

Sherwood Dog Training Club

AKC License Club

September 2026 Newsletter



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.

Sherwood Dog Training Club

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<https://www.sherwooddtc.org/>



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

Join Zoom Meeting / September 2nd at 7:00pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2517890074?pwd=VGdKeGhtM3I0T3FOdnJoVEUxRjZoQT09&omn=89598630891>

Meeting ID: 251 789 0074

Passcode: 0Avc7r



Dates to Mark for 2026 at Cash Arena in Sherwood, OR

Trial Date: Obedience only Saturday, October 10, 2026 and Sunday, October 11, 2026

Match Date: Sunday, October 4, 2026

The October 2026 Trials are full
Closing Date: Wednesday – September 23, 2026
Closing Time: 12:00 PM

Please notify Darlene Brushwein @ sherwooddogtc@gmail.com to pull from trial for a full refund by 9-22 or if you want to make changes to your entry.

➤ **The next SDTC MEMBER ONLY Match will be on Sunday October 4th.**

➤ **The closing date is Thursday, September 24.**

➤ <https://www.sherwooddogtc.org/>

There will be two rings at Cash Arena in Sherwood. The match will start at 9am with Novice & Beginner Novice and will switch to Utility and Open when the novice classes are done.

Your help is needed:

Claudia Weiss / claudiaadam@msn.com is working on doing a **Scent trial** that Sherwood Dog Club would sponsor.

She is wondering if one of our members is affiliated with any School District. Schools would be a great site for a scent work trial.

For a complete Look at all AKC upcoming Events

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

Upcoming UKC Shows / www.ukcdogs.com

Washington

Oct. 17-18

Lilac City Dog Training Club, Spokane, WA **Nose Work**

Oct. 23-25

Puget Sound K-9's, Auburn **Nose Work**

Oregon

Nov. 13-15

Canine Action Pack, Cornelius, OR **Obedience & Rally**

California

Jan 30, 2027

Santa Lucia Open Dog Obedience Group, Atascadero, CA **Nose Work**

Wyoming

Oct 3-4

Rocky Mountain Dog Stars, Sheridan, WY **Nose Work**

Colorado

Sept 24

High Plains KC, Calhan, CO **Obedience & Rally**

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/>



Stewards needed for our October 10 & 11 Obedience Trials at Cash's Arena

- ➡ **The club will pay you \$30 for gas and feed you lunch.**
- ➡ **This is a fun way to support our club, our sport and fellow competitors.**

Please contact Chief Ring Steward Laurie Rubin / Earthlaurie@sonic.net.



- **Dates: Show dates:** January 21 -24, 2027
- **Closing date:** January 6, 2027

- **Obedience/Rally status at RCC:**

For several years we have weighed the pros and cons of discontinuing obedience and Rally at RCC.

Obedience / Rally entries have declined everywhere and have never been high at RCC. One of the reasons that Obedience / Rally are not as popular as they should be at RCC is because of the impact on Obedience and Rally caused by the huge number of spectators who attend RCC.

In addition, we have not had another place to put Obedience / Rally that we could afford. Long story short, we have worked with Expo to create a special place for Obedience / Rally that is off the beaten path. It is not entirely cut off from the public but should reduce traffic and noise by somewhere over 90% and offer exhibitors a nice space.

Please relay this information to your friends in Obedience / Rally.

Many of you know that we've been going back and forth on this issue for several years.

- **Meet the Breeds:**

Meet The Breeds was an overwhelming success at RCC this year.

We received letters from some of the participating clubs saying how successful it was for them and we even received a couple of thank you letters from spectators, saying how great it was to get to meet "preservation breeders" and see their beautiful dogs.

As a result of the feedback we received from several clubs and the public, we have decided to make Meet the Breeds a bigger part of RCC in 2027.

As always, we are going to give our specialties and supported entries first choice when the event is open to clubs.

We are also going to call on you for input as we begin to decorate and expand our current footprint.

We are very excited about developing this part of our show!



Dylan and I had a wonderful weekend at the ASCA Trial in late May.

With multiple first in 3 trials Dylan took HIT and HC.

Also, High scoring other dog then ASD.

I'm proud of my boy and thankful for all my friends for their support.

