



THE BARKER

2025 Annual Issue

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by February 1, includes Late Dues Fee
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Upcoming Events

Jan 10: Deb Goodhart Jumpers Seminars
(FMI: ccdumaresq@gmail.com)

Jan 17: Judy Kolva Agility Seminars (FMI: ccdumaresq@gmail.com)

Jan 17-19: Britney Imhof Agility Seminars
(FMI: ccdumaresq@gmail.com)

Feb 21: Judy Kolva Agility Seminars (FMI: ccdumaresq@gmail.com)

Mar 7: Judy Kolva Agility Seminars (FMI: ccdumaresq@gmail.com)

Mar 8-9: Britney Imhof Agility Seminars
(FMI: ccdumaresq@gmail.com)



Happy New Year!

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In Loving
Memory

Boo

BIF FC NV NC NI Terrena's Americone Dream of Mariner SC, FCh, ARX, PR2, TRP, SWN, SENE, SCNE, SBA, SIA, CCSS-L1, CTL1-R, CTL1-S, CTL1-F CTL1-H, RATI, RATN

10/21/12-11/9/24



Rest in Peace my dear Boo, hope you are with Rene chasing the bunnies at the Rainbow Bridge

Boo was a wonderful lure courser, earning his Field Championship & even a better CWA race dog, earning his ARX title.

After Rene passed I decided to give Boo a try at Nosework. He loved it because he got a treat the minute he alerted! He didn't take any formal nosework classes before starting to trial, but was instantly successful. He earned his last title the first weekend in October & in his last trial in Oct. (DDTC) he was 4/4!

Unfortunately his Mast Cell cancer returned in September & the chemo didn't agree with his Renal issues & we left him go in the comfort of our home with his favorite lambie by his side. Heather & I will miss him so much. Till I see you again at the Bridge, Boo- Love You

~ Deb Hanna

KEEPSAKE SPRING FEVER – “SPRING”

6/17/2016 – 05/14/2024



In “My Little Girl’s” short time with me, we did many things, starting with AKC Star Puppy. “Spring” went on to earn her AKC CH, CDX, BN, GN, RM, OA, AXJ, AXP, OF, XFP, FCAT, ACT2, TKA, and her 1st Preferred Utility Leg.

In 2018 “Spring” won Highest Scoring Member Dog in Trial at Dauphin Dog Training Club, which gave her the privilege of having her portrait on the wall at the club building. I was so proud of her! “Spring” earned her Keeshond Club of America Versatile Keeshond Excellent Certificate.

She was an active therapy dog with Therapy Dog International. We participated in the Children Reading to Dogs Program, and also nursing homes & assisted living facilities. At United Kennel Club “Spring” earned her UR01 (United Rally Obedience1), UCDX (United Companion Dog Excellent), and UGRACH (United Grand Agility Champion).

“Spring” and I also participated in Parkour, which is a physical discipline in which individuals move through their environment and conquer obstacles in their path. It includes climbing and balancing. Our last shows were in the Companion Dog Sports Program (CDSP), where “Spring” qualified in Utility in both trials with a 199 and a 195, and 2nd place in both trials. This was her start to her CDSP Utility Title.

Thank you to all of our instructors along this journey. Not going to mention any names, because I don’t want to miss anyone.

We walked most days at our community park, where “Spring” had many friends, both human and doggie. On our way home we would stop at my bank, where she would always get “cookies”.

Most of all “Spring” was a loving companion, and I miss her so very much! Special thanks to Margaret Bissell & Debbie Hodges for trusting me with this special girlie. She added so much joy to my life!

~ Daisy Kramer

Olivia



My memorial is our Olivia who went to the Rainbow Bridge on September 18, 2024 at four months short of turning 14. Photo is her 11th birthday with a birthday cupcake. Forever loved and missed; always in our hearts. 💕

~ Amy Kutcher

RACH7 Canobie Lake Sid Burgers CD BN GN RM17 RAE17 RC FDC ACT1 CGC



We had no plans to get a puppy, but then my breeder Brenda Royer called and said she had one pup left, did we want him? She had 2 people who wanted him, but she didn't think they were good fits, so she would give him to us. At the time we had 2 Aussies, Tilly and Stella from Brenda so it was a no brainer to take this fluffy ball of black and white fur.

Sid Burgers was a welcome addition to the family, soon starting his training at classes at DDTC. He was so smart and easy to train, a cookie or two was all you needed to teach him all the signs for Rally. He, along with his sister Tilly, soon became familiar participants at AKC Rally trials winning his fair share of classes. He achieved his RACH7, only done by one other dog in the country at the time, was the top Australian Shepherd in Rally several times and won numerous High Triple Score and High Combined ribbons with hundreds of perfect scores. Sid was the first dog to earn the Rally Portrait with a perfect score of 600.

