



Upcoming Events

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

- February 9 – Agility Trial at Bella Vista
- February 13 – Judy Kolva Agility Seminar
- March 1 – Obedience Match
- March 6 – Judy Kolva Agility Seminar
- March 7 to 8 – Britany Imhof
- April 10 to 12 – Agility at In The Net
- April 12 – Obedience Match
- April 17, 18, 19 – Fast CAT trial
- May 3 – Obedience Match
- May 18 to 19 – Agility Novice Open Trial at Bella Vista

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**Happy Valentine's Day to
all our members and their
furry friends!**

March Issue Deadline

Want to add something to the Barker? Send your submissions for the March issue to theddtcbarker@gmail.com by February 25, 2026.



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The new flooring will be installed for the spring classes!
(You know that old saying, “Lord willing and the creek don’t rise”? It applies here.)

The Board voted Tuesday night to proceed with the goal of having the flooring installed for the spring classes and developed a tentative installation schedule for Mid-March that includes removing the existing flooring and having the new flooring installed.

NOW for the Big News!

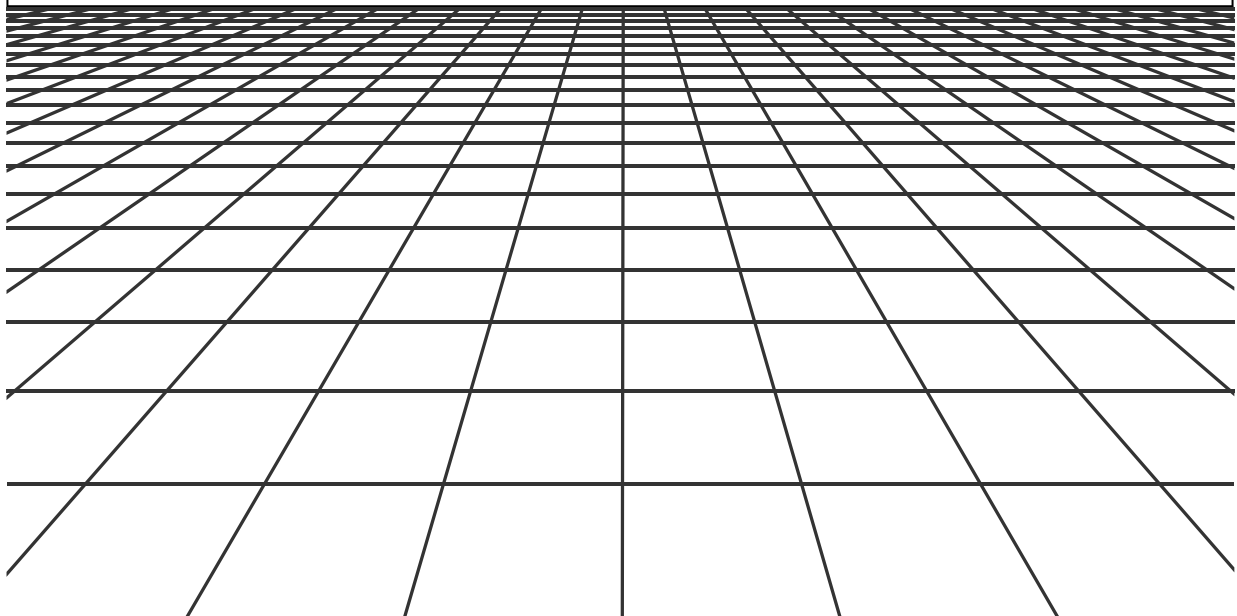
The Board has decided to offer the current matting to our current members for FREE.

The available flooring is approximately 7,000 feet in area and each tile is approximately 40 inches square.

INTERESTED? Email Sue McKee at cs4ddtc@gmail.com and include the following:

- Use the Subject Line title “Interested in flooring”
- How many tiles or what area you wish to cover
- Your ability to pick up the flooring the week of March 9, tentatively
- You can also address questions to Sue, if necessary

More details and updates will be shared as we finalize plans.



Spring Class Registration

Very Important Dates!

