

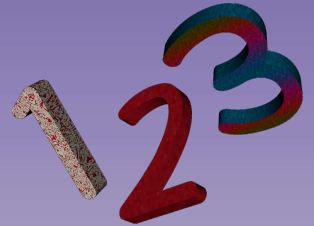


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By the Numbers

Corky Andrews



It takes an incredible number of committees and positions filled by our members to keep Dayton Dog Training functioning for a year. Be prepared to be IMPRESSED!!!!

10 Board members . . . 4 Directors of Training . . . 70 Classes per session . . .

2 Registrars . . . 350 Classes per year . . .

2500 Students per year . . . 188 Instructors per year . . .

3 Training Committees . . . 4 S.T.A.R.T Instructors . . .

1 Building and Grounds Manager (10 people to help) . . .

12 Trial Chairs . . . 12 Trial Secretaries . . .

Trial Workers (hospitality, kitchen workers, ring stewards, cleaners, table stewards, timers and gate keepers ETC.) — LOTS, EVERY TRIAL! . . .

Keeper of the Calendar . . . Clublicity Staff . . .

Agility Run Thrus . . . C-Matches . . .

2 Brownie's staff . . . Building Rental . . .

TP Coordinator . . . Sunshine Committee . . .

2 Librarians . . . Teaching Voucher Secretary . . .

AKC Delegate . . . WEB Master . . . Facebook Editor . . .


DDTC CARES: Everyone!


All accomplished by 265 members!!!


1 AWESOME Dayton Dog Training Club!!

AKC Delegate's Report

DDTC delegate Sherri Swabb reports the following items affecting DDTC sports from the AKC October board meeting. The full minutes from the meeting are posted at <https://tinyurl.com/4dm83fvy>.

 **Catalog class order – obedience:** The Board approved a staff recommendation to modify Chapter 1, Section 3 of the Obedience Regulations to allow the Regular and Preferred Open and Utility class entries to be listed together in the catalog as they are in the judging program and judge's book. The change takes place on January 1, 2024.

 **Recording/service fee for all entries:** The Board adopted a recommendation to implement a consistent recording/service fee of \$3.50 per entry across all sports. Currently, all performance events are \$3.50 per entry, while conformation and companion events are \$3.50 for the first entry and \$3 for all subsequent entries of a dog at the same event. The change would result in consistency across all sports and will take effect on January 1, 2024.

 **Australian Terrier and Old English Sheepdog change in obedience jump heights:** The Australian Terrier Club of America and the Old English Sheepdog Club of America petitioned the board to lower the jump height for their breeds to three-quarters the height of the dog at the withers. The board approved these requests, which becomes effective January 1, 2024.



Therapy visit: On September 13, DDTC members Karen and Mikey, Linda Miller and Jax, Marcia and Storm, and Linda Bingman and Addie visited River Oaks in Miamisburg. Residents and dogs both enjoyed their visit.

New AVMA Survey Finds Pet Owners Overwhelmingly Prefer Veterinarian-led Care for Their Pets



The vast majority of pet owners believe that an in-person examination by a veterinarian leads to the best care for their pets and prefer to meet the veterinarian in person before allowing pet treatment, according to a survey released November 7 by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Conducted online by True Global Intelligence, the AVMA 2023 Pet Owner Attitude Survey of 1000 pet owners indicates that dog and cat owners

prefer an in-person relationship with a veterinarian and oppose delegating the pet's care to a mid-level employee similar to a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner in human medicine.

Survey results include:

- **88%** of pet owners believe that having a veterinarian physically examine the pet leads to the best care
- **79%** of pet owners prefer that a veterinarian oversee the pet's care
- **76%** put pet health and safety as a top priority for veterinary care
- **72%** prefer to meet a veterinarian in person before allowing pet treatment
- **80%** agree it would be dangerous for anyone other than a licensed veterinarian to make recommendations about life-or-death decisions for their pet

The AVMA's survey was fielded online from September 8-14, 2023, and was completed by 1000 pet owners across the US. See the survey at <https://tinyurl.com/y5m8f2sm> and an explanation of mid-level employee veterinary care at <https://tinyurl.com/y5m8f2sm>. Also see the Legislative Report item about the AVMA position on laws allowing telehealth treatment of pets without a Veterinary Client Prior Relationship in this issue.



AKC adds another title to the repertoire

In October, AKC introduced Fetch, a set of titles proving a dog's ability to fetch an object as directed by the handler. No simple toss and bring back game, this: dogs must find both visible and hidden items while ignoring distractions on courses of increasing difficulty.

