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The Presidents Report

by Corky Andrews
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I am going to leave the report of what's happening in our facility to Rhonda. I do, however, want to address a concern that I have.

Since the onset of Covid-19, we have dealt with many issues that affected each one of us. The most important ones involved the numerous decisions we had to make to navigate the changes that Covid-19 caused in our world. People were reeling. Fear and anger were common. The Board gathered information put out by the CDC and the state. There was lots of confusion. In the end we came up with a plan which, I believe, we implemented successfully.

I bring this up because the situation that has caused the anxiety, uncertainty and fear is still here. In addition, there will be more difficult situations which arise in the future that will test who we are.

If we thought that we would get our lives back the way they were when this began, we were wrong. Covid is here to stay and we have to find a way to reclaim our lives keeping that fact in mind.

There are numerous opinions as to the right course to take from the "Require vaccinations" to the "You don't have the right to tell me what to do" people. Then there are the conspiracy theory groups and the "It's a myth" proponents.

So we are left with each of us needing to evaluate our risk level and do what we feel is best for ourselves while being respectful of each other's choices.

I read the newspaper, watch TV, and have observed what's going on in society and in our Club, and I have noticed an alarming trend. With increasing frequency, people seem to believe that when there is a disagreement, he who shouts the loudest is right.

When someone voices an opinion, we don't like, we call names, say "be quiet" and "go away." Sometimes when things don't go our way we threaten to quit.

Social media has amplified the problem. People feel free to use emails or texts to send nasty messages to someone who dares to ask questions, state a new opinion, or makes a different

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decision. Sadly, the speaker's message is lost when the focus is on the behavior of the speaker, and that is what we remember.

In some cases a friendship spanning many years has ended, a member quits the Club, and the person on the receiving end might never share their thoughts again. This is a high price to pay. Clearly, this type of communication is self-defeating.

So here we are today. I would like to think that we can go forward more mindful of how we deal with issues – specifically the words we use. It is possible to discuss a problem without making a personal attack. If we choose thoughtful discussion, exploration of options, and asking questions, we can make better decisions. We can do better if we treat everyone respectfully and keep in mind that we all care deeply about our Club.



Dayton ranks 19 in top dog bite cities

Each year, the US Post Office releases a list of the top cities for mail carrier dog bites as part of its dog bite awareness campaign aimed at protecting carriers who walk a route or enter property to deliver a package. In 2020, the list contains 47 cities, including six in Ohio: Cleveland ranked fourth with 46 bites; Columbus had 37; Cincinnati had 26; Toledo had 22; Dayton had 19; and Canton had 18.

The post office trains carriers to deal with dogs so they know how to respond if confronted. Carriers learn to avoid startling a pet, keep eyes on the dog, never attempt to feed or pet it, place a mail satchel between themselves and a menacing dog, and use dog repellent if necessary. However, it is up to the owner to control or confine the dog to avoid the possibility that it will slip out the door or gate when the carrier approaches.

Ohio law also addresses dog confinement and holds owners responsible if their dogs escape and menace neighbors, strangers, and others. See sections of the Ohio Revised Code at <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/chapter-955> and the USPS press release at <https://tinyurl.com/zsdthu9c>. There's also a round-up of Ohio dog laws in the June issue of *Clublicity*.

AKC News

Warning signs of dehydration in dogs

This is an excellent article to highlight a dog's need for sufficient hydration, especially on hot summer days or when a dog is under stress, working hard, losing fluid from vomiting or diarrhea, or experiencing kidney failure. Owners should know that puppies, old dogs, toy breeds, nursing dams, and diabetic dogs are at increased risk of dehydration. Symptoms include loss of skin elasticity, loss of appetite, vomiting with or without diarrhea, reduced energy levels and lethargy, panting, sunken, dry-looking eyes, dry nose, dry, sticky gums, and thick saliva.

Link to the article is <https://tinyurl.com/nwuyyjk>.

More tips for a safe summer with dogs

It's pretty late in the season, but some of the tips in this article are good for several more weeks in the muggy Miami Valley and all can be filed away for next year.

- 1) Check your dog for ticks after every outing in woods and fields. Ticks can hide between toes, in armpits, in ears, under tails, so be thorough.
- 2) If you use flea and tick preventive and plan to breed your dog, make sure the product is safe for use in breeding animals.
- 3) If your summer fun includes a visit to a lake, watch out for toxic blue-green algae.
- 4) Check your dog for hot spots that can crop up in hot, humid weather.



