



# Clublicity

Dayton Dog Training Club  
February 2018

## Instructor's workshop

There will be an Instructors Workshop on Saturday, March 3, 2018, from 9 a.m. until noon and again, same material, on Wednesday evening, March 7, from 6:30 p.m. until around 9 p.m.

Topic is "Why we teach what we teach and how we teach it!"

All members who teach or would like to teach are strongly encouraged to attend. All members are welcome. Please bring your dog to work if you like; the less well-behaved they are the better for this particular seminar. However, we need them to be quiet in their crate when they are not out working.

Questions?

Contact Darlene Rak  
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# AKC posts obedience-change videos on YouTube

AKC has posted videos of the new Novice and Open exercises that replace off-lead group exercises beginning May 1 this year.

The Novice “sit-stay, get your leash” exercise will demonstrate that the dog can remain sitting while the handler walks across the ring to get the leash and pauses for the judge’s order to return. The Novice group exercises will be done on-lead, and judges will have the option to place dogs in a single line or in two back-to-back rows.

The “sit-stay, get your leash” exercise will also be part of the Preferred Novice class.

Novice Obedience Exercises:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpkaTxdGkvl1PHaLrDIURVYnzUmnEnZGg>

Two new Open exercises, “command discrimination” and “stay, get your leash,” will replace the Open group exercises in Open A, Open B and Preferred Open classes. The “stay, get your leash” will also be added to the Graduate Novice class.

Handlers can use voice commands, hand signals, or both in the command discrimination exercise. Dog must demonstrate that it can sit, down, and stand with the handler giving the commands from 15 and 30 feet away.

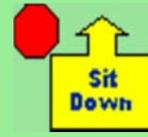
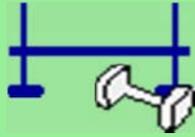
The “stay, get your leash” exercise is performed in two steps. First, the handler commands the dog to stay, walks across the ring, and waits one minute for the judge’s instruction to return. Then the handler leaves the dog again, walks to a point outside the ring to retrieve the leash, and then returns to the dog on the judge’s instruction.

Open Obedience Exercises

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpkaTxdGkvl18nf4XKYezD-9Z\\_3YaCkBD](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpkaTxdGkvl18nf4XKYezD-9Z_3YaCkBD)

The approved obedience regulation changes are here: <https://tinyurl.com/ycm8h525>





## Upcoming DDTC Events

### **Membership meeting Tuesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.**

Nominations for officers and board members will be taken from the floor at this meeting.

### **2018 Spring Class Session**

<http://www.daytondogtraining.com/classes.html>

Agility classes begin March 12  
Obedience classes begin March 12  
Conformation classes begin March 13  
Scentwork classes begin March 13  
Rally classes begin March 14

### **Agility Run-Thrus**

Cost is \$5 for two runs.  
Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. with first run at 7:00 p.m.

March 16  
April 13

### **2018 Agility Trial Dates**

March 10 and 11  
July 27, 28, and 29  
September 8 and 9  
October 26, 27 and 28

### **2018 Obedience & Rally Trial Dates**

July 13, 14, and 15  
October 19, 20, and 21

### **Board Meetings**

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

# Two new breeds bring AKC total to 192

AKC has added two new breeds to its full recognition list, a sporting dog with a unique hunting style from The Netherlands and a medium-sized hound from France.

These breeds bring both the Sporting Group and the Hound Group to a whopping 31 breeds each.

## ***Nederlandse Kooikerhondje***



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Say what!?

Known simply as the Kooiker (pronounced “Koy-ker”) and more formally as the Kooikerhondje (pronounced “Koy-ker-hond-tsjje”), this attractive medium-sized spaniel-type dog has a long history in its native Holland. Valued for its willingness to work closely with people and for its unusual hunting style that resembles a mixture of herding and stalking, the Kooiker proved invaluable for driving ducks into traps in the canals and marshy areas of the European lowlands. Still used today, the system involves barriers for the dogs and hunters to hide behind, openings in the barriers for the dog to approach and stalk the birds in the waterways, and finally a tunnel of netting that funnel the ducks into the traps.

Little changed in appearance from their likenesses in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century paintings of Dutch masters, Kooikers are highly adaptable and energetic; as long as they are provided appropriate exercise, they can do well in city or suburb. They are perky, intelligent, quick to learn, and devoted to their families. They can, however, be touchy with other dogs if not well-socialized as puppies.

Kooikers range from 15-16 inches tall at the withers with males taller than females. They are always orange-red and white.