Fetch titles are Novice (FTN), Intermediate (FTI), Advanced (FTA) and Retriever (FTR). Items tossed or placed can be tennis balls, bumpers, or toys. Distances and distractions increase at each title level:

Novice courses include three straight-line retrieves in three directions and require the dog to ignore four distractions. In novice, the fetch is 30 feet from the start line and the dog can see where the ball or other object lands. The distractions can be boxes, lawn decorations, lawn chairs, etc.

Intermediate courses include four straight-line retrieves in three directions (handlers can choose which direction to repeat) and require the dog to ignore eight distractions. Intermediate course fetches are 50 feet from the start line and the dog can see where the ball or other object is thrown.

Advanced courses kick things up a notch with two single and two double retrieves of the object out-of-sight behind a blind. The three blinds are straight screens at least 24 inches tall and 10-12 feet wide set 70 feet from the start line. The AKC website includes instructions for blind construction.

A helper (think course steward) drops the target items (balls, bumpers, etc.) behind the screens while the dog watches. For the two straight line retrieves, the handler directs the dog to the center blind and to either the right or left blind. For the double retrieves, the dog watches the helper place objects behind two blinds, the handler directs the dog to fetch one of the objects and the dog brings it back and either drops it or brings it to hand.

Retriever courses add another dimension, i.e., a triple retrieve. It uses three blinds and requires two double retrieves and one triple retrieve. The retrieve distance increases to 80 feet from the start line.

Any AKC judge or CGC evaluator can judge Fetch tests after completing the training modules and passing the online test in Canine College. For more information about AKC Fetch testing, go to <https://tinyurl.com/ab697c35>.

Dogs must pass each test twice under two different judges to earn a title. Dogs who are at least six months old are eligible for Fetch testing if they are registered or enrolled with AKC and have an AKC, PAL or AKC Canine Partners number. A Fetch title can also be used as part of the requirements for the gold level Fit Dog certification.

Paula Jarabin and Rosie win AKC National Trick Dog finals

AKC's fifth annual Trick Dog competition was open to Elite Performers, AKC's highest level of trick dog performance. To achieve this level of accomplishment, dogs must perform 10 tricks with at least five props, and the performance must have a story.

Juniors are also permitted to enter at any level as long as their dogs have a Trick Dog title. The AKC Trick Dog competition has continued to grow steadily; this year saw more than 200 competitors with 68 breeds from 40 states and Canada that were evaluated by three judges.

The overall winners in the 2023 competition were Paula Jarabin and her All-American dog Rosie from Santa Barbara, California. In their routine, [The Honky Tonk Café Talent Show](#), Rosie demonstrated the tricks needed to win a talent show.

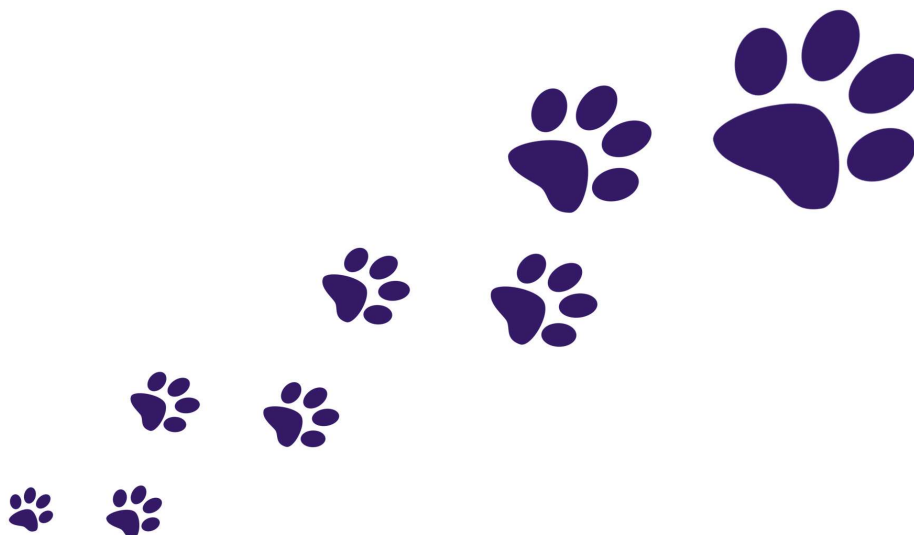
The top videos from the competition are available at these links:

Winner: Rosie handled by Paula Jarabin, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5Mkbmr6T8M>

Finalist: Cricket handled by Elizabeth Berthold, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7KLdnF-qTM>

Finalist: Mindy handled by April Paulman, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9Sxyz4SHVo>

To learn more about earning AKC Trick Dog titles, go to <https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/>



Braggs and Accomplishments

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



Linda Bingman's Addie finished her FCAT with her best time at the October 14 trial at Columbus All Breed. Linda was Addie's catcher and Mark Bingman was her releaser.

Congrats to Laura Mowen (not pictured) for winning the DDTC Good Sportsmanship Award.

