

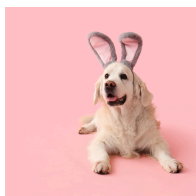


We did it! Thank you to our flooring volunteers!

Upcoming Events

Check our website for a complete list of 2026 events and additional information.

- April 17, 18, 19 – Fast CAT trial
- May 3 – Obedience Show-n-Go
- May 15/June 5 - Judy Kolva Agility Seminars
- May 18 to 19 – Agility Novice Open Trial at Bella Vista
- May 30 - Joyce Smuda Scentwork Seminar
- June 7 - Obedience Show-n-Go
- June 13 to 14 - Donna Brown Seminar
- June 19 to 20 - Obedience Trial
- June 21 - Rally Trial
- July 5 - Obedience Show-n-Go
- July 17 - Judy Kolva Agility Seminar
- July 26 - Scent Work Trials



Happy Spring to all our members and their furry friends!

Want to add something to the Barker? Send your submissions for the May issue to theddtcbarker@gmail.com by April 24, 2026.



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Wow! You did it, Volunteers! Thank you!

The building opened for classes on Sunday, March 29 with a brand-new floor! This was a major project not only because of the cost, size, and effort involved; but because we conducted a great deal of research and discussion to ensure it was the best flooring for ALL our members regardless of the activities they and their pets enjoy.

The project highlighted our biggest strength – our volunteer members! It's true that the Board decided to hire professionals for installation to protect the 10-year warranty, ensure the project was completed for the opening of Spring classes, and more importantly, to protect our members' backs!

However, a great deal of volunteer time and effort made this possible. The committee members researched, collected and examined multiple samples of rubber and turf products, and talked to people at events outside our club for their evaluation of different surfaces. You would be surprised at how many places our members travel to for dog sports! The Board dutifully reviewed and considered the work of the committee. A special shout out to Su McKee, the backbone of the research process.

The committee was careful and thorough in their deliberations. All the flooring samples were evaluated for their compatibility and effectiveness with the black flooring underneath the great mats. Removing the subflooring was expensive so the board had the building professionally examined for mold. The results certified that the building was clean.

Most impressive was the response to our call for help during the installation process. The number of members who volunteered their time was overwhelming. (Intentional exuberance!) We had members move the equipment and furniture out and then back in. Members volunteered to always be in the building while the flooring was installed. We had more volunteers than needed – something every organization wishes they had!

We also want to recognize the manufacturer's installation team. They completed the project ahead of schedule and volunteered to move the largest equipment – the A-Frame, tunnels and dog walk – around as they worked so we did not have to remove them from the building. They were definitely a Blue Ribbon Team!

Tips for familiarizing your dog with the new floor

While our dogs are used to working on different surfaces when they attend trials and seminars, the floor will be new to them. A facility owner who is using the new flooring recommended deep cleaning it two or three times to help season the new surface. We are following this advice and have scheduled two cleanings as soon as our cleaner is available.

Some agility members expressed concern about their dogs on the new flooring. Our agility instructors recommend these tips to help safely introduce your dog to running on the new floor:

- Run courses initially at a lower jump height.
 - Do short runs of 3 to 5 obstacles a few times.
 - Increase the difficulty slowly until the deep cleaning project has been completed or until you are comfortable.
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Photos from the Flooring Installation



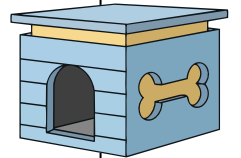
New Crating and Floor Cleaning Policies



The DDTC Board has established new crating and cleaning policies for classes and others using the building. The key points of the new policies are:

CRATING:

- Those bringing their own crates for classes/seminars must place a water-proof barrier under the crate(s) to protect the new, non-porous floor.
- If you typically sit a water bowl outside your dog's crate, it must have a lid.
- If your dog gets excited at the sight or sound of other dogs having fun in the rings, please bring a visual barrier, i.e., blanket, sheet, to help settle your dog. This applies regardless of whether your dog is in the club's or your personal crate.



FLOOR CLEANING:

- We will be using an enzymatic odor remover recommended by the manufacturer to clean the floor when a dog has an accident.
- New white totes containing the proper cleaning items have been placed next to the familiar orange 5-gallon buckets.
- The updated, detailed instructions for cleaning are in the totes.
- The main difference is that, after cleaning the mess, LIGHTLY spray the area, but do not wipe it dry. Let the spray dry naturally. (The enzymes will take it from there.)

Your instructors or Board members can answer any questions regarding the crating and floor cleaning policies.

Thank you for keeping the club clean and safe for all!

Happy training!



Dauphin Dog Training Club

Presents:



FAST CAT

FUN RUN DAYS

Friday & Saturday, April 17 & 18, 2026

A special event for people who would like to try
this fun AKC event!

Space is limited

**fun runs will start after each
days AKC event closes. Time
will vary depending on the
days schedule. Call a week
prior for approx. times.**

717-602-0765

- dogs must be at least 9 months old
- a releaser & catcher is needed (2 people)
- \$10 per run
- Sign up at the registration table starts at 1pm

DDTC members will assist if needed.