The article has more suggestions at <https://tinyurl.com/2rytpn5u>.

AKC Canine Health Foundation grant portfolio



The AKC Canine Health Foundation has 125 active grants covering funding for research about canine cancers, tick-borne diseases, behavior, skin and eye diseases and much more. Some studies are new this year; others are ongoing with completion in 2021 or later. Link is <https://tinyurl.com/5ctffa96>. The following summaries are from the research abstracts.

Investigation into diet-associated dilated cardiomyopathy in dogs

Grant period: 4/1/2019 - 9/30/2022; grant amount: \$211,521

Dilated cardiomyopathy can cause abnormal heart rhythms, congestive heart failure or sudden death in dogs. Until recently, DCM has mostly affected large breeds such as Boxers, Dobermans, Irish Wolfhounds, and Great Danes, but in the past year or so, veterinarians have seen the disease in many other breeds and mixed breeds. There is suspicion that the disease in some dogs is associated with boutique, exotic ingredient, or grain-free diets, known as BEG diets, but a specific cause has not been identified. This work is looking at diet-associated heart problems in dogs by screening a large population of dogs eating BEG and non-BEG diets.

Analysis of the health, behavioral, and longevity data collected in the 9/11 Medical Surveillance Longitudinal Study

Grant Period: 2/1/2017 - 1/31/2022; grant amount: \$37,672.

Following the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, the AKC Canine Health Foundation awarded funds to the only lifetime longitudinal study tracking the medical and behavioral impacts of a major national disaster on the health and behavior of search and rescue dogs. The dogs are gone but 15 years of data remain to be analyzed. Critical information gleaned from this study will have major implications applicable to the development, training, and care of our nation's SAR dogs, other working canines, and even companion dogs and could influence breeding programs and selection of puppies to become search and rescue dogs.

Development and validation of a new body condition scoring system for use in canine athletes

Grant period: 6/1/2021 - 5/31/2022; grant amount: \$15,000

Athletic dogs can markedly increase their metabolic rates during exercise, are often in negative energy balance, and can quickly lose body condition. Existing body condition scoring systems were developed using dogs in stable body condition and are only validated for quantifying relative differences in body fat.

This study will develop a new body condition scoring system that will better allow canine and veterinary professionals to estimate both fat and muscle loss in dogs. The re-

sults will benefit military working dogs, sled dogs, field trial dogs, and any other working dogs through accurate assessment of the amount of metabolic reserve in these dogs and the changes in metabolic reserve resulting from exercise.

Identification of novel synthetic lethal partners to optimize PI3K targeted therapies in canine hemangiosarcoma*

Grant Period: 3/1/2018 - 2/28/2022; grant amount: \$168,857

Hemangiosarcoma is an aggressive cancer of the cells lining the blood vessels that has nearly always spread by the time it is diagnosed. Hemangiosarcoma accounts for five-to-seven percent of canine cancers resulting in approximately 25-50 thousand new cases per year. Unfortunately, despite aggressive therapy, the majority of dogs diagnosed succumb to their disease within six-to-eight months. Recently a new therapy has been developed targeting two receptors on hemangiosarcoma cells, but the majority of dogs still died by 10-12 months after treatment. This study focuses on a molecular pathway implicated in the activation of the cancer cells to better design future clinical trials in dogs with this disease.

Strategic prevention of canine hemangiosarcoma: Lifetime follow-Up

Grant period: 8/1/2020 - 7/31/2024; grant amount: \$269,238

The Shine on Project uses complementary technologies to reduce the impact of hemangiosarcoma in companion dogs. This novel, potentially disruptive approach is the first of its kind where artificial intelligence applied to the results of a blood test will be used to assign dogs to a risk category for the development of hemangiosarcoma. The test, called the Shine on Suspicion (SOS) Test is designed to detect hemangiosarcoma at its earliest stages of development before it becomes a clinically detectable disease. Dogs that are considered to be at high risk based on the SOS test results will be eligible to receive the drug eBAT for strategic prevention to eliminate emergent hemangiosarcoma tumors before they form. The initial phase of the study is using 209 Boxers, Golden Retrievers, and Portuguese Water Dogs and is financed in part by the American Boxer Charitable Foundation, the Golden Retriever Foundation, and the Portuguese Water Dog Foundation. For more information about the Shine on Project, go to <https://tinyurl.com/493fycwt>.



