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## Grey Muzzle Award

*We need your help*

A couple of years ago the Board wanted to do something for our older members, and we decided to create the Grey Muzzle Award. This award is bestowed upon a Regular member that has attained the age of 80 years old and is still active in the club. The member will pay zero for membership fees or any training classes taken and will have key privileges.

So far this award has been given to Roberta Shellabarger, Sarah Eppley, and Terry McCarty. If you know of anyone else in the club that qualifies for this award, please contact Beth Erisman-Thomas, the club secretary.



# The Ins and Outs of DDTC's Membership Program

*Beth Erisman-Thomas, Corresponding Secretary*

Have you tried to help someone gain membership into DDTC, but are unsure how to do it? With the different papers, do you know which ones to give and when? What the cost might be to apply? I am here to help you answer those questions and possibly many more. While the process may seem like a long and daunting task, with the correct information, it can go rather smoothly.

**First and foremost:** **ALL** applicants have to now go through our Training Privilege (TP) program.

From prior to applying for the TP program to applying for Regular Membership, there are only four steps.

Step 1 - Complete 2 training classes.

Step 2 - Apply for TP.

Step 3 - Complete TP Program requirements within 1 year.

Step 3.1 - Complete 25 volunteer hours.

Step 3.2 - Attend 1 general membership meeting and attend the meeting at which you are voted in.

Step 3.3 - Complete 2 classes, or earn/have earned an AKC Conformation, Performance or Companion Events title.

Step 4 - Apply for Regular membership.

## **How to apply to DDTC's TP program?**

After completing the requirements to apply, you will have to fill out the Training Privileges Application and send it to the Financial Secretary, Anita Eisthen, along with \$25.

Once approved by the Board, which meets every third Monday of the month unless there is a conflict, you will be notified.

From this point on you will work closely with our TP Program Coordinator, Kathilyn Bigler. Once approved by the Board of Directors (BoD), you will have one (1) year to complete the requirements and apply for Regular Membership.

## **What do I do now that I am a TP?**

Once approved you will have to pick up the 'TP Documentation of Training and Service' form, which is on the back of the 'Application for Regular or Junior Membership' form.

As part of the TP program, you are required to complete at least 25 volunteer hours. This can be done by helping out at several of our events, or by assisting in classes.

While attaining your 25 volunteer hours, you are required to attend at least one (1) General Membership Meeting. You will be notified approximately, one (1) month prior to each meeting via mail.

Lastly, during this year, you have to complete two (2) or more classes with DDTC or earn/have earned a title from AKC in Conformation, Companion, or Performance events.

Failing to complete the TP program within one (1) year, may result in having to re-apply for the program.

### **Now that I am done with the TP program, how do I apply for Regular Membership?**

To apply for Regular Membership, you will take the forms (TP Documentation of Training and Service and Application for Regular or Junior Membership) and turn them into the Financial Secretary, Anita Eisthen.

On the 'Application for Regular or Junior Membership' form, you will have to obtain two (2) club sponsors, which are Regular members in good standing with DDTC.

When you send in these forms, you will have to **send in the correct fees** listed on the form or your application will be delayed until the fees are obtained by the Financial Secretary.

Once approved by the BoD, you will receive notification regarding the next General Membership meeting, where you will have to attend to be voted on by the General Membership. If you are unable to attend that particular meeting, notify and board member in advance.

Doing any part of this process out of order **WILL** result in delays.

If there are any questions, please contact me, Beth Erisman-Thomas, Corresponding Secretary, via email at [ddtcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ddtcsecretary@gmail.com) or phone/text at 937-830-4370.

**Become a  
Member**

# FDA investigates potential connection between diet and cases of canine heart disease

The US Food and Drug Administration alerted pet owners and veterinary professionals about reports of canine dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) in dogs eating certain pet foods containing peas, lentils, other legume seeds, or potatoes as main ingredients. These reports are unusual because DCM is occurring in breeds not typically genetically prone to the disease. The FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine and the Veterinary Laboratory Investigation and Response Network, a collaboration of government and veterinary diagnostic laboratories, are investigating this potential association.

Canine DCM is a disease of a dog's heart muscle and results in an enlarged heart. The underlying cause of DCM is not truly known, but is thought to have a genetic component. Breeds that are typically more frequently affected by DCM include Great Danes, Boxers, Newfoundlands, Irish Wolfhounds, Saint Bernards and Doberman Pinschers. It is less common in small and medium breed dogs, except American and English Cocker Spaniels. However, the cases that have been reported to the FDA have included Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Whippets, a Shih Tzu, a Bulldog and Miniature Schnauzers, as well as mixed breeds.

Diets in cases reported to the FDA frequently list potatoes or multiple legumes such as peas, lentils, other "pulses" (seeds of legumes), and their protein, starch and fiber derivatives early in the ingredient list, indicating that they are main ingredients. High levels of legumes or potatoes appear to be more common in diets labeled as "grain-free," but it is not yet known how these ingredients are linked to cases of DCM. Changes in diet, especially for dogs with DCM, should be made in consultation with a licensed veterinarian.

