

Sherwood Dog Training Club

AKC License Club

October 2024 Newsletter



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The Sherwood Dog Training Club (SDTC) was formed in 2003, with official status as a non-profit corporation established in 2006. We also have Tax Exempt status with the IRS as a 501(c)4. We received our notice that we have become an AKC Licensed Club in August of 2008.



We will have Zoom SDTC Meeting October 1st @ 7:00pm

Sherwood Dog Training Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84567013153?pwd=wIKmHaMOLOxNaiWNKLmEjSgR5ARgBZ.1>

Meeting ID: 845 6701 3153

Passcode: 807265

The agenda will be posted on the club website <https://www.sherwooddtc.org/>



October 12-13 Obedience Trials, 1 ring, Cash Arena

December 1st Tracking (6 TD Tracks) Test, Carlton, OR

**The tracking test is looking for a hospitality committee.
Hospitality on Saturday and Sunday of the tracking test weekend.**

Please think about how you would like to help at these events

Upcoming UKC Shows / www.ukcdogs.com

Colorado

November 22-24, 2024 High Plains KC, Kiowa, Obedience & Rally

Washington

October 12-23, 2024 Lilac City Dog Training Club, Spokane Valley / Rally

October 19-20, 2024 Lilac City Dog Training Club, Spokane Valley / Nose Work

October 19-20, 2024 United Nose Work Tri-cities, Richland / Nose Work

November 1-3, 2024 United Nose work Tri-Cities, Richland, WA / Nose Work

November 1-3, 2024 Lilac City Dog Training Club, Spokane Valley / Obedience & Rally

Oregon

November 15-17, 2024 Canine Action Pack Cornelius, OR / Obedience & Rally

January 31 – February 2, 2025 Canine Action Pack Cornelius, OR / Obedience & Rally

Utah

October 19-20, 2024 Utah Nose Work Club, North Salt Lake City, Nose work

Wyoming

October 5-6, 2025 Rocky Mountain Dog Stars, Sheridan / Nose Work

Details at [ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com)

United Kennel Club (UKC) is an international dog registry celebrating bonds, rewarding ability, and preserving the value of a pedigree. <http://www.ukcdogs.com/>

For a complete Look at all AKC upcoming Events

Events: <https://webapps.akc.org/event-search/#/search>

Cancellations: <https://www.akc.org/sports/event-cancellations/>

Offering Competition Classes in Rally and Obedience Dog Days Dog Training

We have openings. For more information www.dogdaysnw.com

BEGINNER NOVICE and NOVICE

instructor Beth Fabel - 360-989-4803 or EMAIL BETH
Tuition is \$150 for a 6-week session
6-week sessions, with continuing sessions building on the prior skills.
Prerequisite: Foundations for Performance or consent of instructor.
Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Rally has openings

Dee Pigman
Dog Days Dog Training
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www.dogdaysnw.com

BEGINNER NOVICE, NOVICE, OPEN, UTILITY

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(phone or text) or EMAIL DEE
Tuition is \$150 for a 6-week session
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- **Beginner Novice and Novice: Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.**
- **Open/Utility: Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.**

Upcoming Events:

PDOC tracking tests:

VST: Dec 29, 2024, U of Portland

TD/TDX: February 9, 2025, Johnston Dairy, Camas WA

TDU: March 30, 2025, WSU Vancouver



Obedience Run Through Class with Laurie Rubin

A monthly Obedience Run Through Class takes place at Penny Harvey's training building in Sandy, Oregon. Dog and handler teams run through the exercises offered at obedience trials. The time can be used for any level of obedience and/or for problem solving specific exercises. Handler choice whether to ask for feedback or simply have the exercises called as in a trial.

This class is run by Laurie Rubin.

This month's class, Sunday, October 27, \$15 via PayPal for each slot of up to 15 minutes or \$16 via mailed check.

Time slots can be reserved by clicking on the following link to fill out your entry information on a Google Form <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sGT-XC7To-8gXs287BABXq3eUFG6iJMZYdBePErWJR/edit> **AND** sending \$15/time slot via PayPal <https://www.paypal.com/> to Laurie Rubin. After logging in to PayPal and clicking "**Send**," search for Laurie Rubin or earthlaurie@sonic.net. My link has a photo of a red merle Aussie. In the box that asks "What's this For?," please type your name and "October 2024 Run Through Class." Zelle \$15 payments accepted, too. If you prefer to mail a check for \$16/time slot, be sure to also fill out your entry information on the Google Form linked above. Payments are non-refundable unless the class fills before I receive your entry. In that case, I will notify you and refund your payment. These classes have been filling. Your payment must be received for your entry to count. The Thursday before the class, the schedule and driving directions will be e-mailed to those who've reserved a slot.