As age and arthritis started to catch up this year, Sid was still competing at the highest level. He earned 3 new AKC Rally titles, 3 High Triple Score and 3 High Combined ribbons along with 28 perfect scores of 100. Sid competed at the Australian Shepherd National trial in Rally Choice class, like a true pro that he was, he scored 99's in both classes. The judge said to me after the class "You know he worked that hard to please you", at that moment I knew it was time for him to retire.

Instead of trialing, Sid kept Bruce company getting lots of treats while Gertie and Jack carried on as Team Zagnit. As his body started to weaken, one thing never changed, his appetite. Sid would eat anything and everyone learned quickly to keep your hand flat or risk losing a finger!!

We made the hard decision to let him go on November 4, surrounded by those who loved him. It was my privilege to have him as my partner but more importantly to be a truly loved member of our family.

~ Lauren Zagnit

Achievements

Flash Darney
Gemma and Rita Dengler
Miach, Rykr and Sierra Dumaesq
MacGyver and Sunny D Eicher
Penny Frese
Duncan Hanna
Bear Kern
Tawnee Kutcher
Dawkins, Maverick and Ruger Lutz
Eddie Miller
Susie Shirk
Gertie and Jack Zagnit





PROMISE WORTH THE WAIT TKI CGC , aka “Flash”

2024 Titles Earned

February 5 – AKC Novice Trick Dog (TKN) - 5 months old

February 17 – AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy - 5 months old

February 18 – AKC Intermediate Trick Dog (TKI) - 5 months old

April 17 – AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) - 7 months old

May 19 – AKC Puppy of Achievement - 8 months old



Showing Conformation

*Loved and owned by:
Karen Darney*

**UnforgettablyGP Gemma Mia BN RAE MX
MXJ ACT2 CAX FCAT7 SWA SCE CGCA
CGCU TKN XVE CL3-R
Proudly owned by Allen & Anita Dengler
Bred by Chiara Cutugno**

2/24/2024 CPE Agility Level 3 Standard

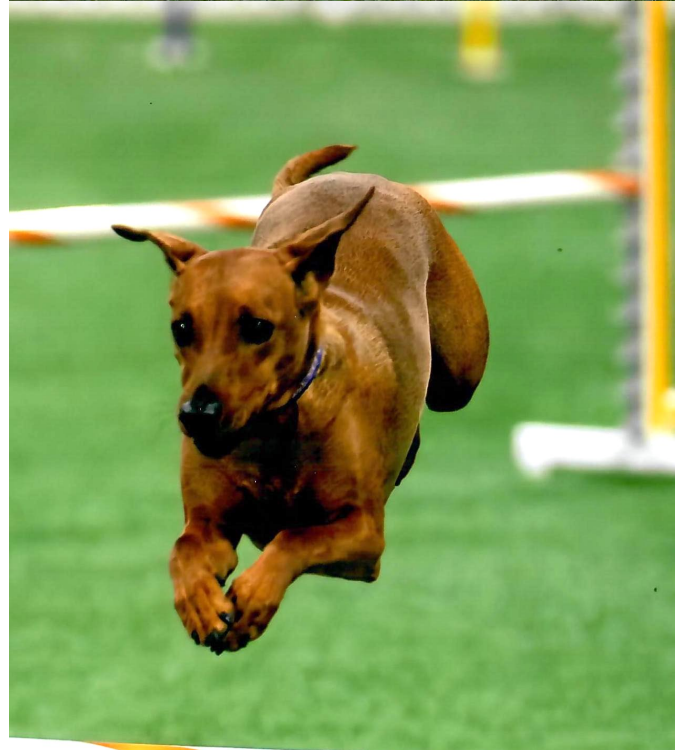
5/18/2024 AKC Scentwork Buried Advanced

5/18/2024 AKC Scentwork Advanced

9/1/2024 AKC Rally Advanced Excellent

9/22/2024 AKC Fast Cat 7

11/23/2024 AKC Scentwork Containers
Excellent



**AKC CH RACH UKC ALGRCH CH ICKC CH Bronze IC-HCH Silver Dabney's Lime
Ahhhhhhh Rita! CD BN RM3 RAE2 RC OAP OJP MFP ACT2 CAX FCAT7 SWA SEE
SBE SCE RATI RATN CGCA CGCU TKN SPOT-ON XVE XV50 CTL3-R**
Proudly owned by Allen & Anita Dengler
Bred by Linda & John Krukar

11/19/2023 the first German Pinscher awarded
an AKC Rally Champion title

3/9/2024 UKC Altered Grand Champion

3/21/2024 AKC Master Fast Preferred

5/4/2024 AKC Scentwork Exterior Excellent

8/24/2024 AKC Scentwork Buried Excellent

9/1/2024 AKC Rally Choice

9/22/2024 AKC Fast Cat 7

11/23/2024 AKC Scentwork Containers Excellent



November 1, 2024 - November 3, 2024

2 times Best in Show Altered
3 times Reserve Best in Show Altered
at the UKC Eastern Regional Classic

Miach, Rykr, and Sierra



“ Happy Holidays from the Dumaresq Crew. Miach , Rykr, and Sierra. New Fetch titles for all three , Scent work Titles for Rykr and FAST title for Sierra.”

