



# PAWSCRIPTS

DOG TRAINING CLUB OF ST. PETERSBURG

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As spring blooms, our Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg is buzzing with activity! A huge shout-out to our **awesome Obedience and Rally instructors**—your dedication and expertise continue to inspire handlers and dogs alike. With our **Obedience and Rally Trial coming up May 2nd and 3rd**, I encourage students at every level to give it a try—there's no better way to celebrate progress and teamwork. The Premium for entering is on our website under "Events". April's calendar is packed with **Agility trials and a Flyball tournament**, offering plenty of chances to earn volunteer hours while having fun and cheering on your fellow members. And don't forget to **save the date for May 28th**, when **Sheri Scott** hosts our General Membership Meeting—a perfect evening to relax, socialize, and share stories from the ring. Let's keep the momentum rolling and make this spring one to remember - *Janice Smith*

## DTCSP BULLETIN BOARD

### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

There is No DTCSP General Meeting this month. The next DTCSP General Meeting will be **Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm, at the home of DTCSP member Sheri Scott**. Sheri lives near the club, on the water. More details will be announced later. Guests welcome, but **NO Dogs**

### DTCSP AKC OBED/RALLY TRIAL, MAY 2-3

Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg is hosting an AKC Obed/Rally Trial, 4400-B 34th St. N., St. Petersburg. Volunteers are needed & earn DTCSP Volunteer Credits and get free food & water. **CLOSES: April 24<sup>th</sup>. TRIAL SECRETARY: Janet Valentovich, 813-924-9099, [Tpakeeper4u@yahoo.com](mailto:Tpakeeper4u@yahoo.com) [www.dtcsp.org](http://www.dtcsp.org)** See page 2 for details.

### DTCSP AKC AGILITY TRIAL, MAY 8-10

Dog Training Club St. Petersburg, 4400-B 34th St. N., St. Petersburg. Volunteers are needed & earn DTCSP Volunteer Credits and get free food & water. **CLOSES: Apr. 24<sup>th</sup>. TRIAL SECRETARY: Jacqui O'Neill, 570-594-7922, 570-594-7922, [barc4agility@gmail.com](mailto:barc4agility@gmail.com) [www.barc4agility.com](http://www.barc4agility.com) [www.dtcsp.org](http://www.dtcsp.org)** See page 2 for details.

**QUICK NOTES FOR  
TRIALS & EVENTS AT DTCSP**

**USDTC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, APR. 24-26**

Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club is hosting an AKC Agility Trial, 4400-B 34<sup>th</sup> St. N., St. Petersburg. **Volunteers are needed, but Do Not earn DTCSP credits. They will get free food & water. CLOSSES: Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>. TRIAL SECRETARY:** June Ebert, (813) 601-6412, [Astibug@msn.com](mailto:Astibug@msn.com)  
[www.usdtc.org](http://www.usdtc.org) and [www.dtcsp.org](http://www.dtcsp.org)

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**DTCSP AKC AGILITY TRIAL, MAY 8-10**

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[www.barc4agility.com](http://www.barc4agility.com) [www.dtcsp.org](http://www.dtcsp.org)

**DTCT AKC AGILITY TRIAL, MAY 23-25**

Dog Training Club of Tampa is hosting an AKC Agility Trial, 4400-B 34<sup>th</sup> St. N., St. Petersburg. **Volunteers are needed, but Do Not earn DTCSP credits. They will get free food & water CLOSSES: May 9<sup>th</sup>. TRIAL SECRETARY:** Victoria MacVicar, 352 302-6020, [agilitybritss@earthlink.net](mailto:agilitybritss@earthlink.net)  
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**BRAGS & WAGS**

Send your news to [pawscriptsdtcsp@yahoo.com](mailto:pawscriptsdtcsp@yahoo.com)



Joy earned her MXJ Title along with a QQ and other single qualifying runs at the CFTFTC/ TBAC Trial. I am so proud of her and blessed that she came into our lives.  
- Linda Larsen

**JOY with  
MXJ Title Ribbon,  
QQ Ribbon, and other  
Placement & Q Ribbons**



**RIOT with RATCH Title Ribbon, HIT Ribbon, And Placement Ribbons**

Riot got his Barn Hunt Championship (RATCH) at DTCT's March trial with two REMX (under 2.5 minutes) times and one High in Class. He is now: RATCH Carrotwood's Mayhem at Mercury ACT2 ACT2J ATD-M BN BR3K-24 CDX CD (ASCA) CGC CZ8S DCAT ETD FITG FTI NC NI NV RATI RATM RE RNX SWN TKA - *Brandi Shappell*



**MOLLY with MARCH SCENT WORK Title, Placement, Q Ribbons and 2 HIT Excellent Level Honors Ribbons**

Becca Watters and Molly (All American) Molly delivered an outstanding performance at the DTSCP Scent Work Trial in March! Among the highlights of the weekend, she earned first place in Masters Exterior, achieved her Title in Excellent Exterior, and secured an Elite Title in Advanced Interior. In addition to these accomplishments, Molly was awarded with two High in Trial honors at the Excellent Level. Way to go Molly!

## BRAGS & WAGS (cont.)



**DEANO, SWAGGER, and STELLA**  
With Scent Title, Placement, and Q Ribbons

Last month, all 3 terriers were entered in the three-day AKC Scent trial at DTCSP last month. CH Heart Song's The King of Cool, Deano, earned qualifying leg #7 & 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Exterior Novice, qualifying leg #2 in Master Buried, and qualifying legs #8 & #9 in Novice Containers.

