

Paw Prints

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TDTC Events – Spring - Summer 2010

Friday	May 14	General Meeting – 7 PM
Saturday	May 15	Canine Good Citizen Testing
Friday	June 4	TDTC AKC Agility Trial
Friday	June 4	TDTC Spring Session Graduation
Saturday	June 5	TDTC AKC Agility Trial
Sunday	June 6	TDTC AKC Agility Trial
Monday	June 21	Summer Session Begins
Saturday	June 26	Tulsa Agility Club UKC Obedience Trial
Sunday	June 27	Tulsa Agility Club UKC Obedience Trial
Saturday	July 10	TDTC Annual Picnic
Friday	August 27	Summer Session Graduation
Saturday	August 28	Canine Good Citizen testing

General Meeting – May 14 – 7 PM

The May program will be on **Canine Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy** and will be given by **Dr. Heather Owen**

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From the President

It has been almost six months since the membership of the Tulsa Dog Training Club elected me as your president.

The rules are posted at the bulletin boards; we have less stuff on the doors

For you not to overlook when you leave the building, and still the cleanliness of the building leaves a lot to be desired.

Is it really that hard to pick up after your own dog? Members come to the building to train their dogs and the first thing they have to do is pick up poop off the carpet someone so graciously left for them to pickup. Is that really the way the Tulsa Dog Training Club wants to appear to all the Beginner Students and guests who visit the club?

Could we not make a combined effort and clean up after ourselves and our dogs. Throw the damp pop can into the trash or your half finished coffee, if you don't want to drink the rest. It is not your fellow members' job to clean up after you. Trash cans are provided as well as paper towels and plastic bags. Should your dog poo in the building, please pick up and throw the poo into the black large trash cans. Leave the smaller trash cans for paper trash and wee.

There is a black trash can in the exercise yard full of cat litter. Should your dog have a bit of an upset stomach and the poo is not so hard, please use the cat litter to cover the area. One scoop should do it. It will control the flies in the summer.

Equipment is there for all the members to use. Respect it and put it up when you are finished. Agility equipment is a costly entity and really is not left out for you to kick around. The Tulsa Dog Training Club is a club of volunteers; we come to the club because we love the sport of Obedience, Agility and Rally.

Can we not respect one another and be courteous to one another?

Our obedience trial which was held just a few weeks ago ran for the most part smoothly thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard on this trial.

I want to thank all of them for their time and energy.

A special thanks goes to Dovie Ryan and Stacy Kennedy who helped tremendously at the trial.

Thanks Stacy also for refurbishing the bulletin boards. Looks very nice.

Thanks Thanks Thanks

Ursula

Thank You

UKC Obedience/Agility Trials

I would like to express my thanks to the following people for helping to set-up and take down for the UKC Obedience trials held on January 16th and 17th and the UKC Agility trials held on February 6th and 7th.

Pat Kinser; Patti Emmons; Cathy Hall; Betty Haws; Joyce Campbell; Bill & Judy Spens; Don Warner; Moira Lawson; Maureen Kelly; Doris Gray; Lorrie Russ; Haley Hahn; Gisella Klindera; Warren Page; Ann Morrison; Sandie Wyman; Barbara Jeleski; Ramona Stanfield; Gwen Grandell Larry & Pam Scott; Jill Perry; Mariann Duca and Tonya Sims.

Thanks again and I look forward to working with each of you in the future.

Dovie

AKC Obedience/Rally Trials

I would like to express my thanks to the following people for helping to set-up and take down for the AKC Obedience/Rally trials held on April 9th, 10th and 11th.

Betty Haws; Don & Sue Warner; Barbara Jeleski; Gwen Grandell; Kathy Gray; Joyce Campbell; Tracy Hendrickson; Pat Kinser; Cathy Hall; Ann Morrison; Bill Spens; Susie Brown; Ursula Ling; Patti Emmons; Lorrie Russ; Warren Pagel, MD; Sue Shockley; Jeri Hajek and Judy Mabry.

Each of you make my job easier and your continued support aids the Club to grow. Thanks again.

