Dayton Dog Training Club—January/February 2024

Clublicity

DDTC in 2023

Corky Andrews, President

2023 has been a very busy year for our Club and especially for Rhonda Holzhauer, our terrific Building Manager. With the support of her husband Carl -- her Right-Hand Man-- and Club volunteers too numerous to list, we have a beautiful Club. Along with the daily maintenance, they have completed several large projects: The building got a new roof and was painted; exterior lighting in both the front and back have been upgraded, and a wonderful new sign donated by Ken McNerney is hanging on the back of the building.

The diligence of Karen Fischer and her weekly cleaning crew enabled the interior of the building to continue to shine. We purchased new chair racks that were being installed by rings that don't have rolling racks so chairs can be put up after each class. This will make it easier for the crew.

Thanks to the work of Carol Walker, our liaison with the Moraine Police and Fire Departments, we have improved the safety of both the interior and exterior of our Club. We installed permanent handicap parking signage and painted the spaces and other "no parking "areas around fire hydrants. We added a lock box to give quick access during an emergency. We instituted safety rules, including keeping interior doorways and the lobbies clear of crates, chairs and equipment and anything else that would impede egress during an emergency. In addition, the Moraine Police Department regularly makes its presence known during our business hours.

All of our lesson programs thrived as more people than we could accommodate continued to enroll. Our directors of training and the registrars put in countless hours trying to meet the demand. We are most appreciative of the members who continued to share their knowledge by teaching and the new members who joined the ranks.

We had a large group of weekend warriors as well as several of our Club who were invited to national events, and all of them represented our Club with their friendliness, skill and love of their sport.

We were most fortunate that every one of our members supported DDTC however possible and that is what allowed us to continue to improve and grow.

Please Lock the Doors!

Rita Drewry

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.

Linda Bingman's Addie had her Christmas photo taken at the club! Thanks, Rhonda, for leaving this up after the Christmas party for pictures. I know several dogs who were also photographed here.

Creating a Safe Environment for Our Dogs

Just like humans, our canine friends can be susceptible to many viruses. While at Dayton Dog Training Club, we ask that you adhere to the following for each dog's safety:

Do not bring ill dogs onto the premises. If your dog is not feeling well, please leave it at home. Meanwhile, if possible, you attend the class. You will receive credit for attending, receive the written lesson plan when given, and be able to practice with your dog when it is feeling better.

No nose-to-nose contact. This can directly spread viruses and many dogs do not care for that invasion of their space. We suggest 6 feet distance be maintained between dogs at all times whether inside or outside of the building. Please also be aware of maintaining distance away from dogs in crates.

Clean up any dog accidents immediately. If you see a dog have an accident and the owner is unaware, please bring it to an instructor's attention. There are clean up materials in each ring area. An instructor will be happy to assist with the cleanup if needed.

We ask that students do not arrive sooner than 5 minutes before their classes begin and leave as soon as class is over, whenever possible. An instructor can still give you extra time outside the ring after a class, if necessary.

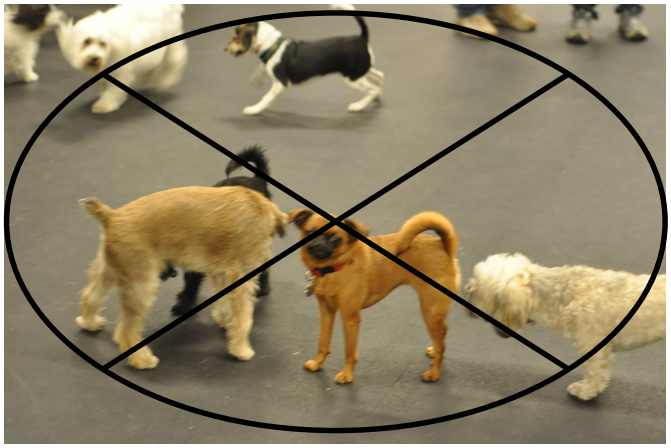
There is added space between some rings (rings 4 &5 and 6 & 7 for example) please do not stand nor leave your dog in these aisleways. They are purposely there to create separation.

