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DOG TRAINING CLUB OF ST. PETERSBURG www.dtcsp.org (727) 527-5568 November 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As a volunteer-driven organization, our club succeeds only because members step forward to share their talents, ideas, and energy. From creating this newsletter, teaching classes, organizing events or emptying the poop buckets, every contribution matters. This month, I'd like to recognize and thank all those who make our classes, programs and activities possible. Your willingness to pitch in strengthens our club and creates opportunities for others to enjoy the sports and training activities we love. For those still needing a place to plug in, PLEASE contact Linda Lutz - our Membership Chair, myself, or any other long-time member and we will find you a job that fits your time and talent. Here's to another month of teamwork, friendship, and having fun with our dogs. Read on to learn what's happening at the club! - *Janice Smith*

DTCSP BULLETIN BOARD

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The November DTCSP General Meeting will be held on **Thursday, Nov. 19th, at 7pm,** 4400-B 34th St. N., St. Petersburg. The meeting is moved up a week earlier due to Thanksgiving. Elections for our DTCSP 2025 Board of Directors & Trustees will be held at the November General meeting. The nominated slate for the 2025 Board of Directors & Trustees was presented at the September meeting. So, please mark your calendars and plan to attend our DTCSP November General Meeting on Nov. 20th. Guests & well-mannered dogs welcome. For more details see page 8 for more details.

The Pawscripts Staff wishes you, your family, including your pets, and friends a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving!



DTCSP AKC SCENT WORK, NOV. 20-22

Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg is hosting an AKC Scent Work Trial, 4400-B 34th St. N., St. Petersburg. **TRIAL HAS CLOSED.** Volunteers will be needed, and will earn DTCSP Volunteer credits and get free food and water. Discrimination Only. Saturday/Sunday: Novice, Advanced, Excellent and Master Classes Only., St Petersburg.**TRIAL SECRETARY:** Bill McDonald, 813-416-6035, gsdbonjon1@aol.com www.dtcsp.com See page 2 for details.

DTCSP AKC AGILITY TRIAL, DEC. 27-29

Dog Training Club St. Petersburg is hosting an AKC Agility trial, 4400-B 34th St. N., St. Petersburg. **CLOSES:** Dec. 12th. **TRIAL SECRETARY:** Jacqui O'Neill, 570-594-7922, barc4agility@gmail.com www.barc4agility.com & www.dtcsp.com See page 2 for more details.

TBASSC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, JAN. 29-31

Tampa Bay Area Shetland Sheepdog Club is hosting an AKC Agility trial, 4400-B 34th St. N., St. Petersburg. . **CLOSES:** Jan. 15th. **TRIAL SECRETARY:** Jacqui O'Neill, 570-594-7922, barc4agility@gmail.com www.barc4agility.com & www.dtcsp.com See page 2 for more details.

QUICK NOTES FOR TRIALS & EVENTS AT DTCSP

DTCSP AKC SCENT WORK, NOV. 20-22
Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg, St Petersburg. TRIAL HAD **CLOSED**. Volunteers will be needed. Volunteers earn free food & water. Volunteers earn DTCSP Volunteer credits. **Friday**: Detective Class and Handler Discrimination **Saturday/Sunday**: Novice, Advanced, Excellent and Master Classes Only **JUDGES:** Wendy Hudson, Bonnie McDonald **TRIAL SECRETARY:** Bill McDonald, 813-416-6035, gsdbonjon1@aol.com www.dtcsp.com

DTCSP AKC AGILITY TRIAL, DEC. 27-29
Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg. **CLOSES:** Dec. 12. Volunteers will be needed, earn free food & water, and earn DTCSP Volunteer credits. Mark Your Calendar! **JUDGE:** Jeffrey Boyer www.dtcsp.com and www.barc4agility.com

TBASSC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, JAN. 29-31
Tampa Bay Area Shetland Sheepdog Club, St. Petersburg. **CLOSES:** Jan. 15th. Volunteers will be needed. Volunteers DO Not earn DTCSP Volunteers credits, but will get free food and water, and will be eligible for a Workers' Raffle. **JUDGE:** Christine Bishop **TRIAL SECRETARY:** Jacqui O'Neill, 570-594-7922, barc4agility@gmail.com www.barc4agility.com & www.dtcsp.com

BRAGS & WAGS

Send your news to pawscriptsdtcsp@yahoo.com



SMOKY ROSE
With AGILITY Title,
Placement, and Q Ribbons

Smoky Rose earned her Novice Jumpers Agility title in October and her Novice Standard Preferred Agility title in September. – *Kristi Buehrle*

BRAGS & WAGS (*cont.*)



RIOT with BARN HUNT
Crazy 8's
PLATINUM TITLE RIBBON



RIOT with HIGH TRIPLE,
HIGH COMBINED Ribbons
and RM2 AND RC Title Ribbons

In early October we went up to Lawrenceville, GA where Riot got his Barn Hunt Crazy 8s Platinum title (2000 total points) and one REMX (under 2.5 minutes in Master B) leg with High in Class.