Next class, Sunday, November 24.

Time slots can be reserved by clicking on the following link to fill out your entry information on a Google Form <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1r6GrNbyVSfRDG3qgeNFZBzdgZVST8WuRQB3BXeQA63I/edit> **AND** sending \$15/time slot via PayPal <https://www.paypal.com/> to Laurie Rubin. After logging in to PayPal and clicking "**Send**," search for Laurie Rubin or earthlaurie@sonic.net. My link has a photo of a red merle Aussie. In the box that asks "What's this For?," please type your name and "November 2024 Run Through Class." Zelle \$15 payments accepted, too. If you prefer to mail a check for \$16/time slot, be sure to also fill out your entry information on the Google Form linked above. Payments are non-refundable unless the class fills before I receive your entry. In that case, I will notify you and refund your payment.

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Future class date: December 29.

Laurie Rubin
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Congratulations, Mom and D Bar D Aussies!

Dosey, Billy, Handler Sally Davis, Laci

So proud of your qualifying for the Nebraska ASCA National Finals with all three dogs.

Dosey is 2nd out of the top 10 qualifying in Novice.

Billy is 2nd out of the top 10 qualifying in Utility.

Laci is 2nd out of the top 10 qualifying in Open.

Thank you, Sherwood DTC for the Fun Matches.

Best of luck from your Dog Show Daughter!





Breezee earned her first triple Q at the Icelandic Sheepdog Rally trial.

She also earned her first RACH points.

Submitted by: Martha Machuca



Matches: Some thoughts, Opinions and Observations By: Betty Rose

Matches can be fun! A time to get together with other dog lovers and catch up on all the news. A time to exchange training tips and discuss upcoming trials. But matches can be stressful and anxiety provoking. Handlers have paid for their ring time and have expectations on what they will get out of the match. Many handlers have given consideration to how they will use their ring time and have a plan. Most of the time the handler and her dog do their run through and all goes without a hitch. If the dog makes a mistake, it's one that's been encountered before and perhaps anticipated and the handler corrects her dog and moves on to the other exercises.

Occasionally the unexpected happens and the dog makes a mistake that was a surprise. Maybe it's one that he has never made in training. Maybe it's one that the handler has been diligently working on and thought was fixed. Sometimes the handler is ready when this happens and can react immediately. But sometimes the handler's brain is processing what just happened and trying to decide what steps to take. And as the stunned handler stands looking at their dog, the "judge" (the person calling the exercises) gets anxious and wants to be helpful and keep things moving in the ring. Bear in mind that SDTC matches have a little padding in the schedule. We can accommodate an extra minute or two if someone needs it. If the handler appears "frozen", feel free to get them unstuck by asking how they would like to address the problem. Would they like a suggestion? This is not the time to launch into teacher mode. If the judge offers a suggestion, she must allow the handler to make their own decisions about what they want to work on during their ring time. The handler has paid for the ring time and the judge is spending that handler's money when she launches into a lengthy explanation on how to train the dog for a certain exercise. That is not what matches are for nor is there time to do it. That handler may have a very different training philosophy than the judge's and everyone has the right to decide for themselves how they want to train their dog irrespective of how much the judge wants them to be successful, how many titles the judge has put on her dogs, how badly the judge wants to help the handler or how green the handler is perceived to be.

We obedience people seem to be rather polite and shy about telling the person acting as judge that we don't want their help, that we would prefer to work it out on our own or move on to the next exercise and sort out the problem in training later that week. I have had several people at every match approach me after their run resentful that the person who acted as their judge took over their ring time deciding the handler needed some coaching. I have also had handlers tell me that they got pushed out the ring by the judge when their 10 minutes were up and the dog had just done something that should be corrected rather than let slide. Remember as the judge, your primary responsibility is to call the exercises and support the handler. As handlers, that's what we all want. And we want a chance to fix mistakes. Perhaps we handlers also need to practice being more assertive!

There are several things that have to happen in order to put on a match. The arena must be reserved, the rings set up with baby gates and jumps, tables and chairs and everything that will be needed on the day of the match must be moved to each ring. Entries must be taken and people notified that they got in the match and the run order developed. On the day of the match, help from the people who are entered is needed for adjusting jump heights and rounding up the next person due in the ring and calling the exercises for the handler in the ring. We are very lucky SDTC has so many people attending matches who are willing to step up and help without prompting. On the other hand, if you see someone who doesn't seem to be helping much, this might be the day that their body hurts and they are limited in what help they can offer. Our members willingly step up and fill in the slack, knowing that the day may come when they are not feeling so swell and need others to take up the slack for them.

