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Dayton Dog Training Club  
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## Partnership helps dogs become more adoptable

*Adapted from an article in the newsletter  
of the Humane Society of Greater Dayton*

The staff and volunteers all love the animals here at the Humane Society of Greater Dayton. Each animal manages to steal our hearts! Sadly, though, some of our amazing dogs get overlooked, which in turn means they stay with us longer. It leaves us asking "Why is such a good dog still here?"

Sometimes it can be a dog's health, size, age, or even appearance that hinders its chance of getting adopted. Additionally, studies suggest that visitors take an average of 70 seconds to evaluate whether a dog will be a good fit for their families. Between kennel presence and first impressions on the leash, that brief moment doesn't give energetic, untrained dogs a great chance of letting their personalities shine. In the end, these dogs often become long-term residents of the shelter, anxiously waiting for a home while trying not to succumb to shelter stress.

So how can you help? While volunteers who are part of the Canine Crew are essential for maintaining any level of training the dog may have, the Humane Society of Greater Dayton is grateful to work closely with the Dayton Dog Training Club to provide a higher level program in turn making these overlooked dogs more adoptable. The Save Train Adopt Remain Together (START) volunteers work specifically with dogs that need behavior improvement. In addition to Wednesday evening courses, START volunteers practice with their assigned shelter dogs two or three times a week to continue progress in their training regime.

The experts at Dayton Dog Training Club work with our volunteer trainers and dogs to solidify their bond and resolve the problems they need to work on. They begin with basic commands such as sit, down, wait, come, and leave it. From there, the Dayton Dog Training Club creates a customized training plan for the dog and trainer to work through until the dog is adopted at the Humane Society of Greater Dayton.

Dog and trainer teams are assigned based on abilities, personalities, and training styles.

The result of this training is huge! It lowers stress in the dogs' life at the shelter and makes them more adoptable for the public. To ensure that the dog stays well-behaved after finding a forever home, the Dayton Dog Training Club generously offers two free training sessions to all who adopt a START dog. This partnership has and continues to make a huge difference in the lives of our pets. It's a win-win for the dogs and for the community and we are so happy to have such an amazing partner in the Dayton Dog Training Club.

**Update:** *Cassie, a hound-shepherd mix that attended the START program was adopted after spending more than 500 days at the shelter. See Cassie's story at <https://tinyurl.com/ybvbuo3j>.*



# AKC News

## ***AKC needs participants for pilot detection puppy rearing program***

AKC's Detection Dog Task Force is looking for breeders and owners of Labrador Retrievers and German Shorthaired Pointers for its Pilot Detection Puppy Rearing Program, an opportunity for breeders and owners of these breeds to work with experts on raising dogs with the potential for explosives detection work.

Ideally, the puppies should come from field trial lines because these dogs have the most aptitude and energy for the demanding work of explosives odor detection. Top candidates for the program will be breeders who are expecting a litter and will keep a promising puppy until about a year of age.

The United States has a serious shortage of qualified dogs to perform the much-needed role of explosives detection dogs. As the number of violent and terrorist acts increase, so does the demand for these elite dogs to protect our country. This pilot project allows breeders to work closely with AKC contractor Scott Thomas, a former breeding program manager of the Transportation Security Administration and longtime dog trainer.

There is no charge to participate in the pilot puppy rearing program, but breeders and owners are responsible for all expenses related to the care of the puppy. A maximum of 10 participants will be accepted for the pilot program.

For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y9t6kcyk>.

## ***Board approves changes to the Rally champion title and clarifies regulations for the Open Class command discrimination exercise***

Beginning February 1, new calculations for a Rally championship will

- (1) allow championship points to be earned from the Rally Advanced B class;
- (2) amend the Point Schedule to award a greater number of points by score;
- (3) calculate points toward the RACH title after a dog earns the Rally Excellent (RE) title; and
- 4) reduce the minimum number of RACH points that must be earned from the Master class.

Calculations will be grandfathered back to November 1, 2017, the starting date for the RACH title. Changes will be made to chapter 4 of the Rally Regulations. Details are at <https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-news-updates/>.

In addition, the board approved changes to Chapter 4 of the Obedience Regulations to clarify the sequence of commands or signals in the Open class command discrimination exercise and tightened the regulation for the Stay, get your leash exercise. The changes went into effect January 1; for details see <https://www.akc.org/sports/obedience/news-updates/>.

