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## DDTC appoints new building manager

After purchasing the building in March one of the things that became clear was that the board needed to create a building manager position to deal with owning our own building.

The building manager will be responsible for the physical aspects of the building both interior and exterior. This member will be the chair of the building committee and lead sub committees that include the cleaning crew, interior maintenance, exterior maintenance, fire and safety and any others deemed necessary.

At the November board meeting the board voted to make me the first building manager.

As building manager I will report every month to the board and also keep the membership informed on things that we are working on. I am working on a list of things that need to be done.

We now have new exit and emergency lights in most of the building, our sprinkler and fire extinguishers are up to date, and the first aid kit and AED are current. The latest project is widening the doorway from the agility ring into what we call the old puppy room from 36 inches wide to eight feet wide. We will store agility contact equipment there during trials instead of in rings four and five and on the outside dock.

As I get a handle on this position I will be asking for help from the membership. If you see a concern about the building please let me know.

Rhonda Holzauer  
DDTC treasurer & building manager  
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# DDTC Outstanding Member Award

If you would like to know who is going to get this award, come to our March General Membership meeting on Tuesday, March 2. There are two ways to attend and celebrate this fellow member:

- 1) Attend in person: Bring your chair and your mask. We sit 6 feet or more apart so we can safely conduct business and see friends.
- 2) Zoom: We have greatly improved the experience by purchasing a special microphone and Mike is becoming a pro at managing the system.
  - The following are important things to know:
  - Sign in with your real name. If Mike doesn't know who you are, you won't get credit for attending.
  - Everyone will be on mute. If you wish to speak you can let Mike know by either using the chat feature or pressing the 'Raise' button. Mike will let you know when you can be heard by telling you to go ahead.

This is your opportunity to find out what we are working on, share your comments and cheer for a member who has worked very hard for our Club.

## The Nose Knows

*By Darlene Rak*

Just a few years ago, DDTC member Laura Martin introduced a sport called nose work to the Dayton area. She spent an enormous amount of time learning about it and was kind enough to share her vast knowledge with those interested. Many of us took classes from her. It was fascinating and we fell in love with it. Laura was gracious enough to bring her very well thought out and detailed program to our club where it continues to grow. Being an AKC member club, we changed a few minor things when AKC introduced their scent work titling sport; however a dog uses its nose the same no matter what an organization calls its program.

Scent work/nose work is a sport that is mostly the dog. The dog uses its nose to find a scent that we teach it to search for either purely for fun or for competition. We promptly reward the dog, often with food, the moment it identifies the exact location of the odor. Almost any dog can take part in this sport. Even dogs that might not be

keen on being out with other humans or other dogs can participate because there is only one dog out and searching at a time. All the other dogs at the event are either in a crate or in a vehicle when it is not their turn. Obedience training is not necessary, only that the owner can get the dog safely from the crate or vehicle to the start of the search area. Young and old dogs alike love doing scent work!

You can teach scent work merely as something pleasurable to do with your dog. If you care to enjoy it competitively, there are multiple titling venues out there that have different versions of scent work. The rules may vary slightly depending where you may choose to compete.



### ***DDTC members, their dogs, and the titles they earned in 2020 include:***

**Wendy Barbe**

**Pepper, Border Collie**

National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) - Odor Recognition Title (ORT), Nose Work (NW) 1, NW 2

AKC -two legs on his Advanced Scent Work Title

**Kim Buchhalter**

**Tank, Jack Russell mix**

AKC- Exterior Excellent (SEE), Master Container (SCM), Master Interior (SIM).

For Tank's interior title, he took first place in each search and completed the title in just three attempts. He has received two HIT ribbons at the Master level. Tank needs only one more leg for his Master Exteriors (SEM).

