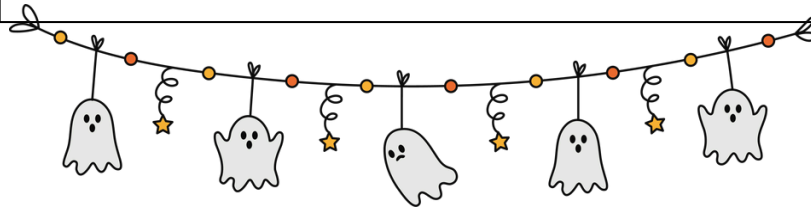




Upcoming Events

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

- October 16 to 18 - Agility Trial, In The Net
- November 13 to 14 - Obedience Trials, DDTC
- November 15 - Rally Trial, DDTC
- November 18 - Deadline to submit for about titles earned during 2026, Form on DDTC site
- December 5 - DDTC Holiday Awards Banquet



Happy Halloween!



November Issue Deadline

Want to add something to the Barker? Send your submissions for the November issue to theddtcbarker@gmail.com by October 23, 2026.



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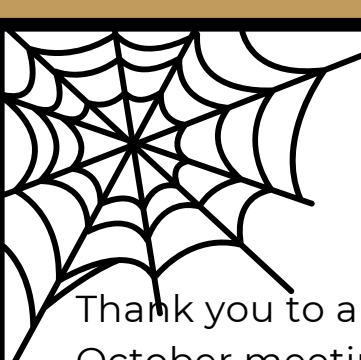
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Membership Meeting Results

Thank you to all of our members who attended the September and October meetings. The discussion at the September meeting did result in changes to the motions presented in October. This is evidence of the importance of member participation.

2027 Officers and Board Election

The slate was presented from the committee to the members at the September 1st meeting. There were no nominations from the floor. Cheryl Champion, President, declared the slate elected because there were no contested offices.

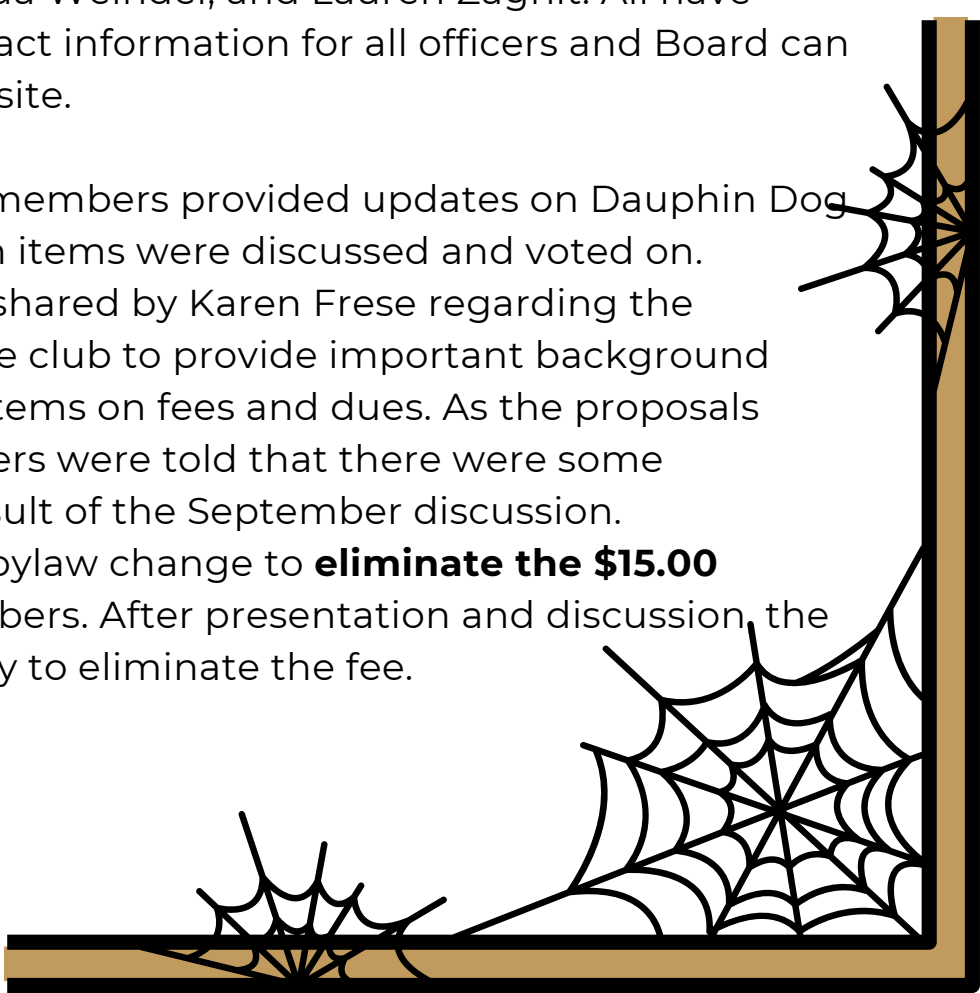
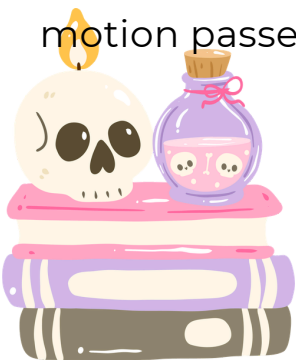
The officers for 2027 will be Cheryl Champion – President, Carolyn Dumaresq – 1st Vice President, Diane Baker – 2nd Vice President, Deb Sorosky – Treasurer, Susanne McKee – Corresponding Secretary, Nicole Smith – Recording Secretary. Diane Baker, Deb Sorosky and Nicole Smith were elected for their first term in 2027.

