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## Drake is a GRRAND amazing rescue!

*By Linda Bingman, Drake's lucky owner*



GRRAND (Golden Retriever Rescue and Adoption of Needy Dogs) in Louisville, Kentucky found Drake in 2016. He was in a kill shelter in southern Kentucky, one day from being euthanized. He had bite marks on the back of his neck from being attacked by a dog or dogs. They took him to their rescue center in Louisville for vet care, neutering, shots, etc.

One week later we received a call they had a dog we might be interested in. We had to quickly schedule a home visit, as that was the last requirement we hadn't completed. Then we called to schedule an appointment to meet Drake.

When we arrived at GRRAND the lady in charge kept apologizing to us for driving all that way because he was one of the most "out of control" dogs they have had because he had very high energy.

We had taken Payton, our older Golden Retriever, with us; it was a priority the two dogs got along. That went well. Then I tried working with Drake. He was

very treat- and praise-motivated and a quick learner. We said we'd take him. The lady from GRRAND insisted we foster him first because it would be easier to "bring him back." We reluctantly agreed to pacify her on the condition no one else could adopt him before us. She agreed and we brought him home.

Two weeks later he was housebroken, adopted and ready to begin training classes at DDTC. We took a beginner's class with Darlene Rak instructing. He was the worst behaved dog in the class the first day! We did lots of extra practice and by the end of the session he was one of the best-behaved dogs in the class. He went on to many other classes at DDTC and is currently training/showing in Scent Work.

In 2021 GRRAND was celebrating 25 years of rescue and wanted to highlight three amazing

rescues. Categories were: 1) therapy dog 2) rehabilitated dog 3) great training progress. You had to write a letter stating why you thought your dog was amazing in one of these categories. I included this list:

2016 CGC  
2017 RN, qualified for Rally Nationals  
2018 RI, TKN, CGCU, Achiever Dog, shown at Rally Nationals  
2019 NAP, NJP, TKI, CGCA  
2020 BN, OAP  
2021 OJP, SIN, SEN, SBN, SCN, SWN  
He is now ready to show in Advanced Scent Work.

Drake was chosen by GRRAND to represent great training progress. They hired a professional videographer to shoot a video highlighting these three dogs that was shown at the GRRAND Affair (their yearly fundraiser) November 12 in Louisville.

Not bad for a dog one day from being euthanized. Quite the diamond in the rough! That's why I see such value in the START (Saved, Trained, Adopted, Remain Together) program at DDTC. We hope we can help these dogs from the Humane Society of Greater Dayton learn manners and find their forever homes too.

“Saving one dog will not change the world.  
But surely for that one dog, the world will change forever.”



# Browsing the Web

## When behavior breaks the bond

*Today's Veterinary Practice*, September-October 2021, by Kate Boatright VMD

Aimed at veterinarians but helpful to all dog owners, this article in *Today's Veterinary Practice* magazine takes a thoughtful look at what happens when owners cannot manage a pet's behavior and the relationship appears headed for dissolution. Dr. Boatright outlines four general choices faced by owners:

- Treat through a combination of training, medication or supplements, and lifestyle and environmental adjustments
- Coexist with the behavior without directly addressing it
- Rehome or relinquish the pet to a shelter
- Behavioral euthanasia

She then describes the potential for emotional, financial, and physical consequences of each choice for the owners; the impact on the pet's quality of life; and the steps veterinarians can take to help owners reach a workable decision and to help dogs through the process.

This article may seem like a no-brainer to DDTC members but its inclusion in a veterinary magazine may encourage clinicians to recommend DDTC and other training clubs in their efforts to help owners build or salvage the bond with a dog. Check the whole article at <https://tinyurl.com/6z3ptr2>.

## Dogs can get cryotherapy treatment for pain

Pain management is a big deal for dog owners and veterinarians. Many of the techniques now used to help canines began as treatments for people; now added to massage, chiropractic, hydrotherapy, acupuncture and acupressure, the new kid on the block is cryotherapy, a technique used to reduce tendon or muscle inflammation after surgery or injury, relieve the pain of arthritis, or remove skin lesions without surgery.