~ Carolyn Dumaresq

LLF Strictly Business

MacGyver AX MXJ MXF SWM CL2 RATCH RATI CZ8B ATD ELT-
CH NW3-C NW3-E NW3-I NW3-V L1I L2V L2C L3E



SCM - AKC Scentwork Container Master

SBM -AKC Scentwork Buried Master

SWM- AKC Scentwork Master

L3E - NACSW Level 3 Exterior

Loved and trained by Chris Eicher

MACH Shinebrite Happy Feet
MXG MJC MFC TQX T2B4 SWE SEM
Sunny D



AKC

TQX - Triple Q Excellent
MFG- Master FAST Gold
MACH - Master Agility Champion
MJG - Master Jumper Gold
MXG - Master Agility Gold
T2B3 - Time 2 Beat 3
MFC - Master FAST Century

SCE - Scentwork Container Excellent
SEM - Scentwork Exterior Master
SBA - Scentwork Buried Advanced
SWA - Scentwork Advanced
SBE - Scentwork Buried Excellent
SWE - Scentwork Excellent
T2B4 - Time 2 Beat 4

NACSW

NW3 - Nosework 3
L1C - Level 1 Container

NW3-Elite - Nosework 3 Elite

High in Trial @ LRC Specialty Agility
AKC Agility Invitational #3 Labrador for 2024
Loved, cherished and trained by Chris and MacGyver

PENNY

OWNED AND TRAINED BY KAREN FRESE



CHILBROOK LUCKY PUNCH UD BN RA OA NAJ XF DCAT ACT2 SWE CGC TKA FTA

May 4 – AKC Scent Work Container Excellent
June 13 – AKC Scent Work Exterior Excellent
June 15 – AKC Fetch Novice
June 23 – AKC Fetch Intermediate
August 11 – AKC Scent Work Interior Excellent
August 18 – AKC Fetch Advanced
August 25 – AKC Scent Work Buried Excellent
August 25 – AKC Scent Work Excellent
September 1 – AKC Agility Fast Excellent
September 21 – AKC DCAT

Duncan

NN Surrey Hill Mariner Eternally Grapefruit SC PR TRP RATN SCN SIN SEN DSX3



Duncan earned his AKC Scentwork Exterior Novice title at DDTC fall AKC trial
He earned his NADD dock diving title DSX3 (Dock Senior Excellent 3) in August 2024

~ Deb Hanna



Bear's 2024

1/15/24 last title at Excellent, XFP

7/14/24 1st Double Q

9/28/24 1st Master title. MXJP

11/23/24 1st Triple Q &
2nd Master title, MFP

Plans for 2025

Keep learning and having fun!



Tawnee

The following photo is Tawnee, at one of her Best of Breed wins.



She achieved her Beginner Novice and Rally Novice titles in June 2024 at the Belgian Tervuren National Specialty in Ohio. Her Novice Agility title was achieved in October after only 4 trials, and Novice JWW title was also achieved in 4 trials.

Tawnee is:

CH Chateau Blanc Take It To The Limit BN RN NA NAJ.

~ Amy Kutcher

*MACH ADCH-Silver Dry Pond's Blessed by the Best
AXJ,AX, XF-Bronze, FCAT 3
Silver Lifetime Achievement
Affectionately known as Dawkins*



Titles achieved in 2024

USDAA

**Agility Dog Champion-Silver
Lifetime Achievement Award- Silver
Snooker Silver
Tournament Master Gold
Gamblers Silver
Standard Silver
Relay Silver
Jumpers Silver
Top 10 Snooker Dog**

AKC

**Master Agility Champion
Triple Q Excellent
Silver and Gold FAST
Silver and Gold Jumpers with Weaves
Bronze and Silver Agility
Time to Beat 3
Top 25 Labrador Retriever Award**

Oh my gosh what a year 2024 was for Dawkins and I. We started the year by earning our Silver ADCH and Silver Lifetime in USDAA. On May 3, 2024, Dawkins earned his MACH. If those items were not good enough, Dawkins and I learned that we would be representing the Labradors at the 2024 AKC Agility Invitational in Orlando. I am so very proud of him and it is an honor to step to the line with my brown boy. I love him to the moon and back.