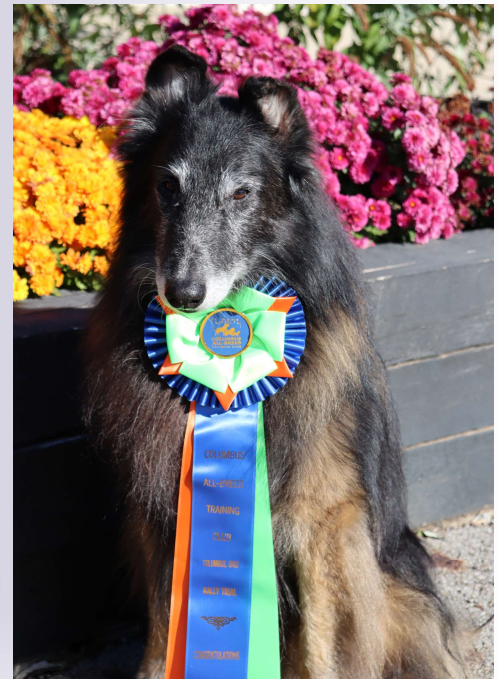
Congrats to DJ James (pictured, left) and Diane Scott (pictured, right) for winning the AKC Good Sportsmanship Award.





Some belated brags from **Kate Stephenson . . .** First, **Pru** (co-owned with Kelley Hoffman) came to stay with me for a while. At events and trials between October 2022 and November 2023, Pru earned her Canine Good Citizen, Canine Good Citizen Advanced, Canine Good Citizen Urban, Trick Dog Novice, Rally Novice, Rally Intermediate, Rally Advanced, and Rally Excellent. Then, due to a lack of time to enter more in-person trials before she went home to her “other mom,” I recorded Beginner Novice obedience runs, and she earned her Beginner Novice Virtual title. Pru is now BasqueLaine Jurisprudence at Geka RE CGCA CGCU TKN BN-V.

In June (just weeks before his 12th birthday), **Kate Stephenson’s Aslan** competed at the AKC Rally National Championship in Wilmington, Ohio, and earned a 10th place in the Master class. Then, in November, he finished his Rally Master 5 title at Columbus All-breed Training Club. Aslan is RACH Genesis Chronicles Of Narnia CD PCD BN RM5 RAE3 NA NAJ CGCA CGCU TKA.



Send brags to ddtcnews@canismajor.com. Don't forget to include your name, dog's call name and registered name if applicable, along with the title or honor achieved.

German Spitz Moves to the AKC Miscellaneous Class

The German Spitz, a relative of the Pomeranian and the Keeshond, moves from the Foundation Stock Service to the Miscellaneous class in June 2024, the final step before full AKC recognition.

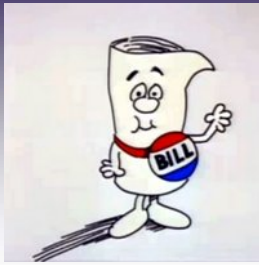
An ancient canid with discoveries of well-preserved specimens dating back 6000 years, the dog that became today's German Spitz has a long association with humans as a vermin hunter, companion and farm and home watchdog. The giant version of the breed was also used to herd sheep and as a vineyard guardian. ('Giant' German Spitz dog are actually medium sized with a maximum height of 20 inches at the shoulder and a weight of 37-40 pounds.)

The breed comes in five size varieties in Europe, but two of them are already recognized in the US as the Pomeranian and the Keeshond. The other three sizes are the miniature, middle or standard, and giant. The German Spitz in the US is considered a single breed regardless of size.

The modern German Spitz has many characteristics desired by exhibitors; it is bright, easy to train, and good with children, enjoys sports from barn hunt to agility, and is a happy therapy dog. Its biggest drawbacks are probably its ingrained talent as a watchdog – it has a tendency to bark – and the annual shed of the profuse spitz coat.



Standard-size German Spitz used under the Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 4.0 International license.



Legislative Report

*Submitted by Norma Bennett Woolf
DDTC Legislative Chair*

Ohio HB277 proposes tax credit for landlords who allow pets

Tagged the Pet Friendly Rental Act, HB 277 would grant tax credits up to \$7500 to landlords who designate pet-friendly units in their properties. It also prohibits nonrefundable fees or additional rent payments tied to the presence of the pet and bans restrictions on breeds and sizes of dogs.

The only restrictions allowed by the bill are for dogs that have been adjudicated as dangerous or vicious as defined in ORC 955.11 of the Ohio Revised Code. Cincinnati area Representative Rachel Baker and Butler County area Representative Sara Carruthers are among the bill cosponsors.

HB 277 was assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee but has not yet been scheduled for a hearing. The legislature is generally quiet in November and December of the first year of the session, so many bills may not be scheduled for hearings until 2024.