# Capital Campaign Fund Raiser:

We are in the middle of a Capital Campaign to raise money to replenish the club Treasury for the cost of the expansion improvements and the matting that went into that new area. If you haven't seen it yet it's really nice. We have added what is being called "Rings 6 & 7". It holds two 40 by 50 ft. rings and has its own entrance. There is a ramp coming into the area from the Rings 4 & 5 area and a door going into Rings 2 & 3. We have already held classes in the area and have had a Scent Work Practice there. It's a wonderful addition to our space.

On March 5, 2019, at the General Membership meeting we will begin a Tupperware fund raiser. The club will make 40% off every dollar sold. There will be brochures available at the club that have a built in order form. Tax must also be collected at 6.75% but we pay no shipping.

Checks are to be made out to "Jeannette Papajcik". Cash and credit cards can will also be accepted. A link will be set up electronically by Jeannette so people can order from their computer or smartphone if they prefer. I'll have information on that as soon as it is available. Those orders will be shipped directly to the purchaser's home and shipping will be charged on those orders.

This fund raiser will end on March 25, 2019. I will turn everything in to Jeannette and in two to three weeks I will bring the Tupperware to the club for distribution.

Tupperware has wonderful merchandise that has been around forever and still includes a life-time guarantee on most of their products. This is a great way to include family, friends, and co-workers in our Capital Campaign.

Contact Darlene Rak for more information  
937-306-2156



# Legislative report

## December 31, 2018

### Submitted by Norma Bennett Woolf

It was a busy year locally, statewide, and nationally for legislative and regulatory changes affecting dogs and dog owners.

#### **Montgomery County**

The **Dayton City Commission** amended its dog confinement law to reduce the amount of time a dog can be tethered unsupervised from two consecutive hours per 12 hours to 30 consecutive minutes per day. The amended ordinance allows confiscation of dogs tethered for longer periods and euthanasia of dogs deemed to be suffering by a licensed veterinarian. The tethering period can be longer if the owner is outside and can see the dog.

The commission also approved language that allows police officers to impound dogs they believe are improperly confined. The ordinance language is at <https://tinyurl.com/ybrympqh>; scroll down to Section 91.62: Confinement of Dogs and 91.63: Impoundment of Dogs.

**Montgomery County's Animal Resource Center**, the county's agency for enforcing animal control laws and housing impounded dogs, was the subject of an investigation ordered by the county commissioners after multiple complaints about staffing level, staff morale, community relations, and euthanasia rate. Evaluation of the shelter was conducted by an outside organization and changes are underway to improve staffing levels, staff training, coordination with rescue groups, efforts to reunite lost pets with their families, and kennel practices. A progress report is available at <https://tinyurl.com/y7zdjy9u> and the final report is available at <https://tinyurl.com/yapm3gxl>.

#### **Ohio**

The Ohio Legislature considered several bills affecting dog ownership in 2018, including an update to the state's high volume breeder law, changes to the dangerous dog law, improvements to humane society law and a brand new law allowing dogs on restaurant patios. Two bills passed both divisions of the Legislature and were signed by the governor but most failed. At least two of the failed bills are likely to be reintroduced in the next legislative session.

#### **Bills that passed**

**HB 263** allows dogs in outdoor restaurant patios under certain circumstances. The restaurant owner or manager must agree and must establish a policy allowing dogs; dogs must enter the area through an outside gate, not through the restaurant; staff members must adhere to health department regulations; and dogs must be under control at all times when in the patio area. The bill is at <https://tinyurl.com/y9jpobqf>.

**HB 506** establishes tougher standards for commercial kennels that sell to pet stores and the general public. It defines high volume kennels as facilities that house six or more unspayed adult female dogs kept primarily for the purpose of producing offspring and either

- Sell five or more puppies or dogs to pet stores or brokers; or
- Sell 40 or more dogs or puppies to the general public; or
- House more than 60 puppies bred on the premises at any time during a calendar year.

This definition clearly exempts show and performance dog breeders who breed for competition and also sell puppies for pets.

