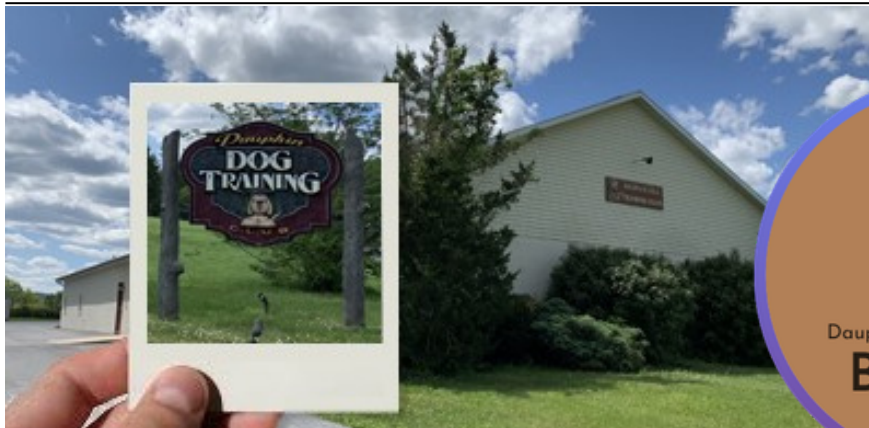


September 2026



Upcoming Events

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

- 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
- November 13 to 14 - Obedience Trials, DDTC
- November 15 - Rally Trial. DDTC



Summer Camp goes to the Dogs!

October Issue Deadline



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

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Summer Camp Goes to the Dogs

On the weekend of August 21 – 23, the agility dogs and their handlers were off to summer day camp at DDTC as they have been since 2008, or maybe earlier.

The highlight of camp are the high quality instructors providing seasoned coaching. Judy Kolva, with many years of experience as an AKC Judge and professional instructor. Cathy Markley, a specialist of coaching dogs in effective jumping skills. Deb Goodhart, experienced teacher and coach of teams at all levels of agility through private lessons and as a DDTC instructor.

Summer camp kicks off with Friday night Puppy Camp. It's a chance for puppies and their handlers to focus on basic performance skills with an emphasis on communications between puppy and handler. The puppies have a chance to experience the fun they will have in agility, but mostly, everyone has fun watching puppies be puppies!

Saturday and Sunday provides teams with varying levels of experience and skill the opportunity to learn from one another as they watch each other work with the instructors. Cathy focuses on jumping skills in varying course designs. Teams have the opportunity to spend their time with Judy and Deb working on a standard course one day and a Jumpers course the second day.

As you can see in the photos, the coaches spend a great deal of time with the instructors before the teams run. After all, the handler is the team navigator and is responsible for leading the communication with their dog – both speaking and “listening.” There is time to practice this communication with additional help from the coach.

Lunch is pot luck and always includes goodies like cookies, cake and pie (as well as good tasting, real food).

You can see why this tradition has lasted for almost 20 years. Participants are already looking to next year's summer camp!





Membership Meeting!

October 6th at 7:00 pm

- Voting for Officers and Board
- Fee Proposal Vote



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

This proposal will be voted in the October Meeting.

Questions to be considered by the Board can be sent prior to the membership meetings and will be appreciated by the Board so they can prepare for October.

Please send them 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 = 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 Memberships.



Board Officers

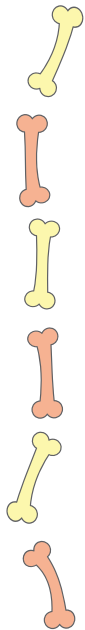
President:
Cheryl Champion

First Vice President:
Carolyn Dumaresq

Second Vice President:
Diane Baker

Treasurer:
Deb Sorosky

Secretary:
Sue McKee



Board Members

Terry Barnaby

John Delescavage

Lisa Hetzel

Vicki Long

Linda Weindel

Lauren Zagnit



John Halcovage

Valli Rovenolt

Keith Lampel

Lisa Scarborough
(Bahmueller)

Nathan Snyder

**DAUPHIN
DOG
TRAINING
CLUB**



You're invited to

FAST CAT FUN RUNS

Following the 9/18
and 9/19 trial!

STARTING AT 2:30 PM



REGISTRATION

Enter at the score/registration table. Dogs must be 12 months or older. Spaces limited.

RELEASER AND CATCHER NEEDED

Someone needs to release the dog while another catches it 100 yards away. We cannot guarantee availability of assistance with releasing and catching.



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DDTC Board Minutes - August 4, 2026

Inquiring Minds Want to Know

What you should know from the August 4th Board Meeting.