There are hand sanitation stations in various areas throughout the building. Our building is cleaned by volunteers at least once weekly. This includes, vacuuming, mopping where indicated, cleaning of all bathrooms and more.

DDTC "Fun Facts Part IV"

A Must Read

Only One Dog Off Leash in a Ring at a Time



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- It is the policy at DDTC that there is to be only ONE dog in a ring at any time if it is off leash.
- This is for safety and liability reasons and is to be strictly adhered to at all times.
- If an instructor wishes to run multiple dogs on an off-leash exercise, the ring must be separated using the accordion type gates that are available in the building.
- Our Notes to Instructors #7 states:
- Only one dog at a time is allowed in a ring off leash. Other than puppy class, we DO NOT let dogs interact or do meet and greets with other dogs. Some dogs do not like other dogs coming up on them and will react in a negative way.
- Dogs think, feel, and react in a way that works for them and injury or death can happen in a very quick moment. Please, safety first. Always.

Recalls

- In many of our obedience classes, we do off leash (or with the dog dragging their leash or a long line) recalls.
- If you are an instructor in such a class, please make sure that the dog and handler set up near the gated area of the ring and are recalled so the dog will be running on a diagonal inward towards a solid wall and away from a neighboring ring. Going from the solid wall toward the outer gating where other dogs, humans, and possibly doors opening and closing can be too big a temptation for some dogs and should not be done.

Please Leave Them at Each Ring

- In order to make things easier for the instructors and students alike, each ring numbered 1-7, plus the Kitchen Area will have a bin of pencils, a basket of 8 clipboards, and a set of 10 cones. Please leave these items on or near the table that is adjacent to their ring.
- The cones are numbered on the inside and have a ring assigned to them. If you remove them from their assigned ring, please make sure you return them there immediately when you are finished.

Canceling Your Class

- Only the Club Vice - President or the respective Director of Training has the authority to cancel classes.
- If you are ill or cannot otherwise come to teach your class, contact the DOT immediately and either let her know you have found a substitute or ask her to find one for you.
- It is encouraged that you try to find your own sub. However, the respective DOT will search for one if need be.
- Having multiple students relaying that they will be absent on an upcoming holiday (such as Columbus Day or Halloween for example) is not a reason to cancel a class

If it's Messy, Please Clean it Up. If it's Wet, Please Wipe it Up

- Sometimes dogs get nervous at our building and one thing that can happen is they lose a large amount of fur in the time they are here.
- If it is your dog, or you see that happen with a dog, or you are an instructor and it is a dog in your ring, please take a moment, if at all possible, to clean it up.
- Sometimes the food treats a person brings are very crumbly and make a mess on the floor in their area.
- Please immediately clean up excessive food drops when they occur.
- Cheese can be especially bad if dropped and then repeatedly walked on. It gets mashed into the matting and can be difficult to clean off. Foods such as cheese should NEVER be used in the turf room!
- A dog may sometimes urinate on the gating (fabric, lattice, and/or accordion) and the owner may not even be aware that it happened.
- Please, if it is your dog or you witness it, make sure that it is properly wiped up and cleaned immediately.
- If it is on a fabric gate, please inform the appropriate Event Host, DOT or the Building Manager, Rhonda Holzhauer.
- Always be especially careful while on the turf. It has its own cleaning protocols.

Help Out the Cleaning Crew!

DDTC is extremely fortunate to have a most wonderful cleaning crew headed up by Karen Fischer. They work very hard to keep our building looking good all the time.

In addition to what's noted in the segment above, you can help them also by making sure that all chairs used are promptly put back on the chair racks when you are finished using them.

Please also put any crates away when not in use, especially on Wednesday nights as the bulk of the cleaning and vacuuming currently occurs on Thursday mornings.

If you have half empty soda cans or other liquids to discard, please empty the containers thoroughly before tossing them into the trash receptacle.