**Kim Carter**

**Sebastian, Rottweiler mix**

NACSW - ORT

**Terri Coldiron**

**Jerry Lee, (Schultz Vom Clearcreek Bauernhof), German Shepard**

NACSW – ORT, NW1 with a first place in Interiors. NW 2

**Sandy Combs**

**Sandeckel's Sasha MW SWA SCE. Miniature Wire Haired Dachshund**

AKC - Buried Excellent (SBE)

**Anita Eisthen**

**TBird, Labrador Retriever**

NACSW NW1

**Cali, Labrador Retriever**

AKC – Scent Work Container Novice (SCN), Scent Work Interior Novice, (SIN)

**Patty Steele Scott:**

**Smarty Jones, Flat Coated Retriever**

AKC - Scent Work Novice (SWN – a combination of four Novice titles of Containers, Interiors, Exteriors, Buried). Smarty also earned two qualifying scores in Advanced Container, Advanced Exterior, and Advanced Interior.

**Keeper, Flat Coated Retriever**

AKC – Scent Work Novice Buried, Exterior, and Containers. Also earned her Advanced Buried, and got two qualifying scores in Interior Novice.

**Alison Studer**

**Remi (18-month old, Nederlandse Kooikerhondje)**

AKC - Scent Work Novice (SWN). Scent Work Interior Advanced (SIA)  
NACSW - ORT, NW1, NW 2 (finishing fourth out of 33 dogs)

**Kip - Nederlandse Kooikerhondje**

AKC - Scent Work Excellent (SWE, which is all four elements). Container Master SCM title which means she is eligible to compete in the highest level in AKC scent work which is detective.

**Rich Studer**

**Prince, Spaniel mix**

AKC: Scent Work Container Excellent (SCE) and other legs in Excellent scent work level.  
NACSW – NW3 leg

**Catherine Thompson**

**Flyer, Miniature Dachshund**

AKC - Excellent Containers, Buried, and Exterior (SCE, SBE, SEE)

**Peter, Miniature Wirehaired Dachshund**

AKC - Novice Containers, Buried, and Exteriors (SCN, SBN, SEN) and two legs towards his Advanced Buried and Exterior Titles

**Terri Wyman**

**Juneau, Australian Shepherd**

NACSW —NW3 leg

**Epi, Miniature Aussie**

NACSW - NW1

*If you have questions about our Scent Work program  
please contact Darlene Rak at [daremmrak@att.net](mailto:daremmrak@att.net)*

# Biewer Terrier joins AKC



The Biewer Terrier ushered in the New Year as AKC's 197<sup>th</sup> breed. Developed from the Yorkshire Terrier in Germany, the Biewer (pronounced 'beaver') differs from the Yorkie mainly in color, tail, and temperament. Where the Yorkie is a somewhat bossy, tenacious terrier originally bred to hunt vermin in the British weaver industry, the Biewer was developed in Germany as an obedient companion with a whimsical, childlike attitude and a mischievous streak.

Yorkies are blue and tan; Biewers are tricolor blue/black, gold/tan, and white with the colors in good symmetry. Yorkies have docked tails; Biewers have a plumed tail carried in an arch over the back when the dog is alert.

The Biewer Terrier originated in the mid-1980s with the birth of a tri-colored puppy at the kennel of longtime Yorkshire Terrier breeders Gertrud and Werner Biewer. This surprise puppy was followed by another about three months later, and the couple began a quest to develop the piebald pups into a new breed.

Questions about whether the Biewer was a breed on its own or a Yorkie with a piebald gene led the Biewer Terrier Club of America to work with geneticists at Mars Veterinary to determine the dogs' heritage. Testing using DNA from 10 dogs determined that the Biewer stemmed from four others – Yorkie, Maltese, Havanese, and Bichon Frisé – and made this the first breed with heritage proven by science rather than pedigree.

The Biewer came to the US in 2003, joined the FSS in 2014, moved from the FSS into the Miscellaneous Class in 2019, and officially joined the Toy Group on January 4.

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Photo courtesy of AKC and the Biewer Terrier Club of America as published from the AKC press release.