The final version of HB 506 included the AKC language to designate a breeding dog as an unspayed female dog. Although it seems a no-brainer, the definition was not clear in previous versions, leaving it open to interpretation. The bill also codifies a set of housing, exercise, medical, and socialization dictates that were previously included in enforcement regulations. Other changes include a mandate for rescues to renew their free licenses each year or face a fine, and elimination of a grace period for kennels to fix violations found on inspections. AKC recognized the hard work in shepherding the bill through both chambers with Legislator of the Year awards for Representative Brian Hill, Senator Bob Hackett, and Senator Bob Peterson. Their success spelled doom for the HSUS-backed petition drive that would have placed much stricter breeding restrictions in the Ohio Constitution where they would have been extremely difficult to change.

### **Bills likely to be reintroduced**

**HB 147** added oversight of county humane agencies to current law. Ohio's county humane societies enforce the state's animal cruelty laws but sometimes fail to protect the rights of accused animal owners or to assure that humane agents follow due process mandates. This lack of accountability and the propensity to believe that anyone accused of abuse is guilty of abuse resulted in years of complaints about false confiscations, exorbitant assessment of costs for care of seized animals, and harassment by humane agents. In addition, some cases were lost because humane agents failed to follow due process requirements or to obtain court orders for confiscations. HB147 provided details about humane agent appointment, training, and authority; protections for accused animal owners; a mechanism for challenging the appointment and job performance of a humane agent; and limits on hiring special prosecutors in animal abuse cases.

HB 147 can be seen at <https://tinyurl.com/y7o8u8ao>. Copies of hearing testimony can be accessed by clicking the "committee activity" tab.

**HB 352** would have updated the state's animal control law by clarifying definitions of nuisance, dangerous, and vicious dogs; defining requirements for ownership of dangerous or vicious dogs; mandating training for dog wardens, providing dog owners with an affirmative defense if the dog was teased, protecting itself or its offspring, in pain, or defending against an intruder or attacker; and increased penalties for violations. HB 352 is at <https://tinyurl.com/y7octms7>.

For details on the legislative process, see <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/publications/the-legislative-process>.

### ***Other legislative and regulatory items***

Two other issues grabbed headlines last year: airline policies for shipping pets and allowing emotional support animals in flight cabins and the importation of dogs from foreign countries for resale in the US.

Several airlines changed their policies about shipping pets as cargo on national and international flights following incidents where dogs either escaped or died. Therefore, while the federal government allows transport of pets as cargo, pet owners and breeders should consult individual airlines for specific regulations. Many airlines also tightened requirements for pets claimed as emotional support animals after some dogs bit or annoyed other passengers. Service animals covered by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act were not included in the new rules.

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### **Import rules**

Noting that foreign imports of puppies and dogs have led to increased incidents of diseases and parasites, AKC and the National Animal Interest Alliance worked with lawmakers to draft a law regulating this practice. As a result, the Farm Bill tightens regulations for health checks for dogs imported to the US for resale either in retail outlets or animal shelters or rescues. Congress approved the bill in December. For details, see [“AKC lauds farm bill provisions that benefit pet and public safety”](#) and [“2018 Farm Bill signed into law.”](#)

**AKC’s Government Relations Department** follows local, state, and federal laws and regulations. For more information, go to <https://www.akc.org/clubs-delegates/government-relations/>.

## **AKC welcomes the Azawakh to the Hound Group**



The Azawakh, a sighthound from the West African nations of Mali, Niger, and Burkina Faso, is now a fully-recognized AKC breed and can compete in conformation shows. Similar in type to the Sloughi, which hails from the northern tier of Africa, the Azawakh is a tall, slender, graceful breed used to guard encampments and hunt wildlife in its arid homeland. The breed is named for the Azawakh Valley along the borders of Mali and Niger.

The Azawakh’s fine, elegant appearance belies its tough character and stamina. Not only is it an enthusiastic hunter of hare, antelope, and wild boar in its region of origin, it has been used to guard flocks and encampments of the nomadic tribes. It may be referred to as the Tuareg Greyhound after the Tuareg people, a major

population in the region.

The Azawakh is 23-29 inches tall with males at the upper end of that range. Weight varies from 33-55 pounds with males at the top of that range as well. This lean leggy body shows the breed’s fine bones and muscles beneath the skin. Three to five ribs and hip bones should be visible when the dog is in correct weight. The skin is tight, the hair short and fine and tapering to none on the belly. Colors vary from sand to dark red, white, black, gray, blue grizzle, and all shades of brown with or without white markings; patterns include brindle and parti-color. Life span is 12-15 years.