President Washington won a war, helped create a nation and originated a dog breed

February brings us President's Day, a time for honoring all presidents but particularly those who had a major impact on the US. Founding Father George Washington is chief among these giants for his leadership in the Revolutionary War that continued through his two terms as our first President. Because of these tremendous accomplishments, few people realize that his love of dogs also played a major role in his life and led to creation of the first truly American dog breed..

The kennels at Washington's Mt. Vernon were home to Greyhounds, Newfoundlands, Briards, and various types of spaniels, terriers, and toys, but his favorites were the fox hunting hounds. Washington was an avid fox hunter and a dedicated breeder of English Foxhounds with many dogs dating back to a pack imported to Maryland in the mid-1600s.

However, the open countryside of Virginia and Maryland called for a speedier, more agile hound than the hedgerow-dotted British terrain, and Washington set about creating such a dog. He kept detailed breeding records of his hounds in his quest to improve their speed, good sense, and brains for hunting in open spaces. The big breakthrough came when Washington was appointed head of the Continental Army and became friends with General Marquis de LaFayette, a French nobleman and dog breeder who joined the fledgling American army to fight the British.

After the war, LaFayette returned to France and sent seven French hounds, probably of the ancient Grand Bleu de Gascogne breed, to his friend. Referred to as Normandy hounds by LaFayette, these dogs were larger than the English Foxhound and contributed a carefully nurtured bloodline known for focus on the hunt, an excellent nose, a melodious voice, and a calm attitude to the pack. Washington's efforts improved the type and focus of his dogs, and he became a key player in the creation of the American Foxhound, a longer-legged, agile, and willing hunter well-suited to Virginia's terrain.

The American Foxhound story continues with its contribution to the development of other hounds better suited to forested terrain as settlers move westward, including the Treeing Walker Coonhound and the Bluetick Coonhound.

For more information, go to "By George: A Founding Father and his American Foxhounds" by Denise Flaim at https://tinyurl.com/2bxbr2m8. For fun, check out "American Foxhounds Were Once a Classroom Subject in Virginia" the second fun fact about the breed at http://tinyurl.com/bdfxfndt.

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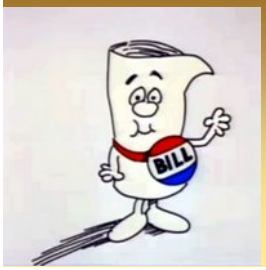

Legislative Report

Submitted by Norma Bennett Woolf
DDTC Legislative Chair

New Ohio bill would supply road crews with microchip readers

HB 379 proposes to supply road construction, maintenance and repair crews with microchip scanners to identify any dead dog or cat they find while carrying out their duties. The bill covers government agencies and private companies under contract with government entities. If they find a microchip, they must make a good faith effort to track down the owner and to keep the animal body in a sanitary place for 24 hours so the owner can claim it.

The bill also requires public agencies and private employers of road crews to provide a chip scanner to those crews. Sponsors are Representative Sara Carruthers of Butler County and Representative Brian Lorenz of Delaware County. The bill is on the Ohio Government website at http://tinyurl.com/e7j93wmk.

Police officer gets his dog back

Ohio law allows a police officer dog handler to buy his retired police dog for $1 but makes no provision for purchasing the dog if it is still considered fit for duty. A Shaker Heights ordinance contained the same language as the state law. Officer Chad Hagan, a dog handler with the Shaker Heights Police Department, decided to take a job in a department closer to his home in another city but was refused the opportunity to take his partner with him. He had handled Igor, a six-year-old German Shepherd, for five years and offered to buy the dog for $10 thousand, the amount a new dog would cost.

The law stood in his way, and the city placed Igor in a kennel. However, public outcry convinced Shaker Heights to amend its local law to allow the purchase of the dog, a compromise that assured Shaker Heights would have a dog to assist its department and Igor could move with his family. A go-fund-me account by a supporter raised more than $14 thousand to buy Shaker Heights another dog. For more details, see http://tinyurl.com/mrkpaj5v.