Joan Hughes



Dog Days Obedience Run Through Class With Laurie Rubin

A monthly half day Obedience Run Through Class is starting at [Dog Days Dog Training](https://www.dogdaysdogtraining.com/) in Vancouver, Washington, on the fourth Wednesday morning of the month. 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 month. Wednesday, September 23. \$15 via PayPal or Zelle or \$17 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://forms.gle/4zx396syjBQj7VhB8> **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 “Dog Days September 26, 2026 Run Through Class.” Zelle and Venmo \$15 payments accepted, too. Checks made out to Laurie Rubin for \$17/time slot are OK. **Both your payment and Google Form must be received for your entry to count.** Payments are non-refundable unless the class fills before I receive your entry. In that case, I will notify you and refund your payment. Entries are non-transferable. The schedule will be e-mailed to those who have reserved a slot by the day before the class.

Next class. Wednesday, October 28. \$15 via PayPal or Zelle or \$17 via mailed check.

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Future class date: Wednesday, November 25.





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or seven, stay for one hour or
six, \$10 for current students,
and \$20 for non-students.



Obedience Run Through Class in Sandy, Oregon

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, September 20. \$15 via PayPal for each slot of up to 15 minutes or \$16 via mailed check.

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Future class date: November 15.



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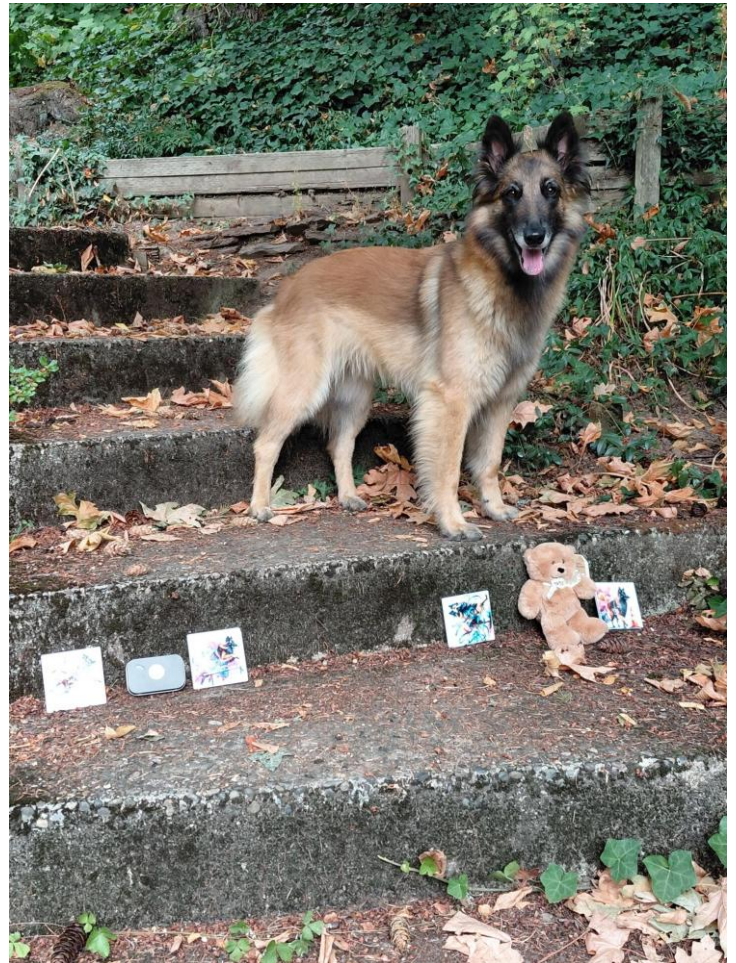


Cadie finished her CDX and RM at our regional specialty in Enumclaw.

She then earned a second NW3 in Nose Work the next day.

She is now: CH Sienna Cascade's Xanadu CD
RAE TD SWM SDHM; UKC - CH CDX ROCH;
NACSW -SW3

Claudia Weiss



FAMOUS DOGGY MOTTO'S...

WHY LIE IN YOUR BED WHEN YOU CAN LIE
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FLOOR AND GET
IN EVERYBODY'S WAY?



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Do Dogs Like Hugs? What Your Dog Is Really Feeling

By [Stephanie Gibeault, MSc, CPDT](#) Updated: Aug 14, 2026

It's natural to hug someone you love, but dogs don't communicate affection the same way humans do. Many dogs find hugs uncomfortable or even stressful, even if they don't resist. By understanding how dogs experience physical contact, you can interact more safely and show affection in ways they truly enjoy.