The Board Members for 2027 will be Terry Barnaby, John Delscavage, Lisa Hetzel, Vicki Long, Linda Weindel, and Lauren Zagnit. All have been in office in 2026. Contact information for all officers and Board can be found on the DDTC website.

Discussion and Actions

Several officers and Board members provided updates on Dauphin Dog Club activities before action items were discussed and voted on. Extensive information was shared by Karen Frese regarding the financial performance of the club to provide important background information for the action items on fees and dues. As the proposals were discussed, the members were told that there were some adjustments in fees as a result of the September discussion.

The first action item was a bylaw change to **eliminate the \$15.00 initiation fee** for new members. After presentation and discussion, the motion passed unanimously to eliminate the fee.





Membership Meeting Election Results, cont.

The next area for discussion and action was on **class fees**. Karen Frese presented her research on fees charged by organizations that offer classes in our area. The data showed that our fees are less than other organizations. Carolyn Dumaresq then presented the proposal for class fees and it passed unanimously.

The new fees are:

- Senior Class Fee - \$75.00 – an increase of \$10.00
- Regular Fees - \$85.00 – an increase of \$10.00
- Non- Member Fees - \$120.00 – and increase of \$25.00

Two other class fees were discussed and voted – **Drop-In Class fee** and **Conformation Class Fee**.

The new fees are:

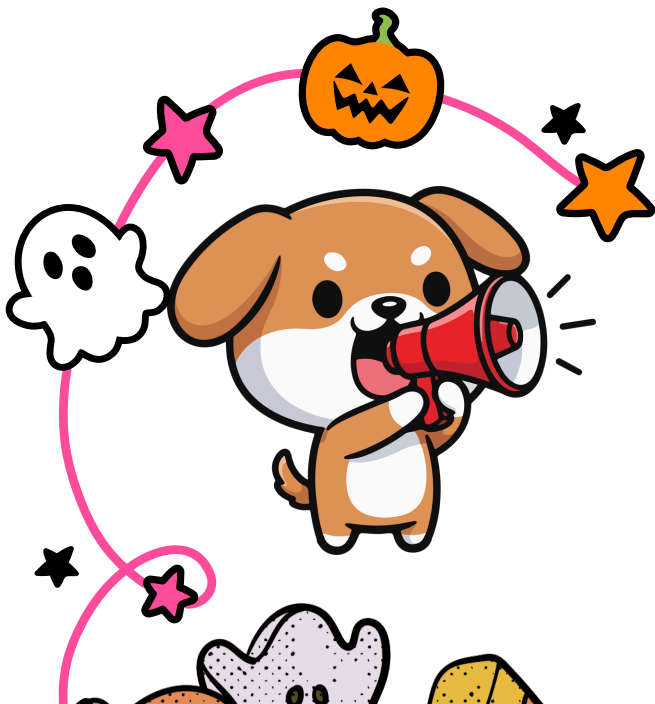
- Drop-In Class Fee - \$15.00
- Conformation Class Fee – The member fee remains \$10.00 but the non-member fee was raised from \$12.00 to \$15.00.

The membership was then presented with **changes to the Dues**. This item was discussed at length in September and the proposal was changed as a result. The first announcement was that the Board approved the use of **Dauphin volunteer rewards** for payment of Dues. The motion to change the dues passed unanimously.

The new Dues fees for 2027 will be:

- Single – \$35.00 – no increase
- Sr. Single - \$30.00 - \$5.00 Increase
- Family - \$45.00 - \$5.00 increase
- Sr. Family - \$40.00 - \$10.00 Increase





WELCOME
New Members!



Jamie Breisch

Suzie Lyter

Sandy Washburn



DDTC 2026 HOLIDAY AWARDS BANQUET



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





2026 - DAUPHIN DOG TRAINING CLUB

Presents

Judy Kolva

Sharpen Up Your Handling Skills

October 30

November 27

December 11

9:30 am-12:30 pm & 1:30 pm-4:30 pm

Novice through Master Levels

Struggling to decide what handling technique to use where? We will work on techniques to improve your skills when walking a course, deciding what to do, and is it doable! We will discuss courses, your decisions, and finally, run the course with the plan you devised. Dogs should be able to do all equipment. Eight working slots and unlimited auditors.

Seminars will be held indoors at our training facility at 719 Manada Bottom Road, Harrisburg, PA. Our Club is air-conditioned, heated, fully matted, and handicapped accessible. For more information, contact Carolyn Dumaresq: ccdumaresq@gmail.com or 717-991-4334.

Registration is Open.

Working teams: \$65 members / \$80 non-members; Auditors: \$30 members / \$40 non-members

Send registration & payment (checks payable to DDTC) to: Carolyn Dumaresq, 1370 Northview Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Handler's Name: _____ **Dog's Name / Jump Height:** _____ / _____

Email: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Working slots – List dates & preferred time: _____

Auditor sessions – List dates & preferred time: _____

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 and Board members 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 at 719 Manada Bottom Road, Harrisburg, PA or the surrounding area. I understand that by signing or executing this form, I am releasing DDTC, its officers, Board of Directors, members, and agents from any liability for damages or injury even if DDTC, its officers, board members, members, and/or agents are negligent.

In consideration of and as inducement to the acceptance of training by DDTC, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless DDTC, its officers, Board members, 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: _____



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**



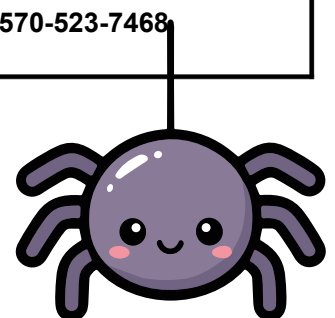
2027 CLASS REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

WINTER Classes start the week of January 3, 2027	SPRING Classes start the week of March 28, 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	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 June 27, 2027	FALL Classes start the week of October 3, 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	CLASS SCHEDULE POSTED - August 16, 2027 ON-LINE REGISTRATION OPENS DDTCMembers - August 23, 2027 - 7:00AM Non Members - August 30, 2027 - 7:00 AM REGISTRATION CLOSES - September 27, 2027 9:00 Evaluation Dates TBD

More registration information can be found at www.dauphindog.org

If you have any questions regarding the schedule

Contact: Sallie Jordan, DDTC Registration Manager - graydog2002@gmail.com or 570-523-7468



September 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!** This meeting was held on September 1, 2026.