- **February 16:** to Register on Opening Day, submit paper registration forms and prepayment slips to Sallie. Forms can be sent at any time after opening day.
- **February 23 at 7 am:** On-Line Registration Opens for DDTC Members
- **March 2 at 7 am:** On-Line Registration Opens for Non-Members
- **March 23 at 9 pm:** Registration Closes
- **Week of March 29:** Classes start



To access our online class registration system: [DDTC DogBizPro](#)

To create an account visit: [Create DogBizPro Account](#)

If you did a paper registration for the Winter Session, but now you want to register for classes via Dog Biz Pro – contact Sallie for assistance.

Reminder: Paper Registration Forms are located at the club or online at <https://dauphindog.org/images/forms/classregistrationformpaper.pdf>
Return to Sallie by February 16 for Opening Day Registration.

Reminder: DDTC Prepayment Slips are located at the club or online at DDTC PRE-PAYMENT SLIP - For On-Line Class Registration Only.
Return to Sallie by February 16 for Opening Day Registration or any time after opening day.

To contact Sallie, Registration Manager
Email: graydog2002@gmail.com
Phone: 570-523-7468



Confirmation 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.

AKC CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP AND CIVILITY

Recently, the AKC distributed its revised Code of Sportsmanship and Civility in the form of a poster to its delegate clubs. Please read the letter below that accompanied the poster, which will be displayed on the door to the left of the bulletin board at the club. Please read the letter and Poster as a reminder of our values and the standards to which we all aspire.



**Everything We Do,
We Do for Dogs.**

Dear Clubs,

At the American Kennel Club, we believe in promoting a positive, respectful, and inclusive environment for all individuals involved in our sports. With this goal in mind, we are excited to share with you the attached laminated newly revised **AKC Code of Sportsmanship and Civility** poster.

These posters serve as a reminder of the values we all strive to uphold—fair play, respect for others, and good conduct both in and out of the ring. We encourage you to display the poster prominently at your club events and share its message with your club members and exhibitors. By reinforcing these principles, we can work together to maintain a welcoming and enjoyable environment for everyone involved.

We trust that your club will find this resource valuable in fostering an atmosphere of respect and good sportsmanship.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring that AKC sports remain a positive and welcoming experience for all. We look forward to partnering with you to continue promoting civility and sportsmanship across the AKC community.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

All the Best,

Gina DiNardo

President & CEO
American Kennel Club

Doug Ljungren

EVP, Sports & Events
American Kennel Club

DDTC Board Minutes - November 4, 2025

In Attendance: Terry Barnaby, John Delescavage, Carolyn Dumaesq, Jane Frantz, Karen Frese, Lisa Hetzel, Vicki Long, Su McKee, Cindy Miller, Lauren Zagnit

Excused Absences: Lori Sarago, Linda Weindel

Guests: Diane Baker, Cheryl Champion, Judi Fell, Sharon Leh, Nikki Smith

President called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm.