In This Article

- Why Dogs Don't Like Hugs
- Risks of Hugging Your Dog
- Signs Your Dog Is Uncomfortable
- Teaching Dogs to Tolerate Hugs
- Better Ways to Show Affection

Why Dogs Don't Like Being Hugged

Dogs and humans have very different ways of expressing affection. While humans hug to show love, dogs rarely wrap their front legs around each other outside of play or conflict. When dogs interact, they don't "embrace" the way people do.

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From a dog's perspective, a hug can feel confusing or even threatening. When you put your arms around your dog, you're restricting their movement. Combined with close face-to-face contact and direct eye contact, this can come across as confrontational instead of comforting.

Even if your dog doesn't resist, they're likely tolerating the behavior rather than enjoying it. Although the odd dog doesn't seem to mind, most dogs display stress signals when hugged. Research by Dr. Stanley Coren found that in 250 photographs of people hugging dogs, 81% of the dogs showed signs of stress, despite their owners appearing happy.

Why Hugging Can Be Risky

When a dog feels stressed or trapped, their instinct is to protect themselves. So, if a dog's stress level from a hug is high enough, it can result in a bite. Because hugging puts a person's face close to a dog's mouth, the risk of injury is higher.

Even if your dog tolerates hugs from you, they might not be okay with one coming from a stranger or young child. It's essential to teach children safe ways to interact with dogs, especially dogs they don't already know, to prevent accidents.

Signs Your Dog Is Uncomfortable

Dogs communicate primarily through body language, and signs of stress are often easy to miss if you don't know what to look for. Learning these signals can help you understand how your dog feels in the moment.

Common signs of stress in dogs include:

- Stiff body or freezing in place
- Showing the whites of their eyes ("whale eye" or "half-moon eye")
- Growling or baring of the teeth
- Avoiding eye contact or turning their head away from you
- Ears flattened or pulled back
- Tail lowered or tucked under their belly
- Yawning
- Nose licking, often seen as a very quick flick of the tongue
- Lifting one front paw off the ground

A relaxed, happy dog will appear loose and comfortable. Any shift away from that relaxed posture may signal that they're feeling uneasy.



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Teaching Your Dog to Accept Hugs

While hugs shouldn't be a primary way to show affection, it can be helpful to teach your dog to tolerate them—especially if they may encounter children. This training is especially important critical if you want your dog to work as a therapy dog, a role in which they'll often encounter well-meaning strangers. With desensitization and counterconditioning, you can change your dog's negative associations with restraint to something more accepting. Start by pairing touch with treats or another reward, then slowly increase the invasiveness until you're gently restraining your dog. Finally, increase the firmness of your embrace, all while continuing to reward your dog after each hug.

In time, your dog will put up with even the most awkward embrace for the chance to earn a reward.

Better Ways to Show Your Dog You Care

Even if your dog tolerates hugs, they're likely not their preferred method of accepting affection.

Fortunately, there are other more dog-friendly ways to say, "I love you."

Focus on activities and interactions your dog naturally enjoys. Try giving your dog a belly rub, for example. You can also scratch their back, behind their ears, or whichever spot they like the best.

Avoid head pats, as many dogs find this uncomfortable.

Playtime, training, and shared activities, like fetch or tug-of-war, can also strengthen your relationship. As you spend time with your dog, pay attention to their responses and adjust your approach to match their preferences.

When you meet your dog on their terms, your affection becomes more meaningful. If you learn to speak your dog's language, you'll see that any kind of positive attention shows your dog how much you care.

Key Takeaways

- Most dogs don't naturally enjoy hugs and may find them stressful
- Hugs can feel like restraint and may increase the risk of a defensive reaction
- Dogs show subtle body language signals when they're uncomfortable
- You can teach tolerance for brief restraint, but it shouldn't replace better bonding methods
- Dog-friendly affection, like play and petting, builds a stronger relationship

Frequently Asked Questions

Do any dogs actually like hugs?

A small number of dogs may tolerate or even seem to enjoy hugs, especially if they were introduced gradually. However, most dogs don't naturally interpret hugs as affection, and many simply put up with them rather than enjoy them.

Why does my dog stay still when I hug them?

A dog that freezes during a hug is often showing a stress response rather than contentment. Stillness can indicate discomfort, uncertainty, or an attempt to avoid escalating the situation.

Is it okay for children to hug dogs?

