



# Clublicity

Dayton Dog Training Club  
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## Considerations and Changes at the Club

*by Darlene Rak*

The new area which houses rings 6 & 7 is finished. It is already being used and feedback has been positive. Along with that, everyone needs to be aware of the increased cost including lights, and heat or AC. Please turn any and all lights off in the building when not in use, including those in the rest rooms. Please DO NOT use the halogen lights in rings 4 & 5 unless it is necessary for a trial or other event as the fluorescent lights provide ample lighting for practicing and training. Please keep the thermostats set where they are supposed to be for both heating and air conditioning.

Numerous people have reported to members of the board about arriving at the club to find doors unlocked or locked but not latched. Please make sure that all doors are locked and also latched if you are the last one to leave the building.

DJ has taken over Brownie's Barracks. Thank you very much DJ. Along with that we have changed how we record sales out of the Barracks. Instructions are posted on the Barracks and also on the new sales receipts books that are to be used.

We have numbered the doors of the building so as to be able to better tell people where to park and/or enter when they come to classes or events. They are as follows:

- #1 – Service door north of the glass door entrance on River Road side that would be ours if we purchase the building
- #2 - Glass doors on River Road side of building, mostly serves ring 1, parking in that area
- #3 – Do not enter door (exit only from agility floor) on lake side of the building
- #4 – Glass doors on I-75 side of building, serves rings 4, 5, & agility area, parking in that area
- #5 – Service door on I-75 side of building for the newest area slightly further north on building, serves rings 6 & 7
- #6 – Service door on I-75 side of building for rings 2 & 3 even further north on the building, serves rings 2 & 3

We have labeled the different areas of the building so that members can readily know what areas are available for practice even when parts of the building are rented out. They are below:

- Area A – Agility Area
- Area B – Ring 1/Kitchen
- Area C – Rings 2 & 3 Area
- Area D – Rings 4 & 5 Area
- Area E – Rings 6 & 7 Area

**If you are responsible for renting an area please make sure you tell Sue Peterson what area(s) you are renting so that she can post it to the calendar.**

Your Board of Directors continues to do it's best to make DDTC as wonderful a facility as possible. Many members contribute in various different ways and we are grateful to all of you!

# Cancer research fund thanks DDTC for \$1000 donation

Charge Against Cancer, a project of Agilgold Retrievers dedicated to raising money for canine cancer research at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine, honored Dayton Dog Training Club with a thank you plaque at the club's March agility trial for a donation of more than \$1000 in 2018.

DDTC joined the Agility Takes Charge Against Cancer drive in honor of MACH3 PACH Agilgold's Take The Charge MXB2 MJS2 MXP2 MXPB MJP2 MJPB PAX ADHF CCA, a Golden Retriever who died in 2015 at age 12. Charger was diagnosed with mast cell cancer at age seven and entered a clinical trial at the university. Knowledge gained in the trial helped put his cancer into remission three times, and when he died of a tear in his aorta at age 12, he was cancer free.

The agility committee also organized a raffle for the March 2019 agility trials and raised more than \$350 for the cause.

Charge Against Cancer has given more than \$100 thousand to a broad range of cancer studies, including research of mast cell, lymphoma, and osteosarcoma. For more information, go to <http://charge-against-cancer.com/>.

## Nominating Committee Report

The DDTC nominating committee presented the slate of officers and board members for the club's 2019-20 year at the March meeting, and entertained nominations from the floor at that time. The final slate to be voted on at the May 14 annual meeting is:

President: Mary Beth Steinke

Vice President: Mike (Seivers) Wheeler

Treasurer: Rhonda Holzhauer

Financial Secretary: Jane Adams

Corresponding Secretary: Beth Erisman-Thomas

Members-at-large: Darlene Rak, Caryn Schill

# Old Dogs Rock at AKC National Championships

Bet, an 11-year-old Golden Retriever, and Stormy, a 13-year-old Sheltie, highlight the AKC national championships entries this year, Bet in obedience and Stormy in agility.

AKC features Bet and Stormy and their trainers on the website home page. Included in the articles are age breakdowns showing that veteran dogs make up more than half of the competitors in both events. Average age of the obedience competitors is 7.5 years; for agility, it's 7.6 years.

