



Upcoming Events

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

- July 17 - Judy Kolva Agility Seminar
- July 18 - Scentwork Sniff & Go
- July 19 to 20 - Obedience Trial
- July 26 - Scent Work Trials
- August 4 - DDTC Excellent Masters Trial
- August 9 - Scent Work Games Seminar
- 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

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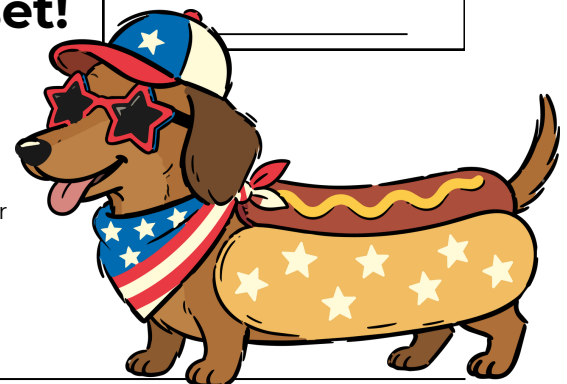
August Issue Deadline



Want to add something to the Barker? Send your submissions for the May issue to theddtcbarker@gmail.com by June 26, 2026.



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Hooray for our Volunteers!

Our Most Valuable Asset



We don't celebrate our biggest Asset – our membership volunteers - as much as we should! The DDTC is fortunate to offer many activities in several sports for our membership and their much-loved canine partners because people volunteer – way beyond expectations. It's easy to take people for granted – we are all so busy. But the DDTC Board is prioritizing focus on the volunteer program. We will review our system for recruiting, recognizing and rewarding our volunteers through all our communication resources. The first step is the following tribute recognizing the members who volunteered for our most recent activity – the June Obedience and Rally trial.

Another Successful Trial!

by Deb Sorosky

Our June Obedience and Rally Trials were a wonderful success, which would not be possible without the dedication of so many Dauphin Dog members' time and expertise. It is the hard work behind the scenes and during the event that ensures success.

Our sincere appreciation also goes to every member of the trial committee: Diane Baker, Jane Frantz, Joe Anne Goodling, Sallie Jordan, Toni Lugosky, Brenda Royer, Susan Silverman, Lauren Zagnit and myself. From planning to handling last-minute challenges, our commitment ensured that exhibitors and their dogs enjoyed a well-organized and welcoming experience.

No trial can succeed without volunteers. Thank you to Joanne Baum, Pat Gathers, Doug Brubaker, Cheryl DeMarkis, Kimberly Rowe, Sally Henry, Kristie Dechert, Anne Papalia, Ruth Ann Van Duyke, Joe Kintz, Kireston Wilson, and Kirstie Sprinkle who stewarded, checked in exhibitors, set up and tore down rings, handed out ribbons, and pitched in wherever needed. Whether you volunteered for an hour or the entire weekend, your willingness to help made a tremendous difference.

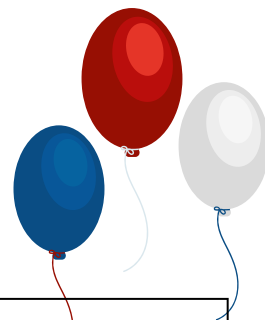
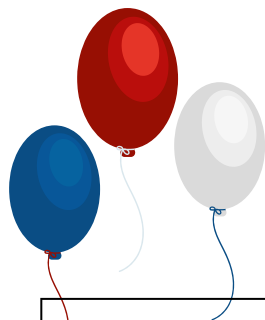
A very special thank you to Renee MacBean and Brendan Royer, who prepared delicious homemade lunches for our volunteers on Saturday and Sunday. Your thoughtfulness and hard work kept everyone well-fed, energized, and reminded us how fortunate we are to have such caring members in our club. Also, thanks to Diane and Jane for sponsoring the sandwiches on Friday.

Thanks to the efforts of Maureen Romej who as trophy fundraiser enabled the purchasing of DDTC mugs for all 1st place winners for the next three trials. We appreciate Terry Rowe for taking photographs throughout the weekend. Thank you as well, Terry, for generously sponsoring the High Scoring Obedience commemorative photo. Your talent and generosity provided exhibitors with lasting memories of their accomplishments

We are also grateful to our Trial Secretary, Joe Anne Goodling, who handled the many details before, during, and after the trial with professionalism and patience. Her efforts often go unnoticed, but they are the foundation of a successful trial.

