

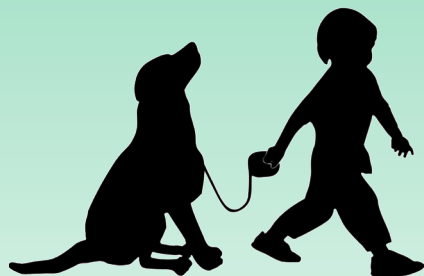


Clublicity

July/August 2023

DDTC Fun Classes

The best thing about owning a dog is building and enjoying a special bond with a canine companion. DDTC offers great fun classes that help build and enhance that bond, including ...



⇒ **KIDS, FIDO, AND FUN**, a class for young people aged 10-17 that helps them understand the dog's needs, teach tricks, & to have fun. A Kids, Fido, & Fun T-shirt is included free with each paid registration. Class is held Mondays at 6:30 p.m.



⇒ **FIT DOG**, a class that uses a variety of exercises to help with dog physical and mental fitness and to build confidence. (It works for handlers, too!) Enrolled dogs must have completed a puppy, junior dog, or beginner class and have reasonable focus on the handler. The class uses several types of equipment, including platforms, balance pads, and cavaletti poles and includes a Fit Dog walk. Students who attend at least six classes and can demonstrate at least eight skills will earn a Fit Dog Level 1 certificate to use towards an AKC Fit Dog Title. *Note: Dogs in this class must be healthy and uninjured. This class does not address rehabilitation or physical therapy.* FIT DOG is held Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

More details on both classes are on the DDTC website at <https://tinyurl.com/3wt9wty5> and registration information is at <https://tinyurl.com/4y8ama5b>.

Club Updates and Announcements



October Canine Health Clinic

For those looking for a canine health clinic, Cat Weil will host an OFA heart, eye, and x-ray clinic at Timbercreek Acres on October 21 from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 5:00 p.m. Tests will be by prepaid appointment only.

Register with Cat by e-mail at timbercreek@fuse.net with the subject line “October 21 Health Testing” and include name, cell phone contact number, dog breed and call name, and services (heart auscultation, echocardiogram [includes auscultation], CAER eye exam, joint x-rays, or microchips) requested for each dog. For more information, contact Cat at timbercreek@fuse.net.



PLEASE Lock the Doors!

A gentle reminder to DDTC members:

If you are the last one out the door after classes, training, and events, PLEASE make sure all doors are locked, lights are off, and any changed thermostats are reset when you leave the building.

If others are still in the building, let them know you are leaving, have done a door check, and are locking the door behind you.

This is a matter of safety as well as keeping utility bills low. Members have arrived at the building with lights on, doors unlocked, and strange cars in the parking lot. River Road is often busy with bike and boat club traffic and joggers, and an unlocked building can tempt thieves, vandals, and troublemakers to enter.

Locks are there for the club’s benefit but they don’t work if they are not secured so PLEASE take an extra few minutes to check each door before leaving.



Handicap Parking Spaces

We now have four handicap parking spaces in front of the building and the emergency access is marked in yellow to remind everyone that this is a “no parking” area. You need a handicap license plate or a handicap card on your rearview mirror to use these spaces. Cars without proper designation will be asked to move if someone has the official license plate or a properly displayed card and needs a spot.



Moraine police liaison

Carol Walker is the club liaison with the City of Moraine Police Department. She will share the nature and extent of DDTC's services for local pet owners, family dog training, dog welfare, dog show competitors with the Police Department. She gave the club calendar, schedule of classes, and emergency contacts for the building and reported that the department is enthusiastic about building a strong relationship with the club.



Election of Board Members

The following people were elected to the DDTC Board of Directors and deserve a big "Thank you" from the membership for their willingness to serve.