Then for Halloween this year Riot went to the Australian Shepherd Club of Central Florida's AKC Rally trial! In both trials he was entered in he was Highest Scoring Australian Shepherd and Sunday he was also High Triple, High Combined, and got his Rally Master 2 (RM2) and Rally Choice (RC) titles.
He is now:
RATCHX Carrotwood's Mayhem at Mercury ACT2 ACT2J ATD-M BN BR3K-24 CDX CD (ASCA) CGC CZ8P DCAT ETD FITG FTI LD NA NAJ NF NC NI NV RATI RATM RAE RM2 RC RNX SWN TKA - Brandi Shappell

BRAGS & WAGS (*cont.*)

The Larsen pups have had a busy month in October. Razzle earned her MXJPG2 Title (which translates to 175 Master Jumper Q's) at the TBAC trial. She also earned her MXPS2 Title (which is 150 Master Standard Q's) at the IPOC trial. She also had a perfect weekend of Qing 6 for 6 at IPOC.

Joy earned her MXJB Title at the CFTFTC Trial. That is 25 Master Jumper Q's. She earned her MXB Title at the TBAC Trial which is 25 Master Standard Q's. – *Linda Larsen*

Bryce, Milestones Just The Facts, earned his Novice B Standard title in agility at the IPOC trial on Saturday, October 31st. He also got his first Novice B JWW leg. - *Diane Miles*



SPIKE SCOTT
With TDAA Ribbons

Spike competed in the Dog Training Club of Tampa's TDAA (Teacup Dog Agility Association) Trial the weekend of Oct. 17-18. He earned a 2nd Place and a Qualifying score. Way to go Spike! – *Sheri Scott*

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



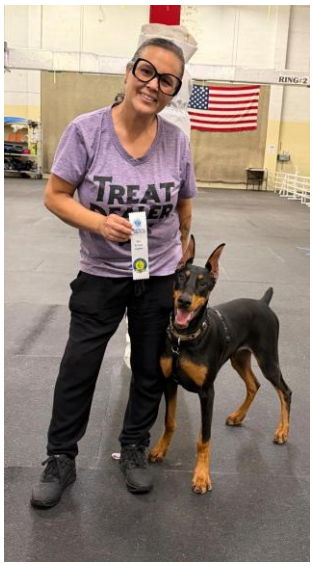
STELLA and SWAGGER
With TDAA Title, Placement, and Q Ribbons

Heart Song's Under The Stars of Foxwarren, Stella, & Heart Song's The Star Of The Show Of Foxwarren, Swagger were entered in the Teacup Dog Agility Association (TDAA) hosted by Dog Training Club Of Tampa. Stella earned her Games Level 3 Title, 2nd Place in Connect The Dot's, 3rd Place in Dealer's Choice, and two qualifying scores in Contact Donut & Heart to Heart.

Heart Song's The Star Of The Show Of Foxwarren, Swagger earned his Superior Standard Title with two 2nd Places, and two perfect scores of 100. Swagger earned a 3rd Place, and two more qualifying scores in Superior Standard. Swagger also earned a 2nd Place in Games of Quidditch, 2nd Place in Dealer's Choice, and a qualifying run in Heart to Heart. TDAA has great games that challenge the handler & makes it fun. Thank you DTCT for hosting this fun trial! -

"Today I am thankful for the muddy paw prints in my kitchen, the hair in my clothes, the dog in my bed…because one day, all of this will surely be missed." - www.pininterst.com

BRAGS & WAGS (*cont.*)



SANDY GARCIA & BENDITO
S.T.A.R. PUPPY GRADUATION

Blackjack's Heaven Sent Cowboy, affectionately known as Bendito (Dito), has officially graduated from his AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy class and earned his **AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy title AND AKC Trick Dog Novice (TKN) title**, all at just 5½ months old!

Bendito is such an intelligent, eager young Doberman, and watching him learn, grow, and develop has been an incredible experience. He's already showing so much promise, and I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished together in such a short time.

While these are just the first of what I hope will be many milestones, what excites me most is the journey ahead of us. As Bendito continues to mature, I'm looking forward to seeing just how far we can go together, not only in obedience and performance sports but also in his potential future as my **cardiac alert service dog**.

His early progress has been incredibly encouraging, and although we still have a long road of learning and development ahead of us, his future is certainly looking promising!

Two AKC titles at 5½ months old, and we're just getting started! - Proudly,
Bendito's Mom Sandy Garcia

"I am thankful for my pets, because they complete my family". – *Pinterest.com*



GEMMA ELDRIDGE and
GCH CH FLAWLESSLY TEDDY BEAR

I just wanted to share a dream come true that happened at the Oct.16-18 show in Fort Myers. Gemma showed her Bred-by dog, Bear, and they earned their very first Owner Handled BEST IN SHOW! They also qualified for the Top Ten Owner Handled competition at the AKC Nationals in Orlando in December. What an exciting time for this young team! – *Joan Eldridge*

Congratulations to DTCSP Jr. Member Gemma Eldridge and Breeder of OH BIS Bear for this accomplishment. We wish them well at the AKC National Competition in Orlando in December!