- Cindy thanked Nikki Smith for supplying brownies and snickerdoodles for our meeting.
- The October Board Meeting Minutes stand approved as published.
- The October Treasurer Report stands approved as published.
- The President called for an alternate order of business. Karen moved and Su seconded. The motion carried.
- The Obedience Director, Diane Baker, submitted a new obedience instructor, Chris Noonan, for approval. Following the Tier 2 pathway, Chris taught the Open Obedience class in the Fall Session. Karen moved and Terry seconded that Chris Noonan be accepted as an Obedience Instructor. Motion Carried.
- Sharon Leh, Chair of the Annual Awards and Holiday Party Committee presented the application of Anita and Allen Dengler to be considered for an Honorary Membership. After discussion regarding the criteria for an Honorary Membership, Vicki moved to approve Anita and Allen Dengler with Honorary Memberships and Carolyn seconded. Motion Passed (Yes: Terry, John, Carolyn, Jane, Lisa, Vicki, Su, Lauren. No: Karen)
- While Sharon was present, Cindy submitted the updated FOB Registrar Job Description. No Board members had any questions. Carolyn moved to approve the updated job description and Su seconded. Motion carried.
- It was noted that Leigh Anne Congdon will be the FOB Registrar starting January 2026.
- Nikki Smith did a presentation for updating/upgrading the DDTC Facebook page and creating an Instagram account. She presented some ideas to drive traffic to our Facebook page and try to encourage the younger generation to become interested in our Club. After discussion of all that could be done, the geriatric board members agreed that what she presented were excellent ideas. Terry moved and Lauren seconded that Nikki assume the role of Social Media Moderator and move forward with her ideas. Motion carried.
- Nikki presented her request that the Awards committee look into the concept of Volunteer of the Year and Instructor of the Year. Sharon stated that she would be in discussion with Nikki and her committee.
- Nikki asked the Board if there was any interest in health clinics at the Club. She had some suggestions including chiropractic and acupuncture with B12. Terry inquired if we could consider doing eye clinics. Nikki is going to research how many dogs the professionals would need to cover their cost and time.
- Nikki requested that the Club consider having a Scent Work seminar. The President requested that the incoming Barker Editor, Terry, write an article for the February Barker on how club members can submit their seminar ideas to the Event Chair, Carolyn, or to any Board member for consideration. It was noted that with the increase on all of the disciplines using play training, that Chris Eicher be contacted regarding her suggestion for a seminar on this topic.
- The President presented the updated IT Coordinator Job Description. Included in this update is moving reviewing security cameras from the VP's Job Description to the IT Coordinator Job Description. Terry moved to approve the updated IT Coordinator Job Description, Karen second. Motion passed (all board members present voted yes, except Lisa who abstained).
- The Registrar Manager Job Description was created with the Winter 2026 class registration being done on line. There was discussion whether to table this to January after the registration process had occurred. The Board discussed the various programming choices that were made in the summer, including opening and closing dates, new member and new dogs, paper registrations and payment options. The creation of this position makes one person responsible for all of the class registrations held at the Club, therefore, the Agility Registrar and Obedience Registrar job descriptions will no longer be needed. References in VPs and Training Directors job descriptions that reference Obedience / Agility Registrars will be changed to Registrar Manager. Sallie Jordan was appointed to this position. Karen moved to approve the new job description for the Registrar Manager and Jane seconded. Motion passed (Yes: Jane, Karen, Lisa, Lauren, Su - No: Carolyn, Vicki - Abstained Terry).
- With the new positions, who submits what dates to Vicki for the Club Calendar was discussed. Sallie Jordan will submit all information regarding class registration. The VP's and/or Training Directors will submit information when classes are cancelled, postponed to the Vicki and to the FOB Registrar. Event Coordinator will submit dates for seminars. Vicki is currently working on a document of all of the seminars/trials/matches to be held in 2026.

First Vice President – Carolyn Dumaesq

- Due to new requirements from AKC, the club purchased straps for the tire at a cost of \$25.
 - The 2025 profit for the Fast Cat Trials was \$8568.14. The 2025 profit for the Agility Trials was \$9195.72
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DDTC Board Minutes Cont. – November 4, 2025, 6:30 pm, At the Club

Second Vice President – Jane Frantz

- Jane read the Tracking Test report submitted by Ruth Ann Van Dyke. There were three dogs that competed for the TD title and one passed. In the Tracking Dog Excellent test, there were 2 dogs that competed and 1 passed. Thanks to DDTC Members, Judge Jill Page; Landowners of the site of the trial Betsy Keen and Gary Arbegast; Renee MacBean who provided the gloves for the test that she embellished with a pawprint and DDTC initials; Show secretary, Jackie Lebbon and the all important track layers – Julie Cramer, Carrie Montgomery, Kathy Huey, Kristie Sprenkle, Cheryl DeMarkis, Joe Kintz. The judges (Ken Barna and Jill Page) charged only their expenses which greatly helped in the trial having a profit of \$27.88.
- The 2025 profit for Scent Work Trials was \$3273.85.