The Kooikerhondje Club of the USA has more information about the breed at <http://www.kooikerhondjeusa.org/>,

## Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen



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packs, the Grand is easy-going and happy at home but independent and tenacious when he's on a game trail.

The club website has more information at <http://www.gbgv.net/>.

This grand hound is a larger cousin of the Petite Basset Griffon Vendeen, otherwise known as the PBGV. Rough-coated and weighing about 45 pounds, the Grand is a rough-coated, long-lived scenthound with a lifespan of 13-15 years.

Developed to hunt rabbits and hares in the rough terrain and briars of the Vendee area of France, this hound is strong and fast with great stamina. Longer than tall, this dog ranges from 15.5- 18 inches at the withers. The Grand is generally white with one or two other color markings. Solid colors are not allowed in the breed standard.

Not generally a dog for a first-time owner, the Grand (like many hounds) can be stubborn to train and prefers to follow its nose rather than perform precision heeling or take direction on an agility course. Bred to hunt in

## AKC launches new website

AKC's new website is live at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org). Take a tour of the new and improved features at <http://www.akc.org/content/news/articles/new-exciting-website-features/>.

# Conditioning for the Canine Athlete

DDTC offers a strength and conditioning class for dogs. See description on page three at <http://www.daytondogtraining.com/assets/ddtc-agility-class-descriptions-092517.pdf>.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation has a podcast on the importance of conditioning for canine athletes at <http://www.akcchf.org/educational-resources/podcasts/conditioning-for-the-canine.html>.



## Delta Airlines tightens rules for comfort animals on planes

In light of increasing problems involving animals in airline passenger cabins, Delta Airlines announced new rules that take effect March 1,

Federal law regulates access for service animals that are trained to perform duties to aid their handlers but does not deal with animals that provide emotional support for their owners. Amid increasing claims that a pet is necessary to provide comfort for owners, airlines are facing problems involving animals that wander cabins, bite passengers, defecate in the aisles, and otherwise disrupt flights. So, Delta issued rules requiring documentation of vaccinations a letter from a medical professional confirming the need for the animal, and a signed letter attesting that the animal is trained to behave without a kennel.

For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yczu6esr>.

# Braggs and Accomplishments

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

**Send braggs to [clublicity@daytondogtraining.com](mailto:clublicity@daytondogtraining.com).**

**Victor Kaftal** and his Canaan Dog **Anak** earned their Rally Master title at the first trial at DDTC in January. They got the new title in style, earning nine Triple High Combined awards out of 10. Anak may be the first DDTC dog to get the title, and Victor hopes that Anak was the first of many others to earn the title.

**Marcia Richley** and her Golden Retriever **Sparky (Sunshine Light My Fire CDX)** earned a perfect score of 200 in Open B at Queen City Dog Training Club on Saturday, December 2, under judge Phillip Rustad. The team also won High In Trial.



*Victor and Anak at a previous trial. Photo by Tom Woolf*



*Judge Cynthia Rustad gave Marcia and Sparky the HIT award.*

# Legislative report January 2018

*Submitted by Norma Bennett Woolf*

Pennsylvania Representative Brian Kilpatrick (R) and Florida Representative Charlie Crist (D) have introduced two bills affecting commercial dog breeders in the US House of Representatives. HR 4693, dubbed the Puppy Protection Act, and HR 4691, titled the Welfare of Our Friends (WOOF!) Act, will amend the federal Animal Welfare Act if they are approved. Both bills are supported by HSUS and the ASPCA.

HSUS and ASPCA (among other anti-breeding groups) have attempted to rewrite the AWA several times in the past two decades with no legislative success and few regulatory changes. Their immediate intent is to place restrictions on commercial breeders in the law rather than through regulations that they don't think are strict enough. These bills are no different: the Puppy Protection Act includes provisions that place minimum ages on breeding female dogs based on the dog's weight, require a screening program for known prevalent inheritable diseases, and prohibiting breeding unless each dog bred is free from health conditions that may significantly affect the lifespan or quality of life of the offspring. The PPA also requires kennel temperature not exceed 85 degrees and that dogs have 30 minutes of daily socialization and unfettered access to outdoor exercise areas.

The long term intent is to limit all purposeful dog breeding. Commercial breeders are easier to demonize than hobby breeders, so they are the initial target. The tighter the restrictions, the more opportunities activists have to force commercial breeders out of business regardless of the conditions in their kennels. The specificity of the provisions in the PPA leaves no room for breeders to confer with veterinarians about the best health care and conditions for each dog in a kennel. The AWA already covers these issues in the regulations but does so in a way that allows breeders to make breeding, exercise, and socialization decisions as long as they meet housing and care rules, follow the veterinary plan laid out for the kennel, and keep the dogs in good health as certified by a veterinarian.