*** Nota bene**

Hemangiosarcoma is an aggressive, fatal, and common cancer in dogs. It can develop in any tissue or organ, but most commonly affects the spleen, right atrium of the heart, and the skin. It is often called the “silent killer” because the tumors are often not detected until the later stages of the disease, and even dogs harboring large tumors may show no clinical signs or evidence that they have a life threatening disease. See “Effie’s Tale” at <https://tinyurl.com/2vzpznc> for more about fighting this cancer from CHF.

Dogs and toads shouldn't mingle

Toads like hot, humid weather and are active after rainfall and from dusk to dawn. Dogs like to chase and catch critters that move away, and a slow toad is easy pickings for a quick dog.

If dog catches toad, the toad protests by discharging a poisonous substance onto its skin that can cause anything from a minor irritation to a serious toxic reaction if it comes into contact with the dog's mouth membranes.

The toads most likely to cause severe reactions are endemic to the southwestern US, but the American toad that lives throughout most of the eastern US – including Ohio – can still make a dog sick.

Toads have soft bodies and are vulnerable to attack by a dog. If disturbed, they will release urine and if whacked by a paw, licked, or picked up, they will produce that poisonous substance from glands behind their heads. This whitish defensive chemical can enter the dog's system quickly through mucous membranes, eyes, and digestive tract and can cause symptoms within minutes of ingestion. These symptoms initially include

- Bright red mucous membranes
- Excessive salivation
- Pawing at the mouth
- Vocalizing

... and can lead to

- Disorientation
- Circling
- Stumbling
- Falling

... and ultimately to seizures.



Obviously, immediate veterinary attention is critical.

Toads hang out in areas with water sources such as ponds, marshes, and wet ditches, and burrow into damp leaves during the day. They provide a service by eating garden and farm pests, but owners need to be aware that these frog relatives can pose a danger to curious dogs.

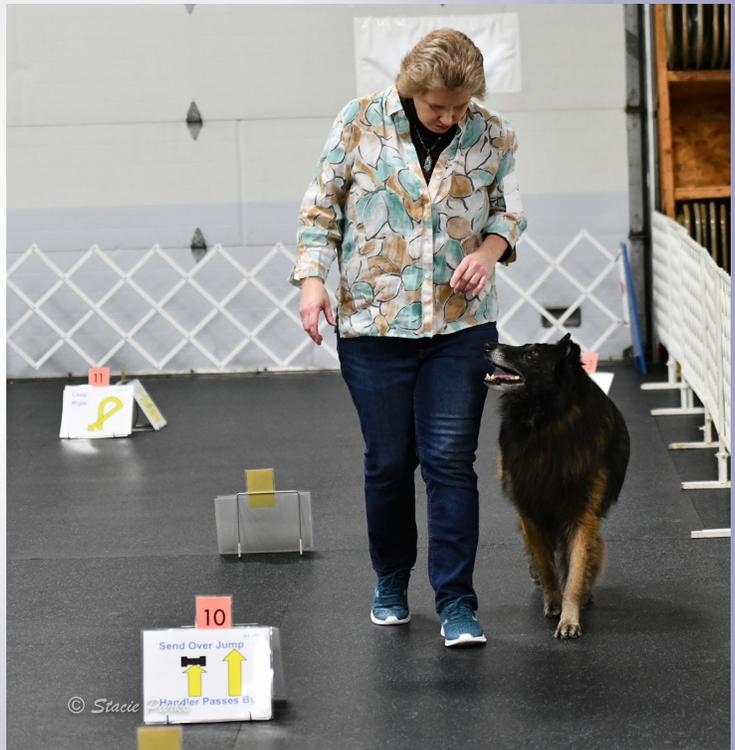
For more information about toxic toads and treatment of infected dogs, go to <https://tinyurl.com/jpjh9mkw>.

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Braggs and Accomplishments

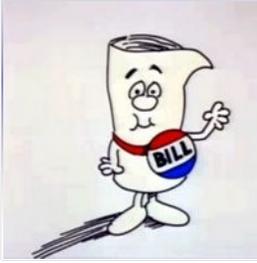
Congratulations to all members who have achieved titles and other milestones with their dogs.