*Owned, Trained and Adored by Gina Lutz
Loved and tolerated by Ruger and Maverick*

Tango's Need for Speed
Affectionately known as Maverick



Titles achieved in 2024
AKC

ACT1
Novice Agility Jumper
Open Agility Jumper
Novice Fast

ACT1J
Novice Agility
Open Agility
Open Fast

Maverick began his agility career on August 31, 2024 and is now competing in Excellent in all classes. We competed at the Labrador National Specialty in Connecticut and his team with two other littermates came in 10th place. He is going to be so much fun and I am looking forward to our journey.

Owned, Trained and Adored by Gina Lutz
Loved and tolerated by Dawkins and Ruger

*PACH PDCH – Platinum Gator Point Run and Gun
MFP-Century, MJPS, MXPG, T2BP, FCAT2
Gold Lifetime Achievement
Affectionately known as Ruger*



Titles achieved in 2024

USDAA

***Performance Tournament Master – Platinum
Performance Dog Champion Platinum
Snooker Titanium***

AKC

***Preferred Agility Champion
Preferred Agility Excellent
Master Gold Agility Preferred
Master Silver Jumpers Preferred
FCAT 2***

Wow what a year for Ruger. Ruger was only the 3rd Labrador to earn the Platinum Performance Dog Champion metallic title, taking after his brother Nyke. 2 years ago, I decided to start running him in jumpers again and on June 15, 2024, Ruger earned his PACH and PAX. Agility does not come easy for him and he gives me 100% all the time. I love this dog to the moon and back for the joy he brings in my life. This year will be his last year running full time in AKC.

*Owned, Trained and Adored by Gina Lutz
Loved and adored by Dawkins and Maverick*

“EDDIE”

Owner/Breeder Cindy Miller / Russ Walborn / Karen Brown



GCH CH RACH3

Brookewood's Just Give Me A Chance

UD BN RM8 RAE6 MX MXB MXJ MJS MXF T2B CAA DCAT SWN SCA CGC TKI

11/23 SCA (Scent Container Advance)
10/27 SWN (Scent Work Novice)
10/27 SIN (Scent Interior Novice)
10/11 SBN (Scent Buried Novice)
9/28 SEN (Scent Exterior Novice)
9/28 SCN (Scent Container Novice)



11/9 RACH3
9/29 RM8 (Rally Master 8)
9/19 RAE6 (Rally Advance Excellent 6)

~ Cindy Miller



Sir Toby TEH

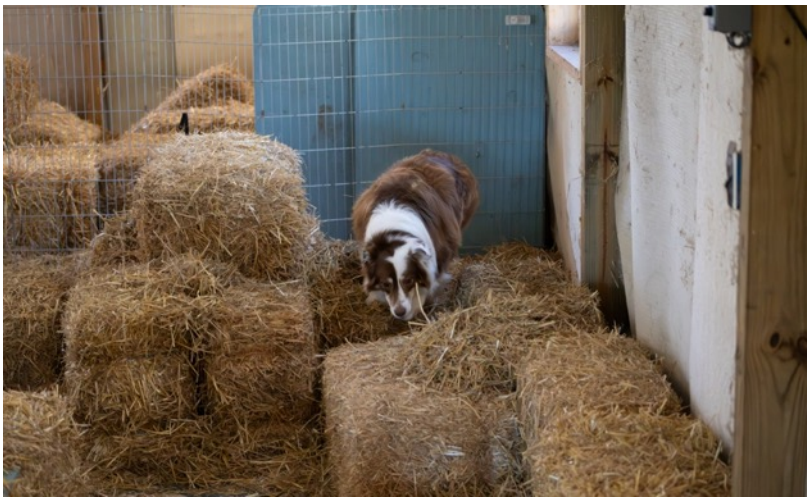


- AKC Fast Cat FCAT
- AKC Scentwork Container Novice
- AKC Scentwork Interior Novice
- CWAGS Patrol Level 1 CW-SP
- Barn Hunt RAT Novice
- AKC Tricks Novice
- AKC Tricks Intermediate

Proudly Owned and Trained by Susie Shirk

Gertie

RACH5 Canobie Lake it's my way Gertie CDX RM11 RAE12 RC3 FCAT CGC FTI RATN



It has been a very busy year for Gertie and Jack, our travels took us to the Australian Shepard Nationals in Missouri, the AKC Rally Nationals in Ohio and the RACH Invitational in Florida, along with trials in the Tri state area.

Gertie was a rock star competing in 56 ACK Rally trials, earning 15 new titles, scoring 115 perfect scores of 100, High Triple Score 30 times and High Combined 30 times. Gertie also tried a few new things, getting 2 titles in Barn Hunt and 2 titles AKC Fetch and doing 2 AKC Fit Dog walks. Gertie also earned her Canine Good Citizen title.