Dovie

The AKC Rally and Obedience Trials that were held on April 9th, 10th and 11th were a success and a wonderful event. The volunteers that made sure that the event ran smoothly were - - Dovie Ryan, Charles Ree, Dianne Ree, Sandy VanDeVerg, Maureen Kelly, Dave Sutton, Mariann Duca, Becky Bogdan, Ann Morrison, Pat Kinser, Allison Gardner, Jeri Hajek, Linda Nichols, JoEllen Corley, Barbara Jeleski, Kenda Skaggs, Stacy Kennedy, Sue Shockley, Laura Morris,

Ursula Ling, Gwen Grandell, and Judy Mabry. Thank you for everything that you did to make these TDTC trials enjoyable for everyone showing.

Lorrie Russ

Chief Obedience Ring Steward

AKC National Agility Trials

AKC National Agility Trials were a hit once again in Tulsa. I hope that you had the opportunity to come out and see the top dogs in the country compete at the trials. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone from TDTC for volunteering their time whether it was to course build, work hospitality, or work at the rings. Regardless of how much planning is done something happens that creates a vacant spot. I appreciated the volunteers seeing the vacancy and stepping up to make sure the duties were covered. The AKC representatives were very impressed that all of us worked together to make sure that the Nationals in Tulsa was a success and an enjoyable event for the competitors.

Lorrie Russ

Volunteer Coordinator

Thank you to Laura Morris, Pat Kinser and Sara Jane Jednacz for taking the time to submit articles for the newsletter.

Sandy Van De Verg

Announcements

Canine Good Citizen Testing

Three opportunities to participate in the Canine Good Citizen program will be offered at TDTC in the next few months. The first is on May 15th, the second on August 28th and the third on November 20th.

The Canine Good Citizen Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club.

Many dog owners choose Canine Good Citizen training as the first step in training their dogs. The Canine Good Citizen Program lays the foundation for other AKC activities such as obedience, agility, tracking, and performance events. As you work with your dog to teach the CGC skills, you'll discover the many benefits and joys of training your dog. Training will enhance the bond between you and your dog. Dogs who have a solid obedience education are a joy to live with—they respond well to household routines, have good manners in the presence of people and other dogs, and they fully enjoy the company of the owner who took the time to provide training, intellectual stimulation, and a high quality life. We sincerely hope that CGC will be only a beginning for you and your dog and that after passing the CGC test, you'll continue training in obedience, agility, tracking, or performance events. (from the AKC website)

TDTC JUNE 4, 5, & 6 AKC AGILITY TRIAL

In the past we have had so many questions regarding what time the volunteers should be at the trials, and have had problems with people being late and not knowing when to be there because it is so difficult to predict, we've decided to work this trial like the 2010 AKC National Agility Trials did.

They had two shifts of volunteers -- morning and afternoon. It was approximately from 6:45 or 7:00 a.m. to noon or 12:30, and the second shift was from that point to 5:00 or 5:30. I don't believe we were ever there as long as 5:30 because AKC ran the dogs through so fast, and I doubt we'd run as long as 5:30 either. However, the two shifts worked very well. Everyone knew when to be there. They also had "relief" volunteers who could fill in when needed, such as when the volunteer in the ring had to run their dog, and we will have them also.

As we've done in the past, anyone who works 1/2 day or more will get a free box lunch, free water and pop. I will have the sign-up sheet at the Club on or before May 10. Feel free to contact me at any time. :-)

Gwen M. Grandell
Chief Agility Ring Steward
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TDTC Member Profiles

Look for this column in the next few months to find out how and why your fellow club members got involved in obedience dog training. Sara Jane Jednacz and Pat Kinser graciously agreed to be the first participants – thank you both, ladies.

Sara Jane

How did you get started in dogs?

My first dog was Mike. He was a beagle mix. He taught me the joy of running through a creek on a spring day, getting all wet and enjoying the fun. I think he trained me more than I trained him. Getting into formal training didn't happen till years later. In 1959 I was given a miniature poodle Coki. This was the beginning of a long and happy trip through AKC Obedience thanks to the Dog Training Club of Delaware County.

What kind of dogs have you had throughout your life? Did you think any of them (as a breed) were easier/harder to train than others?