AKC Government Relations alert targets New Hampshire anti-breeding bill

Brachycephaly is a physical feature of snub-nosed dogs such as Bulldogs, Pugs, and Boxers. New Hampshire lawmakers want to make these dogs extinct in their state by charging breeders with animal cruelty.

State lawmakers introduced House Bill 1102, legislation that describes the feature as a deformity and criminalizes not only their breeding and sale but also includes any dog that could be claimed to have a birth deformity. The bill would be added to

the state's cruelty law and open breeders to criminal charges and penalties if it passes. The original hearing was set for January 16 but has been postponed, and no new date had been announced by January 25.

AKC and the New Hampshire Dog Owners of the Granite State oppose the bill and ask that concerned dog owners, breeders, kennel clubs, and parent clubs ask lawmakers to vote against its passage. The AKC Government Relations Department includes talking points to cover in opposition letters and a list of lawmakers to contact. To help, go to AKC Government Relations at doglaw@akc.org or NH DOGS at dogs.nh@gmail.com.

AKC Grants Full Recognition to Lancashire Heeler

The Lancashire Heeler, a breed developed in Great Britain to aid farmers driving livestock to market, is now eligible to compete in AKC conformation shows.

Although the breed has been around since the 17th Century, its exact origin is unknown. Some researchers believe it derived from Nordic dogs brought to the British Isles by the Vikings; others place its origin with the Corgis that helped drive cattle from Wales to Lancashire and interbred with free-roaming terriers in the destination area in northwestern England. An intelligent and versatile farm dog, the heeler is also an adept ratter and an affectionate family companion.

A small dog similar in appearance to the Welsh corgis and the Swedish Vallhund, the heeler comes in two coat colors, the black and tan of Britain's ancient Black and Tan Terrier, another suspected ancestor, and liver and tan. The heeler has a soft undercoat and hard, flat outer coat to protect from the weather. The heeler is about a foot high at the shoulder and weighs about 17 pounds.

Obedience and Rally exhibitors will likely find the Lancashire Heeler to be an intelligent and fast-learning competitor; agility exhibitors will likely enjoy its enthusiasm on the course. Barn hunt brings out their ratting ability and many also maintain their herding aptitude.

The downside to the Heeler is its tendency to chew and bark, its suspicion of strangers, and its need for exercise. Check out the website of the US Lancashire Heeler Club at http://tinyurl.com/mr3fkev7 for more information.

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Pet Sympathy / Sunshine Report

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

Pet Sympathy

"Belle" (Old English Sheepdog)
Iris Carter

"Brio" – OTCH8 MACH Morninglo's Brave New Day UDX10 OGM PCDX MXS MJS ADHF ODHF (Golden Retriever)
Jane Eifert

"Kat" (a cat)
Sue Morgan

"Savi" – Manitou's Windswept Savannah (Doberman Pinscher)
Mike & Diane Scott

"Kelvin" – Jetoca Kelvin Hotwire The Outback (Golden Retriever)
Cathy Wright

Sunshine

Doug Scott

Ron Siwecki

Patty Steele Scott

Elaine Stoermer

Deaths

Betty Bingman,
mother of Mark Bingman

Patricia Borke,
mother of Jenifer Borke-Harding

Suzy Lundy

8400-year-old dog burial found

Old news but fascinating! In September 2020, archeologists working a Stone Age village site in Sweden found the skeleton of a dog laid to rest with some gifts for the dog to enjoy in the hereafter. The investigative team believes this find indicates that human occupants of the area valued dogs as companions before Egypt's pyramids, the Easter Island carvings, and Britain's Stonehenge monuments were built. The team removed the well-preserved skeleton to the museum for further study. For more information, go to http://tinyurl.com/yep8jvyp.

Know an Exceptional Working Dog?

