neither can your dog. Consider doggie boots or walking your pup in the early morning before the sun can heat the pavement. Another option is finding a shaded trail at one of our amazing Metro Parks!

**2. Heat Stress/Stroke:** Hot pavement can not only burn paw pads but can increase your dog's body temperature. If your dog's body temp is registering over 104, they're experiencing heat stress—above 106 and you need to seek emergency vet care for heatstroke. They may show signs of uncontrolled panting, vomiting, restlessness, reddening skin, excessive saliva, loss of consciousness or even seizures.

**3. Cool Down:** There are many ways to keep your dogs cool as the summer heats up. Cooling pads are a great way to provide a cold place for dogs to crash. Cooling jackets or bandanas can also provide relief. Battery-powered fans can be placed in front of or hung on crates to provide extra air flow. If you need to cool your dog down quickly, apply ice packs under their front legs on their chest, or pour cool water over their head and body. Some dogs may love a simple plastic baby pool in the back yard to splash in!

**4. Just Keep Swimming:** Swimming can be a great summer-time activity for your dog that allows them to exercise and release energy while still remaining cool.

Places like K9 Splash Zone offer dock time to let your dogs enjoy some summer swimming. If you choose to take your dog to a local dog-friendly beach/lake, avoid areas that may be experiencing toxic blue-green algae blooms. They have a horrible odor and a distinctive green/brown/red appearance.

*Information provided from various AKC.org articles*

*[Editor's Note (Kate Stephenson): This spring, I attended a seminar in which a veterinarian discussed cooling methods and stated recent research has shown that a head dunk is the fastest method to cool down an overheated dog.]*

*This research was the focus of an AKC Canine Health Foundation article from July 8, 2025, entitled, "Cool-Down Science: How a Simple Head Dunk Could Save Your Dog from Heat Stroke."*

*"High-energy dogs often don't know when to stop, and it's devastating," said Dr. Cynthia Otto, Executive Director of the PennVet Working Dog Center at the University of Pennsylvania. "They seem fine, then suddenly collapse with heat stroke. And there's a 50 percent chance they won't survive."*

*Various cool-down methods were tested by Dr. Otto's team. "The head dunk came out on top. It delivered the fastest and most sustained reduction in body temperature."*

*"This result blew our minds," said Dr. Otto. "But it also made perfect sense. Dogs pant to regulate heat, which increases blood flow to the head. Cool the head, and you cool the dog faster."*

*Read the full article here: <https://tinyurl.com/4av4ajxf>]*

## Ohio Law Gives Guidelines for Saving Pets in Locked Vehicles

**Norma Bennett Woolf,  
DDTC Legislative Liaison**

Taken from Section 959.133 of the Ohio Revised Code. For complete code language, go to <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-959.133>.

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.
- A person shall not be immune from civil liability for any damage resulting from the forcible entry of a motor vehicle for the purpose of removing an animal from the vehicle if the person's actions constitute recklessness or willful or wanton misconduct with regards to the forcible entry of the motor vehicle.



## Cool Off with Homemade Pupsicles

Help your dog cool off with a refreshing treat this summer by making one of the easy, home-made popsicle recipes below. These pupsicles contain less sugar than human popsicles, making them safer and healthier for our dogs. If you decide to give your dog a taste of your own frosty treat this summer, ***please make sure it does not contain xylitol*** – a sugar alcohol that's toxic to dogs.

If you're new to pupsicle making, pick up a silicone mold at your nearby Walmart, Target or Dollar Store or online at Amazon.com. The silicone makes it much easier to remove but a regular ice tray will also work fine.

Before you start, make sure to clear a flat space in your freezer for level freezing! If you use a silicone mold, use a baking tray underneath to be able to safely transfer from countertop to freezer.



### Tropical Twist Frozen Bones ([www.rover.com](http://www.rover.com))

**Prep Time:** 5 Minutes

**Freeze Time:** At least 4 hours

**Equipment:** Blender or Food Processor, Mold/Ice Tray

**Ingredients:**

- 1.5 cups Watermelon
- 1.5 cups Pineapple
- Optional splash of coconut milk

**Steps:**

- Blend watermelon in blender or food processor until smooth. Pour into a cup and set aside.
- Blend pineapple in blender or food processor until smooth and frothy.
- Want more froth? Add in an optional dollop of coconut milk.
- Use tablespoon to put pureed pineapple and watermelon into silicone mold or ice tray. Mix together for a flavor blend or keep separate. Up to you!
- Freeze at least 4 hours before serving.