I've had several mixed breed dogs, a poodle and then I got and still have German Shepherd Dogs. My poodle was the easiest dog to train. I didn't know what a gem he was until I started with shepherds. It has taken me a little longer to accomplish with my shepherds than the poodle, but I wouldn't change a day of the trip.

What kinds of dogs share your life currently? I currently have two GSD's. Danny is my dog in training. Marty is the retired Grand Dam of the household. She is 13 and still going strong. She has UKC and AKC CDX , CGC And Agility II titles.

What venues do you show your dogs in?

I have shown my dogs in UKC, AKC in obedience Rally and Agility

What has been your proudest moment in your dog training career?

There have been many proud moments along the way. To pick one out would be almost impossible. Each time my dog does well is a happy and proud time for both of us.

If you could only give one piece of advice to a handler just starting out in the obedience ring, what would that advice be?

Enjoy the trip. It can be a life long journey with lots of ups and downs. Make the most of it.

Pat Kinser

How did you get started in dogs? I had a standard smooth haired dachshund and I wanted her to come when I called her. A friend told me about TDTC, so I enrolled her, and enjoyed the training so much I'm still at it 32 years later.

) What kind of dogs have you had throughout your life? Did you think any of them (as a breed) were easier/harder to train than others? Mutts, Boston Terriers, Cockers, Dachshunds, Labs, & Poodles. Poodles were the easiest to train for me.

What kinds of dogs share your life currently? We have a Miniature Poodle, Morgan, who will be 12 May 5th, and a Toy Poodle, Lucky, who we rescued Nov. 11, 2004. The Vet said he was at least a year old. Morgan has an AKC OTCH, 4 UDX's & a UCDX. Lucky has a CD, CDX, GO, and UCD, UCDX.

What venues do you show your dogs in? I show in Obedience only.

What has been your proudest moment in your dog training career? Getting Morgan's OTCH.

Do you have a humorous story you would like to relate about your dogs? I'll tell about myself: I've gone out of town to dog shows, and forgotten clean underwear, chock chain & leash, clean clothes (on hangers), coffee (in a mug), but never my dog!!

If you could only give one piece of advice to a handler just starting out in the obedience ring, what would that advice be? You and your dog are a team, so don't forget to have fun.

Bragg



UKC Obedience Trial Success

from left to right: Pat Kinser & Lucky who got their Grad Open title, Sue Young & Lizzie who got their UDX, Lynda Portiss & Khaki who got their UDX, Sara Jane Jednacz, (our instructor), Cathy Hall & Quinton who got a perfect score in Nov. B, a 200. The cake is our celebration.

Promise Collies Brags:

OKPaws UKC Agility Trial Results:

Jackson finished his U-GRACH5 title! He was definitely my Valentine that weekend.

Tulsa Dog Training Club Friday Rally Results:

Jackson did great at the recent TDTC rally trials. He got 100-2nd place; 98-2nd place; 99-2nd place; and 99-3rd place!!!! I believe he was the only dog in the trial that was always in the placements for RA & RE. That was his RAE legs #5 and #6.

Grove,OK Conformation & Rally Results:

Thursday Results –

Danica – Winner's Bitch (1 pt. Owner handled), Best of Variety, (She won a small silver platter), we went to Groups and she thought that was great fun since there were other herding breeds.

Ryleigh – Had a great time with Junior Handler, Becky Bogden and provided the competition so that Danica could earn a point.

Jackson – Rally Exc B – 100 – 1st place and Rally Advanced B – 97 – 1st place (He won two pewter paw print coasters) This was RAE leg #7 towards our RAE title.

Friday Results –

Danica – Winner’s Bitch (1 pt. Owner handled), Best of Variety, (she won a huge embroidered bath sheet and an embroidered hand towel – both purple the color of winners). We skipped groups that evening so she would be rested for the puppy match.

Danica – Went to the Puppy Match that evening and won a Group 3 - She got a pig toy and a gecko toy for her wins.

Ryleigh – Had a great time with her friend handler, Kim Sykes and helped provide the competition so that Danica could earn another point.