Aslan, a Belgian Tervuren bred, owned, and loved by **Kate Stephenson**, is now officially known as **RACH Genesis Chronicles Of Narnia CD PCD BN RM4 RAE3 NA NAJ CGCA CGCU TKA**. Even at 10 years old, Aslan still enjoys training and competing, so now that he has finished his RACH, he will be training for Open Obedience and Agility. Tracking and Scent Work could be in his future as well :-)



Photos by Pix 'n' Pages (L) and Stacie Parks Photography (R).

Send brags to clublicity@daytondogtraining.com. Don't forget to include your name, dog's call name and registered name if applicable, along with the title or honor achieved.



Legislative Report

*Submitted by Norma Bennett Woolf
DDTC Legislative Chair*

NAIA, AKC echo 2020 support for dog import bill

In May 2020, Congressman Ralph Abraham of Louisiana, Congressman Kurt Schrader of Oregon, and Congressman Yoho of Florida, all veterinarians, introduced HR 6921, a bill to regulate the import of mass numbers of dogs into the country. This bill was the culmination of nearly two decades of work by the National Animal Interest Alliance and AKC, but it died at the end of the legislative session in December.

Once again dubbed the Healthy Dog Importation Act but now designated as HR 4239, the bill sets specific health requirements for dogs imported for resale by commercial operators, rescue groups, and shelters. Sponsors are South Dakota's Congressman Dusty Johnson and Oregon's Congressman Schrader.

The Healthy Dog Importation Act requires that every dog entering the country be in good health, permanently identified, certified by an approved veterinarian in the country of origin to prevent fraudulent paperwork, and carry records showing that it has received all the proper vaccinations and tests. Dogs entering the country for resale, transfer, or donation must be at least six months of age and accompanied by a USDA import permit. The bill would also streamline and coordinate federal oversight, ensuring documentation and import permits are shared electronically between APHIS, CDC, and Customs and Border Patrol, while clarifying the key enforcement authority of the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

In its message urging clubs to support HR 4239, AKC's Government Relations Department alert noted: "According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), up to 1.25 million dogs are imported into the US annually. Many of these dogs are coming in without valid health certificates – and many of them are carrying contagious zoonotic diseases. Exponential growth in dog imports from a wide range of overseas sources has resulted in recent incidents of dogs with non-native parasites and zoonotic diseases such as rabies, viral infections, canine influenza, brucellosis and others, being imported and passed onto the general public. Current pet import oversight mechanisms established prior to the exponential growth of imports are unable to protect against this public and animal health threat."

Both AKC and NAIA urge voters to contact their representatives and support HR 4239 to stop the flood of unhealthy dogs pouring into the US each year. For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2893ypdd>.

In a related story, CDC has suspended importation of dogs from more than 100 countries with a high risk of canine variant rabies. See the July issue of *Pawprints* for information. The CDC import limit became effective on July 14. However, law-

makers working on federal budgets recommended rescinding the rule and providing CDC with \$3 million to replace it with a program to help keep canine variant rabies from entering the country.

Veterinary Practice News also has an article on the bill at <https://tinyurl.com/4zkj4b>

Update: New budget mandates changes to Ohio dog warden law

Governor Mike DeWine signed the Ohio budget for fiscal years 2022-2023 with the new provisions governing operation of county shelters left intact.

Lawmakers included the changes because they impact operation of a county department charged with implementing state law. These changes require that wardens and their deputies deliver seized dogs to one of three entities:

- a shelter operated by the county;
- a county humane society that has one or more agents, operates a shelter, and has a lawful procedure and equipment for humanely euthanizing dogs; or
- an animal shelter that operates in a manner suitable for a dog pound, has a lawful procedure and equipment for humanely euthanizing dogs, and has a written contract with the county commissioners.

The amendment prohibits dog wardens from delivering impounded dogs to humane societies that do not have a shelter and to private shelters that do not have a county contract to receive the dogs, requirements that improve accountability and may aid owners searching for lost dogs.

Ohio lawmakers take a break

Ohio Lawmakers began their annual summer break in mid-July and will have only scattered committee meetings until after Labor Day. The only bill affecting dogs and dog owners is SB 130, introduced by Dayton-area Representative Niraj Antani. SB 130 provides protection from civil or criminal liability for individuals who find a lost dog and veterinarians who treat a lost dog as long as they meet certain conditions. Representative Antani testified for his bill on April 20 but no further hearings are set.

Browsing the Web

Are berries very good for dogs?

Summertime is berry time, and these fruits are often touted as nutritious pick-me-ups for people. But what about dogs? The *Dog News Magazine* “Vet advice” column in the July 16 issue has the answers.