Cryotherapy involves the application of cold packs to injured, inflamed, or surgical areas and can potentially be used as a whole-body therapy. The story is at <https://tinyurl.com/fuaebrmk> and there's more information about cryotherapy at <https://tinyurl.com/2ujaru6y> and <https://tinyurl.com/2ujaru6y>.

## Why do dogs tilt their heads?

Head tilting is another of the esoteric observations indulged in by owners curious about the behaviors of their pets, and now there's potential answer to the riddle.

An exploratory analysis of head-tilting in dogs published in *Animal Cognition* in October 2021 hypothesized that head-tilts may be related to increased attention and

could be explained by lateralized mental functions. The study began by teaching 40 dogs to recognize and fetch two distinct toys by name and continued by adding toys to the game. Researchers then observed the dogs to see whether they cocked their heads (and to which side they tilted) when owners requested them to fetch a particular toy. The results indicated that only dogs that had learned the name of the objects tilted their heads frequently, thus suggesting a relationship between head-tilting and processing relevant, meaningful stimuli.

The *Psychology Today* article by Marc Bekoff Ph.D., professor emeritus of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Colorado, Boulder, is at <https://tinyurl.com/528m8ebk>. The study report is at <https://tinyurl.com/4jmpahjy>.

## **Fees for OFA hip evaluations and other services will increase January 1**

The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, the repository that collates and disseminates information about orthopedic and genetic diseases of animals will raise its fees for the first time in more than 10 years. Beginning January 1, 2022, the increase will help offset cost increases, ongoing inflationary pressures, and regular maintenance and investments in the foundation's physical and IT infrastructure.

The current fees will be honored for exams and tests done prior to January 1 regardless of when the application arrives at the OFA. All exams and tests done after December 31, 2021, will be subject to the new fee schedules. Credit card payments will be charged the new fees; if payments are made by check based on the current fees and leaving a balance due, the owner or clinic will be required for the short pay amount.

Hip and elbow evaluations go from \$35 to \$45, with other increases being similar. OFA also evaluates other orthopedic conditions, serves as a DNA registration service, and tests for other diseases, including thyroid, cardiac conditions, deafness, eye diseases, and more. For the entire new fee schedule, go to <https://tinyurl.com/w4szhpnz>.

## **AKC's Canine Health Foundation hosts VetVine webinars**

The AKC Canine Health Foundation and VetVine offer a series of live webinars on canine health topics featuring leaders in veterinary health research. These webinars provide practical advice on common health concerns and information on cutting-edge research to benefit dogs.

The live webinars feature a presentation and a question-and-answer session if time permits. If you cannot attend the live presentation, each webinar is available on demand from a computer or mobile device. All webinars require registration through VetVine.

To register for an upcoming webinar or watch a past presentation, go to <https://tinyurl.com/d73wxu7s>.

## **The importance of medial crural fascia when recovering from a TPLO**

A mouthful to describe the rupture of the cranial cruciate ligament, a common orthopedic injury in pet dogs, and the tibial plateau leveling osteotomy, a common procedure performed to address stifle (knee) instability secondary to that rupture. This webinar discusses

- Cranial cruciate ligament rupture - what it is, risk factors, and how it occurs
- Medial crural fascia - what it is and why it's important
- Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy - the procedure and how it's performed
- How might we preserve the medial crural fascia

## **Webinars available on demand**

### ***A novel non-surgical option to preserve limbs in canine osteosarcoma***

Osteosarcoma, the most common bone cancer in dogs, is treated with a combination of surgical removal of the primary tumor and chemotherapy for metastatic disease. Surgical removal of the tumor usually involves limb amputation or limb salvage surgery, which can have high complication rates, and not all dogs are suitable for limb amputation. Even after surgical tumor removal and chemotherapy, the cancer often spreads to distant organs and dogs usually die of metastatic disease spread within an average of 12 months after diagnosis. Survival times have not greatly improved over the last 30 years.