### Frosty Peanut Butter Pupsicles ([www.rover.com](http://www.rover.com))

**Prep Time:** 10 Minutes

**Freeze Time:** At least 4 hours

**Equipment:** Blender or Food Processor, Mold/Ice Tray, 2 Cup Glass Measuring Cup

**Ingredients:**

- Plain yogurt (non-fat if preferred)
- Peanut butter (Look for no sugar and NO XYLITOL)
- Water

**Steps:**

- Put 4 oz of peanut butter in measuring cup.
- Add 3 oz of water and 2 oz of yogurt.
- Blend together.
- If you're having trouble blending,

add water until you reach a pourable consistency.

- Pour into molds, using a spoon if needed.
- Freeze at least 4 hours before serving.



### Blueberry and Yogurt Frozen Treats ([www.rover.com](http://www.rover.com))

**Prep Time:** 5 Minutes

**Freeze Time:** At least 4 hours

**Equipment:** Whisk, Glass Measuring Cup, Mold/Ice Tray

**Ingredients:**

- Unsweetened frozen blueberries
- Plain yogurt (non-fat if preferred)
- Water

**Steps:**

- Whisk together 4 oz of yogurt and 4 oz of water.
- For creamier treats add more yogurt or decrease the water. This will increase the calories.
- Pour into mold/ice tray, leaving room for blueberries.
- Add blueberries to each mold well until each well is almost full.
- Freeze at least 4 hours before serving.

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## Pup-Friendly Patios

As we head into summer, we also start to celebrate the season of outdoor, pet-friendly patio dining! Below are pet-friendly patios, sorted by towns around the area.

This is not an exhaustive list — there are plenty of others. Simply call and ask if you're curious - it only takes a minute!

Most ice cream places in the area also serve dog-friendly pup cups for a tasty way to cool off!



*Photo courtesy Claudia Dickerson*

### Beavercreek

- Milano's (N. Fairfield Rd.)
- Wandering Griffin Brewery (Presidential Dr.)
- Southern Ohio Brewing (Factory Rd.)
- Potbelly's (Plum St.)

### Centerville

- Bargas Grill & Tap (Miamisburg Centerville Rd)
- Lock 27 Brewing (Main Street)
- Archer's Tavern (Dayton Lebanon Pike)

### Dayton

- South Park Tavern (Wayne Ave.)
- Milano's (Brown St.)
- Wheat Penny Oven & Bar (Wayne Ave.)
- Lily's Bistro (5th St.)
- Dublin Pub (Wayne Ave.)
- Stoney's Munchie Bar (5th St.)

### Englewood/Vandalia

- Ray's Wine Spirit Grill (Main Street)
- Company 7 BBQ (Main Street)
- The Hairless Hare Brewery (W. National Rd.)

### Kettering

- Harrigan's Tavern (Marshall Rd.)
- Eudora Brewing Co. (Wilmington Pike)

### Miamisburg

- Milano's (Springboro Pike)
- Bennett's Pubical (Main Street)
- Bullwinkle's Top Hat Bistro (Main Street)
- Park Grill & Bar (Penny Lane)

- Another Broken Egg Cafe (Rigby Road)

### Oakwood

- Central Perc European Cafe (Far Hills)

### Springboro

- Warped Wing Barrel Room & Smokery (Wright Station Way)
- Roma's Pizza & Pasta (W. Central Ave.)
- Crooked Handle Brewing Co. (Main Street)
- Heather's Coffee & Cafe (Main Street)

### Tipp City/Troy

- Hickory River Smokehouse (S. Garber Dr.)
- Coldwater Cafe (E. Main St.)
- Dunaway's Beef & Ale (W. Main St.)
- B-K Root Beer (Stone Circle Dr.)

## **Pet Sympathy / Sunshine Report (February to May 2025)**

**Mary Savage**

### ***PET SYMPATHY***

Thunder (Samoyed)  
Jane Adams

Pepper (Border Collie)  
Wendy Barbe

Eli (German Shepherd)  
Jennifer Borke-Harding

Lola (Rottweiler)  
Kim Carter

Janko (German Shepherd)  
Rosa Delk

Reggie (Rottweiler)  
Susan Evans

Sergio (Bernese Mountain Dog)  
Patty Gartmann

Adam (Sheltie)  
Terry McCarty

Disco (Shetland Sheepdog)  
Bill and Cindy Parrill

Bird (Doberman)  
Ron and Denise Siwecki

Peanut (Horse)  
John and Barbara Stolzenberg

Dave (Sealyham Terrier)  
Ariel White

### ***SUNSHINE***

Rosa Delk

Rita Rodgers

Patty Steele-Scott

### ***DEATHS***

Scott Rodgers, husband of Rita Rodgers



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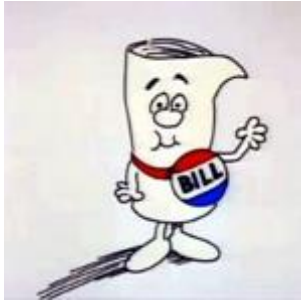
If you have a Pet Sympathy/Sunshine concern you'd like to share with the club please give me a call at 937-836-5280, or you can email me at [mssavage414@gmail.com](mailto:mssavage414@gmail.com)