CH Heart Song's The Star Of The Show Of Foxwarren, Swagger, earned his Buried Excellent Elite title (10 Q's). Swagger earned his first leg in Master Exterior (on grass), earned 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Master Handler Discrimination & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Master Container. Heart Song's Under The Star's Of Foxwarren, Stella, earned her first Q in Container Excellent & first Q in Excellent Interior with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.

Thank you to all our volunteers, keeping 2 rings running smoothly (inside and outside) at the same time, and to our judges. - *Stephanie Archer / Co-Owner Lorrie Geyer-Limitone*



**BALA with**  
SBN Title Ribbon,  
Placement,  
And Q Ribbons

Patricia Calvert is very happy and proud of her little Corgi, Bala. She finished her AKC Scentwork title in Buried Novice, and did it in 3 straight shows, each one of which was a placement. Now, hopefully, on to Obedience and Rally titles. :-)

- *Patricia the Savvytraveler*

## AKC JUNIOR HANDLER SPOTLIGHT ARTICLE ON DTCSP JR. MEMBER GEMMA ELDRIDGE

DTCSP Junior Member Gemma Eldridge is featured in an April 6<sup>th</sup> article by [Lindsey Dobruck](#) on the AKC website. Gemma is a Breeder, owner, Handler, breeding a litter of Miniature American Shepherds, and producing a group-placing Bronze Grand Champion. Among her accomplishments are earning titles with her dogs in Conformation, AKC Rally, Obedience, Agility, Fast Cat, and more. She finished 2025 as Canine Chronicle's Top Junior in Miniature American Shepherds, and as of April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 held the #4 spot, in the AKC National Owner-Handled Series with a dog she bred. Gemma is a Member of the Crazy4Canines Club at the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg, and earned many awards in Junior Showmanship. Below is the link to the complete article on the AKC website:

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/news/junior-handler-spotlight-gemma-eldridge/>

We want to Congratulate Gemma on all her accomplishments with her dogs. We are very proud of her and wish her all the best in the coming years.



Joan Eldridge



Joan Eldridge

## DTCSP MARCH SCENT WORK TRIAL REPORT

*By Kelly Hansen*

Our Spring Scent trial is now closed, kicking off the 2026 season with a bang. We had a great turnout, just shy of filling. All had a good time with plenty of Q's, Titles and High in Trial ribbons awarded. Once again, our Scent class students did us proud Q'ing and placing in all levels! Jasper Hornsby receiving a Q ribbon in the TOP Detective level!

Our judges, Wendy Hudson and Bonnie McDonald were great, with challenging yet fun courses, and helpful commentary to competitors and our volunteers, who got a free education on scent trialing that no seminar can teach! Trial Secretary Bill McDonald kept the paperwork moving, getting move-ups, placements and High in Trials out it a timely fashion!

Our volunteer coordinator extraordinaire, Merilee Biehle, kept all positions filled for a steady flow of dogs into rings, keeping the trial moving and the judges busy. She had all classes covered for the table, stewards, and timer positions, making our judges happy too!

We all know it's the Volunteers that allow us to continue holding these trials. As always, our trial village was Amazing! As usual many of our volunteers competed too. They stepped in where they could, before and after they ran their own dogs, showing their commitment to our trial and our club! Some of our stand-up members pulling double duty were Becca Waters, Susan Terry, Thuyen Buendia, Linda Lutz, Fran Savas, Laura Markley, Amy Maxfield, and Wade Shetler. Our 4H member Naydene Martinez helped with pre-trial set-up and running the 4H sales table, I think we bought a little something! Coming in on their off days to help Sheri Scott, Linda Stoufer and Analeigha Ybarzabal, that's true Member dedication!

We had a couple of (hopefully soon to be members) that need to be mentioned, Nick Davis & Kevin Smith (who was also running his dog!) worked all day both Saturday & Sunday, thank you both SO much! Stephanie Archer again was our photo op designer! Our Spring fling 'Mediterranean' theme backdrop was beautiful, with ribbon boards, title and level props so each photo told what was won for history!

Our core Scent committee, Paul Kitwood & Bruce Smith, Mardy and Cy Hornsby always come early and stay till the door is locked at night. Along with Merilee, this was again the Scent trial Dream Team. Thanks to this wonderful village, we are able to run a fun trial. Our next trial will be held November 20, 21,22, just enough time for me to recover and you to add it to your To Do calendars!

## FLYBALL NEWS

*By Joan Weesies*

The Tampa Bay Barkaneers hosted our annual flyball tournament on March 15-16, titled "Shamrock Shipwreck Flyball Tournament" and it was a great success! We brought in a new judge (Gwen Ahlbrecht) from Arizona who seemed to be very welcomed by the Florida flyball community. Within our team we had some great successes to brag about!

- Afton (owned by Susan B) earned her Multibreed Master
- Elvis (owned by Elizabeth G) earned his Flyball Dog Champion Silver
- Fizzi (owned by Joan W) earned her Multibreed Dog Champion Silver
- Jenny (owned by Eric & Amanda G) earned her Flyball Dog and Flyball Dog Excellent
- Logan (owned by Alan C) earned his Multibreed Dog Champion Silver
- Mint (owned by Wade S) earned her Flyball Dog Champion



**JENNY and her owners Eric & Amanda G**

The Barkaneers will be back in the lanes on April 18-19 at the DTCSP. Stop and in and watch some fast-racing action!