It's best to teach children not to hug dogs, especially unfamiliar ones. Dogs may feel overwhelmed or trapped, increasing the risk of a defensive reaction.

What's the best way to show my dog affection?

Most dogs prefer petting, play, training, and spending time with you. Pay attention to your dog's body language and focus on the interactions they clearly enjoy.

AWAY FROM THE DOG HOUSE



*Every Dog Trainer Has
Something Worth
Passing Along*

By Glenna MacLeod



Over the decades that I've been working and playing with my dogs, I've had so much fun. My family and (non-doggy) friends roll their eyes when I start talking about my canine adventures. True, dog activities take up a good bit of my time, but that's exactly the way I like it. Thankfully, I have many friends who feel the same way, and we never bore each other with all the details about our lives with dogs.

Dog training has been a good mix of work and play, and I've learned so much. One thing that stands out to me is that despite my constant effort to improve my skills, I've discovered there is no ceiling to the amount of learning one can do in the dog training world. There is no shortage of places to go and techniques to learn to further one's education. New tools and ideas are constantly popping up while older ideas are dropped by the wayside. Staying current and finding what works is always a challenge.

I've been lucky enough to have access to just about every method of canine education you can think of. I've attended workshops both in person and online. I regularly participate in classes that teach me new skills or help improve old ones

while giving my dogs the distractions and socialization they wouldn't get at home. The breed and performance clubs I belong to frequently present new ideas for their members. It's so nice that they do the research for me! Looking back, I don't think I realized just how fortunate I've been to have so many opportunities to learn and work with my dogs.

Often when I am out around town training my dogs, I am approached by folks who have spent a few minutes watching us. I'm often asked if I would give lessons to their dogs, or sometimes they just want to know where they can go to learn to do what I am doing with my dogs. I love helping people with their dogs, although I never offer formal lessons. Instead, I tell them about the obedience club I belong to that offers a Fundamentals class for beginners. It's a wonderful place for anyone to get started. I also reassure them that they don't need to spend hours every day training their dogs, which is a common misconception among people just getting started. They are always surprised at how little time I actually spend doing formal training.

The more I am approached by strangers and friends who are new to dog sports, the more I realize how much I have learned over the years. I'm flattered when those new to the sport respect my knowledge and experience. Over time I've realized I don't need to be shy about sharing what I know with newcomers. Although I don't give formal instruction, I'm always happy to share the experiences I've had with my dogs and training ideas that have worked well for me.

Recently, a good friend and his wife acquired a show puppy they will co-own with the breeder. The breeder had educated them about the puppy and what to expect from his show career, but once the excitement settled down they discovered they had many more questions. I'm sure the breeder would have answered every one of them, but they felt more comfortable talking with me. We had some great conversations about co-ownership, and I explained how a dog show runs—from entering the show all the way through Best in Show. I don't think they had realized what serious business dog shows can be. They were a bit shocked when I corrected their impression that Baby Puppy was a class where everyone received a ribbon. Nice try, but that isn't going to happen unless you're in the 4–6-year-old Junior Handling class! All ribbons and rosettes must be earned.

Over the next couple of weeks, I received several texts that began with, "Sorry, just one more question..." I loved sharing my experiences and knowledge of the dog

world with them. It was rewarding to welcome new people into a sport that I enjoy so much. I look forward to meeting up with them at future shows where, at the end of the day, we can sit together and talk about the day's events.

Another friend became very interested in the tracking I do with my dogs. Rather than just telling her about it, I offered to show her how to get started in the sport. She jumped at the chance to become actively involved and was surprised at how little time and effort it took before she and her dog were successfully tracking short tracks to find a glove! She's hooked now and has continued her tracking education by attending a workshop. She hopes to enter a tracking test in the not-too-distant future. I laugh and tell her she never has to worry about "bothering" me—her word—when she asks questions about the dog world. I'm excited that she's so enthusiastic, and now I have yet another friend with whom to share my love of dog sports.

Sometimes it isn't about being the most informed or experienced person in the conversation. As we continue learning, we all reach a point where we can offer an educated opinion based on our own experiences.

Recently, during an after-test get-together, a training problem was being discussed. It was clearly an issue that wasn't uncommon, and I mentioned that I had dealt with the same challenge. The judge from the event was part of the conversation, and she turned to me and asked, "How did you address that?" She was genuinely interested in my answer and respected my training enough to ask. I was flattered that she was willing to listen to what I had to say, and it reinforced just how far I had come over the years.