HR 4691 deals with restrictions on license renewals for family members of a licensee whose license has been suspended. Despite its dumb name, this bill may close a loophole that allows someone whose license has been suspended to get back into the business of breeding dogs by using family members as proxies.

HR 4693 is at <https://tinyurl.com/ycifywny>

HR 4691 is at <https://tinyurl.com/yb6hzjt3>.

Both bills have been referred to the House Agriculture Committee.

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## An interesting idea from USDA

USDA sent the following notice in December. The third party inspections it refers to could include AKC's care and conditions inspections and/or state inspections.

USDA seeks public input on recognizing third-party inspections and certifications of Animal Welfare Act facilities

USDA Animal Care seeks input on whether they should recognize inspections (and similar reviews) by third-party programs when determining the frequency of federal inspections for facilities regulated under the Animal Welfare Act. (AKC is such a third-party program and conducts several thousand inspections each year, many of them at commercial kennels licensed by USDA.)

To get public feedback, USDA will host four in-person listening sessions and one virtual session. Any interested person may speak. A list of locations and dates for these sessions, along with instructions for registering, are located <https://tinyurl.com/ycl59hrc>.

The agency will also accept written comments.

USDA inspectors conduct routine, unannounced inspections of all Animal Welfare Act licensees and registrants. Various factors determine the inspection frequency for each entity – including a facility’s history of adhering to the federal regulations and standards. Some licensees and registrants already use a third-party program to support animal welfare at their facilities. The agency wants to learn more about these programs For more information on the sessions, go to <https://tinyurl.com/ycl59hrc>.

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## HSUS and the Ohio petition

The *Dayton Daily News* ran an article about the petition to place breeder regulations on the November ballot as an amendment to the state constitution. The article had no new information.

So, a recap:

The petitioners’ goals are to require both in-state and out-of-state commercial breeders to adhere to Ohio kennel standards in order to sell puppies in the state and to redefine commercial breeders as those who keep more than seven “breeding females” or sell more than 15 puppies in a year. (Current state law licenses kennels that produce more than eight litters and sell more than 59 dogs in a year and requires a veterinary plan for health, nutrition, exercise, and socialization and include specific housing requirements. To read the regulations go to <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/ai/docs/CDB%20Rules.pdf>.) To see the actual petition language, go to <https://www.sos.state.oh.us/globalassets/ballotboard/2017/2017-09-19-petition.pdf>.

To get the measure on the ballot, petitioners must gather 306,000 signatures of registered voters and submit the petitions en masse not later than 125 days prior to the November election.

# Homes for animal heroes

This project of the National Animal Interest Alliance explains the purpose of animals in research, describes the life-saving treatments achieved because of their contributions, and helps find homes for these retired heroes through a nationwide adoption network.

URL is <http://animalheroes.naiaonline.org/>.

## CHF funds trial on use of Cannabidiol for drug-resistant canine epilepsy

Last September, the AKC Canine Health Foundation announced a major clinical trial to study the use of cannabidiol to treat drug resistant epilepsy in dogs.

According to the lead researcher on the study, up to 30 percent of dogs receiving standard anti-epileptic therapy remain uncontrolled for their seizures, and the side effects of the antiepileptic drugs are often unacceptable. Cannabidiol is a non-psychoactive component of the *Cannabis sativa* plant, which has been shown to have anti-convulsant properties, and it may be effective for treating epilepsy,

For more information about the cannabidiol study and other CHF efforts to treat canine epilepsy, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y8dv2dy3>.

## Dog food recall



January 15, 2018 — Just Food For Dogs of Los Alamitos, CA, issued a voluntary recall of specific recipes of its cooked frozen dog food due to possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes* bacteria. The products are JustFoodForDogs Turducken, batch dates: XX110118 to XX123118; Beef and Russet Potato, batch dates: XX110118 to XX011419; and Fish and Sweet Potato, batch dates: XX110118 to XX011419. For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y9fjuv7o>.

# Clublicity Submissions

***Deadlines: The first day of each odd-numbered month (January, March, May, July, September, and November).***



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## How to Join DDTC Yahoo Group

***by Sue Peterson***

Send an email to [ddtc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ddtc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) Include your name, Yahoo ID, email address, and date you joined the club in the request. This is the best way to be added to the list. My sending you invites to join does not always work. It's a Yahoo thing.

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