Flyball classes have resumed and are going extremely well. A new session of flyball begins on April 30<sup>th</sup>.



## FOND FAREWELL



LIZZY

February 5, 2015 - March 25, 2026

Lizzy died the morning of March 25th of a stroke, leaving a hole in our hearts that in time will heal with the precious memories she leaves as a gift. Her kennel name was Ch. Silberkinder's Modest Proposal (her breeder had a thing about Jonathan Swift). To us she was "Lizzy". She was our fifth Weimaraner. None of the others wagged their tail as much as she did. She was the happiest dog. We take solace that we gave her a wonderful life and she rewarded us with smiles and laughter that brought joy to our lives.

Weims are known as "Velcro dogs"; they want to be with you always. You need to learn to share with them—your easy chair, your bed, and don't forget I'd like a piece of that steak, too. She excelled in Obedience training. In her last few years, she became an Agility star with a box full of blue ribbons to attest to her skills. She, as the others, become the constants in your life like the rising and setting of the sun; snuggled close to you when you go to bed and when you arise...tail always wagging. They are with us for such a short time, but become eternal in our hearts. - *Pauline Salzman*



"When we think of those companions who travelled by our side down life's road, let us not say with sadness that they left us behind, but rather say with gentle gratitude that they once were with us."

— *Author Unknown*

## DTCSF NEW FACEBOOK GROUP FOR MEMBERS ONLY

*By Jennifer Heckner*

DTCSF has a new FB group that is for members only. Everyone will have to request to join the FB Group, and we will review to make sure they are current members before accepting. Below is the link for the new DTCSF Member Only FB Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dtcsp>

Below is background for what the group will cover: This is our exclusive space for members to connect, share, and stay in the loop! Use this group to post updates, ask questions, share photos, celebrate wins, and keep up with all things DTCSF.

You'll find:

- Club news & announcements
- Upcoming events & reminders
- Training tips and advice
- Member shoutouts & achievements
- A place to share photos, videos, and stories

This is a positive, supportive community, please be respectful, encouraging, and kind to fellow members. Questions? Please contact Jennifer Heckner at [heckner.jennifer@gmail.com](mailto:heckner.jennifer@gmail.com) Thank You and we hope you enjoy our new FB group!



## WHO'S NEW MEMBERS

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Elizabeth Grimes [egrimes612@gmail.com](mailto:egrimes612@gmail.com)

## APPLICANTS

Merry Kathryn (MK) Burnett  
Duane Crowell  
Kristi Cole  
Bonnie Dhonau  
Dan Rukavina  
Kevin Smith  
Talon Steiner



"The gift which I am sending you is called a dog, and is, in fact, the most precious and valuable possession of mankind." - *Theodorus Gaza, a Greek humanist and translator of Aristotle*

## KEEPING PETS SAFE IN THE HEAT

By Cher Seddon

Dogs can easily overheat since they don't sweat like humans; their sweat glands are mostly in their paws. Dilating vessels around a dog's face and inside their ears also help them cool down, but panting is the main method that dog's use to cool off. Snub nosed dogs such as Pugs and French Bulldogs have poor panting mechanisms and overheat very quickly. Overweight, old or very young dogs, dogs with pre-existing conditions particularly airway, lung or heart problems are also more susceptible to heatstroke. If the humidity is too high, they are unable to cool themselves and their temperature will skyrocket to dangerous levels very quickly.

A dog's normal temperature ranges from 99.5-102.5°F and should not exceed 105°F. Temperatures above 108-109°F may cause organ damage. Early heatstroke signs include restlessness, excessive panting, drooling, red gums, rapid pulse, and diarrhea. Advanced symptoms are lethargy, confusion, weakness, collapse, and seizures

Anytime your pet is outside make sure they have protection from heat and sun and plenty of fresh water (adding ice can help keep it cool). Placing cool towels or spray water especially on their paws can help. Creating a cooling source for your pet, like a kiddie pool filled with cool (not ice) water or allow your pet to lie on bottled or sealed bags filled with water that are wrapped in a towel. Perhaps use a washable dog cooling mat which absorbs your pet's body heat, feeling cool when touched.

Cooling mats and blankets for dogs use several different technologies to lower body temperature, ranging from instant-activation gels to evaporative fabrics. The best choice for your dog(s) depends on whether you need it for travel (inside and outside of a car), home use - indoor and/or outdoor, or you have a dog that tends to chew their bedding.

### Types of Cooling Mats

- **Pressure-Activated Gel Mats:** These are common, low-maintenance options like the [Cool Pet Pad from The Green Pet Shop](#). They use a specialized gel that absorbs your dog's body heat on contact.
- **Pros:** No water, electricity, or refrigeration required.
- **Cons:** Needs a "recharge" period (usually 15-20 minutes of non-use) after roughly 3 hours of cooling. They can lose effectiveness if left in direct sunlight.