Both championship competitions were held were held in mid-March in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Results are on the AKC website.



## FIT DOG Expands to Include Club Events

Clubs can now host AKC FIT DOG events to highlight the benefits of walking with dogs as a key component of a health and fitness program.

To participate, clubs, independent training schools and other dog-related organizations simply conduct regular canine fitness classes or schedule at least four canine fitness walks in a calendar year. Those that comply can receive an AKC FIT DOG banner with the organization name.

FIT DOG began last September as a program for individuals who walk with their dogs for at least 30 minutes per session adding up to a total of 150 minutes per week – the recommendation of the American Heart Association – for three months. Those who meet these goals can apply for an AKC FIT DOG car magnet.

For more information about FIT DOG, go to <https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-family-dog-program/akc-fit-dog/>.

# AKC's Canine Health Foundation studies the health effects of canine spay and neuter

Spay and neuter surgery has been considered a management matter for pet owners and a moral imperative by shelters and rescuers for decades in the US, but few dog owners know that the surgeries have their drawbacks as well, especially when performed at an early age.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation awarded grants to study the long-term health effects of early sterilization in dogs and posted an update on the findings by Sharon M. Albright, DVM, CCRT in February.

Noting that “neutering appears to have a different effect on disease risk in different breeds” and “there is no one-size-fits-all solution for dog owners or veterinarians looking to make an informed decision on if or when to neuter a dog,” Dr Albright concludes “In summary, the decision whether to spay/neuter a dog must be made individually based on the pet’s age, breed, health status, intended use, temperament, and household environment and within a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship. CHF will continue to fund quality research providing data that helps everyone make informed decisions to improve the health of dogs.”

Her article is available at <https://tinyurl.com/yxtpdtng>, and has links to several studies. In addition, Dr. Benjamin Hart will present a webinar titled “Addressing the spay/neuter conundrum in dogs: some breed-specific and body size-specific guidelines” on November 20, 2019. (Register at [akcchf.org/vetvine](http://akcchf.org/vetvine).) The American Veterinary Medical Association also provides resources on elective spay and neuter surgeries at <https://tinyurl.com/y4bajwu7>.

## More from CHF

### ***Value of cannabidiol for the treatment of canine epilepsy***

Epilepsy is the most common neurologic condition in dogs, and the disease remains uncontrolled in approximately 20-30 percent of affected dogs that receive standard therapy. In addition, the side effects of some anti-epileptic drugs are often unacceptable. This research examines the non-psychotropic component of the marijuana plant as a potential treatment for canine epilepsy. The study involves a double-blind placebo-controlled crossover clinical trial using client-owned epileptic dogs.

### ***Understanding the genetics of adverse drug reactions in sighthounds: Phase II***

Sighthounds can manifest unanticipated life-threatening reactions to drugs that have a narrow margin of safety, such as those used for anesthesia and to treat cancer. Investigators at Washington State University are attempting to identify the cause of extremely slow recovery from anesthesia in a high proportion of Greyhounds and other sighthound breeds, including Italian Greyhounds, Scottish Deerhounds, Borzois, Irish Wolfhounds, Salukis, Afghan Hounds, and Whippets. A previous work funded by CHF discovered several mutations that significantly decrease the function of genes responsible for breaking down commonly used anesthetic drugs as well as many other drugs used in dogs. The goal of this next phase of research is to develop

a novel drug sensitivity test using saliva, blood or urine samples to identify dogs within a breed (or specific breeds) that metabolize drugs very slowly to create an individual approach to drug selection. This test will then be used to confirm that the identified gene mutations are the cause of slow drug metabolism in sighthound dog breeds – and to identify other breeds and individual dogs that could suffer from similar adverse drug reactions.

### ***Lyme disease in dogs: Prevalence, clinical illness, and prognosis***

Lyme disease (or Borreliosis) is a bacterial disease of dogs and humans transmitted by tick bites. Lyme is the most common tick-transmitted disease in people in the US with more than 42 thousand cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control in 2017.