Thanks,  
Mary Savage



## Area Lawmaker Introduces Stronger Dangerous Dog Law

*Norma Bennett Woolf, DDTC Legislative Liaison*



Ohio Senator Louis Blessing of Hamilton County wants a stricter dangerous dog law to hold owners more accountable for the bad actions of their dogs.

In 2014, Ohio lawmakers said goodbye to breed-specific laws targeting the breed type identified as a “pit bull” or “pit bull mix” and replaced it with amendments focused on dog behavior rather than dog breed profile or history. However, these amendments failed to stem the tide of serious dog bite incidents in the state.

In 2023, Ohio was third in the number of postal worker dog bites according to the US Postal Service. That year 359 carriers were bitten, up from 311 in 2022. Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Columbus are in the top 20 nationwide for USPO worker bites.

This year, the *USA Today* Ohio Bureau looked at the state’s dangerous dog laws and published the results in several of its Ohio newspapers, including the *Cincinnati Enquirer* and the *Dayton Daily News*. The outcome is a new emphasis on these laws. Senator Louis Blessing from

Hamilton County followed with Senate Bill 185 to add new language that holds dog owners more accountable for their dog’s actions and increases penalties for recklessly or negligently allowing the dog to commit such actions. Among other provisions, SB 185

- Tightens the definitions of nuisance, dangerous, and vicious dogs;
- Allows courts to require euthanizing dogs that kill or seriously harm a person;
- Raises the standard for investigating whether a dog’s behavior qualifies as nuisance, dangerous, or vicious behavior from “reasonable cause” to the stiffer “probable cause;”
- Maintains the difference between provoked and unprovoked attacks;
- Allows courts to order obedience training for dogs that fall are judged to fit these categories;
- Requires tighter confinement for dangerous and vicious dogs, including construction of “fencing that is sufficiently constructed to prevent escape;”
- Increases penalties for violations to include felonies in cases of owner negligence or recklessness; and
- Holds dog wardens accountable for doing their jobs.

Senator Blessing’s bill is the first to be introduced but others may follow. AKC’s Government Relations Department is in touch with lawmakers regarding the new emphasis on amending this law. SB 185 is at <https://tinyurl.com/yc7d5dxz> . Senator Blessing presented sponsor testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 7. Analysis of SB 185 is at <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/download?key=25175>

Representative Kevin Miller of Newark has introduced companion bill HB 247 in the House of Representatives.



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## Shop & Save at the Dayton Humane & Co. Re-Sale Boutique



The Humane Society of Greater Dayton has always found creative ways to involve the community in their efforts to aid in saving animal lives throughout the region. Their most recent endeavor is Dayton Humane & Co. - a resale boutique "where upscale shopping meets compassionate giving." Purchases made at the boutique directly support the no-kill animal shelter and organization. Who doesn't love combining shopping and saving animals all in one trip?!

The boutique has found its home at Cross Pointe Shopping Center at 101 E. Alex Bell Road in Centerville (in the old Marshall's suite 148). There is clear and beautiful signage out front making it easy to spot right in the middle of the shopping plaza. There are carts and baskets at the entrance to the store along with fun dog statues offering mints and a warm welcome.



Inside you'll find just about everything - books, CDs, DVDs, records/albums, board games, puzzles, glassware, kitchen gadgets, purses, shoes, clothes, pet items, jewelry, artwork and lots of furniture. Some of the brands spotted were Rae

Dunn, Eddie Bauer, Old Navy, J.Crew, Under Armour, Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Hey Dude and Athleta. Books ranged from fiction to cookbooks to design/decor and personal development. There is also an entire rack of Vera Bradley items as well as various Ohio State and sports items.

