

# Sherwood Dog Training Club

*AKC License Club*

## April 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

**President:** Danielle Silverstein

**Vice President:** Linda Ruedy

**Secretary:** Robin Murphy

**Treasurer:** Jill Faulmann

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**Website:**

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



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

**Wednesday, April 1, 2026 @ 7PM**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2517890074?pwd=VGdKeGhtM3l0T3FOdnJoVEUxRjZoQT09&omn=8274056557>

**Meeting ID: 251 789 0074**

**Passcode: 0Avc7r**



Mark Your Calendars

**EVENTS**



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

Trial Date: Obedience only Saturday, April 18, 2026 and Sunday, April 19, 2026

Match Date: Sunday, April 12, 2026

Trial Date: Rally only / Saturday, May 30, 2026 and Sunday, May 31, 2026

Match Date: Sunday, May 17, 2026

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

Match Date: Sunday, October 4, 2026



### **AKC Misconduct Power Point Presentation Presented by AKC Rep, Greg McCarthy**

**TUESDAY APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> 5:30PM**

**In Newberg at the home of Jill & Danielle**

**Sherwood Dog Training Club members  
are encouraged to be educated on procedures for  
Dealing with Misconduct**

**Contact Jill at [cloudco@mac.com](mailto:cloudco@mac.com)  
if you are able to attend this important presentation,  
Jill will provide directions, if needed, when you contact her.**

For a complete Look at all AKC upcoming Events

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

**NOW OPEN**

**We are accepting entry forms**

## **Rally Trials**

**Saturday, May 30, 2026**

**Sunday, May 31, 2026**

**Link to premium and entry form**

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



**The April 12 match is open for entry.**

**The closing date for the match is Monday April 6.**

The match entry form is attached below and is also on the SDTC website.  
<https://www.sherwooddtc.org/services>

All information on how to enter is on the entry form.

This match is open to **SDTC members only**.

You may have one or two runs.

Runs are \$10 each, \$11 if using PayPal on the SDTC website.

There will be no refunds given on this match.

There will be 2 rings and the match will start with utility in one ring and open in the other. Once those classes are done, the rings will switch to novice and beginner novice.

**Start time will be 9am** and could go until 5pm, depending on how many people enter.



Breezee, CH Jubilee N Electron's Storm Warning CDX BN RAE RATO CGCA CGCU TKA ROM earned her Rally Masters title at the Silver Falls show in Salem.

Shown here with Martha Machuca and judge Curt Curtis.



*March 31, 2026*

*Please share this important information with your club members, family and friends.*

**An amendment to the House Farm Bill (HR 7567) proposed by animal rights groups threatens the future of AKC performance events and recognized hunt training techniques.**

**Please join AKC and leading sportsmen’s organizations in defending responsible dog enthusiasts, sportsmen and trainers. Please contact your member of the U.S. Congress and respectfully ask Congress to remove language derived from the “Greyhound Protection Act of 2025” (HR 5017) from the Farm Bill before final passage.**

*Scroll down for easy ways to make a difference.*

### **Why This Matters**

**While the stated intent of the Greyhound Protection Act is to address concerns related to commercial greyhound racing, the provision attached to the Farm Bill is overly broad and risks eliminating or banning standard training and event practices for certain field trials, performance events, lawful hunting with dogs, and other widely accepted training methods used by responsible dog owners and handlers.**

**In fact, the amendment goes well beyond “commercial” greyhound racing – which currently only exists in one state; it also bans live lure training, use of live lures, and open field coursing events involving live animals.**

**Because these terms lack clear statutory definitions, they could be interpreted in ways that affect lawful hunting activities and traditional dog training methods. For example, controlled exposure to live birds, or other game animals, is a widely accepted and essential component of preserving unique breed characteristics and training bird dogs, retrievers, hounds, and other working dogs. Dog trainers and hunters commonly use farm-raised birds such as pigeons, ducks, or pheasants to teach scent recognition, steadiness, retrieval skills, and humane handling of game. These practices help ensure that hunting dogs perform their work effectively and minimize harm to wildlife during hunts.**

**Without clear exemptions, prohibiting the use of live animals in canine events that showcase breed characteristics, responsible hunting, or dog training could effectively eliminate long-standing, responsible training methods.**

**These restrictions could easily be interpreted or amended to severely impact or eliminate:**

- **Field trials,**
- **Hunt tests,**
- **Earthdog competition,**
- **Barn Hunt,**
- **Nite Hunts, and**
- **Other organized dog sports/events that are conducted under carefully controlled conditions.**

It could also easily be interpreted or amended to impact other popular and responsible running / racing events that do not use live lures, including:

- Lure Coursing,
- Coursing Ability Tests (CAT); or
- Fast CAT events.