### Types of Cooling Mats (cont.)

- **Water-Filled Mats:** Often called "water beds," these work through convection to dissipate heat. Products like the [K&H Coolin' Pet Pad](#) stay at room temperature and provide a cushioned feel.
- **Pros:** More natural feel; can sometimes be refrigerated for extra cold.
- **Cons:** They can be heavy when filled and are prone to leaks if your dog is a heavy chewer.
- **Ice-Filled Mats:** High-performance options like the [CoolerDog Hydro Cooling Mat](#) use removable, flexible ice sheets.
- **Pros:** Can get up to 10 times colder than standard gel mats, making them ideal for recovery after high activity.
- **Cons:** Require freezer space and may "sweat" (produce condensation).
- **Evaporative Cooling Pads:** These use "hyper-evaporative" materials that you soak in water before use, such as the [HyperKewl Evaporative Cooling Dog Pad](#)
- **Pros:** Highly effective outdoors where airflow aids evaporation.
- **Cons:** Must be re-wet periodically to continue cooling and may make the dog's fur damp.

### Types of Cooling Blankets

- **Fabric-Based "Ice Silk" Blankets:** These lightweight blankets, such as the [PetAmi Waterproof Cooling Mat](#) use specialized nylon or polyester fibers with a high Q-max (cool-to-the-touch) value.
- **Pros:** Very portable, machine-washable, and often waterproof.
- **Cons:** Provide milder cooling compared to gel or ice mats and may warm up to the dog's body temperature over long periods.
- **Reversible Temperature-Control Mats:** Some options like the [Max & Marlow Reversible Mat](#) have one cooling side and one self-warming side for year-round use.

### Alternative: Elevated Cooling Beds

- **Raised Mesh Cots:** While not mats, elevated beds like the [Coolaroo Original Cooling Bed](#) are highly effective because they allow 360-degree airflow around your dog. These are often preferred for heavy chewers because the fabric is usually more durable and lacks internal gels.

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## KEEPING PETS SAFE IN THE HEAT (cont.)

Dog cooling coats are also very popular and useful to keep your dog cool on walks or when outside. Some examples are:

- Derby Originals Hydro Cooling Coats with belly bands are lightweight, three-layer vests designed to keep dogs cool for up to 10 hours through evaporation. They reflect heat with a light-colored exterior and use-moisture trapping inner layers to prevent overheating. They have UV protection, feature harness compatibility and have the reflective fabric to repel the sun's heat. The waterproof fabric lining stops water from seeping onto your dog to keep your dog dry.
- Kurgo lightweight core cooling vest with adjustable side straps uses the evaporative cooling plus heat reflective fabric. You simply wet the vest with cool water, wring it out and put it on your dog. The water evaporates and takes your dog's body heat with it. May require periodic re-wetting.

If you are concerned that your pet is overheating, you should act immediately, as heatstroke can rapidly become a life-threatening emergency.

- Use lukewarm water to douse the dog. It's important not to use cold water as this can reduce blood flow to the skin, reducing their ability to cool down.
- While dousing the dog with water, set a fan to blow on the dog.
- Move the dog to shade or A/C
- Offer them small sips of water
- Drape a cool wet towel over them. Change every 5 minutes as it will begin to warm up.
- Continue cool down attempts until the panting stops. If you are able to check your dog's temperature it should be no higher than 103°
- Call your Vet once he is cooled. Even if your pet seems to be ok it's important to have them checked as more serious signs of heatstroke may not be immediately apparent.

Hot pavement, rocks, and patios can burn paw pads. Even artificial turf surfaces retain heat and can pose a burn threat. If it's too hot to hold your hand on for 7 seconds; it's too hot for your pet to walk on. Veterinary Dermatologists agree that dog's ears, abdomens and noses are most affected by the sun. Dog sunscreens shouldn't contain zinc oxide or PABA as these ingredients are toxic to dogs if ingested. They should be fragrance free and waterproof with a minimum SPF30. Several companies make sun shirts like Spark Paws. Some examples for further paw protection are:

- DOK Tiger Toes are multi-functional maximum grip socks that have a buttonless strap design which was specifically created with senior pet owners in mind.
- Ruffwear offers non-slip boots for all season protection. The padded mesh lining and flexible sole support natural movement.
- Natural Dog Company Pawtection Balm is formulated with premium, all-natural ingredients and lick-safe. It keeps paws comfortable and moisturized by creating a barrier against burns.
- Musher's Secret nose and paw, lick-safe balm forms a breathable barrier and also relieves dry, cracked paws damaged by the heat and rough surfaces.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APR. - JUN. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 17-19 AKC Agility Trial - DOCLC, Punta Gorda  
Apr 17-19 AKC Agility Trial - NorAust, Weirsdale  
Apr 17-19 AKC Obedience Trial - MADTA, Ocala  
Apr 17-19 AKC Scent Work Trial - SOTC, Myakka City & Bradenton
- Apr 17-19 NADD Dock Diving - BP, Punta Gorda  
Apr 18-19 NADAC Agility Trial - AC, Thonotosassa  
Apr 18-19 UAD Dock Diving - TK9CAD, Chiefland  
Apr 18-19 CPE Canine Scent Sport - TDHD, Morriston
- Apr 18-19 AKC Fast CAT Test - SSPC, Punta Gorda  
Apr 21-22 AKC Scent Work Trial - SAC, Brooksville  
Apr 24 Happy Tails - HSP, Palm Harbor  
Apr 24-25 NADD Dock Diving - SR, Brooksville  
**Apr 24-26 AKC Agility Trial - USDTTC, St. Pete**  
Apr 24-26 Barn Hunt - DTCT, Tampa  
Apr 24-26 NADD Dock Diving - SR, Brooksville  
Apr 25 UpDog Challenge - CFK9, Eustis  
Apr 25-26 TDAA Agility Trial - AC, Thonotosassa  
Apr 25-26 AKC Agility Trial - GPCAC, Punta Gorda  
Apr 25-26 CPE Agility Trial - NorAust, Lady Lake  
Apr 25-26 AKC Obedience Trial - IPOC, Lakeland  
Apr 26 UpDog Challenge - CFDDC, Brooksville  
May 1-3 AKC Agility Trial - OTCPBC, Orlando  
May 1-3 AKC Agility Trial - PMP, Orlando  
**May 2-3 AKC Obed/Rally Trial - DTCSP, St. Pete**  
May 2-3 TDAA Agility Trial - DTCT, Tampa  
May 2-3 NADD Dock Diving - CCDD, Lutz  
May 2-3 AKC Fast CAT Test - GODC, Ocala  
May 2-3 UpDog Challenge Event - CCDDC, Lutz  
May 5-6 CPE Canine Scent Sport - SRAC, Brooksville
- May 8-10 AKC Agility Trial - DTCSP, St. Pete**  
May 8-10 AKC Scent Work Trial - SSPC, Punta Gorda  
May 8-10 Barn Hunt Trial - G2, Morriston  
May 9 UpDog Challenge - CFDDC, Dade City  
May 9-10 CPE Canine Scent Sport - NorAust, Lady Lake  
May 9-10 UAD Dock Diving - FWCAD, Parish  
May 13-17 AKC Agility Trial - DOCH, Punta Gorda  
May 14-17 AKC Conformation Show - HDC & GFMD, N. Fort Myers  
May 14-17 AKC Fast CAT Test - GFMD, N. Ft. Myers  
May 16-17 AKC Rally Trial - IPOC, Lakeland  
May 16-17 UKC Obed./Rally Trial - USOTC, Myakka City
- May 16-17 UKC Nosework Trial - UMADTA, Ocala  
May 22-24 UKI Agility Trial - BP, Punta Gorda  
May 22-24 CPE Agility Trial - TDHD, Morriston  
May 22-24 NADD Dock Diving - SR, Brooksville  
May 23 Largo Evening Market - Largo  
May 23-24 UpDog Challenge - SR, Brooksville  
May 23-24 UKC Nosework Trial - UIPOC, Lakeland  
May 23-24 UAD Dock Diving - TK9CAD, Chiefland

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS (cont.)**

**APR. - JUN. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 23-24 Tampa Bay Barbecue Festival - St. Petersburg  
**May 23-25 AKC Agility Trial - DTCT, St. Petersburg**  
May 23-25 AKC Obed./Rally Trial - DOCLC, N. Fort Myers  
May 22-23 UpDog Challenge - CFDDC, Brooksville  
May 26-27 AKC Scent Work Trial - TBGSDC, Brooksville  
May 29 CBD Beach Dog Fridays - Clearwater  
May 29-31 AKC Agility Trial - DOCLC, Punta Gorda  
May 29-31 Barn Hunt Trial - DTCT, Tampa  
May 29-31 NADD Dock Diving - BP, Punta Gords  
May 30-31 CPE Speedway Trial - IPOC, Lakeland  
Jun 5-7 AKC Agility Trial - CDAC, Punta Gorda  
Jun 5-7 NADD Dock Diving - SR, Brooksville  
Jun 6-7 AKC Scent Work Trial - SWCO, Bushnell  
Jun 6-7 UAD Dock Diving - FWCAD, Parish  
Jun 9-10 CPE Canine Scent Sport - SRAC, Brooksville  
Jun 9-10 CPE Speedway Trial - DTCT, Tampa  
Jun 10-14 Sunshine State Cluster - Tampa  
All Breed, JSHW, NOHS, BPUP & Open  
AKC FAST CAT  
NADD Dock Diving  
Jun 11 AKC Agility Trial - SSPC, Punta Gorda  
Jun 12-14 AKC Agility Trial - OTCBPC, Punta Gorda  
Jun 12-14 NADD Dock Diving - BP, Punta Gorda  
Jun 13-14 AKC Rally Trial - MADTA, Ocala  
Jun 13-14 AKC Obed./Rally Trial - DOCLC, N. Fort Myers  
Jun 18 AKC Agility Trial - SSPC, Punta Gorda  
Jun 19-21 AKC Agility Trial - HDC, Punta Gorda  
Jun 20 UDD Dock Diving - K9SZ, Morriston



**QUICK NOTES  
CLUSTER**

**SUNSHINE STATE CLUSTER, JUN. 10-14**

Greater Venice Florida Dog Club, Sarasota Kennel Club & St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association at the Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa. All Breed, JSHW, NOHS, BPUP & Open each day. CLOSSES: May 27<sup>th</sup>. [www.onofrio.com](http://www.onofrio.com)

**AKC FAST CAT, JUN. 10-14**

St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association & Black Knights Coursing are hosting AKC Fast CAT. Two events each day. CLOSSES: May 31<sup>st</sup>. [www.blackknightcoursing.com](http://www.blackknightcoursing.com)