While most common in the northeastern coastal states and the upper Midwest, Lyme disease is moving into other regions of the US and Canada. Dogs infected with Lyme disease rarely show signs of illness (typically lameness), but symptoms can be severe (e.g., kidney disease). Limited research and conflicting professional guidance complicate the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of Lyme disease in dogs and current practices may unnecessarily place dogs at risk for illness and negative outcomes. This study follows a large group of dogs from different regions of the US and Canada to determine how often healthy dogs test positive for Lyme disease and identify how often they later develop a Lyme-related illness. It will determine risks and benefits of management strategies for Lyme-positive dogs and isolate obstacles to effective tick prevention in order to identify, define and improve best practices for prevention and control of Lyme disease in areas with different Lyme risks.



# Legislative report

## March 21, 2019

### Submitted by Norma Bennett Woolf

The Ohio Department of Agriculture has suspended its policy that forces home hobby breeders and low volume commercial breeders to purchase a \$500 annual pet store license in order to sell any puppies or adult dogs if the breeder, buyer, and dog are in the same place at the same time.

The suspension came after an outcry from breeders who had been notified of the license mandate by the agency. Breeders contacted lawmakers and learned that the ODA requirement is contrary to the intent of the pet store licensing law passed in 2015. The suspension came as lawmakers said they would fix the definition to exempt home breeders from the requirement.

When researching the matter, breeders learned that anti-breeding advocates in the state are combing neighborhoods, newspapers, and social media to locate litters and turning names into the agency as potential violators of the licensing law..

For more information, check out the Ohio kennel and pet store language in Chapter 956 of the Ohio Revised Code at <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/956>.

#### **Other items**

**HB 24**, a bill to revise humane society law in Ohio, has had its first hearing. The bill is <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-24>; sponsor testimony is linked from the committee agenda for February 26 at <http://www.ohiohouse.gov/committee/agriculture-and-rural-development>. Proponent witness testimony can be seen at the agenda for March 19.

**HB 37**, a bill to revise dangerous and vicious dog law has its first hearing on March 7. The bill is at <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-37>; it will be heard in the Criminal Justice Committee and sponsor testimony will be available at <http://www.ohiohouse.gov/committee/criminal-justice> after the hearing.

**HB 30** bans the use of euthanized animals in pet food.

**HB 33** requires that veterinarians, social service workers, and other professionals report suspected animal abuse to authorities.

**HB 67** grants veterinarians continuing education credits for performing free spay/neuter services.

**HB 145** establishes an animal abuser registry listing those who have been convicted of animal abuse. Under the bill, a listing would be expunged and the record sealed after two years w/o another offense. The period changes to five years for subsequent offenses. The bill also prohibits shelters from selling a dog to anyone on the list. The registry would appear on the attorney general's website.

**HB 146** prohibits convicted abusers of companion animals from owning or harboring a companion animal for a period of five-15 years, depending on the severity of the case or on the number of offenses.

## New Zealand farmers using barking drones to herd and monitor livestock

*Checkpoint, 7 March 2019, by Maja Burry, Rural reporter*

Robots aren't just stealing human jobs, they're after man's best friend too -- with a drone that can bark like a sheep dog.

The latest drone developments come as more farmers have started using the technology for work on the farm in recent years.

Corey Lambeth, a shepherd on a North Canterbury sheep and beef farm near Rotherham, said his drone had made work such as moving stock and checking water and feed levels more efficient. Lambeth also uses his drone to make sure his animals are in their fences and checks ewes during lambing season.

The latest drone model, the \$3500 DJI Mavic Enterprise, can record sounds and play them over a speaker - allowing a dog's bark or other noises to be loudly projected across a paddock.

Lambeth said this feature helped move stock along faster during mustering while stressing the animals less than a dog could. Cows could sometimes become protective of their calves and try to lunge at farm dogs when they got too close, he said.

However, Lambeth still uses his dogs when the drones can't fly because of wet or windy weather.

"There's definitely going to be places for dogs always on farm, the one downside of the Mavic [drones] or anything electronic is you still need to bring them in and charge them," he said.

# Calming Cue for Reactive Dogs

## *A DDTC Handout*

How it works: A dog operates out of either its front brain or its hind brain. You can recognize which it is using by its behavior.

Front brain behavior is thoughtful and responsive.

Hind brain activity is emotional, non-thinking, reactive, and adrenaline driven.

