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Upcoming Events

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

- December 5 - DDTC Holiday Awards Banquet
- January 15 - Judy Kolva Seminar
- Feburary 5 - Judy Kolva Seminar
- March 12 to 14 - Laurie Stimavicius
- March 20 to 21 - Britany Imhof Seminar
- March 26 - Judy Kolva Seminar







Happy Thanksgiving!

December Issue Deadline



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

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Meet our New Treasurer!



Hello, everyone!
I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Treasurer of Dauphin Dog Training Club, effective January 1, 2027.

My husband and I have lived in the area for the past three years. Originally from Connecticut, I have also called Iowa home. We have two adult sons and share our home with three dogs: two Dobermans and a Rhodesian Ridgeback. As you might imagine, dogs have been a big part of my life for many years!

I have been training dogs for over 25 years and enjoy both the training and competition sides of the sport. I currently compete in nose work, agility, obedience, and rally, and I also teach scent work at the club. I love helping dogs and their handlers learn new skills and build stronger partnerships.

Professionally, I am a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and have previously served as Treasurer for two other dog clubs. I look forward to bringing that experience to Dauphin Dog Training Club and helping keep our club's finances running smoothly.

I'm happy to be part of this club and look forward to getting to know more of you, working together, and continuing to enjoy all that dog sports have to offer. I look forward to seeing you at the club!

DDTC 2026 HOLIDAY AWARDSBANQUET

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026, 3:00 PM

JOIN US TO HONOR OUR MEMBERS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING 2026

BRING A COVERED DISH OR SIDE
TO SHARE OR PAY $10 PER PERSON

Must pre-register to attend by December 1, 2026.
Contact Carolyn Dumaresq to register: ccdumaresq@gmail.com

Christmas Photo Session

DDTC

Saturday, December 5

10 am to 2 pm



$30.00

Three Packages Offered

Package A
One 8x10
8 wallets

Package B
Two 5x7's
8 wallets

Package C
One 5x7
8 cards (photos insered

Ala carte products available after purchase of one package:
High resolution image sent via email - $10.00
Extra 8x10 or Two 5x7's - $10.00
8 Extra cards - $25.00

To reserve your time slot for photos
please email Carolyn Dumaresq at ccdumaresq@gmail.com

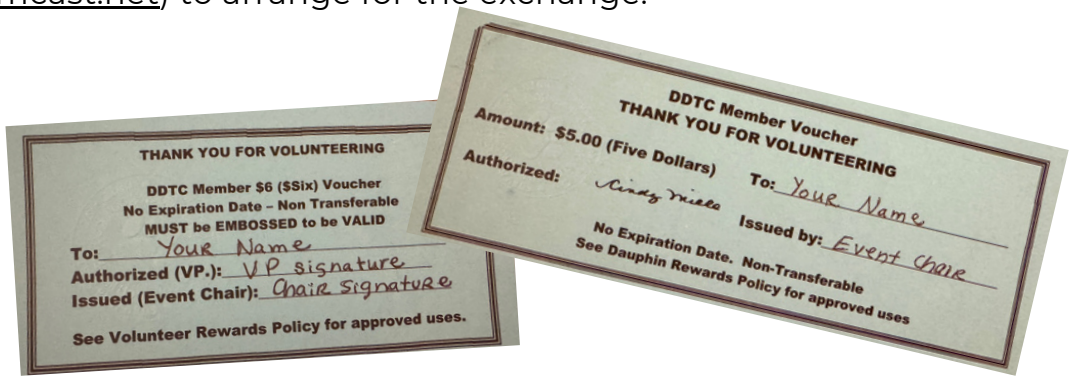
Changes to Dauphin Volunteer Rewards

Dauphin Rewards: Effective January 1, 2027, Dauphin Rewards will no longer be issued. Those that are outstanding are still valid and their approved uses have not changed. Generally speaking, Dauphin Rewards are being replaced by Vouchers.

Vouchers: Member Vouchers and Non-Member Vouchers are given for volunteering at DDTC trials, fun runs, and matches. The vouchers have a new look, denominations and uses.

- **Look:** The color of the vouchers has not changed. Member Vouchers are blue and Non-Member Vouchers are green. However, the new vouchers are smaller in size, with additional requirements for authentication.
- **Denominations:** Vouchers are available in $3, $6, $12, and $24 denominations.
- **Uses:**
  - **Member Vouchers -** DDTC Dues has been added as an approved use.
  - **Non-Member Vouchers -** There have been no changes to the approved uses.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The older $5 and $10 Member and Non-Member Vouchers remain valid and have the same approved uses as the new vouchers. See images below of examples of the older vouchers that are still valid. Effective January 1, 2027, any older Vouchers or Gift Certificates that are different than the blue or green vouchers pictured below will no longer be valid.They can, however, be exchanged for new vouchers. Anyone who needs to exchange vouchers should contact Karen Frese (jkfrese@comcast.net) to arrange for the exchange.