Activists seek to move federal Animal Welfare Act enforcement to the Justice Department

Senate Bill 2555, the so-called “Better CARE for Animals Act,” shifts enforcement of dog breeder licensing under the Animal Welfare Act from the US Department of Agriculture to the US Department of Justice. *This move would circumvent oversight authority by an agency staffed by animal experts that focuses on improving animal husbandry and instead place it with one with little or no animal expertise that focuses on violations as potential federal crimes. (Emphasis is in the original alert at the AKC Government Relations website.)*

In short, SB 2555 would empower the DOJ to file charges, seize animals and impose penalties regardless of whether USDA has determined or even alleged that there has been a violation of the Animal Welfare Act. See the AKC opposition alert at <https://tinyurl.com/48cu6a2z>.

APHIS proposes import rules for dogs entering US from swine flu countries

The United States Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has proposed permanent rules governing the importation of live dogs for

resale, wholesale, or fee-based adoption from regions where African Swine Fever exists or is reasonably believed to exist. The proposed rules echo Centers for Disease Control requirements for importing dogs from rabies endemic countries and would formalize requirements that have been in place since August 2021.

African Swine Fever is not a human health threat but has the potential to destroy the pork industry if it gets into hog herds. There is no treatment or cure for this highly contagious and deadly disease. The virus does not affect dogs but it can be carried on dog fur and bedding. ASF is found or suspected to exist in many African and Southeast Asian countries and some countries in Europe and South America.

The APHIS proposal includes adherence to animal import rules and these APHIS Veterinary Services import requirements:

- Dogs and their shipping containers must be free of dirt, wood shavings, hay, straw, or any other organic or natural bedding material.
- All bedding must be properly disposed of when the dogs arrive at the point of entry to the US in a way that prevents introduction or spread of ASF.
- Dogs must have a microchip that meets APHIS-approved standards, and the microchip number must be verified immediately before the animal is bathed.
- Dogs must be bathed at the US ports-of-entry within two calendar days of arrival.

More information is at <https://tinyurl.com/48ren87b>.

AVMA raises veterinary concerns in Congress

The American Veterinary Medical Association actively supports the profession by promoting or opposing federal or state legislation that affects all aspects of veterinary practice, including public health; animal science, testing, and care; drug use; import and travel regulations; and more. Along with supporting the Healthy Dogs Import Act endorsed by the National Animal Interest Alliance and AKC, the latest AVMA electronic newsletter notes the following:

- **The US Senate has established its first Veterinary Caucus**, a group of senators organized to inform their colleagues about the clinical and non-clinical roles that veterinarians play nationally. The bipartisan group will monitor situations and promote legislation to address problems that affect animals, the profession, and the public.

The Senate Veterinary Caucus consists mostly of senators from rural states or districts. Along with the existing House Veterinary Caucus, it will work on matters such as the shortage of rural and large animal veterinarians and the establishment of public policy covering such diverse subjects as federal meat inspection, drug approvals, and support for prevention, detection, and response to both animal and zoonotic diseases.

- **Federal law includes a provision that provides loan repayment grants to veterinarians** who agree to practice in rural areas for a specified length of time. The amount of the grant is taxable, limiting the amount of funds available for loan repayment. AVMA supports a new bill that would remove the tax and encourage more veterinarians to apply.

AVMA also advocates for or against trends in legislation at state levels. Highlights include:

- **Most states, including Ohio, require an animal owner to maintain a client relationship** (Veterinary Client Prior Relationship) with a veterinarian in order to use a practitioner's telemedicine services, but some states are considering legislation that would remove the prior relationship requirement. AVMA opposes such laws as potentially harmful to the animal. The organization's opposition argument states: "Simply put, establishing the VCPR with an in-person, hands-on examination is in the best interest of animals and is fundamental to quality care. The veterinary profession has been using telemedicine successfully for a very long time, *largely because it has been done within a VCPR established via an in-person exam or premise visit.*" (*emphasis in the original*)
- **Xylazine is a drug used by veterinarians to calm large animals needing treatment.** It is not approved for human use but has made its way into the drug trade as an enhancement for illegal drug use. Some states and the federal government are considering listing xylazine as a controlled substance, and AVMA and state veterinary associations are monitoring these attempts so they don't criminalize possession and use of the drug by veterinarians.



Clublicity Needs You!



Clublicity needs more member-submitted content. We hope you will continue to support our club's newsletter and submit items of interest such as:

- ⇒ **Articles**
- ⇒ **Braggs**
- ⇒ **Photos**
- ⇒ **Recipes**
- ⇒ **Club History**
- ⇒ **New Puppy Announcements**
- ⇒ **And More!**

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

Send to: ddtcnews@canismajor.com.

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



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