**NADD DOCK DIVING, JUN. 10-14**

North America Diving Dogs is hosting Splashes with Air Retrieve and Hydro Dash on alternating days each day. This is a qualifier event for NADD Regionals. ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSSES: Jun. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

[www.northamericadivingdogs.com](http://www.northamericadivingdogs.com)



**AGILITY**

**AC TDAA AGILITY TRIAL, APR. 25-26**

Awesome Critters, Thonotosassa. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>. [www.awesomecritters.com](http://www.awesomecritters.com)

**NORAUST CPE AGILITY TRIAL, APR. 25-26**

NorAust, Lady Lake. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>. [www.cpe.dog](http://www.cpe.dog)

**OTCPBC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, MAY 1-3**

Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County, Punta Gorda. CLOSSES: Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>. [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

**PMP CPE AGILITY TRIAL, MAY 1-3**

Practice Makes Pawfect, Orlando. CLOSSES: Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>. [www.cpe.dog](http://www.cpe.dog)

**DTCT TDAA AGILITY TRIAL, MAY 2-3**

Dog Training Club of Tampa, Tampa. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Apr. 24<sup>th</sup>. [www.k9tdaa.com](http://www.k9tdaa.com)

**DOCH AKC AGILITY TRIAL, MAY 13-17**

Dog Obedience Club of Hollywood, Punta Gorda. CLOSSES: May 6<sup>th</sup>. [www.floridaagility.com/premiums](http://www.floridaagility.com/premiums)

**BP UKI AGILITY TRIAL, MAY 22-24**

Bratty Paws, Punta Gorda. CLOSSES: May 5<sup>th</sup>. Premium soon: [www.ukagilityinternational.com](http://www.ukagilityinternational.com)

**TDHD CPE AGILITY TRIAL, MAY 22-24**

Trained Dog Happy Dog, Morriston. CLOSSES: May 12<sup>th</sup>. [www.cpe.dog](http://www.cpe.dog)

**DOCLC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, MAY 29-31**

Dog Obedience Club of Lee County, Punta Gorda. CLOSSES: May 20<sup>th</sup>. [www.mydogentry.com/public/locations/55](http://www.mydogentry.com/public/locations/55)

**CDAC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, JUN. 5-7**

Calusa Dog Agility Club, Punta Gorda. CLOSSES: May 22<sup>nd</sup>. [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

**SSPC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, JUN. 11**

Sunshine State Papillon Club, Punta Gorda. CLOSSES: Jun. 1<sup>st</sup>. [www.mydogentry.com/public/locations/55](http://www.mydogentry.com/public/locations/55)

**OTCPBC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, JUN. 12-14**

Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County, Punta Gorda. CLOSSES: Jun. 3<sup>rd</sup>. [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

### AGILITY (cont.)

#### SSPC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, JUN. 18

Sunshine State Papillon Club, Punta Gorda. CLOSURES: Jun. 10<sup>th</sup>. [www.mydogentry.com/public/locations/55](http://www.mydogentry.com/public/locations/55)

#### HDC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, JUN. 19-21

Heartland Dog Club, Punta Gorda. CLOSURES: Jun. 10<sup>th</sup>. [www.mydogentry.com/public/locations/55](http://www.mydogentry.com/public/locations/55)

### CONFORMATION

#### HDC & GFMDK AKC CONFORMATION TRIAL, MAY 14-17

Greater Fort Myers Dog Club & Heartland Dog Club of Florida, N. Fort Myers. CLOSURES: Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>. [www.foytrentdogshows.com](http://www.foytrentdogshows.com)

### OBEDIENCE/RALLY

#### IPOC AKC RALLY TRIAL, MAY 16-17

Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Lakeland. Two trials each day. CLOSURES: Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>. [www.ipoclakeland.org](http://www.ipoclakeland.org)

#### USOTC UKC OBED./RALLY TRIAL, MAY 16-17

United Sarasota Obedience Training Club, Myakka City. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: May 6<sup>th</sup>. [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com)

#### DOCLC AKC OBED./RALLY TRIAL, MAY 23-25

Dog Obedience Club of Lee County, N Fort Myers. Two Rally trials Sat., two Obed. trials Sun. & one Obed. trial Mon. CLOSURES: May 6<sup>th</sup>. [www.doclc.com](http://www.doclc.com)

#### MADTA AKC RALLY TRIAL, JUN. 13-14

Marion Alachua Dog Training Association, Ocala. CLOSURES: May 27<sup>th</sup>. [www.madta.org](http://www.madta.org)

#### DOCLC AKC OBED/RALLY TRIAL, JUN. 13-14

Dog Obedience Club of Lee County, N Fort Myers. Two Rally & one Obed. trial both days. CLOSURES: May 27<sup>th</sup>. [www.doclc.com](http://www.doclc.com)

### SCENT WORK

#### TDHD CPE CANINE SCENT SPORT, APR. 18-19

Trained Dog Happy Dog, Morriston. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>. [www.cpe.dog](http://www.cpe.dog)

#### SRAC CPE CANINE SCENT SPORT, MAY 5-6

Sonlight Ranch Agility Club, Brooksville. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>. [www.cpe.dog](http://www.cpe.dog)

### SCENT WORK (cont.)

#### NORAUST CPE CANINE SCENT SPORT, MAY 9-10

NorAust, Lady Lake. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>. [www.cpe.dog](http://www.cpe.dog)