Jackson – Rally Excellent B – 95 – 2nd place and Rally Advanced B – 98 – 1st place (they didn’t have any prizes that day), but this was his 8th RAE Leg.

Saturday Results –

Danica – Winner’s Bitch (3 pts/MAJOR - Owner handled), Best of Variety, (she won another large and medium embroidered towel set) We went to groups again and Danica showed extremely well for a puppy among some of the top dogs in the country. She got a good long look from the judge, but in the end he didn’t select her for a group placement. This was my first time to ever achieve a major!

Ryleigh – Once again had a great time with Junior handler, Becky Bogden.

Jackson – Rally Excellent B – 98 – 1st Place and Rally Advanced B – 99 2nd place (they didn’t have any prizes that day), but this was his 9th RAE Leg.

Sunday Results –

Danica & Ryleigh – Both girls showed well, but we didn't win. I'm thinking maybe Danica read the premium and realized that there were no prizes for smooths that day, ha!

Jackson – Jackson’s mom (ME) was exhausted by this point and I made an error when I was reading my course maps. I made a mistake that cost us a 10 point error, but we still ended up with a score of 90 in Rally Excellent B for 3rd place (several other handlers made the same mistake) and a 100 for 2nd place in Rally Advanced B. That was our 10th leg and gave us the **RAE Title!** I am so proud of Jackson. This is a very expensive title to earn because you have to qualify in both classes at each trial in order earn a leg. He did it in ten straight trials, the least expensive and most effective way to earn the title. The prizes on Sunday were bags of dog treats so Jackson was a very happy boy when we got to the prize table.

This was one of only a handful of dog show weekends that will remain memorable forever. I had a blast! It was a thrill to **OWNER HANDLE** my own dogs to these wins in both conformation and performance in the same weekend. I really appreciate the hard work that went into the pedigrees on my dogs.

Thank you so much Shelley, Laura, Janet & Jessica for sharing Danica (Wild Wind's Promise A Fast Finish 5 pts) and Ryleigh (IU-CH Wild Wind's Promise Ewe Keep, RN, NA, NAJ. NF, PT 6 pts) with me. I am also grateful to Joanna Shelton of Faithful collies for my boy, Jackson (Faithful Promise Keeper and so many titles that I won't even list them all here!) If you all weren't taking the care and time to breed these healthy and intelligent dogs, I wouldn't have been able to enjoy these accomplishments.

For those that haven't gotten to meet my new addition, Danica. Check out her first modeling assignment under "notecards" on the artist Glenda Harlan's website at www.glendaharlan.etsy.com. She also does ceramic tile coasters, trivets, and glass necklace charms. You can also now get her artwork or t-shirts from the Helping Udders website. Glenda is planning to have a booth at the Mid-Continent shows on Memorial Weekend.

For those that know me, I always celebrate new titles with my dogs by ordering a steak dinner from Outback and bringing it home to share with the dogs. I sit on the floor at the coffee table so they can all see what we are going to enjoy. Jackson got his steak dinner tonight and he did share with the girls. It was Danica's first introduction to the new title celebration dinner and other than a couple of mild corrections she did great. She now understands that no noses are allowed on mom's plate, but if she sits pretty the yummy stuff will come! I have a feeling that we'll be eating steak again soon and that it will be "her" celebration!

Tonya & the Promise Collies



On the Lighter Side

Submitted by Laura Morris:

This is a story about Rune, an American Staffordshire – Sinjin and Pepper’s daughter.

Rune has a sense of humor – I think she spends her days thinking of this stuff that just floors me.

It all started when she started climbing trees and it hasn’t let up yet. On October 31, Halloween, she got up on the bench seat of the van and stuck her tail out the window. At the bank they thought it was a stuffed toy until I called her by name and she wagged her tail. I got back to the shop in hopes of getting a picture and I did; she just stayed and posed for it.

One night I woke up to her trimming my big toe nail. She was nibbling it like it was a piece of corn – I trimmed my nails the next day.

