



# There's a new floor at the end of the rainbow!

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## Upcoming Events

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

- March 9 thru 25 - Flooring Installation
- April 10 to 12 – Agility at In The Net
- April 12 – Obedience Match
- April 17, 18, 19 – Fast CAT trial
- May 3 – Obedience Show-n-Go
- May 18 to 19 – Agility Novice Open Trial at Bella Vista
- June 7 - Obedience Show-n-Go
- June 13 to 14 - Donna Brown Seminar
- June 19 to 20 - Obedience Trial
- June 21 - Rally Trial



Happy St. Patrick'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 April issue to [theddtcbarker@gmail.com](mailto:theddtcbarker@gmail.com) by March 23, 2026.



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Spring Classes will be on new Dura TRAIN Flooring!

Building Closed for Installation March 9th - 25th



The final stage of installing our new Dura TRAIN rubber tiles is in full swing! Our schedule will allow April classes to take place on our new flooring.

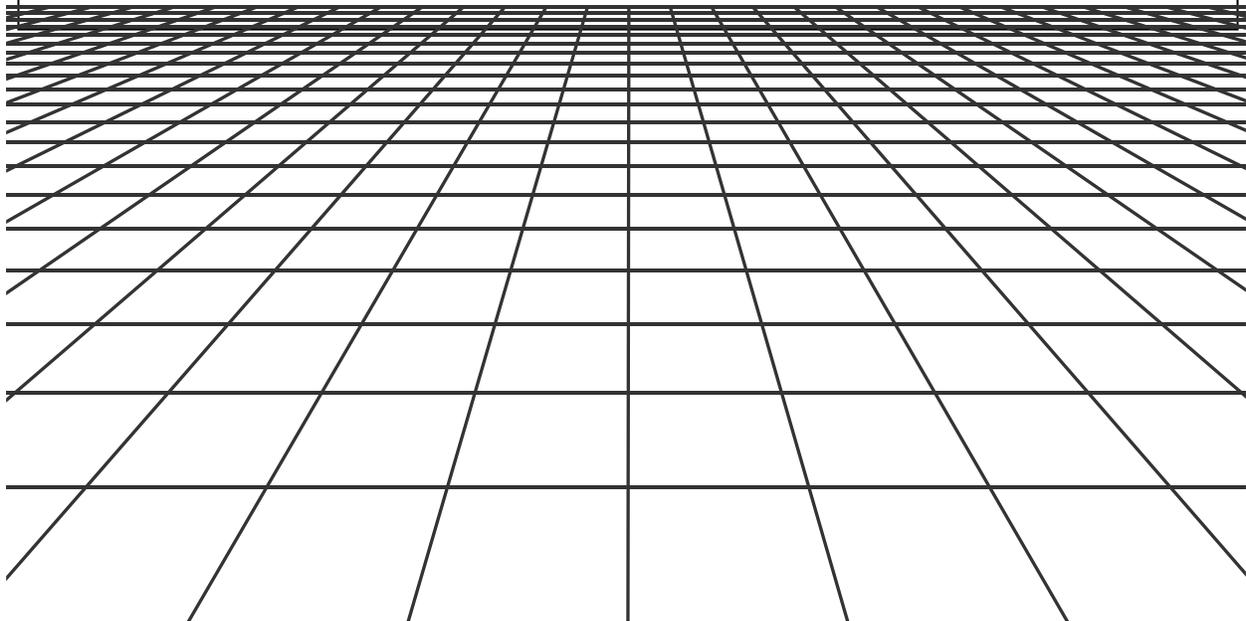
As part of the installation process, the Board voted to offer the old Great Mats flooring for FREE to our members. We had many requests for them. The members will be picking the old tiles up the week of March 9th. All tiles are spoken for.

There's lots of work before and after the professional installers lay the floor. We have many member volunteers coming the weeks of March 9th and March 23th to:

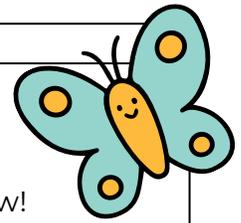
1. Remove the equipment and furniture from the replacement area.
2. Pull up the old Great Mats tiles.
3. Distribute the old tiles to the members who requested them.
4. After installation, put everything back and prepare the building for classes.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS VERY LONG PROCESS!**

This includes the committee who worked over the past few years to investigate and identify good flooring samples. The members who gathered information as they attended events in other venues. AND, of course, those who will be giving their time and energy to the work that remains to be done.