#### UMADTA UKC NOSEWORK TRIAL, MAY 16-17

United Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association, Ocala. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: May 6<sup>th</sup>. [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com)

#### UIPOC UKC NOSEWORK TRIAL, MAY 23-24

United Imperial Polk Obedience Club, Lakeland. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: May 13<sup>th</sup>. [www.ipoclakeland.org](http://www.ipoclakeland.org)

#### TBGSDC AKC SCENT WORK TRIAL, MAY 26-27

Tampa Bay German Shepherd Dog Club, Brooksville. CLOSURES: May 19<sup>th</sup>. [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

#### SWCO AKC SCENT WORK TRIAL, JUN. 6-7

Scent Work Club of Ocala, Bushnell. CLOSURES: May 22<sup>nd</sup>. [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

#### SRAC CPE CANINE SCENT SPORT, JUN. 9-10

Sonlight Ranch Agility Club, Brooksville. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: May 30<sup>th</sup>. [www.cpe.com](http://www.cpe.com)

### BARNHUNT

#### DTCT BARN HUNT, APR. 24-26

Dog Training Club of Tampa, Tampa. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>. [www.barnhunt.com](http://www.barnhunt.com)

#### G2 BARN HUNT TRIAL, MAY 8-10

G2 Barn Hunt, Morriston. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Apr. 27<sup>th</sup>. [www.barnhunt.com](http://www.barnhunt.com)

#### DTCT BARN HUNT TRIAL, MAY 29-31

Dog Training Club of Tampa, Tampa. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: May 19<sup>th</sup>. [www.barnhunt.com](http://www.barnhunt.com)

### DOCK DIVING

#### BP NADD DOCK DIVING, APR. 17-19

Bratty Paws, Punta Gorda. This is a qualifier event. ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>. [www.northamericadivingdogs.com](http://www.northamericadivingdogs.com)

#### TK9CAD UAD DOCK DIVING, APR. 18-19

Tracks K9 Club Air Dogs, Chiefland. ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>. [www.ultimateairdogs.com](http://www.ultimateairdogs.com)



### **DOCK DIVING (cont.)**

#### **TK9CAD UAD DOCK DIVING, APR. 18-19**

Tracks K9 Club Air Dogs, Chiefland. **ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>. [www.ultimateairdogs.com](http://www.ultimateairdogs.com)

#### **SR NADD DOCK DIVING, APR. 24-26**

Sonlight Ranch, Brooksville. An UpDog Challenge Event is occurring at this location on Apr. 26. **ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>. [www.northamericadivingdogs.com](http://www.northamericadivingdogs.com)

#### **CCDD NADD DOCK DIVING, MAY 2-3**

Courteous Canine Diving Dogs, Lutz. An UpDog Challenge Event is occurring at this location this weekend. **ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** Apr. 24<sup>th</sup>. [www.northamericadivingdogs.com](http://www.northamericadivingdogs.com)

#### **FWCAD UAD DOCK DIVING, MAY 9-10**

Florida West Coast Air Dogs, Parish. **ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** May 7<sup>th</sup>. [www.ultimateairdogs.com](http://www.ultimateairdogs.com)

#### **SR NADD DOCK DIVING, MAY 22-24**

Sonlight Ranch, Brooksville. Also UpDog Challenge event at this location on May 23-24. **ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** May 14<sup>th</sup>. [www.northamericadivingdogs.com](http://www.northamericadivingdogs.com)

#### **TK9CAD UAD DOCK DIVING, MAY 23-24**

Tracks K9 Club Air Dogs, Chiefland. **ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** May 22<sup>nd</sup>. [www.ultimateairdogs.com](http://www.ultimateairdogs.com)

#### **BP NADD DOCK DIVING, MAY 29-31**

Bratty Paws, Punta Gorda. This is a qualifier event. **ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** May 21<sup>st</sup>. [www.northamericadivingdogs.com](http://www.northamericadivingdogs.com)

#### **SR NADD DOCK DIVING, JUN. 5-7**

Sonlight Ranch, Brooksville. **ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** May 28<sup>th</sup>. [www.northamericadivingdogs.com](http://www.northamericadivingdogs.com)

#### **FWCAD UAD DOCK DIVING, JUN. 6-7**

Florida West Coast Air Dogs, Parish. **ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** Jun. 4<sup>th</sup>. [www.ultimateairdogs.com](http://www.ultimateairdogs.com)

#### **BP NADD DOCK DIVING, JUN. 12-14**

Bratty Paws, Punta Gorda. **ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** May 26<sup>th</sup>. [www.northamericadivingdogs.com](http://www.northamericadivingdogs.com)

#### **K9SZ UDD DOCK DIVING, JUN. 20, 9AM-4PM**

K9 Splash Zone, Morriston. **PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** Jun. 16<sup>th</sup>. [www.uniteddockdiving.com](http://www.uniteddockdiving.com)

### **LURE COURSING & SIMILAR**

#### **GODC AKC FAST CAT TEST, MAY 2-3**

Greater Ocala Dog Club, Ocala. **CLOSES:** Apr. 24<sup>th</sup>. [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

#### **GFMDK AKC FAST CAT TEST, MAY 14-17**

Greater Fort Myers Dog Club, N. Fort Myers. **CLOSES:** May 14<sup>th</sup>. [www.blackknights coursing.com](http://www.blackknights coursing.com)