FOND FAREWELL



COWBOY
January 19, 2013 – October 29, 2026

Cowboy came to us at 6 years of age, from Golden Retriever Rescue Mid-Florida after his 1st AND 2nd owners passed away from cancers. Not surprisingly, he was a natural healer since I am sure he gave comfort to his past owners. The first week he was in our home, I had a book club meeting where one member had very recently lost her sister. Cowboy instinctively realized she needed comfort and never left her side the entire night. Seeing my friend cry into his big red scruff let me know what a special boy we had been gifted.

We joined the Hearts of Gold Therapy team, where for many years he was on staff and well known at HCA hospitals, Melrose and Maximo Elementary, Pasadena General, Evergreen Adult Day Care and stayed busy working community events with the team spreading his love to old and young.

He thrived and blossomed with my attention and was the easiest dog to train. After only one year of classes at DTCSP, he rose from Novice to Excellent and absolutely loved being in the ring and even won a placement at his first DACOF. His favorite obstacle was the teeter totter, and he had the best single striding weave technique that never failed to impress.

He LOVED road trips and hogging up hotel beds and was a great first mate on boat trips. Unfortunately, his history of seizure activity started to wear on him, and he retired to be our big, goofy, counter surfing, couch potato love sponge.

His last month included hiking in the NC mountains, sporting his Tennessee Orange in Knoxville, and woofing at the pelicans in our back yard. Cowboy never had a bad day, and he taught us so much with his patient, peaceful, playful, loyal and loving soul. He was a gift and will live forever in our hearts. RIP sweet boy.
1/19/2013 – 10/29/2026 – *Janice Smith*

FLYBALL NEWS

By Joan Weesies

The Tampa Bay Barkaneers are ready to get back in the lanes after three months off! We've got our sights on **the** Peace, Love & Flyball Tournament, November 14-15. Then, following Thanksgiving, the Barkaneers will host our annual Reindeer Run Flyball Tournament, December 5-6. Spectators are welcome so come check out so fast flyball action in the lanes. It's loud but the dogs absolutely LOVE IT!
Our 2027 session of Intro/Advanced Flyball Class is now posted and ready for student registrations. Classes are held every Thursday from 7-8pm. Sign up now!

Barktoberfest A Huge Success!



BARKTOBERFEST PARTICIPANTS

The Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg had a pawsome time participating in Barktoberfest at Treasure Island on Sunday, October 25th!

The festivities featured an adorable pet costume contest and parade, exciting flyball demonstrations by our very own Tampa Bay Barkaneers Flyball Racing Team, and a fun, hands-on "try-it" agility course where dogs could test their skills! DTCSP also joined in the fun with demonstrations of some impressive dog tricks!

It was a tail-wagging good time filled with furry friends, fun activities, and plenty of smiles! Thank you to all who helped and participated!

DTCSP 2027 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!
2027 renewal payment is due December 31, 2026
******ALL MEMBERS NEED TO RENEW******

Before renewing your membership for 2027, **please review your information** in the current membership directory, available under "members only" on the website. If your information is accurate and no updates are required, proceed with online renewal. To renew online, sign in to DogBiz Pro using the same credentials you use to register for classes. Select the appropriate renewal link below and follow the registration process as you would for a class. Payment may be made through PayPal or by credit card.

All links are also available on the website under **"Membership – Members Only".**

Single Membership Renewal
Membership - With 2nd Member
Lifetime Member Renewal
Junior Membership Renewal

DTCSP MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Select the type of renewal and click on the link.
2. Enter your login and password (same one you use for signing up for classes).
3. When the renewal process asks you to select a dog, choose any dog; your choice makes no difference to the renewal.
4. Continue to "pay online," then complete your payment through PayPal or by credit card. *

PAPER PAYMENT

- ***NOTE: Payment is due December 31, 2026.**
- If you prefer to pay by check or cash, pick up a printed Membership Renewal form at the front desk.
- Complete the form and include your payment.
- Place the completed form and payment in the locked membership box at the office.
- Or mail the completed form and payment to DTCSP, 4400-B 34th St. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33714, ATTN: Renewals.

Confirmation emails:
After your renewal is confirmed, you will receive two emails from registration@dtcsp.org:
The first email has "**renewal**" in the subject line. It confirms your **membership type**, such as single or lifetime, and explains how to request updates to your membership-directory information.

The second email has "**Dog Class Registration Paid**" in the subject line. It lists the **amount paid and payment method** and includes a lengthy section about new class registration.

Please disregard the class-registration instructions in the renewal email. We have been advised that system limitations prevent changes to this portion.

If you are paying online and need to update your membership information, either complete a renewal form and return it to the club or email your changes to membershipdtcsp@gmail.com. Your information will be updated. **Payment is due December 31, 2026.**

Late payments, extensions, and membership status:
By-laws, Section 6 Any Membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid on January 1, 2026. However, the **Executive Board may grant an extension of time for extenuating circumstances provided the extension is requested in writing prior to December 31st**. You will need to email the board, board@dtcsp.org **by Dec. 30th.**

If no request has been made in writing and dues have not been paid by January 1, the member is considered late and a $10 late fee will be required to be paid. If the member has not yet paid the regular fees and the late fee by January 31st, the member is considered lapsed and the member must *reapply* for membership and must meet all membership requirements as if a new member, including volunteer hours and meetings.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL MEMBERSHIP.