In a nutshell, blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, strawberries, and cranberries are okay; juniper berries, baneberries, holly berries, and mistletoe berries are on the “do not eat” list. The okay berries provide a range of beneficial ingredients from vitamins to immune boosters and antioxidants, but dog owners should know that blackberries and raspberries also contain minute levels of xylitol, a sugar alcohol that can drastically lower blood pressure if the dog eats several cups of the berries. The column has lots of good information and is worth checking out.

The *Dog News* berry column begins on page 26 of the issue with the English Setter on the cover at <https://tinyurl.com/23vpkjux> . Also see information about xylitol in this issue of *Clublicity*.

Canine lymphoma drug gets full approval

Veterinary Practice News, July 20, 2021 <https://tinyurl.com/urpym2t5>

The US Food and Drug Administration has given full approval to a new drug to treat canine lymphoma. Developed by VetDC Inc. and marketed by Elanco Animal Health, Tanovea’s active ingredient works by killing rapidly-growing tumor cells.

The drug gained approval under the FDA Minor Use and Minor Species program that makes more medications legally available to veterinarians for treatment of minor animal species and uncommon diseases in major animal species.

According to a company spokesman, canine lymphoma accounts for up to a quarter of the cancers affecting dogs and has few available treatments. For details, go to the link above.

Add another check-off to the canine scent repertoire

Proliferation of windmill farms to provide electricity has opened yet another door to accomplishment for dogs – finding dead bats and birds.

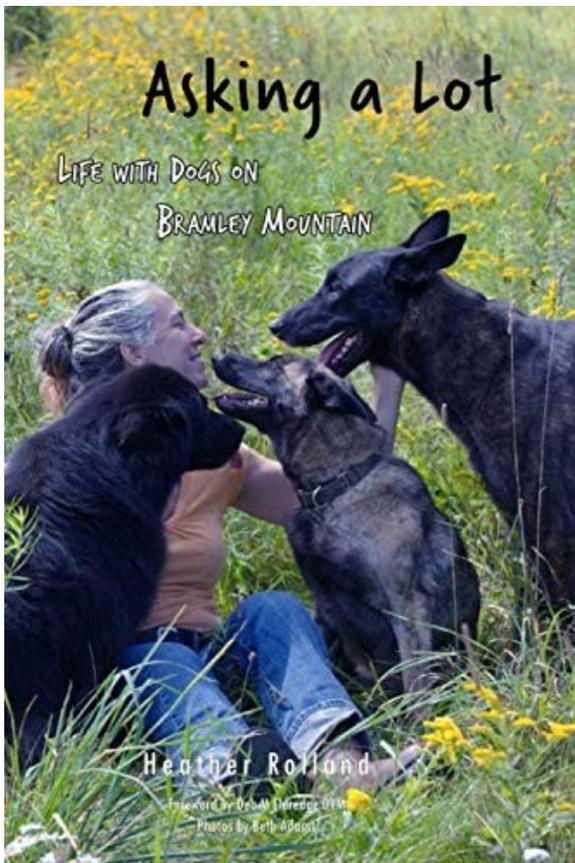
Conservation biologists estimate that windmills kill bats and birds by the hundreds of thousands, but the humans who monitor the farms see only the larger birds such as eagles and hawks and have great difficulty finding carcasses of bats and smaller

birds. So here come the dogs to scent out those smaller victims and thereby aid in development and evaluation of strategies to minimize the numbers.

Trainers who work with the dogs look for high-drive, high energy dogs that love playing with toys and are eager to search. For a look at this latest career for conservation search dogs, see *The Atlantic* article

“Are wind turbines a danger to wildlife? Ask the dogs” at <https://tinyurl.com/nk9h6kf5>.

Curl Up With A Good Book



Asking a Lot: Life with Dogs on Bramley Mountain by Heather Rolland

Combine one portion of eccentric musings on nature and wildlife with a dollop of unconventional dog training tips. Sprinkle with memoir. Add at least five canine hooligans, a man in a blue bathrobe, and a gray-haired woman yelling obscenities. What does it all add up to? Asking A Lot: Life with Dogs on Bramley Mountain.

From Amazon review by Lizz Molloy (Owner, Keyrak Dog Club; Former Training Program Manager at Canine Retreat by AKC)

This book is a gift you owe yourself if you like dogs, love dogs, and live with dogs.