President – Corky Andrews

Vice President – Lucy Hayes

Corresponding Secretary – Angie Britton

Treasurer – Mike Scott

Financial Secretary – Sue Morgan

Member-at-Large (2 Year Terms) – Darlene Rak & Gina Wyatt

Member-at-Large (1 Year Term) – Brenda Marcks



Need an Answer?

General Club Questions? Please call 937-293-5219.

Agility Questions? Contact Rita Drewry at ritadrewry21@roadrunner.com.

Scent Work Questions? Contact Darlene Rak at 937-306-2156.

Obedience and/or Rally Class Questions? Contact Corky Andrews at 937-434-3822.

Tracking Questions? Contact Richard Eppley at trackingDDTC@gmail.com

The DDTC Event Calendar is on the Members page.

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AKC Reunite is More than Microchips

AKC Reunite began as AKC Companion Animal Recovery in 1995 as a service to help lost pets rejoin their families through microchips. Today the registry contains more than 10 million animals of about three dozen species and has reunited more than 650 thousand of those chipped animals with their owners. Not content to rest on these successes and in keeping with their mission to “... provide quality products and services that ultimately protect and reunite pets with their owners and prevent pets from populating our nation’s shelters,” the organization has also donated more than \$14 million to support working dogs and pet relief efforts during fires, floods, storms, and other disasters.

Working dog support began in 2001 after terrorists attacked New York City and Washington DC and search and rescue dog and handler teams converged on the scene to first find survivors then locate bodies. AKCs work at ground zero included providing medical supplies for the dogs and paying the veterinary bills for the dogs injured at the site.

The heroic efforts of these dogs spawned several projects to aid working dogs. Within days after the attack, AKC launched the Reunite Canine Support and Relief Fund to aid volunteer Canine Search and Rescue Organizations through a grant program. Initial funding for the fund came from a massive public art display featuring 100 life-sized dog statues to commemorate the work the dogs did at Ground Zero. Dubbed DOGNY, the German Shepherd statues were painted by artists and placed at locations throughout New York City, including many firehouses and police precincts. Following the three-month display, Sotheby’s auctioned a number of the sculptures to benefit the American Kennel Club’s fundraising effort.

In 2014, AKC Reunite initiated the Adopt a K9 Cop program that has awarded grants to more than 500 police departments nationwide. Forty seven of these departments are in Ohio including Dayton, Greenville, Xenia, Anna, and Sidney. Some of these dogs are on the job, aiding police officers in narcotics detection, tracking, apprehension of suspects, and other duties; others are in training with the United States Police Canine Association (<https://www.uspcak9.com/>).

Reunite also donates microchip scanners to shelters and rescue groups, operates a disaster relief trailer matching fund project, and gives grants to shelters that provide resources for lost pets during disasters. In 2023 so far, deployment of disaster relief trailers and direct donations to shelters in emergency areas have aided pet pets in communities impacted by floods in California and Vermont; tornadoes in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Texas; wildfires in Arizona, California, Oregon, and most recently Hawaii; and aided the efforts of the Columbiana County Humane Society to evacuate pets affected by the New Palestine, Ohio, train derailment.

For more information about Reunite programs, go to <https://www.akcreunite.org/givingback/>. To read about Koda, Xenia’s new law enforcement dog, go to the Xenia Gazette story at <https://tinyurl.com/2pzac6v3>.

AKC NEWS

Delegates forum presents the Purebred Preservation Bank

The AKC June delegates meeting featured a forum on the new Purebred Preservation Bank, a nonprofit corporation aimed at preserving the genetic viability of low-number dog breeds and dealing with future health concerns or genetic bottlenecks. The project to increase gene pools began in 2021 to ensure conservation of quality sires, and assist breed parent clubs in establishing their own semen collection banks.

Forum presenters noted that 51 percent of AKC registered breeds are low entry, 11 breeds produced fewer than 10 litters in the past year, and nine breeds potentially face extinction due to low numbers. While depending on parent clubs to establish their own semen banks, the PPB will help clubs resolve the legal, financial, procedural, and political hurdles inherent in establishing a preservation bank. For details about PPB, see <https://tinyurl.com/y7y38c4m>.