# An Ode to Obedience Competition

*By Ellie Beals*

Like so many of you, I've spent large chunks of my adult life in obedience venues. My perception at the time was that there was pleasure in a few brief moments of any trial day, but that you had to plough through a considerable amount of tedium to harvest it. Now, in the absence of trials as we knew them, I realize there was both familiarity and comfort in many of the details of competition I hadn't recognized before. Like:

- The constant low-key din of background noise: crates opening and closing; dogs whining, snuffing and barking; dozens of on-going quiet conversations; the calls of both judges and competitors in the ring; the occasional tumult of cheers as a team in the ring successfully completes a long-elusive exercise or title, or a dog does something unexpected and either heroic (stops before taking the wrong jump and changes direction to take the right one) or funny (dog detours to take a jump during the Drop on Recall, but then drops on command despite that); the spectator gasps or wails of empathetic disappointment, for example when a team that was doing beautifully blows the last exercise. After over 20 years of steady competition, these sounds were as familiar and indeed soothing to me, as they washed over me in a venue, as the constant background noise of waves and gulls when I walk by the ocean.
- The interplay of anticipation and patience, and the challenges they impose on the handler. It has happened to all of us: you are ready to enter the ring, you've warmed your dog up to the perfect stage of readiness, and then – Something Happens. It doesn't matter what caused it or whose fault it is. The challenge for me and I suspect most of you is huge: how to NOT experience an onslaught of negative emotions, how to quell at best or at least not display those negative emotions if you experience them despite best efforts; how and what to communicate to your dog, to maintain the team affect you want as you finally do enter the ring.
- The constant “up and down” as you leave your seat to monitor the board to see who is where, and what it means in terms of your own timeline. And the dozens of mini-chats that even social side-liners like I have, as I wait and monitor.
- The challenge of controlling your dog and yourself as you enter the “maximum focus” zone before competition, as you try (and occasionally fail) to ensure that you remain courteous and aware.
- Those lovely “just-between-us” silent communications you sometimes have with the judge that go well beyond the “I'm so sorry” typical of how a judge kindly conveys that you won't qualify in that class. I'm talking about looking up after you've taken the dumbbell from your dog, who is looking up at you illuminated by pride, and seeing that the judge has that lovely soft look on her face that we've all seen hundreds of times when we meet or pass-by people who are openly enchanted by our dog. I'm talking about how a judge momentarily slips aside her mask of impersonality, to

make eye-contact with you and laugh when your dog does something undeniably naughty but funny. I'm talking about knowing that none of these valued communications is a promise of a good score, but instead is a demonstration of "us-ness" – the knowledge that she's been there too.

- The awareness that when in the ring, you and your dog are performing. Of course – your primary audience is the judge. But you know that there are people watching. I am very focused in the ring – I never see or hear anyone outside the ring. But I know that they are there and that at least some of them (not just my own students) are interested in learning. So, as an elder in our discipline, I feel a responsibility to perform in a way that I hope will help them and inform their understanding and their efforts. I'm talking about showing how to interact with your dog in a positive fashion even if/when he makes a mistake; I'm talking about how to interact with stewards and judges in ways that are both thoughtful and time-effective; I'm talking about finding a way to display to newbies or those with acute ring-anxiety, that it is possible to have fun while in the ring.
- The input of colleagues. It doesn't happen in every venue or with every club. But in many, congratulations or commiseration after you've left the ring is a critical factor in reinforcing the perception that you are not alone – that there are others who understand, who watch, and who care.
- The joy of victory. Of course we all like winning. But winning does not comprise only coming away with a ribbon. Even if you don't qualify or don't place – you can and should be able to take pleasure in your achievements. Any time that your dog does well at something you've been working on – it is a victory. So almost every time you compete, regardless of outcome – there are wins.

As I re-read the list I just compiled above, I realize that this has turned into an ode to the sport I've loved for so long. Do you remember this line from *They Paved Paradise*: "Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got till it's gone?" Until I sat down to write this piece, I didn't even recognize how much I value some of the points on my bulleted list, which I had until now, perceived as irritating but unavoidable. Absence does indeed make the heart grow fonder.

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*Editor's Note: Ellie posted her "Ode to Obedience Competition" on social media and graciously allowed for its use here. Visit <https://elliebealsauthor.ca/about-the-book> to learn about her new book, "Emergence."*



# Browsing the Web

## *FDA urges collaboration as dilated cardiomyopathy afflicts more dogs*

*From JAVMA, the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, December 9, 2020*

The puzzle over an increase in reports of dilated cardiomyopathy in dogs and cats drew veterinarians, federal officials, and pet food manufacturers to a September 2020 symposium on the disease. This article in the December 9 issue of *JAVMA* highlights the discussion from that event. Bottom line: the US Food and Drug Administration received more than 1000 reports of the disease in six years, including many among dog breeds not considered to be genetically susceptible to DCM.