The biggest help anyone can offer at a match is to call the exercises for other handlers, i.e., act as the judge. When it is your turn to act as the judge, ask the handler as she enters your ring, what she would like. People enter matches for all kinds of reasons. Sometimes they are entered in an upcoming trial and want to test their dog in a trial-like environment. Sometimes they want to assess their dog's understanding of the exercises. Sometimes they have a green dog that they are introducing to what a trial or match is all about. Sometimes they want to do some proofing. Sometimes they are working on UDX legs or OTCH points and want to keep their dog "fine-tuned". There are other reasons to go to a match. The handler's reasons for being at the match will dictate what they want from the judge. The person acting as the judge is there to call the exercises, not to teach a handler how to train their dog. Many experienced trainers are anxious to help other handlers be successful and cannot resist the temptation to make suggestions on how to correct training problems based on their own experience training and trialing. Keep in mind unasked for advice is rarely appreciated and is often resented. And if the person acting as judge chews up a handler's ring time and takes extra time in the ring with that handler, the handler won't appreciate it, the other handlers who are lined up ready for their turn won't appreciate it and the people who organized the match who are going to be there all day keeping things running and taking down the rings at the end of the day won't appreciate it when you cause the schedule to go off.

Having said that, many handlers are grateful if you mention the dog's finish is crooked or if he took a step as the handler walked away. But remember, it is the handler's choice what to react to during their ring time at a match.

Finally, you absolutely have the right to do whatever you want in the ring for your 10 min. Sometimes there is something that can only be accomplished in a regulation sized ring that you cannot get done in training. But be careful if you elect to train rather than do a run through. And be mindful of the clock. SDTC matches have a little padding in the schedule as mentioned above for changing the ring set up between classes, changing jump heights between handlers or to give extra time to someone who is struggling and needs to work through an issue.

But that doesn't mean someone can take over the ring for 30 minutes! One of my more cringeworthy experiences recently involved a handler with a go out problem that she wanted to work on. It involved string and ropes and before we knew it, people were lined up wanting to try this handler's method. At one point it looked like we were doing double dutch with our dogs. Laurel and Hardy would've been proud. Meanwhile, everyone else was patiently and politely (too politely) sitting around waiting for their turn in the ring. So be cognizant of how much time you are taking. And please remember to tell your "judge" what you'd like (if anything) from her with enough explanation that she can be helpful. If you are the judge, this is not the time to discuss training methods and why the person is doing what she plans for her dog. The clock is ticking. If you are curious, catch her outside the ring later. Right now, you just need to know how you can be helpful.

So, in summary:

- Thank you for entering the match.
- Thank you for acting as judge and calling the exercises.
- Thank you for helping change the jump heights, set up the ring for the next class and round up the next handler.
- If someone is struggling and you are acting as judge, thank you for helping get them unstuck but don't take over their run time and their plan.

I hope you always enjoy the matches you enter and learn something about yourself as a trainer and your dog!



Dr. Karen Becker, DVM

<https://drkarenbecker.com>

Facebook Post 9/28/2024

Air fragrances: the New "Second Hand Smoke" 🚬

Most of our pets spend over 90% of their time indoors 🏠 and the air inside our homes can be more toxic than the air outside.

Commercial products used to "freshen" the home can be incredibly harmful. 🌬️ Air fresheners, plug-ins, and many candles can emit volatile organic compounds (VOCs), formaldehyde, petroleum distillates, phthalates, benzenes, and more. Many of these chemicals are associated with negative health effects including respiratory problems, headaches, skin problems, neurological issues, GI problems, immune system problems, and more.

Studies have also found air freshener compounds can be adsorbed on walls, furnishings, and surfaces, and be reemitted into the indoor air environment. 🌫️ Even more concerning, our pets spend much of their time lying on these surfaces, and often licking them.

These "secondhand scents," or indirect exposure to air fresheners, have been raising concerns comparing the health ramifications to secondhand tobacco smoke. 🦷

To help keep you and your pets safe, we show you how to make a variety of homemade simmer pot scents 🍲 in our new book, *The Forever Dog LIFE*, AND we've included a whole section of DIY solutions to freshen up your home 🌬️ while keeping you and your pets healthy. (You can still grab a copy at 50% OFF 🛒 at most major online retailers!)

🍎🍂 Fall Spice Recipe:

1 apple, sliced or in chunks

1 Tbl pumpkin spice

1 Tbl whole cloves

2-3 tsp nutmeg

1-2 vanilla beans (or vanilla extract)

Water or apple cider

Bring liquid to a soft boil and add ingredients.

Reduce heat to simmer, allowing the aromas to fill your home.