## Online Class Registration, Phase 2



The second Round of online Class Registration is happening right now! Early spring class registration is complete and we are now in open registration. This is only our second round on DogBiz Pro and Sallie Jordan wants everyone to know that she is available to answer questions or hear concerns. You can call her at 570-523-7468 or email her at [graydog202@gmail.com](mailto:graydog202@gmail.com). She will work with you and even coach you through the process. If you are really having trouble, you can contact her and she will do the registration for you! Just send her a paper registration form so she has your information.

Remember, you can add a check or class credit to your Dog Biz Pro account by using a prepayment form. You will receive an email from Sallie when your account is updated. Please say on your prepayment form that you would like Sallie to do the online registration for you. People sometime send her forms even though they want to do it themselves – so let her know on the form.

Sallie acknowledges that we are still in the “storming and norming” stage of our new process, but she is pleased with how many members are doing their own registrations and sending checks or payments to be added to their account.

And, of course, as with any new process, we will be editing the directions and manuals as well as working to improve the website process. Please let Sallie know if you have an idea that will make things work more smoothly.

We thank Sallie for her hard work and willingness to assist all of us in this process. Simply the Best, Sallie.



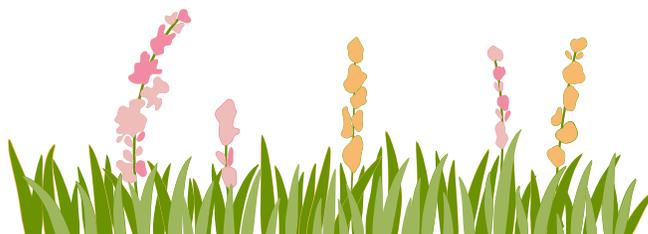
To access our online class registration system: [DDTC DogBizPro](#)

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.





## 2025 Financial Year End Report

Below is a report on the status of the Club's financial accounts for the 2025 year. The finances of the club are always open to you, the members.

If you have specific questions or concerns at any time, you can email Cheryl Champion, the Club President, at [cherchamp17@gmail.com](mailto:cherchamp17@gmail.com).

Cheryl will respond or will forward your request to the appropriate person for response.

2025 expenditures for excavating the driveway (\$4,500) and for patching and seal coating the parking lot (\$6,754.07) are including in the total expenses below.

Total Income:	\$221,832.53
Total Expenses:	\$190,754.07
<b>2025 Profit:</b>	<b>\$31,078.46</b>



# Conformation Handling Seminar

## *AKC Pro Greg Strong*

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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](mailto:cherchamp17@gmail.com).



# DAUPHIN DOG TRAINING CLUB

## Scent Work Seminar with Joyce Smuda



Please join us for a scent work seminar designed to improve your dog and your handling skills through a variety of exercises and instruction with Joyce Smuda. Joyce is a AKC Scent Work Judge with years of experience in the sport of scent work, along with other accolades including AKC Fetch Judge, CGC Evaluator, AKC FitDog Instructor, and Secretary to Valley Forge Kennel Club.



Weather permitting, there will be interior, exterior, and vehicle searches. The day will be divided into two sessions: a morning session for novice dogs and an afternoon for experienced dogs. Novice dogs must be on all three odors (birch, anise, clove) so that they could identify all three separately. Experienced dogs will be able to find multiple hides in one environment, work through more challenging and less accessible hides, overcome food and toy distractions and alert only to odor, and can manage a longer, larger search. The morning session will be 8 AM – 12 PM and the afternoon session will be 1 – 5 PM.



**DATE:** Saturday, May 30th

**LOCATION:** Dauphin Dog Training Club;  
719 Manada Bottom Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112

**TIME:** 8 AM – 12 PM (Novice)

1 PM – 5 PM (Experienced)

**REGISTRATION:** Opens March 15th for DDTC Members and April 1st for non-members.

There are 8 spots for working teams per session and 10 spots for auditors per session.

