



Upcoming Events

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

- August 21 to 23 - Summer Agility Camp
- August 28 to 29 - Obedience Trial
- August 30 - Rally Trials
- September 12 to 13 - Britney Imhof Seminar
- September 18 to 20 - Fast CAT Trial
- September 26 to 27 - Greg Strong Seminar
- October 11 - Tracking Trial, Keen Farm, Carlisle
- October 12 - Scent Work Trial
- October 16 to 18 - Agility Trial, In The Net
- November 13 to 14 - Obedience Trials at DDTC
- November 15 - Rally Trial at DDTC

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**Everyone loves
Awards!**



September Issue Deadline

Want to add something to the Barker? Send your submissions for the September issue to theddtcbarker@gmail.com by August 22, 2026.



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Thank You Very Much!



We can never do enough to thank the many members who give days and hours of their time in myriad ways to make our club successful. But in December of each year – Saturday, December 5th this year – we all get together to celebrate the holidays and – more importantly – to recognize our members who go above and beyond expectations.

It's an opportunity for members to receive recognition for the titles and accomplishments of their team. A member, or group of members, can also nominate an individual they recognize was particularly effective in helping the club or individuals above what is expected.

We have several award categories so please read on. You can find the forms on the dauphindog.org website under **Resources/Forms/CLUB AWARDS**.

The following is a list of the awards and their purpose:

- **Mug Award** – Awarded to members that have gone over and beyond expectations by volunteering at events, trials, committees and more. An individual can only be “mugged” once.
- **Certificate of Award** – Awarded to previous Mug Award recipients under the same criteria. If you want to nominate someone and don't know if they've been “mugged”, just fill out the Mug Award Nomination Form and we will make sure they receive the appropriate award.
- **Honorary Membership** – This award is granted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors to persons who have performed extraordinary service to the club for a period of ten (10) or more years. The successful candidate must have been or is currently active supporting the club by holding office, instructing, volunteering or chairing events, committees, etc.
- **Plaques and Hang Tags** – This is a lovely wood plaque with your dog's registered and/or call name and a place for a photograph. It also has hooks to hang tags with their achieved titles. Additional tags are also provided each year to keep the plaque current
- **Awards earned during calendar year** – The certificate will list the titles your dog has earned during the current calendar year (2026 this year). *****This form has been revised – a copy follows this article and can be found on the website.**

You may submit any of the above forms at any time during the year. But there are deadlines:

- The deadline for the Mug Award, Certificate of Award and the Honorary Membership forms must be submitted to Chris Eicher by October 1.
- The Plaque and Tag forms must be submitted by October 10 to Sharon Leh.
- The application for titles during 2026 must be submitted by November 18 to Glenna Felty.

Please join us for this celebration at the Dauphin Dog Training Club building on Saturday, December 5. We will be sending out details in the months ahead.

Make sure you go to the dauphindog.org website under Resources/Forms to get the appropriate forms and information you need.



Thank You for All You Do for the Dauphin Dog Training Club!





DDTC Application for Awards Earned in 2026

This is a FREE Program for DDTC members only. At the end of the year you will be issued a FREE unframed DDTC Award Certificate listing all of your dog's achievements for the year!

One Certificate per dog.

Certificates will be available to pick up at our annual December Holiday party. A digital copy will also be emailed to you if requested.

ALL TITLES EARNED within the year are eligible. This includes AKC and non-AKC venues such as USDAA, NADAC, etc.

To Enroll in Program:

Email the Awards Bank Coordinator, Glenna Felty. gfelty@corginet.com

With the following information at anytime during the year. Each dog will be entered in a data base, the Title Bank. All you will need to do is email me (Glenna) when your dog earns a title. I'll keep track of the titles and email you at the end of the year to confirm the title(s) received before the certificate is created. **Must be received by November 18, 2026.**

1. Owner's name
2. Owner's telephone number
3. Owner's email address
4. Dog's Call Name
5. Dog's Registered Name (AKC)
6. Title(s) **Initials** and Date awarded

After you submit the initial information you will just need to email the dog's call name and title earned and date.

Email info to Gfelty@corginet.com

Or mail to 215 Awol Road. Jonestown, PA 17038

****For certificate only. You MUST submit a different form for the Plaque and Hang Tags****

Detectives First Class

Scentwork is a relatively new sport in AKC that has become very popular with our members and their teams. Dogs have a sense of smell that is between 10,000 and 100,000 times more acute than their human team mates. No wonder they enjoy this new sport – sniffing to their heart's content and being rewarded for it. The sport is based on the work of professional detective dogs; The dog is the star – we must rely on our dog's natural talent and our ability to communicate with them.