In at least one presentation in 2019, an FDA representative said 93 percent of dogs identified in DCM reports had eaten diets high in peas, lentils, or both, and 91 percent ate grain-free diets. Many of these dogs recovered partially or completely with diet changes and medication.

FDA veterinarians and nutritionists are working with their colleagues in the dog food industry, academia, and private practice to solve this puzzle. The full *JAVMA* article is at <https://tinyurl.com/y6err6so> and an FDA information fact sheet is at <https://tinyurl.com/y5znz22w>.

## *The times they are a-changin' for veterinarians*

*From JAVMA, the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, December 3, 2020*

Veterinarians are seeing expanding forays into pet care, many of which affect their bottom line and force innovations to traditional clinic operations. Mars, the candy company, owns Pedigree dog food and three chains of veterinary clinics; Chewy.com has a telehealth service; Petco has vaccination clinics and other veterinary services in its stores; and WalMart is including pet clinics in some of its stores. In an effort to relieve pressure on veterinary clinics and encourage social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic, FDA dropped its requirement that a pet must first be physically examined by a veterinarian before owners can use telehealth services, opening a niche for businesses that offer telehealth services over the Internet.

This *JAVMA* article discusses the use of telehealth as an option when a dog is injured or ill and delves into other potential changes such as offering clients an online store for purchasing medications and other products and using software to review diagnostic results from laboratory tests and share them electronically with clients. The article is at <https://tinyurl.com/yxapgqmy>.

## ***Virtual Home Manners and other AKC programs bring new exhibitors and dogs into the sport***

In an effort to keep exhibitors and dogs engaged during the isolation and cancellations forced by COVID-19, AKC launched several new programs and competitions that owners can participate in at home or at a local training club. Depending on the activity involved, each performance requires assessment of a video by an AKC judge or Canine Good Citizen evaluator. A year-end report indicated that these programs have been quite successful.

The new virtual home manners test is a natural lead-in to both the Canine Good Citizen suite of tests and the three levels of trick dog. Other at-home tests or activities include Rally Novice, agility course tests, the virtual water test for hunting dogs, and FitDog, a walking exercise program for dogs and owners. For those who miss the conformation show ring, there's the Virtual Top Dog Challenge. Each test allows owners to earn a certificate or a title.

These opportunities not only bring new people into various dog sports, they have allowed AKC to enhance its income in a time when in-person dog shows and trials have declined precipitously because of COVID-19 restrictions. They also provide opportunities for shy and reactive dogs and nervous or handicapped handlers to showcase their ability in a quiet, uncrowded space, bringing confidence to both dogs and handlers.

For more information about these opportunities to earn titles, go to [Virtual Home Manners & Other AKC Programs Increase Accessibility](#)

## ***Banfield Pet Hospitals reports increase in pet care visits in 2020***

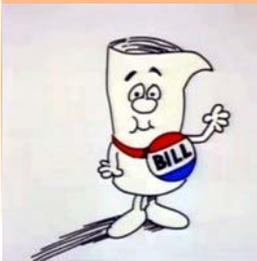
Banfield Pet Hospitals, a nationwide chain of veterinary hospitals with more than a dozen clinics in southwest Ohio, keeps track of pet visits and other statistics throughout its system. Its report on 2020 shows increases in pet visits and in categories of complaints such as itchy skin, digestive upsets, anxiety and weight increase. The report also predicted trends for 2021, including a spike in pet surrenders and separation anxiety as people start to spend more time outside of the home in the second half of the year, a continued use of telehealth services, and a more prominent role for certified veterinary technicians. To see the complete press release, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yxajsaan>.

Banfield Pet Hospitals began operations in PetsMart but now also operates freestanding clinics. The company is owned by Mars, the candy company that also owns VCA pet hospitals and BluePearl, a growing chain of emergency and specialty practices throughout the eastern US. VCA has several hospitals in southeastern Ohio, including one in Beavercreek; Blue Pearl has no local locations.