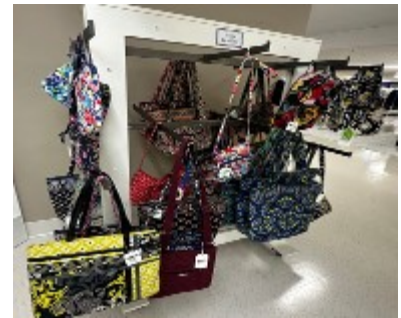


While "re-sale" may seem along the lines of "thrift," I would not place all the prices in the "thrift" category. There are a lot of items with price tags still attached and most items were in very good condition. Do not go in expecting Goodwill prices on all items. The boutique is advertised as selling "sophisticated" and "curated" items and the prices will sometimes reflect this sentiment. There are, however, plenty of good deals as well! It seemed to be a very nice mix of new/used items with a wide range of prices to fit any budget.

There are dressing rooms available should you find clothes you would like to try on, and there are both Women's and Men's items. They do not accept children's clothing/shoes donations at this time. They also do not sell children's toys, stuffed animals, or baby items.

The store is open Wednesday through Sunday for shopping, and their hours can be found online at [www.hsdayton.org/daytonhumaneandco/](http://www.hsdayton.org/daytonhumaneandco/).

If you're looking for fresh finds, re-stocks occur Monday and Tuesday during their off days, so come by on Wednesdays for newly placed items. If you are interested in donating, you can either pull around back to their docking station Tuesday through Friday 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., or email [shophumane@hsdayton.org](mailto:shophumane@hsdayton.org) to schedule a pick up of larger items. The website includes a list of acceptable donations as well as a link to sign up to volunteer in the store.



The Dayton Humane & Co. boutique is worth a visit if you're looking for a unique shopping experience that gives back to the animal community. It's also another avenue to consider when dropping off donations in the Dayton area. Go in with an open mind, knowing it's not your usual thrift store. There are definitely deals to be found, but in some cases you might just need to remember the cause behind the price tag.



## DDTC “Fun Facts” Part VII — A Must Read

### Crate Use and Rack Policy

When any member is instructing or training in the building on a regular basis, you may leave up to three crates in either of the crate storage rooms.

One room is on the obedience side next to the directors’ office, and the other crate room is on the agility side between the men’s and women’s restrooms.

All crates left on either side must be **CLEARLY** labeled with the owner’s name on them or attached to them.

There are currently a lot of crates at the building

While we are on break this summer, all crates left in either crate room will be looked at to make sure that they are indeed clearly labeled and belong to a person actively using the building.

Do not leave crates up and in rings overnight. The cleaning crew should not have to move them to vacuum.



### Students can’t hear you?

Sometimes it can be difficult for students to hear the instructors.

If someone in your classes is having difficulty hearing, you can turn off the AC or Furnace.

Or have the students up against a wall and you talk towards them.

Or position your assistant, if you have one, so they can help the person hear and understand.

Please do not simply let students suffer if you know that they are struggling.

### Groups.io

DDTC members, which includes Training Privilege (TP) members should be on the DDTC Groups.io site as this is our primary method of communication to the membership.

If you cannot access the site, please contact Sue Peterson, who manages the site, or any Board member for assistance.

### No Parking in Front of the Dumpster

There is never to be any parking in front of the dumpster which is behind the building.

If Rumble comes, they will not empty the dumpster. They will not look for the vehicle’s owner. They will simply leave.

Also, parking in that area makes it difficult for those in the marked parking spaces to safely back up and leave.



### New Obedience Jumps

The AKC has required us to get new break away obedience jumps.

Until all of the wall hangers for storage of the jumps are completed, please make sure that the new jumps are always on a table by the ring and are never left on the floor.

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## What Activities Do Our DDTC Dogs Love?

Did you guess that Scent Work would be the most popular activity?