Detective Class – consists of an integrated search environment – interior and exterior with an unknown number of hides in a variety of elements to emulate closely the work of a true detection dog. Competitors must have at least one Master title within the Odor Search Division. To earn the title, the team must have ten (10) qualifying scores.

Recently, two of our member teams have achieved the Detective Title. Congratulations to **Linda Colflesh and Kendra** and to **Rosemary Evans and Czar!**





Membership Meetings!



September 1st at 7:00 pm



- Office Candidate Nominations
- Fee Proposal Discussion (see below)
- Awards Information
- Member Items



October 6th at 7:00 pm



- Voting for Officers and Board
- Fee Proposal Vote



Notice of Proposal to be Discussed and Voted in the Fall General Membership Meetings

This proposal will be fully discussed in the September Meeting and voted in the October Meeting.

Questions to be considered by the Board can be sent prior to the membership meetings and will be appreciated by the Board so they can prepare for September. Please send them to theddtcbarker@gmail.com.

Proposed 2027 Fees

Classes

Member Fee for 7-week classes = \$80

Non-member Fee for 7-week classes = \$120

Fee for classes less than 7 weeks = Prorated based on the cost of a 7-week class

Drop-in Fee (Members Only) = \$15 per class

Member Fee for Handling Drop-in Class = \$10 per class

Non-member fee for Handling Drop-in Class = \$15 per class

Dues

Single - \$35 per year

Family - \$50 per year

Motion to amend the by-laws to eliminate the initiation fee for New Memberships.

**DAUPHIN
DOG
TRAINING
CLUB**



You're invited to

FAST CAT FUN RUNS

Following the 9/18
and 9/19 trial!

STARTING AT 2:30 PM



REGISTRATION

Enter at the score/registration table. Dogs must be 12 months or older. Spaces limited.

RELEASER AND CATCHER NEEDED

Someone needs to release the dog while another catches it 100 yards away. We cannot guarantee availability of assistance with releasing and catching.



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DDTC Board Minutes - July 2026



Inquiring Minds Want to Know

What you should know from the July Board Meeting.

- The Board adopted and implemented a new policy on recording club meetings to align with a new Pennsylvania law. Meetings are recorded to enable accurate written minutes. If the meeting is to be recorded, the attendees will be told at the beginning of the meeting. They can express concerns or ask questions. The recording will be destroyed when the official minutes are approved.
- The Board approved the addition of a member voucher or gift card of \$25 with the printed certificate of award for members who have given above their volunteer activities. They are nominated by members of the club.
- New members Sherry Bryant, Susan Melendez, Margo Sassaman and Vonny Shearer were approved. The total membership is now 305.
- The DDTC Fee Review published in the July and August Barker was reviewed and discussed. The proposed changes will be presented at the September meeting and be voted on at the October meeting. (Please see the proposal in this issue of the Barker.)
- Changes to “Bitches in Heat” and “Make up Class” Policies. The newly revised policies will be discussed at the September meeting and can be found on the Dauphin Dog.org website under Resources – Policies.
- Buildings and Grounds Issues discussed:
 - Replacement for large shed window
 - Front and office doors service needed
 - Options for hair removal and cleaning of the floor being investigated



Howlin' Thomas, Senior DDTC Board Correspondent

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Dear Prudence – I don't understand our human handlers. Can you explain why they are so focused on where we pee? It makes no sense. Now I know – after tons of "incidents" and training with my person – that we don't go inside a building – especially home. I've accepted that.

When I am at DDTC, we go outside too. I love to walk around marking as many places as I can. I also enjoy reading the "pee news" left by my friends – and responding right on top of them. Imagine how I feel when I hear "no peeing here" with a little tug on the leash. It makes me nervous! What's the deal? Peeter Puppy

Dear Peeter – Sometimes our people don't make sense. How do they know who has been at a place when they can't read "pee mail"? I've done my research. Humans don't like "pee mail" on places they have to touch – like trash cans or equipment. They also don't like pee where the scent of many dogs will linger – like doorways and they get nervous when we find ourselves urgently going inside the training building.

I found out that our people are being told where we can go and they're just trying to avoid breaking rules. So, we can be supportive and help them avoid embarrassment. That's what my mom calls it. We don't have to understand it. Love them as they are – they are so cute! - Thankfully, Pru