The Azawakh is intelligent and alert, reserved with strangers, and playful, loyal, affectionate, and protective with family and friends. The breed is healthy, sound and not prone to injury. Like other sighthounds, it needs exercise, preferably a daily run. For more information, go to the American Azawakh Association website at <http://azawakh.org/>.

# Braggs and Accomplishments

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

***Send braggs to [clublicity@daytondogtraining.com](mailto:clublicity@daytondogtraining.com). Don't forget to include your name, dog's call name and registered name if applicable, along with the title or honor achieved.***



**Victor Kaftal** and his Canaan Dogs have done well at recent trials. **Anak** finished 2018 with an 11<sup>th</sup> place in Utility at the AKC Obedience Classic in Orlando with clean runs, and his daughter **Amit** finished both her Rally Advanced (at DDTC) and Rally Excellent (at Louisville) titles to start the New Year. Amit placed third in her final Excellent run.

DDTC also congratulates **Marcia Richley** and her Golden Retriever **Sparky** for their third perfect obedience score of 200. Marcia and Sparky aced the Open B Class at the DDTC obedience trial on Saturday, January 5. Judge Russell Hornfisher said it was just the fourth 200 he has given in all his years of judging.

*Amit (above) and Anak (below)*



*Marcia and Sparky*

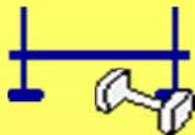
**Congratulations** to DDTC member **Bill Parill** for completing his provisional utility assignments and joining AKC's list of fully approved obedience judges.

# Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc. Building Rules

1. Everyone who comes into the building during non-open training hours must sign in and out, in a logbook. One logbook is by door #2 – The River Road lobby and one is by door #4 – The Highway side lobby. **This applies whether you have a key or not.** Non-key people entering the building to train must pay appropriate fees at that time. Money is to be deposited in the container on the wall near the logbook.
2. This facility is not to be used for anything other than dog training, and no person shall accept payment of any kind for giving dog training lessons at the DDTC building unless under a specific contract or rental agreement.
3. All dogs must always be on leash, including when in the parking lot and entering and leaving the building, unless they are working in a ring. Prudent care must be taken to keep all dogs and humans safe so only one dog should be off leash in a ring at any time unless doing controlled exercises, or unless in a class and under the direct supervision of an instructor.
4. If your dog shows any signs of illness please do not bring the dog to DDTC.
5. Please observe a 15 minute limit on use of all rings when others are waiting. This includes both Obedience and Agility training rings.
6. If you use Agility equipment, you must follow the established rules when either in a class or training outside of class.
7. While using the building, if you discover a problem, call Denny Shook at 937-366-9992 or the DDTC club president.
8. There is a box to place comments, suggestions, complaints, etc. This is the same box into which non-key people will place fees for using the building and is located by the main lobby doors.
9. Having a crate set up in the building is limited to when you are here and may be left up when you are coming on consecutive days or come often. Crates must be clearly labeled with your name on them. Break crates down and put them in the storage room or take them home when you are not there or the evening before floors are cleaned.
10. Return all equipment you use to its proper place. Do not leave it set up in the ring. Please do not drag equipment across the floor!
11. For safety and liability reasons, all dogs left in crates must have ones which are securely closed on all sides, including the top, unless the owner/handler is within arm's length of the crate.
12. Last person to leave the building must:
  - a. Check all thermostats and set as directed
  - b. Turn off all lights and fans
  - c. Make sure all doors to the outside are locked

Any equipment damaged due to your negligence, will be your responsibility to repair or replace in a timely manner.

These rules are subject to change as deemed necessary by the DDTC Board of Directors.



## Upcoming DDTC Events

### **General Membership Meeting**

Tuesday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.

### **Agility Trials**

March 9-10 (set-up, March 8)

### **Spring 2019 Class Schedule**

Conformation Classes Begin March 11

Obedience Classes Begin March 11

Agility Classes Begin March 12

Rally Classes Begin March 13

Scent Work classes begin March 18

Tracking Class Begins April 20

### **Building Rental**

March 23-24 (set-up March 22)

ASCA conformation show & Rally trials

April 6-7 (set-up April 5)

ASCA agility trial

### **Board Meetings**

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

### **Agility Run-Thrus**

Cost is \$5 for two runs.

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. with first run at 7:00 p.m.

Watch the website for upcoming dates.