~ Lauren Zagnit

Jack

RACH3 Canobie Lake Jack My Dog CD RM7 RAE6 RC DCAT CGC FTN RATN



Jack, not to be outdone by his big sister, competed in 55 AKC Rally trials, earning 14 new titles with 97 perfect scores of 100, High Triple Score 7 times and High Combined 8 times. Jack also tried Barn Hunt and got his Instinct and Novice Titles, earned his Novice Title in AKC Fetch and did 2 AKC Fit Dog walks. Canine Good Citizen title was also achieved.

I am lucky to have dogs who are happy to do whatever I ask no matter the venue or the place.

~ Lauren Zignit

2025 DDTC TRIALS

AGILITY

January 4-5 – Bella Vista

February 10 – Bella Vista

April 11 - 13 – In the Net

May 19 - 20 – Bella Vista (Novice/Open)

August 5 – Bella Vista (Excellent/Master)

October 17 - 19 – In the Net

FAST CAT

Two Trials Each Day

April 18 – 20 – DDTC

September 19 - 21 – DDTC

OBEDIENCE

June 20 - 21 – DDTC

August 29 - 30 – DDTC

November 14 – 15 – DDTC

RALLY

Two Trials Each Day

June 22 – DDTC

August 31 – DDTC

November 16 – DDTC

SCENT WORK

Two Trials Each Day

July 27 – East Hanover Township Bldg.

October 12 – HACC

TRACKING

October 12 – Bets Keen Farm



DDTC CLASS 2025 CLASS CALENDAR

<p>WINTER - CLASSES START MONDAY, 1/06/25</p> <p>Agility and Obedience Class Registration:</p> <p>Opens for Members - 11/11/24 Opens for Non-Members - 11/18/24 Closes, except for Agility foundations and obedience KP 12/9/24 Closes with late fee of \$20, Members Only 12/16/24 Closes for agility Foundation and KPT class - 12/23/24</p> <p>Agility and Obedience Class Evaluation Dates: 12/10/24 and 12/17/24</p>	<p>SPRING - CLASSES START MONDAY, 3/31/25</p> <p>Agility and Obedience Class Registration:</p> <p>Opens for Members - 2/10/25 Opens for Non-Members - 2/17/25 Closes, except for Agility foundations and obedience KF 3/10/25 Closes with late fee of \$20, Members Only 3/17/25 Closes for agility Foundation and KPT class - 3/24/25</p> <p>Agility and Obedience Class Evaluation Dates: 3/12/25 and 3/19/25</p>
<p>SUMMER - CLASSES START MONDAY 6/30/25</p> <p>Agility and Obedience Class Registration:</p> <p>Opens for Members - 5/12/25 Opens for Non-Members - 5/19/25 Closes, except for KPT - 6/9/25 Closes with late fee of \$20, Members Only 6/16/25 Closes for agility Foundation and Obedience KPT class 6/23/25</p> <p>Agility and Obedience Class Evaluation Dates: 6/11/25 and 6/18/25</p>	<p>FALL - CLASSES START MONDAY, 9/29/25</p> <p>Agility and Obedience Class Registration:</p> <p>Opens for Members - 8/11/25 Opens for Non-Members - 8/18/25 Closes, except for KPT - 9/8/25 Closes with late fee of \$20, Members Only 9/15/25 Closes for agility Foundation and obedience KPT class 9/22/25</p> <p>Agility and Obedience Class Evaluation Dates: 9/10/25 and 9/17/25</p>

More registration information can be found at www.dauphindog.org

If you have any questions, please contact the Registrar on the Class Schedule or Class Registration Form.

*Members who send in Agility and Obedience registrations after closing date, but before final cut-off date must pay a \$20 late fee.

DDTC General Membership Meeting
September 3, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
(General Membership Meeting is for the purpose of nominations)

In Attendance: Carolyn Dumaresq, Vicki Long, Cindy Miller, Rene MacBean, Terry Barnaby, Linda Weindel, Jane Frantz, Lisa Hetzel, John Delescavage, Mary Dumaresque, Su McKee, Lori McGill Sarago, Nicole Smith, Donald Sudbury, Randie Yeager, Diane Baker, Linda Sansom, Cheryl Champion, Deb Secrest, Jennifer Sudbury, Donna Cikovic, Joanne Baum, Bob Leininger, Tina Leininger, Stacy Shope, Brendan Royer, Susan Silverman, Romaine Halupa, Tamalee Brassington, Deb Goodhart, Linda Rollin

General Membership Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. by Cindy Miller.

Cindy reminded all attendees to sign the attendance sheet.

The General Membership Meeting Minutes stand approved as published in the Barker Annual Issue January 2024 if no objections. There were no objections.