In the reports the FDA has received, some of the dogs showed signs of heart disease, including decreased energy, cough, difficulty breathing and episodes of collapse. The FDA continues to work with board certified veterinary cardiologists and veterinary nutritionists to better understand the clinical presentation of these dogs. The agency has also been in contact with pet food manufacturers to discuss these reports and to help further the investigation. Additional information is available at the following links:

Questions & Answers: FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine's investigation into a possible connection between diet and canine heart disease:

<https://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/ResourcesforYou/AnimalHealthLiteracy/ucm616279.htm>

How to report a pet food complaint:

<https://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/SafetyHealth/ReportaProblem/ucm182403.htm>



## Upcoming DDTC Events

### **C-Match**

January 4

### **Obedience and Rally Trials**

January 5-6

### **Winter 2019 Class Schedule**

Agility Classes Begin January 7

Conformation Classes Begin January 7

Obedience Classes Begin January 7

Rally Classes Begin January 9

Tracking Class Begins May 2019

### **Agility Trials**

January 26-27 (set-up January 25)

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

### **Building Rental**

March 23-24 (set-up March 22)

ASCA conformation show & Rally trials

### **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.

# Braggs and Accomplishments

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



**Carol "KC" Artley** wrote that her Borzoi **Joe** was awarded #1 Versatility for 2017 by the Borzoi Club of America. This award is given to the Borzoi with the highest score calculated as AKC conformation points, AKC Field Champion lure coursing points won and the number of qualifying scores in AKC obedience/rally with wins in all three areas. Joe is doing well this year; he finished his Grand Champion title owner-handled, won five more points towards his AKC Field Champion title, and has earned two legs towards his Companion Dog title.

**Denise Gordon** is now an AKC Farm Dog judge. Farm Dog certification involves a dozen tests to determine a dog's reliance around livestock and his ability to calmly negotiate several situations commonly found on a livestock farm,





**Bruce Hardin** and **Billy** earned their Canine Good Citizen title at DDTC's test on November 3.

**AKC/UKC GCH Blue Sky Desert Star Orion the Hunter BN, RA, FDC, CDCA-HCX, CDCA-V**, a Canaan Dog bred and owned by **Norma Woolf** and **Denise Gordon** and shown in the breed ring by Denise, earned his AKC Grand Champion Bronze title and his Farm Dog Certificate this fall. All points towards his breed titles were owner-handled.



***Send brags 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.***

# Odds and ends



## Rest stop for shelter dogs

A Columbus Humane Society program moves adoptable dogs from rural Ohio shelters to cities where adoption is more likely.

With its new nonprofit GiGi's Shelter for Dogs, the Humane Society brings dogs from four southern Ohio counties to a sort of halfway house on the southeast side of the city. Here the dogs get a vet checkup, vaccinations, behavior evaluations, and grooming. About three days later, the dogs travel on to Columbus Humane for adoption.

GiGi's Shelter is housed in a 15 thousand square-foot facility with 45 dog runs. It also includes a training area, outdoor play areas, and a walking path. It is not open to the public. Initial funding for the shelter came from a donation of \$4 million from a couple in the Columbus suburb of Bexley.

For more information about Gigi's Shelter for Dogs, see "Canine Way Station: Innovative shelter moves dog to where the demand is," *Columbus Dispatch*, November 19, 2018, <https://tinyurl.com/y7p56arb>.



## Middletown arson dog helps solve crime

Scottie, a Labrador Retriever mix and member of the Middletown Fire Department, led investigators to the scent of gasoline, an important step in solving an arson at the Evendale GE military administration building last March. Scottie sniffed the accelerant at the fire site and again on a backpack in a contractor's cubicle. The contractor was arrested and charged with arson.

Scottie and his handler firefighter Chris Klug received a Home Town Hero award from 859 Board Up, a disaster cleanup company, in November.

Scottie is trained to find more than a dozen petroleum accerants, including gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel, and paint thinner. He is the only accelerant-sniffing dog in this part of the state.

For more about Scottie, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yczkzrk3>.



## Ohio's drug sniffing dogs hit paydirt

In 2016, the Ohio Highway Patrol beefed up its drug program by doubling its number of drug sniffing dogs and putting them in patrol cars to aid officers in finding drugs during traffic stops. The program has paid dividends, most recently with two large seizures of marijuana confiscated in traffic stops in the northern part of the state.

On November 5, a dog alerted on a rental truck stopped for lane violations. Troopers used a probable cause warrant to search the vehicle and found more than 500 pounds of the drug worth more than one million dollars. The driver faces up to 22 years in prison and up to \$40 thousand in fines.

On November 19, troopers seized 250 pounds of the drug after a dog alerted on another rental truck stopped for speeding. That driver is charged with a second-degree felony.

The law allows troopers to use dogs to alert on a vehicle if the traffic stop is legitimate, the driver is not detained while the dog is brought to the scene, and the officers obtain a warrant to do the search.

For more information about these seizures, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y77ph88j> and <https://tinyurl.com/yc3fm7p7>. For information about the legality of using dogs during traffic stops, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y78y4ob4>.