# Odds and ends



## **AKCs Canine Health Foundation grants cover behavior, genetics, and disease treatment and prevention**

If it affects dogs and the understanding of canine genetics, behavior, or disease, the AKC Canine Health Foundation is there. These summaries of current research are a smattering of the research portfolio; more information is available at <http://www.akcchf.org/assets/files/AKC-CHF-2019-Research-Grants-Portfolio-November-2018-Release.pdf>.



## **The effects of early life experience on working dog temperament and cognition**

Dogs provide a remarkable range of services to people and communities yet only 35 percent of those entering training programs are ultimately successful. In an attempt to increase this success rate, researchers at the University of Arizona and Canine Companions for Independence are collaborating on a study that hopefully will identify the maternal experiences that influence puppy development and how these experiences can be used to promote the healthy development of dogs suited for various jobs as working companions.

The research focuses on three components:

- 1) examination of associations between maternal behavior and offspring temperament, cognition and neuroendocrine profiles at eight weeks of age;
- 2) comparison of maternal style and puppy behavioral, cognitive, and neuroendocrine profiles between different types of early rearing environments (private home versus professional center); and
- 3) identification of temperament and neuroendocrine predictors of individual differences in maternal style.

For more on how research is deepening understanding of working dog characteristics, see "Canine health Research to improve working dog success" in CHF *Discoveries* at <http://www.akcchf.org/educational-resources/library/Discoveries-Winter-2019.pdf>



## **Use of gene therapy to treat dilated cardiomyopathy**

Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) is the second most common cause of heart disease in dogs, and medical management of the secondary signs is the only therapeutic option. The outcome for affected dogs depends on the stage of disease and the breed. Previous research has shown that heart function depends on the function of gate-like calcium channels within the wall of cardiac muscle. This study involves a placebo-controlled double blinded study to evaluate gene delivery approaches for treatment of Doberman Pinschers affected with DCM and CHF that could have significant ramifications for all dogs affected with heart disease.



## **The City Dog Study: Dermatologic and respiratory disease among inner-city dogs living in the homes of children with asthma**

Children who live in inner-city households of low economic means suffer disproportionately from skin and lung diseases, including asthma. This study will evaluate the burden of skin and respiratory disease among the dogs who live with them by following the health of 100 dogs through

three home visits within six months and two additional visits. The study includes evaluation of bacteria on the dogs, determine if they are associated with skin or respiratory diseases in the dogs, and look at whether the children and dogs share bacteria. It will also provide knowledge needed to help understand disease in underserved dogs in urban neighborhoods.



### **United Airlines bans puppies and limits emotional support animals in airliner cabins**

Beginning January 7, United Airlines no longer accepted puppies under the age of four months to ride in passenger cabins and limited emotional support animals to flights less than eight hours in length. The new policy also restricts emotional support animals to dogs and cats.

According to the airline, the puppy policy was put in place because puppies under the age of four months have not received a full course of vaccinations. However, the puppy restriction on service dogs is moot since it takes many months to evaluate and train a dog to assist handlers with physical limitations or conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder. The eight-hour flight restriction does not affect trained service dogs. Delta Airlines made similar changes to its policies a few weeks prior to the United announcement.

For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y9nkcjwe>.



### **Dayton shelter report outlines problems, suggests changes**

Following months of complaints about the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center and the firing of the shelter director, county commissioners hired Team Shelter USA, a consulting firm specializing in evaluations of shelter practices and policies, to review shelter policies and practices. The report is in, complete with assessments of employee morale, interactions with the public, animal care, drug and vaccine storage, and success in returning animals to their owners.

Recommendations included hiring additional staff, improving animal intake procedures, dropping automatic fecal checks and behavior assessments, creating a team to conduct daily rounds of the facility to check on animals, improving returns and adoptions, changing the policies for dealing with feral and stray cats, and improving community relationships with animal owners and prospective adopters.

The report is available at <https://tinyurl.com/>. Additional information can be found in articles on the *Dayton Daily News* website.



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[clublicity@daytondogtraining.com](mailto:clublicity@daytondogtraining.com)***



## How Members Can Join DDTC Yahoo Group

***by Sue Peterson***

Send an email to [ddtc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ddtc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) Include your name, Yahoo ID, email address, and date you joined the club in the request. This is the best way to be added to the list. My sending you invites to join does not always work. It's a Yahoo thing.



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