Juniors highlighted at the June delegates meeting

AKC is pushing clubs to appoint junior coordinators and has expanded its resource section of ideas and materials to encourage young people to join the sport. As a result, the Juniors Committee reported that there are now 72 parent clubs and 52 all-breed clubs that have junior coordinators and junior show entries are up 25 percent.

AKC is planning a newsletter for junior coordinators and encourages all juniors to take the Canine College stewarding course. For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yc5v594f>.

Museum of the Dog features canines and fashion in new exhibit

The AKC Museum of the Dog opens Fashionable Dogs, a new exhibit running from September 7 through December 31 to highlight breed trends throughout the centuries.

Through paintings, fashion photography, and accessories, the exhibit chronicles the rise and fall of dogs in fashion by tracking the popularity of several breeds through recent history, including the Borzoi, Greyhound, Poodle, Pekingese, Japanese Chin, French Bulldog, and Great Dane. Fashionable Dogs was made possible in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

Meet the Breeds travels to Columbus — see the bottom of page 10 for details and ticket information.

Lone star tick comes north

We usually write about ticks and tick-borne diseases in spring, but news outlets lately have expressed growing concern about the diseases carried by this eight-legged spider relative, so we're doing a late summer update.

Most dog owners know that ticks can carry several diseases such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis, babesiosis, and anaplasmosis. Now comes a new concern for northern states – the potential for an allergic reaction to red meat caused by the bite of the lone star tick, a relative newcomer to the northern US. This reaction is caused by the tick bite transfer of alpha-gal, a sugar molecule that causes an allergic reaction in some people.

Here's how the Cleveland Clinic describes alpha-gal syndrome:

Alpha-gal syndrome (AGS) is a serious and unusual food allergy to red (mammalian) meat. It occurs in people who have been bitten by certain types of ticks, usually if they've been bitten more than once. ... The saliva of some ticks contains a sugar molecule called alpha-gal (α -Gal). When alpha-gal enters the bloodstream, it can increase your sensitivity to red meat. This can trigger an immune system response. Your body reacts as if red meat is harmful, causing allergic symptoms. People with AGS may also react to other products containing alpha-gal, including medications and personal care products.

The Ohio Department of Health conducts statewide vector borne disease surveillance to track both diseased ticks and active human cases caused by tick (and mosquito) bites. Agency reports show that the black-legged tick (aka deer tick), American dog tick, and lone star tick are the most numerous species in the state, Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever are the most common tick-caused diseases, and that no cases of alpha-gal allergies have shown up so far. However, the lone star tick population is increasing in southwest Ohio and throughout Kentucky, making it prudent for dog owners to be especially alert for ticks and tick bites from early spring through late fall each year.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation created its Tick-Borne Disease Research Initiative in 2016 to address the prevalence, diagnosis, and treatment of tick-borne disease. The foundation has invested more than \$1.1 million in this research and offers several educational resources for dog owners. Check out the tick borne disease research initiative at the AKC Canine Health Foundation at <https://tinyurl.com/2ww3rpvp> for a list of current studies, articles, webinars, and other resources.

For more information about ticks and tick-borne diseases in Ohio, go to <https://tinyurl.com/mryvh55d>. For more information about alpha-gal syndrome, see the Cleveland Clinic description at <https://tinyurl.com/5fzzjcnm>.

Braggs and Accomplishments

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

Linda Bingman and Addie finished their novice exterior scent work title at the Columbus All Breed trial Saturday, September 2.



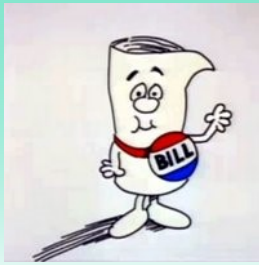
Clublicity Submissions

Submissions are due on the 1st of EVEN-numbered months (February, April, June, August, October, and December).