Linda Lutz- Membership Chair
membershipdtcsp@gmail.com

Additional DTCSP T-Shirt Orders Available for Pickup Nov. 19



The additional T-shirt orders placed in October will be available for pickup at the Nov. 19th DTCSP General Membership Meeting. People can pay for them in advance through our Zeffy shop at: https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/dog-training-club-of-st-petersburg-shop

PLEASE NOTE that as you "checkout" you have the option to add additional money for Zeffy. That is completely unrelated to the club and the club does not get any of that money.



Are You Missing Important DTCSP News & Updates?

Did you know that on the last day of every month, the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg sends out an email newsletter to our members, students, and everyone subscribed to our mailing list? These emails are packed with important club news, upcoming events, activities, and information you won't want to miss!

Here's the surprising part: According to our email reporting, only about 35% of recipients are opening these emails! That means a lot of you may be missing out on valuable information about YOUR club!
We've discovered that one possible culprit is where these emails are landing. Instead of arriving in your regular inbox, they may be getting filtered into your **Promotions, Spam, or Junk folders.**

Help Us Stay Connected!
Take a minute to follow these three simple steps to make sure our emails reach you:

- ☑ **Check your Spam/Junk folder.** If you find an email from the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg, mark it as **"Not Spam" or "Not Junk."**
- ☑ **Add us to your contacts!** Save admin@dtcsp.org to your email contact list to help your email provider recognize our messages.
- ☑ **Check your Promotions folder.** If you use Gmail or another email service with a Promotions folder, look for our emails there. If you find one, move it to your primary inbox. This can help future emails land in the right place!

Still Not Seeing Our Emails?
Search your email for the subject line **"DTCSP Nov & Dec News & Events."** If you can't find it anywhere, please contact **Joan Weesies at jweesies@bellsouth.net**, and we'll help figure out what's happening!
We don't want you to miss a thing! Our monthly emails are one of the best ways to stay informed about everything happening at DTCSP. A quick check of your email settings can make all the difference!

Stay informed. Stay connected. Stay in the loop!

Any glimpse into the life of an animal quickens our own and makes it so much the larger and better in every way."
- John Muir

DTCSP MEMBERS: CANINE DENTAL CLEANING WITHOUT ANESTHESIA AT DTCSP, FEB. 2, 11, & 23, AND MAR. 4 & 23: Vicki Bonilla from V.I.C. Pet Dental Spa will be doing canine dental cleanings without Anesthesia Feb. 2, 11, 23 and Mar. 4 & 23 **DTCSP Members & Crazy4Canines 4-H Members.** There is a $20 discount. Total will be $175 for dental cleaning. If they are unable to perform the dental cleaning due to any areas of concern, then it's a $50 consultation fee. All forms of payment are accepted after their appointment. To book an appointment, go to:

https://dtcsp.timetap.com/

You will need to scroll down on the opening screen to Next, click Next 3 times to get to the calendar. (Ignore the Login button on the opening page-You do not need to login).
Choose the date: **FEB. 2, 11, & 23, AND MAR. 4 & 23**
Then choose the time on any of those days:
FEB 2nd– Only 1 Appointment Time Open at 6:30pm
FEB. 11th – 5:30pm, 6:30pm
FEB. 23rd –4pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm

MAR. 4th: 3pm, 4pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm
MAR. 23rd- 4pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm

Enter you and your pet's information and continue clicking next until you get to the Book appointment. When ready click on Book appointment. For your convenience an information .docx document is attached. If you have any questions related to your dog or the appointment, please get in touch with Juan Bonilla at: juan@vicpetcare.com

THANKSGIVING QUOTES FROM & ABOUT DOGS

Thankful that my mom lends me her hand and I lend her my paw.

I am what my family is thankful for.

I am thankful for paw prints on my floor.

2027 DTCSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS & TRUSTEES NOMINATED SLATE

The DTCSP Board of Directors & Trustees nominating committee presented the 2027 Slate of Officers at the September DTCSP General Meeting:

Pres – Lithia Castillo
1st VP – Joan Weesies
2nd VP – Julia Lipsio (2nd yr. of 2 yr. term)
Secretary – Sandy Garcia (2nd yr. of 2 yr. term)
Treasurer – Patricia Burch (Trish)
Trustee – Twinnie Buendia
Trustee – Sandy Atkins

Sheri Scott and Amanda Ronning continue as Trustees
Past President: Janice Smith

Nominating Committee:
Amanda Ronning, Tara Florell, and Merilee Biehle

There were no Additional nominations made after the report of the Nominating Committee at the DTCSP September General Meeting. The DTCSP 2027 Board of Officers & Trustees will be elected at the DTCSP General Meeting, being held on November 19th at 7pm. The November meeting is moved up a week earlier due to Thanksgiving.