I still feel like I'm only a few rungs up a very tall ladder that seems to keep getting higher as I continue learning the ins and outs of dog sports. But when I dare to look back, I realize there are many people behind me who are just beginning their climb and are looking for encouragement to take that next step. At this stage of my journey, I know I can help, and I am more than happy to share what I've learned through education, experience, and a little trial and error. After all, it's not just the ribbons, but the entire journey that makes our sport so rewarding.



Training Opportunities

Who: Michael Montgomery, CSCC GDMI

Where: Urban Pawsibilities in SE Portland - 3737 SE 21st Ave, Portland, OR 97202

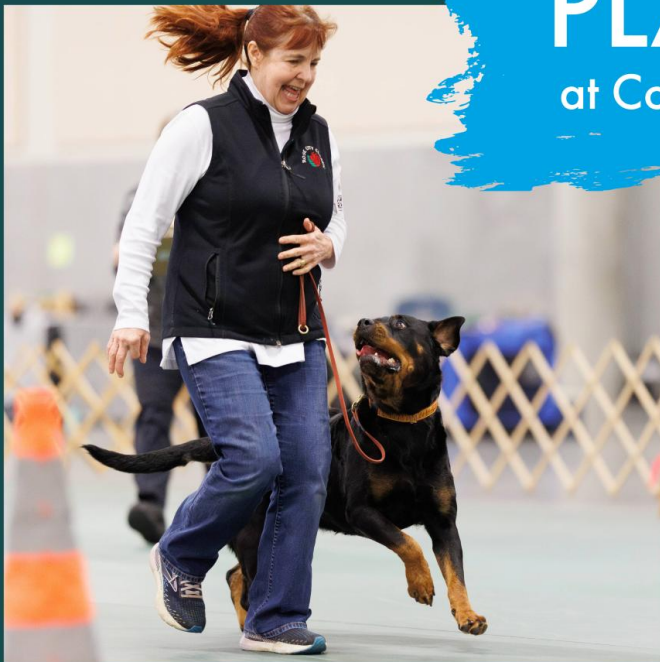
When: Next round starts Sunday July 19th for 5 weeks.

What: Currently only serving novice through advance. The facility only has so much time to rent to me! Higher levels hopefully in the future.

Current openings: 2 openings in Novice competition prep on Sundays at 4:30pm

How to register: Call/text 503-413-0782.

Email: Michael@elusivecsc.com. DM on social media, @elusivecsc on Facebook and Instagram.



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at Corral Creek Dog Sport Center

Rally & Obedience Classes:

Perri Yinger, Instructor

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"Never forget that you started this journey because you loved a dog."





Emma and I went to our first Rally trial since my hip replacement last weekend in Redmond put on by the My Bachelor Kennel Club.

We entered Choice and Masters, qualified in both all three days, earned 6 Rach points Saturday with a 96 and a Rally Master 4 title Sunday.

Very pleased with the weekend.

We are looking forward to going to Roseburg over Labor Day weekend for more Rally.

We will also be traveling to the Doberman National Dog Show at Topeka, KS the end of September to participate in Rally there too.

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Art By: Catherine Rayner

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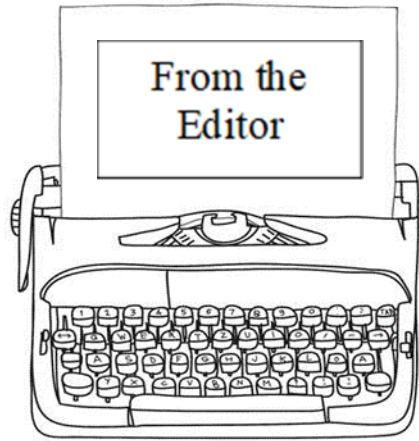
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Show and Go Obedience Fun Match
September 12, 2026, Saturday
Crook County Fair Grounds 1280 Main St
Prineville 97754

- Match is outdoors with 4' netting around 2 rings.
- Day of Match entries.
- Participant, please plan on helping judge and steward.
- Thank you in advance.
- \$10.00 for 10 minutes
- Day of match entries start 8;30 am
- Match Starts 9 am
- Ring 1 Utility
- Ring 2 Open; Novice to follow Utility, Open, Novice

Camping on site available / Contact the Fairgrounds

Show chairman: Cheryl Liddle ca.liddle60@gmail.com 541-416-0284



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- **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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