The dedication of members to this June Trial is an example of the efforts of all our volunteers. We are fortunate to belong to a club whose members are willing to support our trials so that we all can have fun and success with our dogs!





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

We will discuss this proposal at the September Meeting and vote on it at the October Meeting.

Please send any questions for the Board to consider prior to the meetings to allow time for research and preparation to inform a better discussion. Your cooperation with this approach is appreciated. Please send your questions 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 would be 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 Membership



Conformation Handling Seminar

AKC Pro Greg Strong



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

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

Greg will focus on:

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

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

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

Check level of participation:

___ Both Days - \$225 ___ Audit only Both Days \$100 ___ Audit only one day \$60 dollars

Select day : __ Saturday __ Sunday

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Breed of Dog: _____

**Mail Checks made payable to
DDTC to:
Cheryl Champion at 33 Royal
Drive, Lititz PA 17543**

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.

Dauphin Dog Training Club

Presents:

Chris Eicher and Deb Sorosky –Scent Work Games

August 9, 2026 9 am – 12pm

Working spots limited to 16 teams



Join us for games to build drive, motivation and independence in your search. Dogs must be familiar with birch anise and clove odors. Bring lots of treats and a hungry pup!

Cost is \$50 members / \$75 non-members for working spots and \$25 member auditors / \$35 non-member auditors.

This seminar will be held at our training facility located at 719 Manada Bottom Road in East Hanover Twp., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. There will be 2 teams working at a time in separate rings. Dogs can be crated inside, if quiet.

For more information contact Chris Eicher at stoliboli1@comcast.net or Deb Sorosky at dsorosky@gmail.com.

Mail the [registration](#) form and payment (payable to DDTC) to Deb Sorosky, 831 Linden Rd, Hershey, PA 17033

Name _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Amt Enclosed _____

Dogs Name _____ Breed _____

Current working level _____

_____ Working Team

_____ Auditor

Dauphin Dog Training Club

Come Join Us for Our First **SNIFF & GO**

Saturday July 18th
2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

719 Manada Bottom Road
Harrisburg, PA

Sign Ups at Building
First Come First Served

Advanced Container
Master Container
Faux Master Interior

\$10 Per Run

Possible Exterior Searches if Weather Permits

DDTC Board Minutes - June 2026

Inquiring Minds Want to Know

What you should know from the June Board Meeting.



- The Board voted to accept two new members:
 - Samantha Reichert, Family Membership
 - Jennifer Laudenbach, Single Membership
- Emergency Building Closure
 - The Board discussed the appropriate procedure for closing the building because of the recent closure due to a dog with Kennel Cough having been present for a class. The discussion resulted in agreement that such decisions often must be made quickly, so it is a good policy to rely on the President and both VPs for deciding whether to close.
- Committee to review class and membership and other fees for 2027
 - Karen Frese will chair the committee as authorized by Cheryl Champion. Proposed Committee members are: Deb Sorosky, Carolyn Dumaresq, Terry Barnaby. Initial recommendations will be presented at the July meeting.
- New Volunteer Recruitment Committee
 - Cheryl approved the formation of a committee to develop a plan utilizing the DDTC communication tools to recruit more members to volunteer at club trials and events.
- Building and Liability Insurance
 - Linda Weindel reported on a conversation with our insurance agent regarding whether our building and liability insurance coverage was sufficient. Our current policy does not cover two assistant treasurers. Please see Board motion #2 below.
 - The new flooring is covered is covered as part of the building, so coverage is adequate. However, we coverage is insufficient for our equipment. Linda is finishing an inventory of equipment so we can determine what insurance would be adequate. Our current policy covers trials and events held off our property.

Motions voted on by the Board:

1. John Delescavage moved that Jane Frantz be approved as the “Cash Out” assistant to work with Karen Frese. Vicki Long seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Carolyn Dumaresq moved and John Delescavage seconded that we purchase \$140 of additional liability insurance until January for the new second assistant treasurer. The motion passed unanimously



Howlin' Thomas, Senior DDTC Board Correspondent

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A Buddy Comedy?

Dear Prudence – Do you love your Person? I love my Person so much that its funny. Aren't our Persons great? - Holmes to my Watson

Dear Watson – I do love my Person! I'm also so happy that you love your Person too. Of course, here at the DDTC our Persons are also our Partners. Together we're a team tackling the agility world.

Guess what? Your Person loves you too because they think you're a great Partner. Plus, I bet they think you're cute. Here's to our Persons and Partners! One Part of a Duo, Pru