Presentation: What happens to my dog after I am gone? Estate Planning/Wills and Humane Euthanasia – Diane Baker and Nikki Smith

Estate Planning (Diane Baker, attorney)

1. *Will* – The document outlining who gets what and who is in charge when you die.
2. *Executor* – Someone you appointed to be in charge; or someone your family appointed because you did not select an Executor.
3. *Probate Assets* – Anything you own individually (including pets); *Non-Probate Assets* – anything you own with someone and right of survivorship takes all OR someone for whom you filled out a beneficiary form.
4. *Power of Attorney* – Designates who can sign for you if you are not able to handle signing by yourself. This document is effective immediately. If you do not have one, your children or dependents have to go through the process of being appointed Guardian.
5. *Living Will or Medical Power of Attorney (POA)* – Appoints someone to be involved in your medical care or end of life decisions. (A way to get around HIPAA concerns.)

Wills in terms of pets: After you set up an Executor, fill out the form to report to AKC that there is an Executor. Be sure you have your AKC certificates in a safe place. Otherwise, if AKC certificates are not found, you should file that they are lost and get new ones. If a pet is co-owned, the co-owner has right of survivorship. If you know your end of life is approaching, consider transferring your dogs' papers ASAP. If you are appointed POA for someone, it is best to transfer dogs prior to death of owner. It becomes more complicated to transfer ownership after the owner's death.

In a temporary situation, a POA allows a person to take care of someone's dogs and pay their bills while they are also taking care of the person's bills.

Regarding trusts, yes, you can fund a trust to take care of your animals. However, trusts only really work if the trust is for a significant amount of money. To create a trust you must create an entity – the trust has to have a number, an accountant, a manager, etc. Also, it must be specific to the animal so you will need to set up a new trust for each new animal.

It is recommended that you have a person who agrees to take your animals AND have a back up plan. One option to fund your plan is by leaving that person money in your will. Discuss with your friend that the money is for care for the pet. Keep in mind, if you have no pets at the time you pass, the money still goes to that person who can use it or donate it.

Do not mention your pets by name in your will by name. Have a separate letter entitled “Special Things to Special People” that you include with your will. Create a list of items you want given to specific people; i.e., my dogs go to this person. Do not make it conditional! This is a letter from you so it does not need to be witnessed and does not need to be drawn up by an attorney. Just be sure to sign and date it.

Lastly, Diane pointed out a planner that was included in the handout that will help a person organize their paperwork and finances to assist their executor/family after they pass. She recommended that your pet instructions be included in this planner, too.

Humane Euthanasia (Nikki Smith, veterinarian)

Nikki spoke on the topic of euthanizing pets when the owner dies. She recommends having this conversation with your vet prior to death, if possible. Ask your vet, “If I die, will you euthanize my animals?” Times when this option might be appropriate is if you are elderly and have an elderly pet. Or if you have a pet that is not well socialized or not easily placed. It may be more ethical to have the pet put to sleep if you are entering care/hospice than to try to rehome your pet.

If your animals are young/well-socialized, it is usually better to rehome them than to euthanize. Remember that sometimes breeders will take pets back and find a new home. Also, keep in mind that veterinary records will not be released without a POA. Another option is to have someone’s name added to the veterinary records indicating that you will be transferring the pet to that person. The ability to transfer veterinary records is most important for dogs of high value or dogs that have an ongoing medical issue so that the new owner may need the dog’s medical history.

Nikki also provided a list of resources regarding grieving the loss of pets. Many of us love our pets like children so we may need assistance with how to deal with their loss.

General Comments from the President – Cindy Miller

If anyone has topics for next September’s meeting, let Cindy know. Some suggestions from the floor were: puppy contracts; pet insurance.

- Mug Award, Award of Appreciation (Certificate of Award), Honorary Member **Nomination forms all due by October 1st**. Nomination forms will be in the August and September Barker.
- Annual Awards/Holiday Party is **December 7th – Starts at 3 pm**.
- All other reports (trials/classes/grounds/treasurer/membership/etc.) will be at the October meeting.

Flooring Status (Terry Barnaby) Two handouts

We have been talking about new flooring for a while and have formed a committee to look into the topic. What is the appropriate surface for our club? First thing was, what are the decision-making criteria (general guidelines provided)? What are the current products that are available? Second handout is the process we are following (in general).

Will be having a meeting this month to look at the process (plan). What floorings to consider? Look into cost, installation, what needs done with subflooring, etc.

Romaine Halupa made a recommendation to look at the Ralston Purina Farms facility because they have many different types of shows there and it is a beautiful facility.

Jennifer and Don are our new representatives to the Federation. They are going to the annual dinner and will have a report in October.

There is now a monitor on the wall to display our calendar, instead of the paper version. This will also allow the calendar in the club and the online calendar to be synced! Lisa is working on it to make it so that we can update the calendar from home.

Any comments/questions/concerns about the website and its contents, send to Lisa. A question was asked about the availability of online class registration. It has been discussed but no decision yet. There is still a need to send in a check for payment; not sure we are ready to move to credit card payment yet.