To switch from hind brain to front brain, stand with the dog facing either left or right in front of you. Place your hand that is nearest its head under its collar, laying your hand flat on the dog's neck. With your other hand, rub your dog all over using a flat hand and firm touch.

Continue rubbing until two things happen: all four feet become still and the dog licks, blinks, or takes a deep breath. Then remove your hand, count to two, and begin again. Repeat 10 times.

If the dog wants to move, turn in a circle keeping your feet on an imaginary pie plate. Do not give up; some dogs count on outlasting you. Do the calming cue every day until it takes only a few rubs for the dog to give the calm signals. When you reach this point, you can use the technique whenever you need it.





## Upcoming DDTC Events

### **Annual Membership Meeting Election of Officers & Board Members**

Tuesday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.

### **FAST CAT Trials**

June 1-2

Premium List: <https://tinyurl.com/y6ffrard>

### **Summer 2019 Class Schedule**

Tracking Class Begins April 20

Agility Classes Begin May 7

Scent Work Classes Begin May 13

Obedience Classes Begin May 13

Conformation Classes Begin May 13

Rally Classes Begin May 15

### **Building Rentals**

May 4-5

Ladwig seminars, Ring 2

May 10-12 (set-up May 9)

Clermont County Kennel Club agility trials

May 17-19 (set-up May 16)

Hamilton Dog Training Club agility trials

May 24-26 (set-up May 23)

Unleashed Agility CPE trials, set-up May 23

### **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.

# Science Diet recalls canned foods due to excess Vitamin D

## *Information from the Centers for disease control and Hills Pet Nutrition*

In late January, Hills Pet Nutrition announced a voluntary recall of some canned foods, including some prescription diets, because of the potential for excess vitamin D toxicity. Following a complaint about a dog with signs of vitamin D toxicity, the company's investigated and identified a supplier error caused the excess levels of the vitamin and issued the recall.

No dry foods, treats, or cat foods were included. The company's recall notice includes a complete list of the implicated products at <https://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm630232.htm>.

Vitamin D is an essential nutrient that helps dogs regulate the balance and retention of calcium and phosphorus. However, extremely high levels of vitamin D can cause serious health problems. Vitamin D is a fat-soluble vitamin, so when a dog – or other animal - gets too much, the excess is stored in fat tissue and the liver and can lead to kidney failure and even death.

Vitamin D toxicity can occur if a dog accidentally ingests the owner's vitamin D supplements, eats cholecalciferol (Vitamin D3) rodenticides used to kill rats and mice, or eats food that contains excess amounts of the vitamin. In the past few months, several pet food companies, including the makers of Science Diet, have recalled large lots of their canned and kibbled products because they contain excessive amounts of D3.

### **Signs of toxicity**

Dogs with excess vitamin D may vomit, have little appetite, drink and urinate more, drool excessively, and lose weight. Cases of vitamin D rodenticide or supplement poisoning are rapid onset; signs of illness develop in a matter of hours or days. Diet-related toxicity tends to develop more gradually over time. If you suspect your dog has symptoms of vitamin D toxicity, take him to a veterinarian immediately.

Treatment depends on a veterinarian's assessment of each case, but the aim is to remove the source of vitamin D to prevent additional exposure and to flush the body of the excess vitamin D. In less acute cases that are caught early, a change of diet may help resolve the issue within weeks to months. In some cases, the veterinarian will prescribe medication and continue to monitor blood calcium and phosphorus levels until they return to a healthy baseline.

Dog owners can report suspected illness to the FDA electronically through the [Safety Reporting Portal](#) or by calling your state's [FDA Consumer Complaint Coordinators](#). For an explanation of the information and level of detail that would be helpful to include in a complaint to the FDA, please see [How to Report a Pet Food Complaint](#).

Hills canned foods are not the only products recalled for excessive levels of Vitamin D. [In December 2018, a number of products from Sunshine Mills and a few other manufacturers were also recalled.](#)

# Ohio law gives guidelines for saving pets in locked vehicles

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



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

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

*Note: Exhibitors and other travelers should be aware that other states have or may be considering similar laws covering the removal of a dog in stress from a closed vehicle.*



# DDTC Officers and Board of Directors



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## Clublicity Submissions

***Deadlines: The first day of each odd-numbered month (January, March, May, July, September, and November).***

***Send all articles and brags to:  
[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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