Corresponding Secretary – Su McKee

- Motion made by Carolyn and seconded by Terry to approve the following new members:
 - Jessica Coyle, Single, Terry Barnaby
 - Gabi Dietrich, Single, Susanne McKee
 - Katelyn Dowdy, Family, Bonnie Opal
 - Samantha Fay, Single, Susanne McKee
 - Shmona Gorelick, Single, Lucinda Rollin
 - Joe Lauria, Family, Diane Baker
 - Melanie Thompson, Family, Ruth Ann VanDyke
 - Sabrina Vasiliadis, Single, Jennifer Hudson

Treasurer – Karen Frese

- Karen reviewed the information that the AKC sent to clubs regarding sound fiscal responsibility. Karen recommended that a monthly review of bank reconciliation by someone other than the treasurer be conducted and recommended that it be the President. There was a concern that this might be overwhelming with a new person assuming the Presidency. The Board will revisit this in January.
- The AKC also recommended that there be a second signature on all checks over an established dollar amount. AKC suggests \$250. Karen suggested \$750. Carolyn moved and Vicki seconded that all checks for over \$750 that there be a second signature on the checks. Motion passed.
- It was noted that the Treasurer and President currently have signatures on file at the bank. The incoming and outgoing Treasurer and President will need to go to the bank before the end of the year to update the signatures.
- It should be noted that our utilities are paid by automatic payment and are excluded.
- Karen reminded us that it is time to do the 2026 budget. She will be sending emails!

Events – Carolyn Dumaesq

There are three remaining events for the year. The Awards/Holiday Party – which at this time only 5 people signed up. Judy Kolva has one more seminar and the Donna Brown seminar is full except for the puppy class.

Obedience Registrar / Director – Sallie Jordan / Diane Baker

Jane reported that there is another instructor needing approval, Maureen Romej, who apprenticed in the KPT with Cindy this past summer. She does not need a FOB at this point since she is not scheduled to teach in the next session. Lauren moved to approve Maureen Romej as an instructor and Carolyn seconded. Motion passed.

Supplies – Lauren Zagnit

- Lauren noted that the refrigerators may be reaching their end of life. It was suggested that there may be a large amount of dog hair under them. Carolyn will reach out to Angie to vacuum under them to see if that helps with the noise they are making. Meanwhile, Lauren will watch for sales on refrigerators. There was a discussion whether we need two refrigerators.
- There was someone that approached Lauren about the water heater and suggested that we should consider putting a blanket on it to conserve energy. Lauren will discuss this with John.

Old Business

- Terry reported that the Flooring Committee is reaching out to the DuraTran and Ecore companies regarding dog training clubs that use their flooring. It was noted that the DuraTran can be self installed.
- Cindy noted that there 98 accounts were created in Dog Biz Pro and that Sallie has received 2 paper registration forms.

New Business

No new business.

The next Board Meeting is December 2nd at 5:30 pm at Gabriella Italian Restaurant – 3907 Jonestown Rd., Harrisburg

The January 5 and February 2 Board meetings will be by videoconferencing. Lisa will send information closer to the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Vicki and seconded by Su. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

DDTC Board Meeting Minutes - December 2, 2025

Meeting called to order at 5:37 p.m. at Gabriella Italian Restaurant (3097 Jonestown Rd., Harrisburg) by President Cindy Miller.

In attendance: Terry Barnaby, John Delescavage, Carolyn Dumaresq, Karen Frese, Lisa Hetzel, Vicki Long, Su McKee, Cindy Miller, Lori McGill Sarago, Linda Weindel, Lauren Zagnit

Excused absence: Jane Frantz

Guests: Cheryl Champion, Mary Dumaresq, Amy Ramser

November Board Meeting Minutes stand approved as published if no objections. There were no objections. Minutes approved.

November Treasurer's Reports stand approved as published if no objections. There were no objections. Reports approved.