- The Board approved the Laurie Stimavicius for March 12 – 14, 2027. This will be a 3-day seminar with 8 private sessions on Sunday. The club will receive \$25 dollars per private lesson.
- The Board approved a motion to have signs made stating that there is a \$10 fine for urinating in off-limits areas or for failing to pick up feces on DDTC property.
- The Board approved a motion to purchase a leaf blower for no more than \$250 to aid in cleaning dog hair in the building before events. This replaces the robot vacuum approved last month.
- The Board approved five new members recognized in the September Barker. We have 309 members as of this date.

New and Old Business

- The Board discussed the information that should be presented at the September meeting to explain the reasoning for the proposed increases in dues and class fees. This discussion included:
 - The club is currently operating at a deficit that was anticipated in the budget.
 - Treasurer to make a report for expenses and income for each event held by DDTC for the Board to review.
- Buildings and Grounds Report
 - Wooden Fencing at the entrance to parking lot has been removed.
 - Concerns about urination in inappropriate areas and failure to pick up feces. Discussion about penalties.
- The approved scentwork classwork assistant will receive 2 Dauphin rewards per hour of class.
- If classes are cancelled due to a building problem, classes can be held off site. This does not apply to weather conditions closing.



Howlin' Thomas, Senior DDTC Board Correspondent

DDTC General Membership Meeting - August 26, 2025 - 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Carolyn Dumaresq, Deb Goodhart, Cheryl Champion, Lisa Hetzel, Linda Weindel, Karen Frese, Amy Ramser, Lauren Zagnit, Su McKee, Mary Dumaresq, Chris Eicher, Terry Barnaby, Vicki Long, Toni Lugosky, Cindy Miller, Elaine Holley, Ann Fake, Ruth Ann Van Dyke, Jennifer Sudbury, Cheryl DeMarkis, Gina Lutz, Donald Sudbury, Gail Hensley, Deb Secrest, Denise Dissinger, René MacBean, John Delescavage, Sallie Jordan, Jane Frantz, Chris Noonan, Lori McGill Sarago, Bruce Yeany, Randie Yeager, Carole Artim, Deb Stranger, Donna Cikovic, Judy Brubaker, Doug Brubaker, Vicki McCloud, Kerry McCaffrey, Susie Shirk, Sis Taylor, Jean Marie Keller, Christie Hampel, Larry Hampel, Zoe Skutaris, Diane Baker, Deb Petrilla, Jean Persia, Joanne Baum, Bonnie Opal, Karen Darney, Rosemary Evans, Callister Holmes, Adam Gell, Debra Seroskie, Sue Silverman, Patricia Clemens

- If no corrections, the 2024 General Membership Meeting Minutes are accepted as published in the Barker Annual Issue January 2026 and July 2026. There were no corrections.

General Comments from the President - Cindy Miller

- Mug Award, Award of Appreciation (Certificate of Award), Honorary Member – **Nomination forms all due by October 1st**. Nomination forms will be in the Barker.
- Annual Awards/Holiday Party is **December 6th – Starts at 3 pm**.
- All other reports (trials/classes/grounds/treasurer/membership/etc.) will be at the October meeting.

New Business:

- Carolyn explained the process of reviewing the current board and nominating for open positions.
- 2026 Nominating Committee Slate of Officers (Carolyn Dumaresq):
 - President: Cheryl Champion
 - First Vice President: Carolyn Dumaresq
 - Second Vice President: Jane Frantz
 - Treasurer: Judi Fell
 - Corresponding Secretary: Su McKee
 - Recording Secretary: Amy Ramser
- Board of Directors Nominees:
 - Terry Barnaby
 - John Delescavage
 - Lisa Hetzel
 - Vicki Long
 - Linda Weindel
 - Lauren Zagnit

Nominations from the floor: No nominations were made. Carolyn submitted the slate as is to Cindy Miller.

DDTC General Membership Meeting cont.

Presentation and discussion on proposed Bylaw changes to Article II & new

Article XVII: (Cindy Miller) – AKC recently released some sample bylaws. Review of our Bylaws revealed that we needed to update some areas. For example, the single family/senior single membership categories – what was in bylaws and what was on the membership form did not match. Bylaws relating to discipline were reorganized into one section.

Presentation and discussion regarding online class registration: (Karen) – A committee was formed to look into various online class registration software applications. The committee interviewed other clubs that use online class registration. Dogbizpro looked most promising. Examined a demo. A second committee was formed to discuss topics such as opening/closing dates, how registration would work, etc. The board approved a temporary membership to dogbizpro to test. Information is being entered in the program. There will be plenty of opportunity for learning how to register online. Club members will still have the ability to register using a paper form and check if they are not comfortable using the software.