This is the best – at the Katlin seminar we had Panera Bread for lunch. There was one left and since I wasn’t going to get supper I was given the sandwich. I had to go the shop and pick up Taylor and Rune. I loaded Rune first and you guessed it – Rune ate the sandwich. But that’s not the funny part – I fussed at her all the way home about what I was going to eat for supper. I opened the gate and she flew into the yard and just as fast as she went in she returned to me and dropped a dead mouse and looked at me as if to say “Here, have this.” Any other time we would have had to have a victory lap to show off our prize. I guess that made us even.

Can’t wait to see what she does next. Love that Rune!

Editor’s note: What did you eat for supper, Laura?



**An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard.
I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had A home and was well
taken care of.**

**He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head;
He then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the
Hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep.**



An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out..

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard,

Walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall

And again slept for about an hour.

This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar:

'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is

And ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon

Your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar:

'He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 -

he's trying to catch up on his sleep.

Can I come with him tomorrow?'



"Hey, I know you! You're that trouble-making dog who failed out of my obedience class."

Inner Peace: This is so true

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment ,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without liquor,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

THEN YOU ARE PROBABLY THE FAMILY DOG!



Useful information

Quick Tip: Roll Those Ticks Away

There doesn't seem to be a tick season anymore in many parts of the country - ticks seem to be a problem throughout the year. Before a tick attaches itself to your dog they are almost invisible to the naked eye. One way to remove many ticks from your dog after a hike is to roll a sticky lint remover across your dog's coat. This is particularly effective with short-coated dogs. Another method to accomplish the same thing with long-coated breeds is to use a wide piece of masking tape, or similar tape with reduced adhesive power and pat across your dog's body. It doesn't take much sticking power to pull the tiny critters off your dog.

Is Your Dog Overheating?

You may have noticed your dog panting a lot this summer. But just because it is hot and your dog is panting doesn't mean he is in trouble on the trail. Aside from a few, mostly useless, sweat glands on her feet your dog doesn't have any sweat glands and must rely exclusively on panting to breathe off excess heat. This is obviously not very efficient and makes your dog more susceptible to heatstroke much quicker than we are in hot summer weather.

Heatstroke is nearly always preventable - its biggest enemy is common sense. Don't plan long, tough hikes in the heat of the day. Leave the big hikes with your older dog for cooler weather. If you are hiking with your dog this summer, don't leave the trailhead without an inexhaustible supply of drinking water. On the trail with your dog - in any weather, but especially in the summer - if he drops behind you, stop and take a break. If you have a short-nosed breed like a Boxer or a double-coated breed like a German Shepherd, heat will be even more of a factor on a hike.

It can be difficult to differentiate between normal heavy panting and the rapid panting that is a sign of heatstroke. If his eyes become glassy or the gums turn bright red, take action immediately. Cool down your dog as fast as possible. Use cool water - icy water can cause too drastic a body temperature change - applied directly or with soaked towels to the head, neck, chest and abdomen. Take your time and sit in the shade awhile - don't rush your dog back on the trail.

Most times heatstroke is an isolated incident and your recovered dog will not have any lasting problems. You may want to take her to the vet for a check-up just to be on the safe side, however.

Editor's note: The above two articles appeared in the "Hike with your Dog" newsletter.

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OKLAHOMA TRIALS

Name	Location	Event Type	Event Date	Event Closing
German Shepherd Dog Club of OK	OKC	Obedience	5/23	5/5
Midcontinent Kennel Club	Tulsa	O, R & Agility	5/28-5/31	5/12
Tulsa Dog Training Club	Tulsa	AKC Agility	6/5-6/6	5/21
Tulsa Agility Club	Tulsa	UKC Obedience	6/26-6/27	6/16
Mid-Del-Tinker KC	OKC	Obedience and rally	7/1-7/4	6/16
Companion Dog Training Club	Tulsa	UKC Agility	7/24-7/25	7/12
OKC Obedience Training Club	OKC	Obedience and rally	8/14-8/15	7/28

For more information on trials go to:

TDTC Events www.tulsadogs.com

AKC Trials

www.akc.org – This website has an “Events and Awards” section that allows you to search for all obedience, rally and agility trials in the states you specify.

UKC Trials – www.ukcdogs.com-- Go to “Dog Events” then “Upcoming Events.” Search by state or month.



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