We hope you will continue to support our club's newsletter and submit items of interest such as: **Articles, Brags, Photos, Recipes, Club History, New Puppy Announcements, And More!**

Send to: ddtcnews@canismajor.com.

Thank you from your Clublicity Team (Norma Bennett Woolf and Kate Stephenson).



Legislative Report

*Submitted by Norma Bennett Woolf
DDTC Legislative Chair*

Recently the *Dayton Daily News* featured a long article about dog attacks in Englewood and Springfield on the campus of Wittenberg University, a situation that unfortunately provides a chance to remind DDTC members about the state's vicious dog law.

In Ohio, dogs must be licensed, confined on the owner's or harborer's premises, or under control when off the premises.

Section 955.11 of the Ohio Revised Code defines three categories of dog behavior that are potential violations beyond failure to license or keep the dog at home:

A **nuisance dog** is "...a dog that without provocation and while off the premises of its owner, keeper, or harborer has chased or approached a person in either a menacing fashion or an apparent attitude of attack or has attempted to bite or otherwise endanger any person.

A **dangerous dog** is "a dog that, without provocation" has caused injury, other than killing or serious injury, to any person, or has killed another dog;

A **vicious dog** is "a dog that, without provocation" has killed or caused serious injury to any person.

"**Menacing fashion**" means that the person being chased or approached reasonably believes that the dog will cause physical injury to that person.

"**Without provocation**" means that the dog was not provoked by someone who teased, tormented, or abused it. The law allows for a dog to protect or defend its family members and caretakers as long as it was not being used in criminal activity.

For details, a definition of "serious injury" and consequences of violations, see ORC 955.11 at <https://tinyurl.com/3tvwjht> and ORC 955.99 at <https://tinyurl.com/3ksrt2y7>. For questions about interpretation of the law as potentially applied to specific cases, contact the county dog warden or an attorney.



The AKC Government Relations Department is hard at work

AR activists are back with their Puppy Protection Act

Federal department funding bills are favorite places for lawmakers and special interest groups to get money for pet projects that may or may not enhance public safety, health, or otherwise provide for the general welfare. As noted in the last issue of *Clublicity*, the House Agriculture Committee held hearings to determine which projects will be favored with dollars in the next USDA budget. Along with pro animal welfare groups urging funding of the Healthy Dog Import Act, animal rights groups want to include the so-called Puppy Protection Act, their perennial attempt to tighten regulations for commercial kennels with a proposal that could also impact home breeding.

AKC opposes the PPA for its one-size-fits-all rules for kennels covered by the federal Animal Welfare Act. Mandates in the PPA include veterinary screening of a female dog before breeding, breeding decisions based on the size and age of the dog, temperature limits that do not allow for breed and activity differences, and unfettered access from the dog's primary enclosure to an exercise area that allows the dog to reach full stride.

The PPA could be used to target home breeders because the definition of breeding dog is fuzzy and leaves breeders with more than four intact adult females potentially open to federal regulation regardless of whether those females will be bred in a particular year. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/mbh2rzb3> and <https://tinyurl.com/y6swf5fh> for further explanation of the AKC opposition by Sheila Goffe.

More federal bills

Goldie's Act (HR 1788), another effort backed by animal rights and anti-breeding activists, would amend the federal Animal Welfare Act to redefine AWA violations and undermine priority for the care and wellbeing of animals by removing a distinction between care and welfare (direct) violations and paperwork/non-welfare related (indirect) violations. While zero violations of any rules or laws should be the goal, AKC believes the care and wellbeing of animals must always be a priority. HR 1788 would also require inspectors to destroy or remove an animal if they believe it is suffering psychological harm. The bill does not define how psychological harm would be determined or by whom.