New Business:

2024 Nominating Committee Slate of Officers (Carolyn Dumaresq)

President: Cindy Miller
First Vice President: Carolyn Dumaresq
Second Vice President: Jane Frantz
Treasurer: Karen Frese
Corresponding Secretary: Su McKee
Recording Secretary: Lori McGill Sarago

Board of Directors:
Terry Barnaby
John Delescavage
Lisa Hetzel
Vicki Long
Linda Weindel
Lauren Zagnit

Nominations from the Floor – Opened the floor for nominations but no nominations were made. Carolyn submitted the slate as is to Cindy Miller.

Input/Questions/Concerns from General Membership – No input/questions other than what were made during the meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. by Vicki and seconded by Carolyn. Meeting adjourned.

Dauphin Dog Training Club
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. at DDTC by President Cindy Miller.

In attendance: Vicki Long, Su McKee, Cindy Miller, Lori McGill Sarago, Linda Weindel, Lauren Zagnit, Karen Frese, Jane Frantz, Lisa Hetzel, Carolyn Dumaresq, John Delescavage, Mary Dumaresque, Don Sudbury, Karen Darney, Jennifer Sudbury, Deb Secrest, Kristie Sprengle, Rosemary Evans, Dolly Golen, Judy Fegan, Jennifer Hudson, Blayne Obermeyer, Carol Ann Brown, David Brown, Lucinda Rollin, John Rollin, Glenna Felty, Joy Ellwanger, Toni Lugosky, Donna Cikovic, René MacBean, Cheryl Champion, Diane Baker, Kristin Platzer, Tina Leininger, Bob Leininger, Tamalee Brassington, Stephanie Sheaffer, Brenda Royer, Nikki Smith, Susie Shirk

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Presentation by Jennifer and Don Sudbury:

PA Federation of Dog Clubs – The PA Federation of Dog Clubs (PFDC) is a federation of all dog clubs in the state, regardless of affiliation (AKC, etc.). Their purpose is public education and outreach; interaction with legislators; trying to work jointly with NJ Federation of Dog Clubs.

PFDC deals not only with legal questions but can reach out in other ways. For instance, they interact with the legislature regarding upcoming laws/bills. They also discuss agriculture laws which include all animals, not just dogs.

Jen encourages the membership to not use the phrase “puppy mills.” There are probably 50 different definitions of what a puppy mill is or isn’t. It’s a trigger term which arouses emotions. We want to be careful of assigning numbers to the definition. If you have two intact females and one has a litter which includes 3 females, do you now have 5 breeding females?? Also, remember that ALL animals are included in these definitions, not just dogs.

Jen suggests helping seniors to take care of their dogs so it doesn’t rise to the level of abuse. Many times, the elderly cannot brush their dogs out properly so the coat gets matted or nails curl. We need to help each other!

We have faith in our dog wardens to keep breeders up to standard. If you think a breeder is substandard, ask to see their facility. If they will not allow you to see their facility, there may be a problem.

Keep in mind that, often, the legislature is only contacted by a couple of groups regarding their specific agenda. If we are not alerted to the meetings, we cannot be present to rebut the point of the special interest groups. Jen and Don are going to talk with PFDC about making sure we are notified of these meetings.

Reports:

President – Cindy Miller

- The September general membership meeting minutes and the October annual meeting minutes will be published in the January Annual Barker.
- Reminder to contact Lori if you know of someone who needs a card.
- Reminder to contact Lauren if you notice we are low on supplies.

- Volunteer – we are always looking for volunteers – contact the chair of the event or Cindy or any board member. We don't know that you are interested if you don't tell us.
- Important Reminders:
 - Annual Awards/Holiday Party is December 7th – Starts at 3 pm.
 - Plaques and Hang Tags order due by October 12th.
 - Application for awards earned in 2024 due by November 18th.
 - Submissions for the Annual Barker are due by December 15th.

Corresponding Secretary – Su McKee

- 37 new members in 2024 YTD
- We now have 303 members!
- Su presented a Five Year Historical Review (handout)

A suggestion was offered by Jen Hudson that we reach out to local 4-H clubs that offer dog handling programs.

Treasurer – Karen Frese

- *Year-to-Date Summary* – Review of cost to run the club: monthly subscriptions, utilities, trash/sewer, internet/printing, insurance. Total is over \$45,000/year. Karen also offered a brief overview of the stormwater tax for those not familiar with what it is.
- *Variances* – Cindy explained our application to change our use from Kennel to Dog Training Facility. We also applied to be allowed to have a food truck on the property.

Building & Grounds – John Delescavage

Summary of updates and improvements done in 2023/2024

- A/C is in good condition
- We redecorated inside somewhat. Regrouped pictures and had vinyls hung to label each grouping.
- Installed new monitor for an electronic calendar.