From the Forward by Deb M. Eldredge, DVM

Read the label: if xylitol is listed, the product can kill a dog

Many dog owners know that peanut butter and sugar-free gum may be sweetened with xylitol, an acid that is extremely toxic to dogs, but they may not realize that it is also present in a wide range of other products – both edible and inedible – and could be listed on the label as wood sugar, birch sugar, or birch bark extract.

Here's how xylitol works: In both people and dogs, the pancreas controls the level of blood sugar. In people, xylitol does not stimulate the release of insulin from the pancreas, but in dogs xylitol is more quickly absorbed into the bloodstream. This difference in absorption may result in a potent release of insulin from the pancreas that can produce hypoglycemia, a rapid and profound decrease in the level of blood sugar. Time is of the essence; this effect can occur within 10 to 60 minutes of eating the xylitol and untreated hypoglycemia can be life-threatening.

Products that may contain xylitol include

- Sugar-free desserts
- Sugar-free candy and mints
- Sugar-free jams, jellies, and nut butters
- Sugar-free gum
- Mouthwashes, oral rinses, and toothpastes
- Cough syrup
- Medicines like gabapentin and kids' allergy medicines
- Dietary supplements (like fiber gummies and sleep aids)

There is no antidote for xylitol poisoning; treatment involves tests to monitor blood sugar; administration of dextrose, intravenous fluids and liver protectants; and other supportive care. Quick diagnosis and treatment is essential. Signs of xylitol poisoning include:

- Vomiting
- Decreased activity level
- Weakness and collapse
- Difficulty walking or standing
- Shaking or seizures
- Coma
- Liver failure
- Bleeding problems

The US Food & Drug Administration urges dog owners to contact their vet, emergency animal clinic, or animal poison control center [(855) 764-7661] if they think a dog has eaten a product containing xylitol. We have included a handout from FDA in this issue of *Clublicity* that can be printed out or copied and kept with your dog's health information just in case you need it. There is also additional information about xylitol at <https://tinyurl.com/4fecssfc>.



XYLITOL is a sweetener found in a wide range of products. It might also go by other names, including wood sugar, birch sugar, and birch bark extract.

 <p>Sugar-free desserts</p>	 <p>Sugar-free candy and mints</p>	 <p>Sugar-free jellies, jams and nut butters</p>	 <p>Sugar-free gum</p>
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XYLITOL poisoning can start within 20 minutes!! Signs include:

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Xylitol poisoning can KILL your dog.

Call your vet, emergency animal clinic, or animal poison control center if you think your dog has eaten a product containing XYLITOL.

EVERY SECOND COUNTS!!

Upcoming Events

DDTC is open and following AKC guidelines for COVID-19 General Practices for Clubs & Exhibitors as well as state, local, and facility guidelines that apply to our location.

General Membership Meeting

November 5

Late Fall Classes

Classes begin the week of October 11

DDTC Events and Building Rentals

Hamilton agility trials, September 24-26 (set-up September 23)

Greenville CPE trials, October 2-3 (set-up October 1)

GOASC agility trials, October 9-10 (set-up October 8)

DDTC Obedience & Rally Trials, October 22-24; C-match, October 21

DDTC Agility Trials, October 19-21

Clermont County KC agility trials, November 27-28 (set-up, Nov. 26)

Sandra Ladwig seminar, December 4-5 (rings 1-2)

Agility Run-Thrus

Check the calendar or DDTC groups.io for latest information.

Board Meetings

Generally the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Building Cleaning

Thursdays; no equipment set-up for practice

Watch groups.io and our website for schedule updates.

Pet Sympathy / Sunshine Report

If you have a Pet Sympathy/Sunshine item, please contact Mary Savage (cliff414@frontier.com, 937-836-5280).

Pet Sympathy

“Sting” – Dedo’s Perfect Sting
(Doberman)
Suzy Lundy

“Elvira” – Liberty’s Elvira Mayd 2B
Blessed VCD2 TDX MX MJB WC
(Golden Retriever)
Rhonda Holzauer

“Mickey” – Woodstreams Mickey Man-
tle RI AX MXJ MXP MJP2 OF T2B
CGCA CGCU CPE Titles CT-ATE C-
ATCH2 (Shetland Sheepdog)
Sara Deem

Sunshine

Roberta Shellabarger
Mary Kemphues
Alysoun Taylor-Hall

Deaths

Cricket Zink



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