- The Board approved publishing the September general membership minutes in the Barker October issue and the October general membership minutes in December after they are approved by the general membership.
- The Board approved the purchase of a projector for \$105 dollars for meetings and presentations.
- The Board approved the appointment of Carol Artim as an agility instructor.
- The Board approved the purchase of a Teeter mover for \$115.
- The Board approved the recommendation to remove the initiation fee for new members to be presented to the membership at the General Membership meeting.
- Three new members were approved. The current membership is 312 members.
- There will be two embossers with a new design for embossing member vouchers

New Business

- DDTC Volunteer Rewards Policy – 4 types of Rewards
 - A new policy will be written, placed in the policy manual and shared with the membership.
 - Vouchers Issued prior to January 1, 2027 must be exchanged for new vouchers if not used by January 1. There will be no cash value, no expiration date, and no transferability to other than family members.
 - Trial Entry certificates for Trial chairs and co-chairs.
 - Instructor Credits for DDTC class instructors
 - Vendor Bucks for volunteers at agility trials
 - Vouchers for volunteers at trials, fun runs and matches
- Class Size Policies
 - Classes with 4 or more dogs may be 60-90 minutes long.
 - Instructors can decide whether to hold a class with 3 dogs entered.
 - Classes with fewer than three dogs will be cancelled.