Below is the Membership Voting policy from our By-laws:
Election of Club Officers and Trustees for the following year shall take place at the Club's November Annual Meeting / General Membership Meeting. Only Club members present at the meeting and in good standing shall be entitled to vote. For each Board position, the nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected. Voting shall be by written ballot. The President shall appoint one Board member and one non-Board member to count all ballots cast. No absentee ballots shall be allowed or counted.
In the event that no valid additional nomination(s) for any Board position are received by the Board on or before the Club's September General Membership Meeting, the Nominating Committee's slate for the subsequent year shall be declared elected and no balloting will be required. Any uncontested positions shall be automatically elected.

Installation of Officers and Trustees.
Incoming Board Officers and Trustees shall be installed at the December Board Meeting and shall begin their terms of office on the January 1st, following their election.

THANKSGIVING FOOD TIPS FOR DOGS

By Cher Seddon

Every Thanksgiving Day table is a little bit different, but there are some foods that make an appearance on just about every table, and many of those tables might have a hopeful dog snoozing underneath, waiting for a stray bite of people food. There are foods which are safe for dogs to eat, in moderation, and without seasonings, oils, or spices. Other food should be avoided.

FOODS SAFE FOR DOGS TO EAT:

- Turkey (without the bones or skin)
- Plain potatoes or sweet potatoes - Skinless sweet potatoes without flavoring, salt, or butter
- Apples – Remove seeds
- Plain canned pumpkin
- Plain peas – Cooked or steamed no seasonings
- Green beans – Plain, fresh (not canned) cooked without oils or spices. Cut into small bites
- Carrots – Cut into small pieces – no seasonings
- Bread – Baked – Not Raw cookie dough
- Cheese – only a few small pieces
- Rice – in moderation
- Corn - in kernel form without added salt or butter, Not Corn on the cob

FOODS NOT SAFE FOR DOGS TO EAT:

- Turkey skin
- Turkey bones
- Turkey stuffing
- Turkey gravy
- Candy and gum
- Chocolate
- Ham – Too much sodium
- Mashed potatoes – Only safe without salt or butter
- Sweet potatoes with added ingredients
- Pumpkin pie
- Alcohol or Caffeine
- Grapes or raisins
- Onions
- Scallions
- Casseroles – Too much added ingredients, seasonings

Once the meal is over, be sure to properly secure any trash so your dog can't get into it. If your dog gets into something that they shouldn't eat, seek help right away. In the event of an emergency, contact the Pet Poison Helpline or call your local emergency vet.

DTCSP GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2026

Call to Order: 7:03 PM

Program: None
Guests Present: Talon Steiner, Neil Kummerer, Lorraine Kummerer, Vicki Watts, Laura Kranzel, Ivonne Sassone, Jay Howat.

Minutes: Motion to approve the July 23, 2026 Minutes by Diane Miles; seconded by Petra. Motion passed.

Secretary (Correspondence): Received AKC correspondence regarding trials, events, and educational information. Relevant correspondence was reviewed and forwarded to the appropriate individuals.

Treasurers Report: Through August, the club reported an operating deficit of approximately $5,000. Class income was approximately 12% below budget, while event income was on target. Unbudgeted air-conditioning and thermostat expenses contributed to higher overall expenses, although utilities were under budget. The club had more than $65,000 in the bank. Enrollment analysis identified declines in puppy and basic obedience classes, including an approximately 20% decline in obedience enrollment. Additional qualified instructors and assistants are needed to expand class offerings; outreach and recruitment options are being considered.

Executive Board Report: The Board meets on the second Thursday of each month, and its minutes are available on the club website. Discussion included tracking volunteer hours, improving member communications, simplifying online event and application submissions, and progress on the new website. Members requested printed club flyers for distribution. The volunteer credit policy was reviewed: qualifying general volunteer work totaling 12 hours earns 50% off a full-price class. Members were directed to page 18 of the Policies and Procedures for details.

Committee Reports

***ADOA*:** No report.
***Building*:** The roll-up door openings have been closed at no cost to the club. New smart thermostats, combined with the building improvements, have reduced electrical consumption; a 38% savings was reported for the first full month. A Duke Energy rebate for the thermostats is being pursued. Members were reminded to turn off lights when leaving and to submit maintenance requests using the forms in the office. Suggestions were requested for artists interested in painting murals on the newly enclosed walls.

DTCSP GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (*cont.*)

Committee Reports (*cont.*)

***Care Committee*:** No report.

***Crazy 4-Canines*:** No report.

***Communications*:** Mailchimp communications have reached more than 800 contacts. Work continues on improving announcements and outreach for club classes and events.

***Historian*:** No Report

***Pawscripts*:** Deborah and the Pawscripts staff were thanked for the latest issue, including Cher's article on pain sensitivity in different breeds. The October deadline October 7. Event organizers were asked to submit announcements to Pawscripts first so information can be coordinated with the website before posting on Facebook. Members responding to volunteer requests should contact the person identified in the announcement.
Halloween Party announced for October 17, featuring costumes, games, a potluck, cupcake decorating, and photographs. The club plans to participate in the October 25 Barkoberfest event at Treasure Island, with demonstrations and volunteer opportunities. Additional holiday activities are being planned.