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Conformation Handling Seminar

AKC Pro Greg Strong



Greg Strong has worked in breeding, raising, training, grooming and showing of dogs all his life. Prior to his recent retirement he attended 140-160 dog shows every year! He has exhibited in all seven groups with many Best in Show winners from each.

Greg will meet you where you are, whether a beginner or an experienced handler. He can analyze your skill set and provide specific, constructive feedback so you can stand out in a crowd of competitors!

Greg will focus on:

- Defining the term “Handling”
- Starting your first dog
- The makings of a great show dog
- Techniques for competing with the pros
- Psychology and training philosophy
- Building confidence
- Forming a winning partnership with your dog
- Overall presentation of a show dog

Working participants should bring well socialized dogs who have basic ring experience so the handler can focus on improving their own skills.

**September
26 - 27
at
The DauphinDog
Training Club
719 Manada
Bottom Rd
Harrisburg, PA 17112**

Check level of participation:

___ Both Days - \$225 ___ Audit only Both Days \$100 ___ Audit only one day \$60 dollars
Select day : __Saturday __ Sunday

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Breed of Dog: _____

**Mail Checks made payable to
DDTC to:
Cheryl Champion at 33 Royal
Drive, Lititz PA 1543**

You will be required to sign a Waiver to attend the seminar, if you are entered.

Questions? Call Cheryl Champion at (717) 314-8845 or email her at cherchamp17@gmail.com.



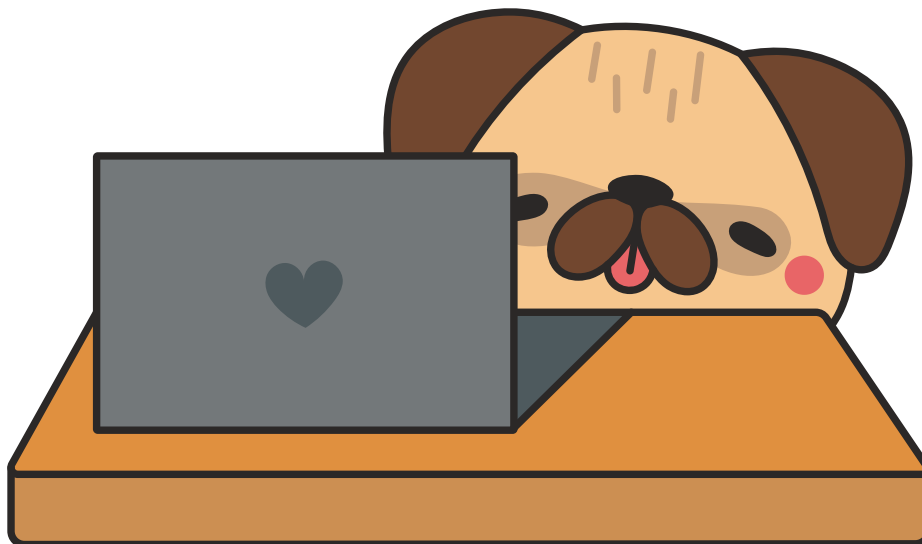
DDTC Board Minutes - March 3, 2026

In Attendance: Cheryl Champion, Carolyn Dumaresq, Jane Frantz, Vicki Long, Lauren Zagnit, Terry Banaby, Su McKee, Lisa Hetzel, Linda Weindell, John Delescavage

Absent: Amy Ramser, Judi Fell

President called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

- The February Board Minutes stand approved as published.
- The February Treasurer's reports stand approved as published.
- President Cheryl did a presentation on our purpose as a club and how we impact volunteerism as well as the effect we have on our members. More on this later.
- The summer class schedule registration will be adjusted to support Sallie's desire to attend Nationals.
- A long discussion on e-voting was held, and the consensus is that it would only be used for routine business issues and that any policy issues or consequential issues should be done in person or in a virtual meeting.
- Crate issues were discussed and President Cheryl offered that at this time we would try changing the organization of the crating area and require people who are crating outside the ring to use mats under their crates.
- The issue of drop-ins to classes, if space allowed, was discussed. It was decided that drop-ins would be handled by the instructor, and a \$15 session fee would be collected by the instructor and placed in the safe in an envelope marked as such.
- On a motion from Terry seconded by Lauren a reimbursement of \$171.72 for renewal of our Digital Display software was approved for Lisa Hetzel.
- Su gave a membership report of 297 current members.
- Terry gave reports on the Barker, Lauren on supplies, Su on the floor schedule and John on the ongoing concerns with trash collection.
- ON a motion from Vicki and Seconded by Terry we adjourned at 8:30 pm.



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Put back the big toys, please.

Dear Prudence – I love my human very much. She likes to take out the big toys, one of them is called the A-Frame I think, for us to play. I love when we play. But when it's time for use to leave, she doesn't put the toys back. What should I do?

Toys Out Of Box and Me Out of My Mind, Bubba

Dear Bubba – Oh no! While I'm happy you and your human enjoy the club and the toys (Sometimes we call them equipment), it's important to think of others.

When someone comes to the club to play after you, they might not want to use the same toys/equipment. That's why it's important for you to stand by them and bark until your human puts them away. They will thank you, and I thank you too!

Cleaning up together, Pru