Other DDTC Volunteer Rewards

Trial Entry Certificates: These are given for serving as Chair or Co-Chair for Club trials. Any Trial Entry Certificates not used by December 31, 2026, will not be valid and will need to be exchanged for a newer version of the certificate. Anyone with Trial Entry Certificates for Fast Cat or Agility Trials should contact Carolyn Dumaresq (ccdumaresq@gmail.com) and anyone with Trial Entry Certificates for Obedience or Scent Work Trials should contact Jane Frantz (fritz178@comcast.net) to arrange for the exchange.

Instructor Credits, Vendor Bucks, and "Virtual Vouchers" (banked with the Registration Manager for online registration)**:** No changes

Visit our site for the rewards and approved uses: DDTC Volunteer Rewards.



Kathy Breach

Christopher Healy

Kara Ryabyy

Dawn Schaffer

Donata Povilaityte





January Annual

It's that time of year again. Send us your photos and write-ups for this special edition of the Barker where we celebrate the achievements of our members.

Rules for submissions:

- Send pictures in .jpg or .png formats
- Write-ups eligible for editing for typos/grammar
- Please do not send PDFs.
- Email submissions to **theddtcbarker@gmail.com**

DUE DATE IS JANUARY 7TH



2027 CLASS REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

WINTER
Classes start the week of January 3, 2027

CLASS SCHEDULE POSTED - November 9, 2026

ON-LINE REGISTRATION OPENS
DDTCMembers - November 16,2026 - 7AM
Non Members - November 23, 2026 - 7 AM

REGISTRATION CLOSES - December 28, 2026

Evaluation Dates TBD

SPRING
Classes start the week of April 5, 2027

CLASS SCHEDULE POSTED - February 8, 2027

ON-LINE REGISTRATION OPENS
DDTCMembers - February 15,2027 - 7AM
Non Members - February 22, 2027 - 7 AM

REGISTRATION CLOSES - March 22, 2027

Evaluation Dates TBD

SUMMER
Classes start the week of July 5, 2027

CLASS SCHEDULE POSTED - May 10, 2027

ON-LINE REGISTRATION OPENS
DDTCMembers - May 17,2027 - 7:00AM
Non Members - May 24, 2027 - 7:00 AM

REGISTRATION CLOSES - June 21, 2027 9:00 pm

Evaluation Dates TBD

FALL
Classes start the week of October 3, 2027

CLASS SCHEDULE POSTED - August 9, 2027

ON-LINE REGISTRATION OPENS
DDTCMembers - August 16,2027 - 7:00AM
Non Members - August 23, 2027 - 7:00 AM

REGISTRATION CLOSES -
September 27, 2027 9:00 pm

Evaluation DatesTBD

More registration information can be found at www.dauphindog.org
If you have any questions regaring the schedule
Contact: Sallie Jordan, DDTC Registration Manager - graydog2002@gmail.comor570-523-7468



October Board Meeting Minutes Summary

Greetings, Barkers! Howlin' Thomas here again to bring you all you need to know from the latest Board meeting. I was there, in person, to make sure you get all the facts. After all, **inquiring minds want to know!**

- A Summary of the important parts of the October annual membership meeting will be published in the Barker after they are approved by the membership at the Holiday Dinner meeting. The full minutes will be mailed by The Corresponding Secretary, Su McKee.
- A seminar assistant will be provided for the Greg Strong Handling Seminar.
- The treasurer gave a report on the status of our investments.

New Business

- The proposal to distribute information on other club's events was discussed. Our club has asked other clubs to distribute information on our handling seminar. It was agreed that we would do this as long as there was no conflict with our events.
- A suggestion was made that we create an advertising area on the website to answer questions about when and how to volunteer for events. It was referred to the Volunteer Recruitment Committee.
- A discussion was presented that we use DogBizPro to register for seminars in addition to classes. The discussion was tabled until a future meeting.

Approved Business Items

- The Board approved a motion to approve two FOB applications.
- The Board approved a motion to reinstate vendor bucks for their original purpose as a volunteer reward that can be used to purchase food or merchandise at an agility trial or for trial entries at a subsequent trial.
- The Board approved a scent-work seminar for December 6 to be held at the DDTC training building.



Howlin' Thomas, Senior DDTC Board Correspondent

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- Half Page: $9/month $89.10/year
- Full Page: $15/month $148.50/year

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Dear Prudence – I love seeing all my friends at DDTC during class sessions. But it can get pretty crowded and noisy in the aisle outside of our class ring. I get a little scared and I am sometimes afraid to walk with my person to go outside or wait to get into the class ring.

I'm afraid to bark because my person doesn't want me to and sometimes other dogs or their people bark back. Then when I get in the ring, I'm too nervous to listen. I wish I could relax and have fun. Can you help me? - Nervous Nelly the Newfoundland

Dear Nelly – I understand your stress. Some of us don't thrive on chaos. I myself prefer life at the pace of High Tea at the Dorchester. I digress...

Our club has a policy that dogs that aren't running should be in their crate – or in the club crates. Of course, you and your handler can be at the gate when you are "on deck," as they say, or if you are headed outside. Both the ingoing and exiting teams have to give each other room to pass. This will cut down on the activity in the walkway and help dogs like you to relax.

Take the time in your crate to plan your next run or catch up on the latest leash fashions. - Peaceful Pru