***Sunshine*:** Loni Coleman lost her Miniature Poodle, Tyler; Janet Valentovich lost her Weimaraner, Summer; Janet Skinner lost Walter; and Diane Miles lost her 17-year-old Sheltie, Windy. Will and Janessa Fletcher's Scottish Terrier, Badger, is recovering from liver surgery. Sandy Wagner is recovering after a stroke; Patricia Calvert fractured her wrist; and Mary Ellen Burns is recovering from cardiac issues. Condolences extended to Joan Weesies following the loss of her mother. Members also shared news of new puppies and a Rally achievement.

***DACOF*:** No report.

***DOCOF*:** The event was completed. A report on participating teams and accomplishments was published in Pawscripts.

Training Director: No report.

Training Coordinators

***Agility*:** The Barb Davis Seminar scheduled for October 16–18; auditing opportunities remain available. CPE Speedway run-throughs scheduled for October 3–4, with day-of registration available. Volunteers needed for the event.

***Flyball*:** No report.

***Obedience*:** Additional instructors and assistants are needed to support class offerings.

***Scent*:** Classes continue have strong enrollment. Volunteers requested for the November 20–21 scent event, especially for gate and other trial duties.

***Tricks*:** Classes are going well. Members were encouraged to participate.

***Membership*:** Vicki Watts, Dwayne Crowell, Ivonne Sassone, John "Jay" Howat, and Talon Steiner presented for membership. Talon Steiner presented to the Board during the meeting before the membership vote.
Motion to accept all five by Julia Lipsio; seconded by Bunny Mirth. Motion passed.

***Webmaster*:** No Report

***Unfinished Business*:** The Nominating Committee presented the proposed 2027 Slate of Officers. Nominees were President – Lithia Castillo (one-year term); 1st Vice President – Joan Weesies (two-year term); 2nd Vice President – Julia Lipsio (second year of two-year term); Secretary – Sandy Garcia (second year of two-year term); Treasurer – Patricia "Trish" Burch (one-year term); Trustees – Twinnie Buendia (two-year term), Sandy Atkins (two-year term), Sheri Scott (second year of two-year term), and Amanda Ronning (second year of two-year term); Past President – Janice Smith.

No additional nominations were made from the floor. The slate will be published in the October Pawscripts and voted on at the November membership meeting.

***New Business*:** Members discussed the possibility of murals on the new interior block walls. Suggestions included local artists and school art programs. Proposed designs would require club approval, and interested members were asked to contact Janice Smith.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Deborah Schmidt; seconded by Kelly Hansen. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM

Submitted By Sandra Garcia, Secretary
Next General Meeting, November 19, 2026

A HUMAN'S PRAYER TO A DOG

1. Thank you for your bark
2. Thank you for welcoming me home with a smile and wagging tail
3. Thank you for kisses and paws without asking
4. Thank you for your silly antics
5. Thank you for lying next to me
6. Thank you for a cold wet nose
7. Thank you for accepting me
8. Thank you for adopting me
9. Thank you for your patience
10. Thank you for letting me be part of your life

Love FOREVER, Your Human - *Pinterest.com*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOV. - JAN. UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 20	Movies in the Park – Largo Central Park
Nov 20-22	CPE Agility Trial – PMP Orlando
Nov 20-22	**AKC Scent Work – DTCSP, St. Petersburg**
Nov 20-22	AKC Agility Trial – NorAust, Weirsdale
Nov 20-22	AKC Conformation Show – LEKC, Ocala
Nov 21	UpDog Challenge Event – CFK9
Nov 21-22	UKC Nose Work Trial – UMADTA, Ocala, Eustis
Nov 26-Dec 27	Largo Central Park Holiday Lights - Largo
Nov 27-29	USDAA Agility Trial – Paws & Ques, Williston
Nov 27-29	AKC Agility Trial – MADTA, Ocala
Nov 27-29	AKC Agility Trial – HDC, Punta Gorda
Nov 27-29	UKC Conformation Show – UNABC, N. Ft. Myers
Nov 27-29	NADD Dock Diving – SR, Brooksville
Nov 28-29	Shopapalooza Festival – Vinoy Park
Nov 28-29	CPE Agility Trial – NorAust, Weirsdale
Nov 28-29	CPE Speedway – DTCT, Tampa
Nov 28-29	AKC FCAT Test – GODC, Ocala
Nov 29	Riverwalk Annual Holiday Tree Lighting - Tampa
Dec 3-5	AKC Agility Trial – SAC, Brooksville
Dec 4	AKC FCAT Test – AC, Thonotosassa
Dec 4-6	Barn Hunt Trial – DDS, DeLand
Dec 4-6	NADD Dock Diving – BP, Punta Gorda
Dec 4-6	AKC Conformation Show – SVKCF, Newberry
Dec 5-6	AKC FCAT Test – DPCF, Punta Gorda
Dec 5-6	AKC Obedience Trial – DOCOLC, N. Fort Myers
Dec 6	Enchant Christmas Paws & Claws - Tropicana Field
Dec 11	AKC FCAT Test – AC, Thonotosassa
Dec 11-13	AKC Agility Trial – DPCF, Punta Gorda
Dec 12-13	CPE Agility Trial – NorAust, Weirsdale
Dec 12-13	AKC The National Dog Show - Orlando
Dec 18-20	USDAA Agility Trial – Paws & Ques, Williston
Dec 18-20	NADD Dock Diving – SRAC, Brooksville
Dec 19-20	UAD Dock Diving – CFK9AD, Eustis
Dec 19-20	UKI Agility Trial – BP, Punta Gorda
Dec 19-20	UPDOG Reindeer Games – CFK9, Eustis
Dec 27-29	**AKC Agility Trial – DTCSP, St. Petersburg**
Jan. 2-3	AKC Earthdog - Ocala
Jan 8-10	AKC Agility Trial – HDC, Punta Gorda
Jan 8-10	NDD Dock Diving – BP, Punta Gorda
Jan 9-10	TDAA Trial – AC, Thonotosassa
Jan 14-24	Florida Gulf Coast Cluster I & II Conformation Shows Obedience/Rally Trials CAT & FCAT Tests
Jan 15	AKC FCAT Test – AC, Thonotosassa
Jan 22	AKC FCAT Test – AC, Thonotosassa
Jan 22-24	AKC Obedience Trial – MADTA, Ocala
Jan 29-31	**AKC Agility Trial – TBASSC, St. Petersburg**