The Pets Belong with Family Act, introduced in June 2023 prohibits public housing agencies from imposing breed restrictions on household pets owned by residents. AKC supports this measure and is working with a broad range of stakeholders to advance the measure.

The Beagle Brigade Act of 2023 ([HR 1480/ S 759](#)) provides permanent Congressional authorization for the United States Department of Agriculture's National De-

tector Dog Training Center, which administers all aspects of the USDA's program using detection dogs to find pests and diseases harmful to American agriculture imported into the United States. HR 1480 passed the House in May 2023. AKC GR is actively advocating to advance it in the Senate.

CDC extends import ban on dogs from high-risk rabies countries

The US Centers for Disease Control has extended the temporary ban on import of dogs from more than 100 countries considered high risk for dog-variant rabies and opened a comment period for new quarantine requirements for imported dogs based on their rabies vaccination status. The proposal calls for

- A microchip;
- Six-month minimum age requirement for admission with an exception for pet owners in some circumstances
- Submission of a CDC import form prior to travel to the US; and
- Airline confirmation of all import documentation and other requirements.

As required by law, CDC has posted the proposal in the Federal Register and welcomes comments from individuals as well as organizations. For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/zyeunn2p> for the NAIA alert or <https://tinyurl.com/r2eadskf> for the AKC release.

The import ban will expire at the end of July 2024.

Meet the Breeds travels to Columbus

AKC's Meet the Breeds event will be October 14 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The day will include demonstrations of various dog sports and booths staffed by owners and breeders of dozens of breeds.

A list of breeds attending the event is at <https://tinyurl.com/22394dse> and will be updated periodically.



Ticket costs:

- VIP - \$50 (includes VIP Badge, VIP Priority Seating at Demo Ring, 10% Discount at MTB Store, and a Gift Bag);
- General Admission Adult - \$20;
- General Admission Senior (65+) - \$15;
- General Admission Child (12 & Under) - \$10.

Pet Sympathy / Sunshine Report

Please contact Mary Savage (cliff414@frontier.com) with any Pet Sympathy/Sunshine items.

Pet Sympathy

“Nellie” (Irish Wolfhound)
Francis Abrams

“Georgi” (Terrier)
Joanne Jozwiak

“Jaqui” – Brynlea Fascinatin’ Rhythm RN
OA OAJ CAA FCAT9 CGCA (Pembroke
Welsh Corgi)
Sue Peterson

Sunshine

Cathy Hahn

Jim Savage – husband of Mary Savage

Deaths

Ken Hahn – husband of Cathy Hahn



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Dayton Dog Training Club on the web: www.daytondogtraining.com

Upcoming Events

General Membership Meeting

November 10

Fall Classes

Conformation, Obedience, Rally, & Scent Work

Monday night classes begin October 16 & end December 11

Tuesday classes begin October 17 & end December 12

Wednesday night classes begin October 18 & end December 13

Thursday night classes begin October 12 & end December 14

NO CLASSES October 19 & 26, November 20-23

Agility

Monday classes begin on October 23 end December 11

Tuesday classes begin on October 24 & end December 12

Wednesday classes begin October 25 & end December 13

Thursday classes begin on October 12 & end December 14

NO CLASSES October 19 & 26, November 20-23

DDTC Events and Building Rentals

GOASC Agility trials, October 14-15 (set-up Oct. 13)

Obedience & Rally trials, October 20-22; C-match, October 19

Agility trials, October 27-29 (set-up, Oct. 26)

Sandra Ladwig seminars (tentative), rings 2-3, November 4-5

Clermont County Kennel Club agility trials, November 25-26 (set-up Nov. 24)

Agility Run-Thrus

Check the calendar or DDTC groups.io for latest information.

Board Meetings

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

Building Cleaning

Thursdays; no equipment set-up for practice

Dates are subject to change and new additions may be made as the year progresses, so check the website member section for calendar updates.

Watch groups.io and our website for schedule updates.