### **How dogs help fight cancer in people**

*US News & World Report, November 7, 2018*

Since dogs naturally develop many of the same cancers that afflict people, scientists can study that development and use the knowledge gained to advance the treatment of malignancies in both dogs and humans. This fascinating article at <https://tinyurl.com/yajfqj9p> describes how dogs can help researchers understand how environmental factors influence cancer development and treatment.



### **How massage can help your dog**

*AKC, April 12, 2017*

Massage may reduce stress and anxiety, increase circulation, decrease pain, and strengthen the bond between you and your dog. This article from AKC at <https://tinyurl.com/y992egy8> explains how massage can help and gives hints on how to do it.



### **How dogs help returning military soldiers combat PTSD**

*AKC, June 27, 2018*

Post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, does not discriminate. Because military personnel are at greater risk of exposure to highly traumatic events, they can develop this anxiety disorder with its panic attacks, depression, isolation and other symptoms. Some sufferers of PTSD have found the companionship and aid of a service dog to help them to cope with the symptoms. This article from AKC at <https://tinyurl.com/y9vjg32b> highlights the value of these dogs to the soldiers they help.



### **Dogs smell your emotional state and it affects their mood**

*Psychology Today, October 25, 2017*

In his Canine Corner column [Stanley Coren PhD., DSc, FRSC](#) discusses research designed to indicate whether dogs can detect human emotions such as happiness and fear from human body odors. The column also contains links to research into a dog's ability to read human facial expressions, voices, and body postures. Link to the article is <https://tinyurl.com/ycpkgous>.

# AKC News

## ***AKC and the Westminster Kennel Club Take Over the Big Apple***

On February 9, 2019, AKC and the Westminster Kennel Club will present the annual AKC Meet the Breeds and the Sixth Annual Masters Agility Championship at Piers 92 and 94 sponsored by Purina® Pro Plan®. Once again, The International Cat Association will join Meet the Breeds to showcase its 71 registered breeds along with the AKC breeds in attendance.

This is the tenth year for *Meet the Breeds*® and its fifth year as part of Westminster Week. The agility competition finals will be televised on the FOX Broadcast Network Sunday, February 10 from 2-4:30 p.m. ET.

Westminster Week events also include the iconic 143rd Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show on Monday and Tuesday, February 11-12 and the fourth Annual Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster on Monday, February 11. All events are presented by Purina® Pro Plan®.

To purchase tickets and find additional information about the events, visit [www.westminsterkennelclub.org](http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org).

## ***AKC's Pet Disaster Relief Trailer Program has a Birthday***



AKC Reunite, the largest pet non-profit pet identification and recovery service provider in the country, is celebrating the five-year anniversary of its Pet Disaster Relief Trailer Program.

AKC Pet Disaster Relief helps local emergency management teams provide temporary sheltering and care for pets displaced by a disaster. Once donated, the trailer and the equipment inside become the property of the local agency to deploy whenever a disaster is declared. Spread throughout the US, the trailers have been utilized dozens of times to help pets displaced by wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes and floods.

Since the start of the program, 68 Pet Disaster Relief trailers have been donated around the country due to the generosity of 396 dog clubs, the American Kennel Club, AKC Reunite Canine

Support and Relief Fund and various private donors. To date, the program has received more than \$1.7 million in donations, and it continues to expand. (Ohio has three trailers located in Clermont, Stark, and Delaware counties. The Clermont trailer deployed to Florida to help rescue pets in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael.)

When donated, trailers are stocked with essential supplies to temporarily house at least 65 pets in the critical first few days after a disaster is declared. Crates, pet carriers, bowls, collars and leashes, microchips, a microchip scanner, fans, cleaning supplies, maintenance equipment, administrative supplies, training materials and much more are included. The emergency agency is responsible for restocking depleted materials and equipment.

For more information go to <https://www.akcreunite.org/deployments>.

## **What To Do If Your Dog Eats Chocolate**

*From the AKC website, Feb 08, 2016*

Most dog owners understand that chocolate is toxic to dogs and that the type and amount of chocolate the dog eats and how much he weighs determines the danger. Cocoa powder is the most toxic form of chocolate followed by baker's chocolate, semisweet chocolate, dark chocolate, milk chocolate, and white chocolate.

The danger lies in the amount of theobromine and caffeine in the type of chocolate. Both are alkaloids that can speed the heart rate and stimulate the nervous system of dogs.

Although a few Hersey kisses are unlikely to affect a medium-sized dog, if you know your dog has eaten chocolate, it's important to monitor him for signs of toxicity (see below), and it's recommended that you contact your veterinarian or the Pet Poison Helpline ([www.petpoisonhelpline.com](http://www.petpoisonhelpline.com) or 855-213-6680, fee applies) for advice.

Signs of chocolate poisoning include vomiting, diarrhea, restlessness, increased urination, tremors, elevated heart rate, and in extreme cases, seizures, collapse, and death. For more information see the article at <https://tinyurl.com/y7dslyrq>. If your dog eats chocolate, call your veterinarian or the Dayton MedVet Emergency Clinic for advice.



# DDTC Officers and Board of Directors



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

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## 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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