QUICK NOTES

CLUSTER

FLORIDA GULF COAST CLUSTER I & II, JAN.14-18 & JAN. 20-24

This event is being held at Florida Classic Park, 5360 Lockhart Rd., Brooksville. Event information is: **AKC ALL BREED CONFORMATION SHOWS:** All Breed, BPUP, Junior Showmanship & NOHS. These events are hosted by Hernando County Kennel Club, Jan. 14 & 20; Clearwater Kennel Club, Jan. 15 & 23; Pasco Florida Kennel Club, Jan. 16 & 21; Tampa Bay Kennel Club, Jan. 17 & 22 & Manatee Kennel Club, Jan 18 & 24. **CLOSES:** Check the Premium. Dec. 30th & Jan. 6th. Premium soon: www.infodog.com

AKC OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRIALS, JAN. 14-17 & 24

The AKC Obedience & Rally trials hosted by Hernando County Kennel Club, two trials each day Jan. 14-15 & Jan. 16-17 Obed/Rally one trial each day. **CLOSES:** Dec. 30th. Manatee Kennel Club hosting one Obed. & one Rally on Jan. 24. **CLOSES:** Jan. 6th. Premium soon: www.infodog.com

AKC CAT & FCAT EVENTS, JAN. 15-17 & JAN. 18, 20-24

Sunshine State Rhodesian Ridgeback Club is hosting AKC CAT & AKC FAST CAT runs 2 per day on Jan.-15-17, Jan. 18 & 20-21 2 FCAT ONLY runs per day, (NO CAT runs). Jan. 22-23 2 runs FCAT & CAT per day. Only one CAT & FCAT on Jan. 24. www.ssrrc.org

AGILITY

PAWS & QUES USDAA AGILITY TRIAL, NOV. 27-29

Paws & Ques, Williston. **CLOSES:** Nov. 16th. www.usdaa.com

MADTA AKC AGILITY TRIAL, NOV. 27-29

Marion Alachua Dog Training Association, Ocala. **CLOSES:** Nov. 13th. www.madta.org

HDC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, NOV. 27-29

Heartland Dog Club, Punta Gorda. **CLOSES:** Nov. 18th. www.mydogentry.com

NORAUST CPE AGILITY TRIAL, NOV. 28-29

NorAust K9 Agility Club, Weirsdale. **PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** Nov. 18th. www.noraust.com

SAC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, DEC. 3-5

Sonlight Agility Club, Brooksville. **CLOSES:** Nov. 19th www.floridagility.com

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AGILITY (*cont.*)

SOTC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, DEC. 4-6
Sarasota Obedience Training Club, Punta Gorda **CLOSES:** Nov. 23rd www.sotcdogtraining.org

DPCF AKC AGILITY TRIAL, DEC. 11-13
Doberman Pinscher Club of Florida, Punta Gorda **CLOSES:** Dec. 2nd Punta Gorda www.mydogentry.com

NORAUST CPE AGILITY TRIAL, DEC. 12-13
NorAust K9 Agility Club, Weirsdale. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Dec. 2nd. www.noraust.com

PAWS & QUES USDAA AGILITY TRIAL, DEC. 18-20
Paws & Ques, Williston. **CLOSES:** Dec. 7th. www.usdaa.com

BP UKI AGILITY TRIAL, DEC. 19-20
Bratty Paws, Punta Gorda **CLOSES: Dec. 9th**
www.mydogentry.com

CONFORMATION

UNABC UKC CONFORMATION SHOW, NOV. 27-29
United North American Briard Club, North Fort Myers. **CLOSES:** Nov. 18th. www.ukcdogs.com

OBEDIENCE/RALLY

DOCOLC AKC OBEDIENCE TRIAL, DEC 5-6
Dog Obedience Club of Lee County, N. Fort Myers **CLOSES:** Nov. 25th www.doclc.com

SCENT WORK

NORAUST CPE CANINE SCENT SPORT, NOV. 8
NorAust, Lady Lake. **PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** Oct. 29th. www.cpe.dog