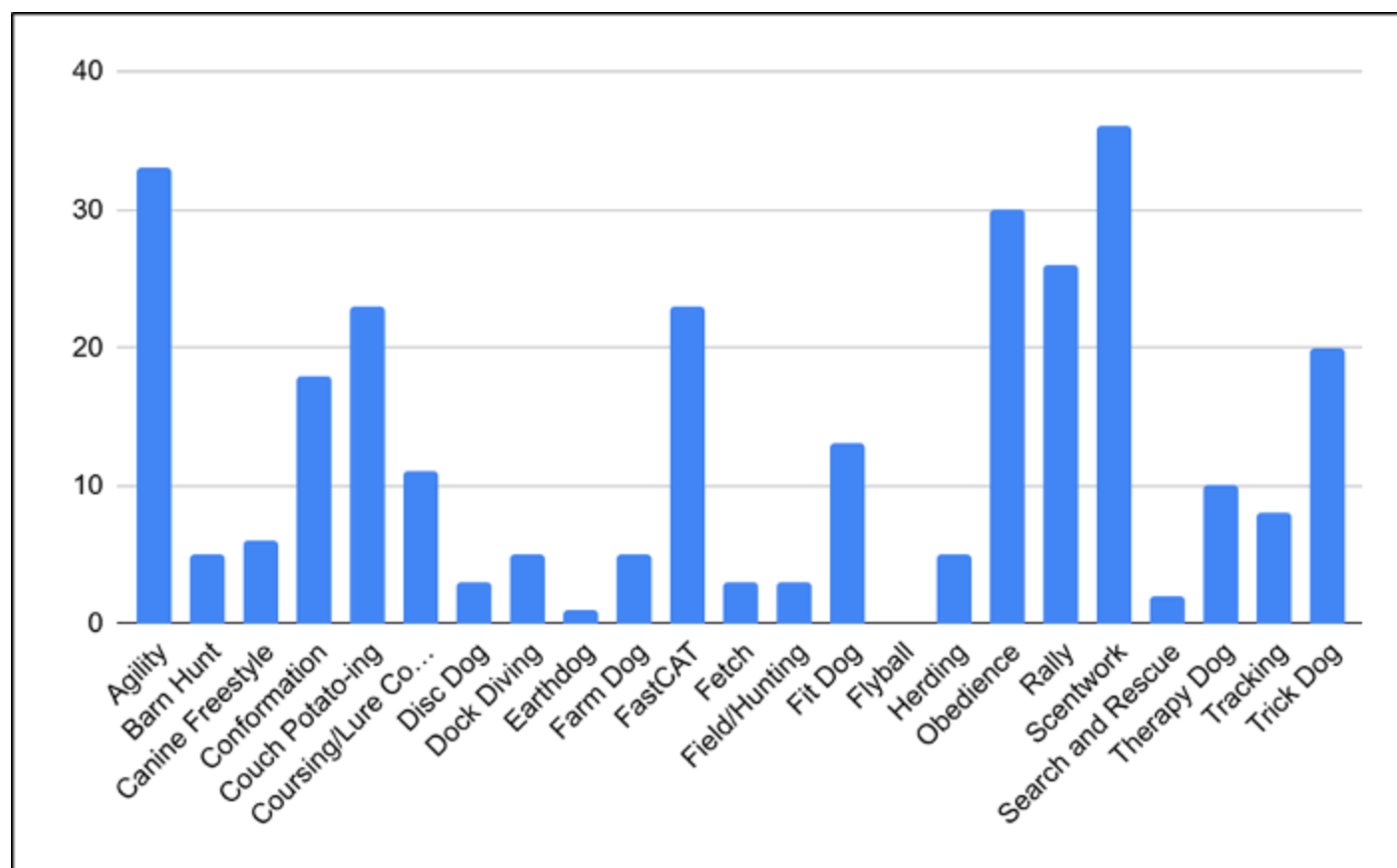
Or that Couch Potato-ing was a “sport”? (Because it is!)

Or that we have squirrel herders and stunt dogs amongst our crew?

Check out the breakdown below!



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## DDTC EVENTS

### Agility Trials

Sept. 6-7 DDTC  
Sept. 19-20 HDTC

### Scent Work Trials

Aug. 16-17 DDTC

### Club Meetings

Aug. 18 – Board Meeting  
Sept. 15 – Board Meeting

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Agility Trials

Aug. 23-24: AKC at Queen City

### Barn Hunt Trials

Aug. 23-24: Gem City

### County Fair Dog Shows\*

Aug. 15-23: Darke County Fair—See fair schedule for dog events. (Dogs not allowed except for select events.)

### NADD Dock Diving

Aug. 22-24: K9 Splash Zone

### Obedience/Rally Trials

Aug. 16-17: AKC at Queen City

### Roberts Centre

Sept. 7-13: Old English Sheepdog National Specialty  
Sept. 27 – Oct 4: Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America National Specialty

## DOG-FRIENDLY EVENTS

Sept. 4-7: Dog-OH-Rama, Lebanon, Ohio (<https://www.wckcoho.org/dog-oh-rama.htm>)

Sept 12: Dog Day Downtown at Governor's Square Middletown

Sept. 18: Bark in the Park at Cincinnati Reds

Sept. 21: DogFest North Central in New Albany, OH (NE Columbus)

\*There are many festivals this time of year. Please assess if it's best to take your dog with you or leave them safely at home due to crowds and heat.



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