## ***AKC Canine Health Foundation celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with \$3.29 million in canine health grants awarded in 2020***

The AKC Canine Health Foundation celebrates continued growth in its canine health investments, awarding \$3.29 million in 53 new grants last year.

Despite the unprecedented challenges of 2020, CHF and its donors marked the Foundation's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year by awarding grants in all 23 of its research program areas, addressing health concerns such as degenerative myelopathy, allergic dermatitis, uterine infections, oncology, and more. Three research initiatives in epilepsy, hemangiosarcoma, and tick-borne disease allowed CHF to focus research and fundraising efforts on these devastating diseases that affect all dogs. For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y4w8awpl>.



## **Legislative Report**

*Submitted by Norma Bennett Woolf  
DDTC Legislative Chair*

Ohio lawmakers raced to the finish in the last few weeks of the session and sent three House bills affecting dogs to the governor.

### **Animal cruelty law amendments**

HB 24 makes some much-needed amendments to the states animal cruelty law covering humane society responsibilities; animal impoundments and seizures; humane agent appointment, training, and dismissal; non-prosecution agreements; the use of outside attorneys to prosecute misdemeanor violations of cruelty law; and training for technicians who use animal euthanasia drugs and officers who use animal immobilizing drugs in their duties.

The bill also expands the law's coverage from companion animals, i.e., dogs, cats, and other animals kept as household pets, to all animals, including wild animals kept in confinement and those covered under the state's wild animal permit law.

The bill was introduced in February 2019, passed the House on October 30, 2020, was amended and passed in the Senate on December 3. The House agreed to the Senate amendments on December 8; the Governor signed it into law in early January.

### **Veterinarians must now report suspected animal cruelty**

Also introduced in February 2019, HB 33 requires police officers, dog wardens and their deputies, veterinarians, and social service professionals to report known or reasonably suspected violations of the state's animal cruelty law if the violation involves a companion animal, if a child or an elderly person resides in the home, and if there is reasonable suspicion that the child or elderly resident will be impacted by the alleged offense. The bill also prohibits deliberate false reporting and protects those who report suspicions from criminal or civic responsibility as long as the report is made in good faith.

The bill includes penalties ranging from a warning for a first offense to \$500 for a third or subsequent offense for knowingly making a false report. HB 33 passed the House on June 11, the Senate Agriculture Committee on December 10, and the full Senate on December 16. The governor signed it in January.

### **Veterinarians may apply for tuition help if they do charity work for animals**

HB 67 was also introduced in February 2019 and is a good example of a bill that started out one way and ended up another. Representative Tom Brinkman of eastern Hamilton and western Clermont counties and Brigid Kelly of Cincinnati started the ball rolling with language that awarded continuing education credits to veterinarians who offered free sterilizations for pets of low income households. Shelters and rescue groups supported the bill but the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association did not. In testimony before the House Agriculture Committee, OVMA opposed the bill for two reasons:

- Veterinarians provide a host of free or low-cost services to police, shelters, and the general public in addition to sterilizations; and
- Veterinarians earn continuing education credits for learning about new treatments, research, and equipment, not for surgeries and treatments they already know how to do.

HB 67 passed the House on June 10, 2020, and the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on December 10 and the full Senate on December 16. The governor signed it in January.

# County shelter wins award from state association

Criticized for poor practices in 2018, the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center made giant strides towards correcting its problems in 2020 and earned the Agency of the Year award from the Ohio County Dog Wardens Association.

Following an investigation by Team Shelter USA, the county commissioners fired the director and immediately put the organization's report into action. The report recommended more community outreach, better animal care, additional staff, more effort to reunite animals with their owners, concentration on the state law that limits county shelters to dealing with stray dogs and dog licensing, reducing euthanasia, and raising staff morale and training.

As a result, the shelter hired more staff, and instituted new programs, including an educational program as an alternative to a court date for minor infractions of animal control law, training for mail carriers, and outreach to county police departments. They also reduced the euthanasia rate by releasing more than 90 percent of the impounded dogs in 2020. More information is at <https://tinyurl.com/y2hkbue6>.