TBGSDC AKC SCENT WORK TRIAL, NOV. 17-18
Tampa Bay German Shepherd Dog Club, Brooksville. **CLOSES:** Nov. 10th. www.infodog.com

UMADTA NOSE WORK TRIAL, NOV. 21-22
United Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association, Ocala. **PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** Nov. 13th. www.ukcdogs.com

SWCO AKC SCENT WORK TRIAL, DEC. 4-6
Scent Work Club of Ocala, **CLOSES:** Nov. 20th
www.mydogentry.com

SCENT WORK (*cont.*)

SRAC CPE CANINE SCENT TRIAL, DEC. 8-9
Sonlight Ranch Agility Club, Brooksville **PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** Nov. 28th www.cpe.dog

SCAC AKC SCENT WORK TRIAL, DEC. 11-13
Sailfish Capital Agility Club, Punta Gorda **CLOSES:** Nov. 27th www.mydogentry.com

SRAC AKC SCENT WORK TRIAL, DEC. 15-16
Sonlight Ranch Agility Club, Brooksville **CLOSES:** Dec. 8th
www.infodog.com

NORAUST AKC SCENT WORK TRIAL, DEC. 26
NorAust K9 Agility Club, Lady Lake **CLOSES:** Dec. 12th
www.mydogentry.com

BARNHUNT

DTCT BARN HUNT, NOV. 13-15
Dog Training Club of Tampa, Tampa. **PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** Nov. 3rd. www.barnhunt.com

DDS BARN HUNT TRIAL, DEC. 4-6
DeLand Dog Sports, DeLand. **CLOSES:** Nov. 23rd.
www.barnhunt.com

DOCK DIVING

BP NADD DOCK DIVING, NOV. 13-15
Bratty Paws, Punta Gorda. **ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** Nov. 6th. www.northamericadivingdogs.com

SR NADD DOCK DIVING, NOV. 27-29
Sonlight Ranch, Brooksville. **ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** Nov. 20th. www.northamericadivingdogs.com

BP NADD DOCK DIVING, DEC. 4-6
Bratty Paws, Punta Gorda. **ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** Nov. 27th. www.northamericadivingdogs.com

SRAC NADD DOCK DIVING TRIAL, DEC. 18-20
Sonlight Ranch Agility Club, Brooksville **ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSES:** Dec. 11th
www.northamericadivingdogs.com

UAD DOCK DIVING TRIAL, DEC. 19-20
Ultimate Aird Dogs and Central Florida K9 Air Dogs, Eustis Online Registration Open Soon

BP NADD DOCK DIVING, JAN. 8-10
Bratty Paws, Punta Gorda. **ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** Jan. 1st. www.northamericadivingdogs.com

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LURE COURSING & SIMILAR

DOCLC AKC FAST CAT TEST, OCT. 31-NOV. 1
Dog Obedience Club of Lee County, Punta Gorda. **CLOSES:** Oct. 26th. www.doclc.com

SSRRC AKC LURE COURSING TRIAL, OCT. 31-NOV. 1
Sunshine State Rhodesian Ridgeback Club, Weirsdale. **CLOSES:** Oct. 28th. www.infodog.com

GPCAC AKC FAST CAT TEST, NOV. 14-15
Greater Port Charlotte Agility Club, Punta Gorda. **CLOSES:** Nov. 13th. www.doclc.com

DTCT CPE SPEEDWAY, NOV. 28-29
Dog Training Club of Tampa, Tampa. **PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** Nov. 18th. www.cpe.dog

UPDOG CHALLENGE EVENTS

CFDDC UPDOG CHALLENGE CLUB EVENT, NOV. 7-8, 9AM-5PM
Central Florida Disc Dog Club, Dade City.

CFDDC UPDOG CHALLENGE CLUB EVENT, NOV. 12-13, 9AM-5PM
Central Florida Disc Dog Club, Dade City.

CFK9 UPDOG CHALLENGE CLUB EVENT, NOV. 21, 9AM-3PM
Central Florida K9, Eustis.

DOG FRIENDLY EVENTS

MOVIES IN THE PARK, NOV. 13, & 20 6:30PM
Nov. 6 – Movie name; Nov. 13 – Movie name; Nov. 20 – Movie name. Movie starts at 6:45PM. Cost is FREE. Bring your blankets or chairs and enjoy a movie under the stars in Largo Central Park. The event is free and pets on leash are welcome. Food and beverage vendors will be on-site, so come hungry and support local small businesses. **Alcohol and tents are not permitted for this event**.

LARGO CENTRAL PARK HOLIDAY LIGHTS, NOV.26-JAN. 3
A family-friendly annual tradition, 5-10pm. Festival ia a spectacular holiday light display with more than 2.5 million dazzling LED lights. Admission free. www.playlargo.com

DOG FRIENDLY EVENTS (*cont.*)

ENCHANT CHRISTMAS PAWS & CLAWS, DEC, 6
Timed entries fo comfort and flow. Dogs will explore dazzling lights, snap photos with Santa and strut through special pet-friendly routes. Dogs must be on a leash. Part of Enchant Christmas Village at Tropicana Field. Enchant Christmas Village runs from Nov. 20th – Dec. 27th. For more information: www.enchantchristmas.com

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