Histotripsy is an emerging modality for treating multiple cancers including liver and brain cancer and holds exciting potential to be a non-surgical option for treating the primary tumor in osteosarcoma and as a therapy that stimulates an anti-tumor immune response. This presentation aims to introduce histotripsy as a potential treatment for this devastating disease.

### ***GDV - what we know, and what we wish we knew!***

Gastric dilatation and volvulus (GDV), or bloat, is a common condition in large and giant breed dogs with an unacceptably high morbidity and mortality rate. There is no single cause for GDV; rather its occurrence is multifactorial, with both genetic and environmental factors contributing to the condition. Understanding what causes GDV allows us to intervene to prevent the disease from occurring.

### ***Vector-borne disease diagnostics: from "ruff" to "purrfect"***

Worldwide, diseases that are transmitted by ticks and fleas to companion animals continue to expand in frequency and geographic distribution. Serology and Polymerase Chain Reaction tests are well-established methods used to diagnose vector-borne diseases, but they have limitations. This webinar discusses next-generation sequencing, a technique that has become a key tool in detecting and characterizing infectious diseases in humans and is soon to become an important tool in veterinary medicine as well.

***Many other webinars are available on demand as well.*** Go to <https://tinyurl.com/d73wxu7s> for a list and to sign on.

# Braggs and Accomplishments

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

**Linda Bingman** and Golden Retriever **Drake** qualified four times in scent work exterior novice with a third place out of 11 dogs. They finished their novice exterior title and overall scent work novice title at the Weimaraner trial at Roberts Centre, October 23-24, 2021. {PHOTO} See Drake's story in this issue.

**Kathy and Bob Condrón's Boomer** earned his FCAT 4 and **Bindi** earned her DCAT in Fast-Cat. Boomer and Bindi are All Americans.

**Anita Eisthen** and her Labrador Retriever **Sonny Boy** earned his Rally Novice title in three days at the DDTC October trials with one first place and two second places. He is now qualified for the Rally Nationals next year.

**Terry McCarty** and her rescue Sheltie **Forever Home Riley** earned his Beginner Novice title with a fourth, third and second place. Little **Alpenglo's Joyeux Noel** received her Rally 1 title. Terry is so proud of both and thanks all who tried to pat Riley on the head for the "judge inspection." HE STAYED!

**Pam Murn** and **Scout (PRR's Lookin for the Wild Life RE, TD, JH, AX, OAJ, OF, CGC, TKE, WCX)** earned his first Beginner Novice leg at the Golden Retriever National in Ocala, Florida, with a first place.

**Sherry Shafer** and **Levi** finished his Rally Novice title with a score of 97 and fourth place and his Beginner Novice title with a score of 198.5 and second place.

**Alice Sowders** and her Whippets also did well at the DDTC trials. **Spider-Man** earned his Rally Intermediate title with scores that has made him the Top Rally whippet in the country. **Jake** earned his Rally Novice and Beginner Novice titles, and **Adele** earned her Rally Novice and Beginner Novice titles.



*Scout*

**Elaine Stoermer** and her Pembroke Welsh Corgi **Harper (Sandfox Faerie Wing'D CD PCD BN GN RA SWA SCE SBE CGCA CGCU TKI)** earned their Nosework NACSW NW3 title in September after earning her element titles NW3-V, NW3-I, NW3-E, and NW3-C earlier in 2021. In October, Harper earned her Scent Work AKC Buried Excellent title with three first places.

**Sherri Swabb:** Fall of 2021 has been good to Sarron Belgian Sheepdogs in Ohio! So far this this season they have accomplished the following:

**Sarron Pulp Fiction, CD, BN, RI, BCAT CGC (Jules)** finished her Championship! She is breeder/owner/handled by Sherri.

**Ch. Sarron Notorious, BCAT, CGCA, CGCU, TKN (Tori)** completed her Grand Championship and her DCAT title as well as receiving an invite to 2022 Westminster!! She is breeder/owner/handled by Sherri.