A question was asked regarding what the fee is for credit card use. Karen explained that the club is absorbing the credit card fee for now. Instructor credits will still be able to be used for class registration. There were a number of questions regarding cost and registration process. Karen asked that many of the questions be held until we have a more formal information session to explain the system

Presentation and discussion re: class and membership fees. (Karen) -

A committee was formed to examine fees because it's been 5 years since they were revised. After research, the following was included in the decision-making process: increased operating costs, dues charged by other clubs in the vicinity, recent and anticipated capital expenditures.

The following was approved by the board in June:

- FOB Fee – Not changed because availability of club free time is diminished due to all the activities we have.
- Open Training Fee – Changed from \$10 to \$12/hr., effective 1/1/26.

The following changes were recommended for dues and fees:

- Senior Membership Fee – Retain current fee of \$30 per year. New Senior Membership fee will be \$40. This category will be eliminated January 1, 2027. Retain late fee of \$5.
- Senior Family Membership - Retain current fee of \$35 per year. New Senior Family Membership will be \$45. Eliminate this category January 1, 2027.
- Senior Discount for Classes – Current fee is \$55 (7 week class). Increase fee to \$65 (7 week class), effective January 1, 2026. Increase fee to \$75 (7 week class), effective January 1, 2027. Eliminate this category effective January 1, 2027.

A question was asked as to whether we will retain the “senior” category since we are effectively eliminating the category with the price increases. Cindy suggested we might keep the category for statistical purposes, if nothing else



2026 - DAUPHIN DOG TRAINING CLUB

Presents

Judy Kolva

Sharpen Up Your Handling Skills

October 29

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, email Carolyn Dumaresq at ccdumaresq@gmail.com or call at 717-991-4334.

Registration is Open.

Working teams: \$60 members / \$75 non-members; Auditors: \$25 members / \$35 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: _____

AS A CONDITION TO ACCEPTANCE OF THIS APPLICATION, THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT MUST BE SIGNED: AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS, WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that attendance of 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 officers, 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: _____



Thank You Very Much!



We can never do enough to thank the many members who give days and hours of their time in myriad ways to make our club successful. But in December of each year – Saturday, December 5th this year – we all get together to celebrate the holidays and – more importantly – to recognize our members who go above and beyond expectations.

It's an opportunity for members to receive recognition for the titles and accomplishments of their team. A member, or group of members, can also nominate an individual they recognize was particularly effective in helping the club or individuals above what is expected.

We have several award categories so please read on. You can find the forms on the dauphindog.org website under **Resources/Forms/CLUB AWARDS**.

The following is a list of the awards and their purpose:

- **Mug Award** – Awarded to members that have gone over and beyond expectations by volunteering at events, trials, committees and more. An individual can only be “mugged” once.
- **Certificate of Award** – Awarded to previous Mug Award recipients under the same criteria. If you want to nominate someone and don't know if they've been “mugged”, just fill out the Mug Award Nomination Form and we will make sure they receive the appropriate award.
- **Honorary Membership** – This award is granted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors to persons who have performed extraordinary service to the club for a period of ten (10) or more years. The successful candidate must have been or is currently active supporting the club by holding office, instructing, volunteering or chairing events, committees, etc.
- **Plaques and Hang Tags** – This is a lovely wood plaque with your dog's registered and/or call name and a place for a photograph. It also has hooks to hang tags with their achieved titles. Additional tags are also provided each year to keep the plaque current
- **Awards earned during calendar year** – The certificate will list the titles your dog has earned during the current calendar year (2026 this year). *****This form has been revised – a copy follows this article and can be found on the website.**

You may submit any of the above forms at any time during the year. But there are deadlines:

- The deadline for the Mug Award, Certificate of Award and the Honorary Membership forms must be submitted to Chris Eicher by October 1.
- The Plaque and Tag forms must be submitted by October 10 to Sharon Leh.
- The application for titles during 2026 must be submitted by November 18 to Glenna Felty.

Please join us for this celebration at the Dauphin Dog Training Club building on Saturday, December 5. We will be sending out details in the months ahead.

Make sure you go to the dauphindog.org website under Resources/Forms to get the appropriate forms and information you need.



Thank You for All You Do for the Dauphin Dog Training Club!



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Dear Prudence – Long-time reader, first-time writer. I love your column! Seems to me that you must have won many awards, not the least of which would be a Pulitzer. Is this the case? If not, what awards have you won? - May I have the Envelope, Please?

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

But speaking of awards, did you know that our people can nominate each other for awards here at the DDTTC? It's true. If they think another person has performed above and beyond for the club, they can submit their name. Tell your person to go to the ddtc website at www.dauphindog.org for the nomination forms. If they don't understand what you're saying, point at page 9 of this Barker issue. - The winner is, Pru