3 current issues

- Septic system – We are installing ADA power flush toilets and may need to change the baffle on the septic system.
- Fred Way is removing brush/shrubs from the front of building. He will put down weed barrier and river stone when he is finished.
- Water run off – John is obtaining bids from two excavators to put in a ditch along the south side of the driveway and remove part of the bank in front of the storm drain. This work should divert all water run off to the storm drain so the driveway does not ice up during winter.

Question about flooring: Cindy reported that Terry is heading up a committee to research flooring. They are sending a questionnaire to several clubs whose flooring we like to find out more information about it. Cindy has asked Terry to get back to the board by summer with a recommendation so that it can be presented to the membership next year.

Events and Trials

Agility/Fast Cat – Carolyn Dumaresq

- We have re-done the agility curriculum so there are specific entrance and exit requirements. These skills will be used to place handlers/dogs in the correct class.
- Act 1 & 2 are titles that can be used as a way to get used to showing – how to fill out forms and how to handle the dog. DDTC is offering both jumpers and standard titles.

- A lot of our one ring agility trials are held at Bella Vista; our 2 ring trials are at In the Net.
- *Reviewed the new Agility League* – Each league consists of 6 weeks of courses; handlers/dogs earn points and are ranked on a national scale.
- *Fast Cat* – Usually make about \$6,000 per trial.
- *Seminars* – We often don't make as much profit on seminars as we could because instructors attend and use Instructor Credits for continuing education.
- *Agility Camp* – Held annually in August at the club.
- *Holiday Party* – Coming up the first Saturday in December. If you plan to attend, please let Carolyn know what you will be bringing.

Obedience/Scent Work/Rally – Jane Frantz

- *Class statistics* – We held seven more classes this year than last year, including our first Fetch match and trial ever! We will be holding another Fetch match and trial in November.
- Our Tracking trial will be held in October.
- We will be offering our first ever Ask the Judge seminar for Obedience and Rally. Tina offered to participate for Conformation but we will need to wait until next time to take advantage of her offer.
- Dates for 2025 Matches/Trials were available in a hand out.
- Jane presented a page reporting on Obedience/Rally trials and classes – cost and profit for 2024.
- July scentwork trial had a profit of \$2,951.09.

Jane met with Tina Leininger and discussed holding a health clinic next year. Tina has experience running health clinics and will be the person engaging clinicians. She recommends scheduling about a year in advance as most professionals are scheduled a year out. In her experience, these clinics are good money makers for the club.

IT/Website – Lisa Hetzel

- Lisa did not receive a report from Wendy on the website.
- This year, Lisa added a UPS system (uninterrupted power supply) which keeps the computer running and, therefore, maintains the doors during a power outage.
- *Discussion of updating website* – A small panel was created for feedback and to explore what features we'd like to see on the website. This panel was tabled after we were able to update the current website with the information we wanted to add.
- *Addressed online payments* – Lisa reminded the members that data security is a real concern. She does not feel comfortable having to protect everyone's payment data with our system.
- *Intro to Electronic Calendar* – Testing a couple of different systems to see which is the best solution for the club to show the calendar on the new monitor. Lisa recognizes that some people would like to see 3 months at a time, which is not feasible right now. She is looking for other options as well as trying to arrange it so that the calendar at the club and the online calendar are synced.

Barker Information & Communications – Heidi Miller

Submissions for Annual Issue are due by December 15. Each member receives a free page for any dog that has earned 2 or more titles in 2024. Remember, when submitting your awards for hang tags for the Holiday/Awards Banquet, that information does not get sent to the Barker. You must resubmit your information and pictures to Heidi. She will help with page layout if you contact her.

Elections – Carolyn Dumaresq (Chair, Nominating Committee)

Our bylaws (Article VIII: Section 7 (b)) state that in the case of only one person nominated for each position and the Board seats, the chair will declare the slate elected by acclimation.

There was only one person nominated for each position and the Board seats, so Carolyn requested Cindy to declare the slate elected by acclamation. Cindy so declared.

New Business:

- Jennifer Hudson stated that she has concerns about children not being welcome at DDTC events/classes. During discussion, Cindy reminded everyone of the need to bring concerns to her at the time of the concern. The AKC's new Dark to Light program (3 hour course) was discussed as well.
- Fit walks were a huge success over spring and summer! Jen will be arranging one in November, day and time to be determined.
- Don Sudbury stated he never received confirmation about his membership renewal and asked if confirmations are sent out. Su stated she sends confirmation emails in batches. She only sends the confirmation to one email, so it may go to your spouse's email (if married).
- Joy Ellwanger addressed the fact that there is no American flag displayed at In the Net. She reported giving them several thoughts on how a flag could be displayed and thought all the clubs who show at In the Net could possibly donate to buy a flag.

Motion to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. by Jess and seconded by Vicki. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori McGill Sarago

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