**Liswyn's Gypsies in the Palace Mika, RI, DCAT, CGC (Gypsy)**, owned by Sherri Swabb and Kathy Sutton DVM and bred by Kathy Sutton DVM and Lisa Leffingwell, picked up two majors and a few other points toward her Championship and is closing in on finishing this fall.

Finally, Sherri's baby boy **Sarron The Thunder Rolls (TR)** went to his first and last 4-6 month puppy show and took Best of Breed 4-6 month Puppy, Herding Group 1, and BIS 4-6 month puppy on Saturday and then Best of Breed and 4-6 month Puppy Herding Group 2 on Sunday. He turned six months old three days later and took a **4-point major at the Delaware Ohio KC** show on October 30 for his first real points. TR is also breeder/owner/handled by Sherri.

**Cathy Wright and Chaos (Thundergolds Much Ado About Something CD RE DS TKI CGCA CGCU)** finished a CD with a third place and Rally Excellent with a fourth place at the DDTC October trials.

**Sue Young** and her Belgian Sheepdog **Diamond** completed their UD in the Marietta, Ohio, trials in early October. Diamond qualified with first place in both trials with scores of 186 and 195.5. On Sunday, Oct 10, also in Marietta, Miss Diamond showed in Masters, Excellent, and Advanced in the two Rally Trials and qualified in all six classes. **Freedom**, Diamond's two-year-old son, also went to Marietta to show in Open obedience for the first time. Sue thought he would be ready when she entered him, but her heart trouble interfered. However, he missed only one exercise in each trial and Sue said he is getting close. The picture is from the Sunday Rally trials, where he earned two Rally Intermediate legs. He certainly rose to the occasion and gave Sue his best.



*Diamond*



*Freedom*

And ...

A big congratulations to  
**Mike Scott**  
for his approval as an AKC  
Judge for all Rally classes!

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.

# Upcoming Events

DDTC is open and following AKC guidelines for COVID-19 General Practices for Clubs & Exhibitors as well as state, local, and facility guidelines that apply to our location.

## Winter 2022 Classes

Obedience classes begin January 3

Agility classes begin January 3

Conformation drop-ins begin January 4

Rally classes begin January 5

Scent Work classes begin January 10

Tracking class TBD

## DDTC Events and Building Rentals

Obedience & Rally trials, January 8-9

C-Match, January 7

Agility trials, January 29-30 (set-up Jan. 28)

Sandra Ladwig seminar, February 26-27 (rings 6-7)

Agility trials, March 12-13 (set-up Mar. 11)

## General Membership Meeting

March 1

## Agility Run-Thrus

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

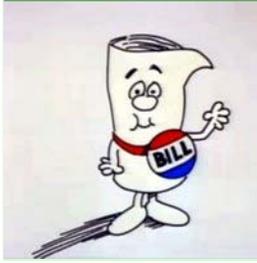
## Board Meetings

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

## Building Cleaning

Thursdays; no equipment set-up for practice

**Watch groups.io and our website for schedule updates.**



# Legislative Report

*Submitted by Norma Bennett Woolf  
DDTC Legislative Chair*

## **Governor signs fireworks bill into law**

Ohio residents traditionally salute several holidays each year with fireworks, but until this month, it has been illegal to do so. However, Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 172 into law in early November, thus legalizing the use of holiday fireworks celebrations by state residents for up to 20 days each year. The law goes into effect on January 1, 2022, and may require heightened vigilance for dog owners, especially if their pets are noise sensitive.

Most of these exciting but prohibited festivities have been confined to Independence Day week and Labor Day, but the new law expands the list to include New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Chinese New Year, Cinco de Mayo, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Diwali (an autumn celebration of lights marked by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, and some Buddhists). The law also includes July 3 and July 5; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday before and after July 4; and Saturdays and Sundays immediately before Labor Day and Memorial Day.

Making such observances legal increases opportunities for dogs to suffer noise-induced stress and to flee in panic through open doors and gates, climb over fences, or crawl through fence holes in attempts to escape. Terrified pets can obviously be injured, lost, or worse, leading to owner fear, anxiety, or heartbreak and to extra work at animal shelters.