**Howlin' Thomas, Senior DDTC Board
Correspondent**



September General Membership Meeting Minutes Summary

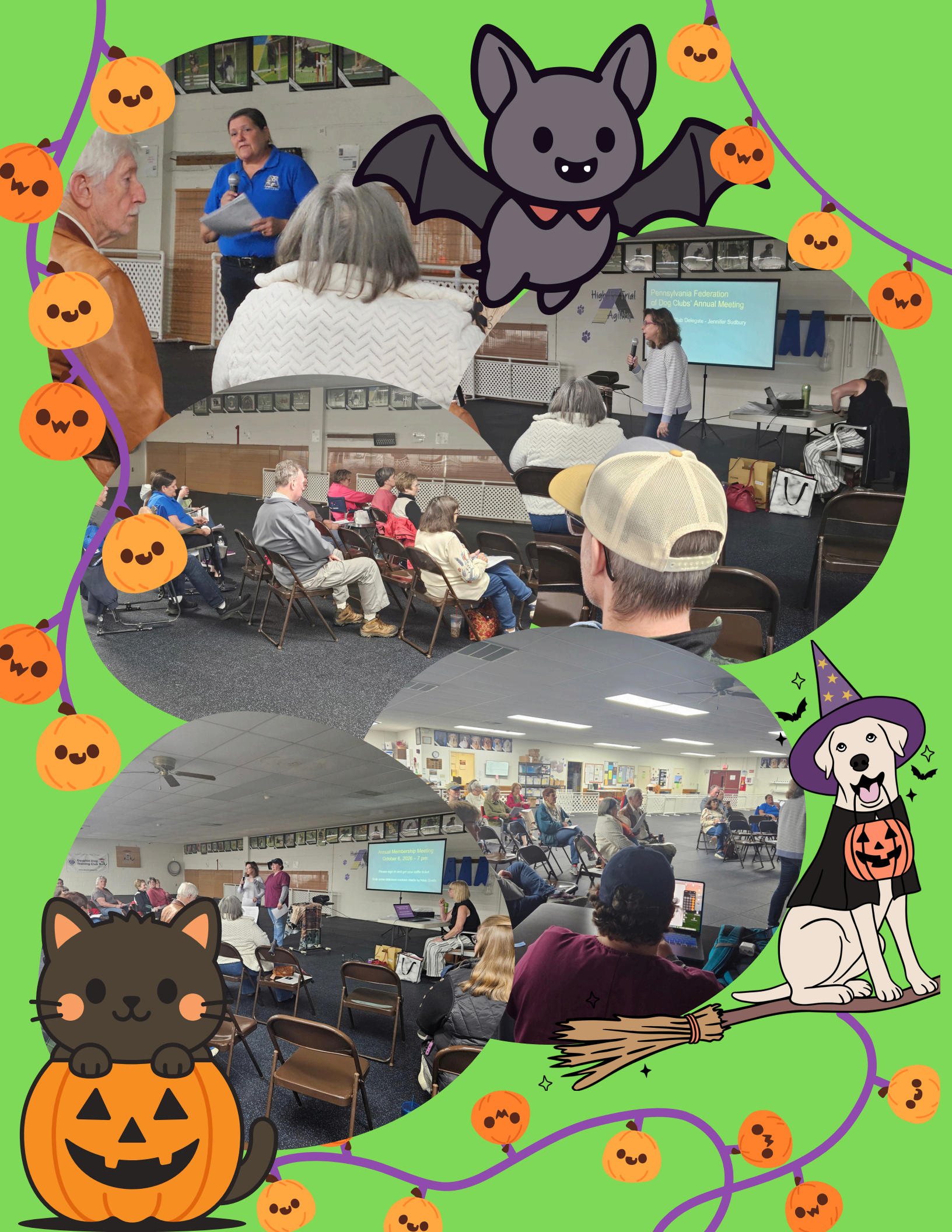
- Cheryl Reviewed the information for Mug Award, Award of Appreciation, and Honorary Members, including the deadline for submissions of Oct 1, 2026.
- Title Awards information is due by November 18 to Glenna Felty.
- The Holiday Party and Annual Awards Dinner is on December 5th and begins at 3:00 pm

New Business

- Carolyn Dumaresq, Chair of the Nomination Committee, gave a report and announced the Slate of Officers from the Committee. No nominations were made from the floor so the committee recommendations will be presented for voting at the October membership meeting.
 - The proposals for Class Size and Dues for 2027 for voting at the October General Membership Meeting were presented and discussed.
 - The membership had several concerns they wanted addressed before the October meeting. The Board and Committees will discuss the issues presented.



Howlin' Thomas, Senior DDTC Board Correspondent



Pennsylvania Federation
of Dog Clubs' Annual Meeting
Pennsylvania Delegate - Jennifer Sudbury

Annual Membership Meeting
October 6, 2020 - 7 pm
Please sign in and get your coffee ticket
and make sure you have your ID card.

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Dear Prudence – The club is having the Annual Holiday party and celebrating great volunteers and team achievements for 2026. Getting awards and ribbons seems important to our handlers; but, to be honest, my dog buddies and I just don't get it. I sniffed and tasted a ribbon – my handler got all excited over that!

I do understand how excited my handler gets when we run. It's so much fun and I love seeing her so happy! Sometimes she is upset and I can't tell why. I love my life, especially playing with my handler. I wish I could give her a ribbon every time we run. I love our life together – and treats! Shiny Shepherd

Dear Shiny – You're right! I have won many awards. Among them were the Leash-Pullitzer, the George Poke, and an IRE (Investigative Rover Ears).

Dear Sunny - You do understand! Think of ribbons as treats for people. Our handlers try hard to be good and successful – just like we do. When our team does great, we look for treats – they look for ribbons. The important thing is to celebrate together and celebrate each other. There are times when we are upset or sad that things don't go well and we let our partner know it. Try to be patient with them when they blame us and don't blame them back. Move on and get ready for the next run – and practice - Ribbon-worthy, Pru