*Never leave a simmer pot unattended.





Clean Run Training Tip of the Month ✏️
September 16, 2024

tip of the month

Keep misplacing your Treat & Train remote when you're not using it?

Put a piece of adhesive Velcro on the battery cover on the back of the remote, making sure that you can still access the battery. Then put the matching piece of Velcro on the back of the main unit. Attach the remote to the main unit with the battery cover facing down so that the battery cover doesn't slide off. 🐾

By Marcy Rauch



Hoping that your
week is full of happy
smiles



As your dog retrieves the first...second...third...maybe fifth or sixth ball, his muscles start to tire and soon they reach overload, where they no longer can fully control and support your dog's movements. Now, when your dog does those amazing athletic maneuvers to snag the ball, soft tissues like the cranial cruciate ligament, iliopsoas muscle and tendon, and the muscles and ligaments that support the vertebrae are overstretching. Minor tears are occurring. Now the ball is thrown 10, 12 times or more and ultimately your dog lies down, exhausted.

That period between when your dog's muscles are in overload, and when your dog lies down exhausted, is the injury zone (Figure 1). But remember, with all that adrenaline, your dog doesn't feel the injuries happening, so you have no idea that the tissues are being used beyond their capacity.

When this game is repeated day after day, month after month, the small tissue tears become large ones, and suddenly it becomes evident that your dog is in pain and has an injury. Of course, it hasn't been sudden at all-what seemed sudden is just the final result of repeated stress and strain until the tissues gave way.

Chris Zink DVM
Discovering Your Dog





Have you noticed that your dog zigs and zags on walks? Your dog isn't trying to drive you crazy. They're following their incredibly powerful sense of smell, which is how dogs experience the world!

Humans have 6 million olfactory receptors, compared to dogs, who have up to 300 million!

<https://www.facebook.com/lizzyandthegooddogpeople>



I was an AKC obedience judge for over 22 years, and I'd like to share a few heeling tips from the experience I've gained as a judge and a top competitor.

Heeling Tip - In the obedience class I teach locally, I am constantly reminded that exhibitors (new and experienced) get obsessed with penalties during their training. Heeling is a complex skill for dogs, and because of that, many penalties can occur during a performance. Focusing on the highest priority for success, rather than picking on everything, will give you the best result.

Did you know that crooked sits during heeling are minor penalties? Most crooked sits in Novice or Beginner Novice are penalized 1/2 - 1 point. For AKC, the Novice "Heel on Leash/Figure 8" exercise has 40 points. The "Heel Free" exercise has 30 points. In Beginner Novice, the "Heel on Leash" and the "Figure 8" exercises each have 40 points.

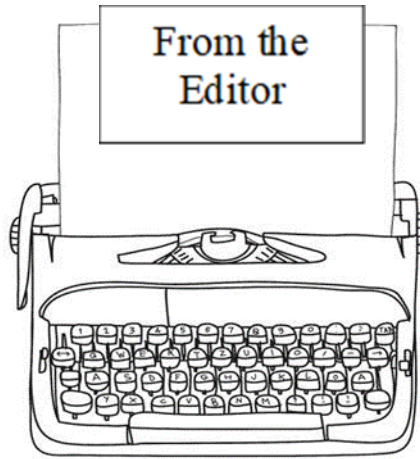
Since there is one sit in the Beginner Novice "Heel on Leash" exercise and two sits on the "Figure 8" exercise in Beginner Novice, it makes more sense to focus on heel position and not pick on the sit. The same thing is true for Novice - usually two sits on the "Heel on Leash" and two sits on the "Figure 8". So, four sits in the 40-point on leash heeling. And, two sits on the "Heel Free" 30-point exercise. There are no penalties for crooked sits to start the heeling exercises.

Usually, the reason for the crooked sits is that the dog failed to maintain heel position. Whether you are training your dog for high scores or to complete titles, the best solution for your training should focus on your dog maintaining a better heel position. You may need to address your handling, or more specific training to help your dog learn how to maintain a more precise position.

Have you been obsessed with crooked sits during heeling?

(Photo of one of my students - Jan and Teach)

[#nqlheelingtips](#)



SDTC Newsletter Advertising Policy

- **Advertisements for rehoming k9 equipment, etc. are always welcome.**
- **Training programs and classes offered by members will be posted with a link to a website for members only [possibly under a column specifically designated for that purpose].**
- **Advertising of puppies/litters will not be accepted**

We are looking for articles from our membership.

- **Do you have a brag or accomplishment?**
- **Have you written an article that the membership could benefit from?**
- **Know of an upcoming event? Example: Obedience trial, Scent trial, Specialty, Health clinic..... etc.**



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