Action Items

Corresponding Secretary – Su McKee

- The following applied for membership:
 - Single: Amy Bergstrom (Sr., Nancy Miller); Jackie Fessler (Sr., Ruth Ann VanDyke); Beth Klucher (Sr., Cheryl Champion); Judy Thrift (Sr., Ruth Ann VanDyke)
 - Family: Marianne Faust (Sr., Jennifer Sudbury); Franziska Popoli (Ruth Ann VanDyke); Vicki Rohr (Sr., Marinda Dillon); Nadine Vukovich (Jennifer Sudbury)
- Terry moved and Carolyn seconded that all new member applications be approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer – Karen Frese

- (From the November Board Meeting) A monthly review of bank reconciliation by someone (i.e., President) other than the treasurer is proposed. (Note: Karen worked with Cheryl on this process and Cheryl has no issue. This is an AKC recommended best practice.) Lauren moved and Carolyn seconded a motion that a monthly bank review be performed by someone other than the treasurer. Motion carried.
- Effective January 1, 2026, a proposal was made to approve Karen Frese as the Assistant Treasurer. (Note: This is to assist Judi in her new role as Treasurer and ensure a smooth transition.) Linda moved and Carolyn seconded that Karen Frese be approved as the Assistant Treasurer. Motion carried.

Next meeting is January 6 at 6:30 p.m. by videoconference. Lisa will be sending a meeting link.

Motion to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. by Carolyn and seconded by Linda. Meeting adjourned.



DDTC Board Meeting Minutes - January 6, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Cheryl Champion.

In attendance: Terry Barnaby, John Delescavage, Cheryl Champion, Carolyn Dumaresq, Judi Fell, Jane Frantz, Lisa Hetzel, Vicki Long, Sue McKee, Linda Weindel, Lauren Zagnit

Excused absence: Amy Ramser

Guests: Sallie Jordan, Nikki Smith

December Board Minutes stand approved as Published. There were no objections.

December Treasurer's Reports stand approved as published. There were no objections.

- The board approved an alternate order of business to receive a report from Sallie Jordan on the Winter class registration statistics which were distributed at the meeting.
- Nikki Smith gave the Board an update on her new role as Social Media Chair and explained how this is different from the job description of Wendy Basehore who is the Website Chair.
- The Board then discussed the need for a removable enclosure at the front door due to wind gusts and inclement weather. SuMcKee offered to get information on the cost and storage of such an enclosure.
- President Champion gave a presentation of the next steps of moving forward with the flooring committee's information. On Motion from John and a second from Vicki, the Board unanimously approved DuraTRAIN for replacing the current flooring.
- Su shared the next steps for moving this forward to include checking for mold, remeasuring the current square footage of mats, and installation.
- Vice presidents. Carolyn and Jane, gave updates of upcoming seminars.
- The Board discussed the need for malware protection. On a motion from Su, and seconded by Lisa, the Board approved a package not to exceed \$600. The vote was unanimous.
- On a motion from Carolyn and Seconded by Vicki, The Board approved 4 new members as presented by Su. The vote was unanimous.
- Based on a request from President Cheryl the approval of a fob was placed on hold until she could gain a better understanding of the issues surrounding FOB usage and the need to prepare fob users for the proper usage of equipment and storage.
- Based on the length of the meeting the following items were placed on next month's agenda:
 - Review and discussion of Deb Sorasky's proposal for member dues and class registration fees, We may want to ask Deb to come to the meeting and share her ideas.
 - Issues regarding joining a class after the session starts if the class is not full or if a student drops out.
 - Joining a class once the registration deadline is past but classes haven't started and there is room.

Next Board meeting –in person pending weather—February 3 at 6:30.



The Back Page

Publishing Guidelines

Send your brags, items of interest, training articles (with copyright permission), original stories, or your reviews of books or seminars to the editor, Terry Barnaby, at theddtcbarker@gmail.com.

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Advertise in the Barker to help the club!

- Classified: \$3/month for 25 words, 10 cents each additional word
- Business Card: \$5/month \$49.40/year
- Quarter Page: \$7.50/month \$74.25/year
- Half Page: \$9/month \$89.10/year
- Full Page: \$15/month \$148.50/year

Yearly rates pay for 11 issues. Payment must be submitted before publishing.



New Barker Feature!

Please welcome Prudence Pooch to the Barker Staff. She will answer all your questions about life at the club. Don't have a question? Send Pru your club ideas, thoughts, or even compliments.

Send your messages to Pru through the theddtcbarker@gmail.com email address. Her staff will pass them onto her when she tells them she's available.