**FEES:** \$75 for DDTC members and \$100 for non-members per working dog.

\$40 for each audit spot (no dogs are permitted with auditors)

**Please make all checks payable to DDTC (There is a \$25 fee for all returned checks)**

# Scent Work Seminar with Joyce Smuda

## Registration Form

**Handler Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dog Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sex:** Female  F/Spayed  Male  M/Neutered

**DDTC Member:**  Yes  No **Session:** Morning (Novice) Session  Afternoon (Experienced) Session   
Working team  Auditing spot

**Last class completed and where:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

As a condition to acceptance of the application, the following agreement must be signed. **AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS, WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** I understand that attendance at a dog training class is NOT without risk to myself, members of my family or guests who may attend, or my dog, because the dogs to which I will be exposed may be difficult to control and may be the cause of damage or injury even when handled with the greatest amount of care. I hereby waive and release DAUPHIN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC., hereinafter DDTC, and its officers from any damage or injury resulting from the action of any dog. I expressly assume the risk of such damage or injury that I or my dog may suffer while attending any training session or any other function of DDTC, or while on the training grounds or the surrounding area. I understand that by signing or executing this form, I am releasing DDTC, its officers, members, and agents from any liability for damages or injury even if DDTC, its officers, members, and/or agents are negligent. In consideration of and as inducement to the acceptance of my application for training by DDTC, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless DDTC, its offers, members, and agents from any and all claims by members of my family or any other person accompanying me to any training session or function of DDTC, or while on the premises or the surrounding area as a result of any action by any dog, including my own. I hereby certify that I am over 18 years of age and of sound mind.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Nicole Smith with any questions or concerns.

**nsmith86DVM@yahoo.com**

**717 – 644 – 4198**

Mail Registration Forms to **DDTC c/o Nicole Smith**

**224 Kreider Road**

**Palmyra, PA 17078**

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## DDTC Board Minutes - February 3, 2026

**In Attendance:** Carolyn Dumaresq, Linda Weindel, Vicki Long, Lauren Zagnit, John Delescavage, Terry Barnaby, Cheryl Champion, Sue McKee. In attendance by videoconference: Jane Frantz, Amy Ramser, Lisa Hetzel and Judi Fell

**President called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.**

- The January minutes were approved with one correction. Jane, not John making the motion to proceed with DuraTRAIN as replacement for the current flooring, and Vicki as the 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- January Treasurer's Report : A motion to approve as published was made by Carolyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John, motion carried with no objections.
- President's Report: Cheryl Champion
- Reminder that any expenses over \$100.00 (other than supplies) need board approval.
- A survey was sent to instructors to develop an instructor's workshop. Would be a time for instructors to share different strategies for handling problems.
- Evoting Process review was tabled to next meeting.
- Sue McKee then presented the pricing options for the installation of the flooring. Vicki Long made the motion to proceed with the company providing the full installation at the cost of \$82,201.00 (with slight variation on cost after they confirm measurements and transitions. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by John, Motion unanimously approved. We would like to plan on the week of March 9<sup>th</sup> for cleanup and removal of equipment, and the week of March 16<sup>th</sup> for installation, if all goes as planned and the company is able to meet those dates. Vicki will be notified to put on the calendar as soon as it confirmed. Hoping to have floor completed by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Spring classes start the week of March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- First Vice President – Carolyn Dumaresq
  - Discussion on late entry for classes was tabled until next month
- Second Vice-President Jane Frantz
  - A handling seminar is proposed for September 26 and 27. The contract has been sent to Greg Strong along with the down payment, and Cheryl is currently preparing the flyer. The max participants will be 25.
  - We will be adding a second judge to the Friday trials, in the past we only had one judge on Friday and 2 for the other days. JoAnne Goodling is the trial secretary, her fees would have increased by \$300.00 with adding the extra judge. In place of the increased payment her fob payment will not be charged.
- Corresponding Secretary – Su McKee
  - No new members to present, current membership is 284
- Barker – Terry Barnaby
  - Feed back has been very positive.Plans for creatively placing etiquette rules in an upcoming Barker.
- Building and Grounds – John
  - Reported that Fred has done the plowing, it was requested that we ask Fred to not push snow in the path of the poop bag areas if possible.
- Events Carolyn Dumaresq
  - Brittany Imof Seminar March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>
- With no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Vicki Long, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Delescavage, motion carried.
- Next board meeting at the club March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted  
Linda Weindel, Substitute Secretary



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### Publishing Guidelines

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### Let me off the leash!

Dear Prudence – I really like to go to class at Dauphin Dog Training Club, but I have to stay on my leash – even when I'm outside. That's not fun! I would like to be able to chase birds and bunnies and run with the other dogs. Why can't I?

All Tied Up, Tiny Terrier

Dear Tiny – I feel your pain, but so many dogs love to come to classes and events at Dauphin Dog Training Club. It's important that all feelings are respected. Not everyone has your terrier attitude. Some dogs need to feel safe or to have quiet time to psych up before they go into the ring.

Think of it as proof that you care about the feelings and needs of your friends and other dogs who love to learn as you do. Your owner keeps you on leash for your safety and so all dogs are happy when learning.

Free to be you and me, Pru