AKC Humane Fund ACE Award Nominations are Open

Each year, the AKC Humane Fund honors five dedicated, hardworking dogs that make significant contributions to the life of an individual or a community. Known as Awards for Canine Excellence, this annual recognition of jobs well done include a Labrador Retriever who sniffs out hidden electronic devices in cases involving sex offenders and traffickers (2023), a champion Dalmatian who helps homeless teenagers cope with their lives (2020), a Great Dane service dog who aids a child with a rare genetic disease that affects her mobility (2015), and a search and rescue Border Collie who served at the Pentagon and in Iraq (2009).

Dogs can be nominated by owners, handlers, or others familiar with the work they do. The Humane Fund makes one award in each of the following categories.

Uniformed Service K-9
Full-time working K-9s working in city, county, state, or federal law enforcement; the military; firefighting; customs and border patrol; or emergency services.

Exemplary Companion
Dogs without formal training or certification that have distinguished themselves in some way and have made a meaningful contribution to their owners or communities. (Nominees doing therapy work without certification are considered in this category.)

Search and Rescue
Dogs certified to assist in wilderness and urban tracking, natural disasters, mass casualty events and locating missing people.

Therapy
Certified therapy dogs working in hospitals, schools, disaster sites, war zones, and wherever else the affection of a good dog can provide comfort.

Service
Service dogs who enrich the lives of physically or mentally disabled owners, including, guide dogs for the blind, seizure-alert dogs, hearing dogs, and balance dogs.

Honorees of the ACE receive $1000 for a pet-related charity of their choice. For more information, go to the AKC ACE awards page at http://tinyurl.com/2p9bmh7m.

2023 ACE winners

Service Dog: Hank is a German Shepherd service dog for eight-year-old Harrison, who is autistic. Before Hank, Harrison struggled with many activities like car rides and going to the grocery store and could not tolerate any change in his routine. Hank has helped Harrison tolerate change, gain independence, increase his desire to communicate, and develop a love of the outdoors and hiking.

Search & Rescue Dog: Pocket, a 10-year-old Parson Russell Terrier has been doing Search and Rescue work since she was a year old. Pocket's skills include tracing missing persons and identifying Native American burial sites. She is trained in Human Remains Detection and has certifications from the International Police Working Dog Association in search and rescue trailing and water, land, and crime scene search. Pocket also has her AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification.

Therapy Dog: Saint Bernard Tuffie has provided support to several organizations in greater Tulsa, Oklahoma, including assisted living centers and memory units, a facility for developmentally disabled children and young adults, and the Tulsa International Airport's Welcome Waggin' program, among others. She was also part of a therapy dog group that helped with grief counseling after a mass shooting at St. Francis Medical Center's last June.

Exemplary Companion: Border Collie Wave is a campus celebrity at New Mexico State University. Owned by NMSU School of Electrical & Computer Engineering Department Chair, Wave socializes with the players at team practices and retrieves the kicking tee during NMSU football games. He also is a member of the Mesilla Valley Search & Rescue Organization and has AKC titles in Agility, Rally, Obedience, Tracking, Trick Dog, Dock Diving, and Canine Good Citizen.

Uniformed Service K9: Labrador Retriever Queue and her handler are part of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force with the County Sheriff's Office in Greenville, South Carolina. Donated to the department by Defenders for Children, Queue is an Electronic Detection K9 trained to sniff out electronic devices to use as evidence against suspected sex offenders, traffickers, or child pornographers. Since her placement in 2019, Queue has sniffed out hundreds of electronic devices.

CPR instructions for dogs

Dr. Jerry Klein, AKC's chief veterinary officer, describes CPR for dogs in a helpful article on the AKC website. CPR is an emergency procedure to be used only if the dog is the dog is nonresponsive OR the dog isn't breathing OR the dog has no heartbeat. Klein recommends contacting your veterinarian to talk you through the procedure if one of these conditions exist demonstrates the procedure for large dogs (more than 30 pounds) and small dogs if the veterinarian can't be reached. Link to the article is http://tinyurl.com/yr5v2exd.

There's also a link to an article about using the Heimlich Maneuver on a dog that is choking. Both articles are valuable items for a canine first aid kit.

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

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