#### **IPOC CPE SPEEDWAY TRIAL, MAY 30-31**

Imperial Polk Obedience Club, Lakeland. **PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** May 20<sup>th</sup>. [www.cpe.dog](http://www.cpe.dog)

#### **DTCT CPE SPEEDWAY TRIAL, JUN. 9-10**

Dog Training Club of Tampa, Tampa. **PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** Jun. 3<sup>rd</sup>. [www.cpe.dog](http://www.cpe.dog)

### **UPDOG CHALLENGE EVENTS**

#### **CFK9 UPDOG CHALLENGE CLUB EVENT, APR. 25, 9AM-3PM**

Central Florida K9, Eustis. [www.updogchallenge.com](http://www.updogchallenge.com)

#### **CFDDC UPDOG CHALLENGE CLUB EVENT, APR. 26, 9AM-4PM**

Central Florida Disc Dog Club, Brooksville. A NADD dock diving event will be occurring at this same location the same weekend.

#### **CFDDC UPDOG CHALLENGE CLUB EVENT, MAY 2-3**

Central Florida Disc Dog Club, Lutz. A NADD dock diving event will be occurring at this same location the same weekend.

#### **CFDDC UPDOG CHALLENGE CLUB EVENT, MAY 9, 9AM-5PM**

Central Florida Disc Dog Club, Dade City. [www.updogchallenge.com](http://www.updogchallenge.com)

#### **CFDDC UPDOG CHALLENGE CLUB EVENT, MAY 23-24, 9AM-4PM**

Central Florida Disc Dog Club, Brooksville. A NADD dock diving event will be occurring at this same location the same weekend.



*“Fall in love with a dog, and in many ways, you enter a new orbit, a universe that features not just new colors but new rituals, new rules, a new way of experiencing attachment.” - Caroline Knapp*

**QUICK NOTES (cont.)  
DOG FRIENDLY EVENTS**

**HSP HAPPY TAILS, APR. 24, 5PM-9PM**  
Humane Society of Pinellas celebrating 14<sup>th</sup> annual Happy Tails event, Palm Harbor.  
[www.humanesocietyofpinellas.org](http://www.humanesocietyofpinellas.org)

**CBD BEACH DOG FRIDAYS, APR. 24 & MAY 29**  
Clearwater Beach Dogs Friday nights. Beach Dogs Fridays are dog-friendly. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. for the 6:30 p.m. games. Dog tickets are \$7 and are available on walk-up. All dog tickets benefit a different local pet charity that will be on-site.  
[www.milb.com/clearwater/about/beach-dogs](http://www.milb.com/clearwater/about/beach-dogs)

**TAIL WAGGIN' \$2 TUESDAYS WITH THE TAMPA TARPONS, MAY 5, 12, 19 & 26**  
This dog-friendly event will be held every Tuesday throughout the season from April 14, 2026 to September 1, 2026 at George Steinbrenner Field in Tampa, FL. Admission is starting at \$2 per human and per dog if purchased in advance.  
[www.milb.com/tampa/tickets/weeklypromotions](http://www.milb.com/tampa/tickets/weeklypromotions)

**TAMPA BAY BARBECUE FESTIVAL & COMPETITION, MAY 23-24, 1:00PM-P:00PM**  
Over 100+ barbecue dishes from Florida's Best Competition Barbecue Teams, live mural artists, craft beers & cocktails, live music by great bands & DJ's, games, prizes & tons of fun. All at Vinoy Park.  
[www.tampabaybarbecue.com](http://www.tampabaybarbecue.com)

**LARGO EVENING MARKET, MAY 23 & JUN. 27, 5:00PM-9:00PM**  
This dog friendly event will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month at Ulmer Park in Largo.



*"There's just something about dogs that makes you feel good. You come home they're thrilled to see you. They're good for the ego." - Janet Schnellman*

*"No animal I know of can consistently be more of a friend and companion than a dog." - Stanley Leinwall*

**POEMS ABOUT DOGS**

**My Dog, My Shadow**

From a Post by Arjun D. Batayen  
On FB Group [BEAUTIFUL POEMS & QUOTES](#)

Wherever I go, you follow near,  
Through every joy, through every fear.  
You do not ask the reason why,  
You only stay, you never try.

Your paws may tread a humble ground,  
But in your heart, true love is found.  
You see in me no flaws, no shame,  
To you, I'm perfect all the same.

I give you food, a place to rest,  
But you, my dog, give me the best  
A love so pure, so strong, so true,  
A gift for life, and all from you.

And if the day should come too fast,  
When all that's left are memories past,  
Your loyalty will still remain,  
Forever written in my veins.



**POEM OF A DOG**

From FB Group Dog Lover  
Richa Bali's Post

I'm the one who's always waiting for you.  
Your car has a special sound that I have imprinted on my senses, I can recognize it in a thousand.  
Your steps have a magic bell.  
Your voice is music to my ears.  
If I see your joy, it makes me happy!  
Your scent is the best.  
Your presence moves my senses.  
Your waking up wakes me up  
I contemplate you sleeping and for me you are my God, I am happy watching your sleep.  
Your look is a ray of light.  
Your hands upon me, hold the lightness of peace and the sublime display of infinite love.  
When you leave, I feel a huge void in my heart.  
I keep waiting for you again and again.  
I am the one who will wait for you all your life today, tomorrow and forever:  
I am your dog.



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