Fear of loud sounds can have more than one cause. Some breeds are predisposed to develop a noise phobia and some dogs are afflicted throughout their lives, but others develop the response as they age, if they are exposed to trauma associated with loud sounds, or if they experience either short-lived or chronic pain. For further information, see "Has your dog become sensitive to noise? It could be undiagnosed pain" at <https://tinyurl.com/rdsp86ar>. Also see "Helping your dog cope with fear of loud noises" at <https://tinyurl.com/6f97kynz>.

## **Breeder regulation bills reintroduced in Congress**

Two bills introduced in Congress would place new restrictions on breeders covered by the federal Animal Welfare Act, and AKC once again urges breeders and clubs to contact their lawmakers to oppose passage.

The threshold for federal regulation is ownership of more than four intact female dogs, cats, or small animals kept as pets if the offspring of any of the animals are sold.

Dubbed the Puppy Protection Act of 2021, the bills are a rehash of past proposals of anti-breeding groups and have gained support of dozens of lawmakers who have no knowledge of dog breeding and believe the bills are necessary to assure good canine care.

Although AKC's alert agrees that some items in the bills contain reasonable guidelines, they emphasize that arbitrary, one-size-fits-all requirements are not appropriate for all dogs and breeders and do not allow for creative approaches that fit particular situations.

The mandates in the bills include

- Unrestricted access during the day from the dogs' primary enclosures to an outdoor exercise area large enough that it "allows dogs to extend to full stride."
- Pre-breeding screenings without specific details for what the screening would involve or who would make breeding decisions.
- A requirement to feed dogs at least twice per day.
- Prohibition on keeping dogs in enclosures above 85 degrees or below 45 degrees F, regardless of breed or acclimation needs for dogs that work or thrive in hotter or cooler temperatures.
- Prohibitions on breeding a female to produce more than two litters in 18 months and restrictions on breeding based on the age and size of the dog.

For details and a sample letter to send to lawmakers, go to <https://tinyurl.com/bdz4tj25>. Additional analysis is at <https://tinyurl.com/yckspbf7> and information about AWA licensing is at <https://tinyurl.com/2xfk9ua7>.

## **Xylitol labeling is a bill we can support**

Congressmen David Schweikert and Greg Stanton of Arizona introduced the Paws Off Act (also known as HR 5261), a bill to require that food products containing xylitol or birch sugar carry a warning that the artificial sweetener is toxic to dogs.

Xylitol is a chemical compound used as a sugar substitute in chewing gum, dental products, peanut butter, baked goods, and other human food and some pharmaceutical products. It is quickly absorbed in the canine bloodstream and could cause a sudden release of insulin from the dog's pancreas that can result in life-threatening hypoglycemia less than an hour after ingestion.

For more information, see <https://tinyurl.com/yp3uydaf>.

AKC would like dog owners to contact their congressional representatives and express support for the bill. The AKC campaign page for the bill is at <https://www.votervoice.net/AKC/campaigns/89752/respond>

# Pet Sympathy / Sunshine Report

If you have a Pet Sympathy/Sunshine item, please contact Mary Savage (cliff414@frontier.com, 937-836-5280).

## *Pet Sympathy*

“Gypsy” – Gypsy Rose Lee (English Cocker Spaniel)

Roberta Shellabarger

“Bailey” – (Golden Retriever)

Linda and Steve Miller

Mary Beth Steinke

Denice Ray

Rob Robinson

Joan Stoppelman

Kathi Bigler

Roberta Shellabarger

Marcia Pittman

## *Sunshine*

Sue DeBord

Sue Young

Diane Scott

## *Deaths*

Dennis Steinke

Elwin Young (brother-in-law of Roberta Shellabarger)

*The family of  
Dennis Steinke  
acknowledges with grateful  
appreciation your kind expression  
of sympathy*

*Thank you for the Beautiful  
floral arrangement you sent  
to decorate Dennis' memorial  
service. We appreciated them  
very much. Thank you for  
the cards you sent, they  
were very comforting.  
Sincerely, Mary Beth  
& Family*



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