Two Ways You Can Make a Meaningful Impact

- [Click here to send a message directly to your member of Congress](#)

Better yet ...

- [Click here](#) to find out who your member of Congress is.

Tell them:

- a. You are a voting constituent (including city/town you live in) and a responsible dog enthusiast.
- b. Respectfully ask them to oppose overly broad language from the Greyhound Protection Act (HR 5017) that has been added to the Farm Bill.
- c. Explain that it does nothing to improve the wellbeing of dogs, and as written could ban or lead to bans on responsible dog training practices that are essential to developing well trained working and performance dogs, as well as popular responsible dog events in the community. Share your positive experiences with these events, if appropriate.
- d. Note that the Farm Bill is one of the most important and broadly supported pieces of legislation considered by Congress. It should not become the vehicle for language that disrupts lawful hunting traditions, events that showcase breed characteristics, responsible dog ownership, and established canine training practices nationwide.

Learn more about AKC Events that could be affected:

- [Fast Cat](#)
- [Barn Hunt](#)
- [Earthdog 101](#)

Thank you.

*The time you take today to fight animal extremism and protect your dogs really does make a difference!*



## Upcoming UKC Shows / [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com)

### Washington

- May 1-3 United Nose Work Tri-cities, Richland, WA **Nose Work**
- May 23-24 Puget Sound K-9s, Graham, WA **Nose Work**
- June 19-21 Lilac City Dog Training Club, Spokane, WA **Obedience & Rally Regional Qualifying Event**
- July 31-Aug. 2 UKC Western Classic, Longview, WA **Agility, Rally, Obedience**
- Aug. 22-23 Lilac City Dog Training Club, Spokane, WA **Nose Work**
- Oct. 17-18 Lilac City Dog Training Club, Spokane, WA **Nose Work**

### Oregon

- May 1-3 Canine Action Pack, Cornelius, OR **Obedience & Rally**
- Nov. 13-15 Canine Action Pack, Cornelius, OR **Obedience & Rally**

### Montana

- May 16-17 Rocky Mountain Dog Stars, Huntley, MT **Nose Work**
- Nov. 28-29 Competition Dogs of The Ozarks, Springfield, MT **Rally**

### California

- April 3-5 NorCal K9 Events, Red Bluff, CA **Obedience & Rally**

### **Details at [ukcdogs.com](http://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/>





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Vancouver, WA 98665

Phone: 503-807-1212

Email: [info@dogdaysnw.com](mailto:info@dogdaysnw.com)

## Classes

Novice Obedience & Foundations Class – Sunday at 9 am

Start out on the right paw. This class will teach dogs and handlers the foundations, the rules, the exercises and so much more.

Novice Rally Class – Sundays at 10 am

This class will focus on the basic foundations all the way to walking into the ring.

## Rally Class Openings

Masters Rally - Thursdays at 9am

Excellent Rally - Thursdays at 10:15 am

For more info call/email

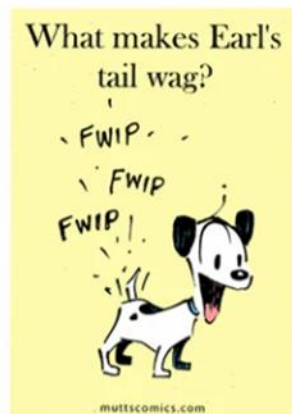
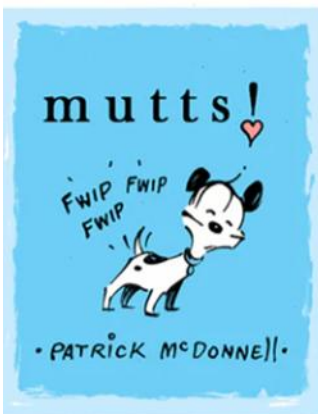
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## **Dog Days Obedience Run Through Class with Laurie Rubin**

A monthly half day Obedience Run Through Class is starting at Dog Days Dog Training 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, April 22. \$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/QaeAzQzBZPNGcrf8> **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, April 22 2026 Run Through Class." Zelle \$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. The schedule will be e-mailed to those who have reserved a slot by the day before the class.

**Next class. Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Time slots can be reserved by clicking on the following link to fill out your entry information on a Google Form <https://forms.gle/6FegZToPZcbmRy4y5> **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, May 27, 2026 Run Through Class." Zelle \$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. The schedule will be e-mailed to those who have reserved a slot by the day before the class.

**Future class date: Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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hope you have a happy waggy day



Earnest got his 2nd NW3 title and 2nd place overall at the Salem trial this weekend! (March 28 -29)

He's the best little doggie that could!

Submitted By: Molly Bredenberg



# Obedience Run Through Class in Sandy, OR 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, April 5, \$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://forms.gle/sqUjMzADMFKvdyLa6> 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 "April, 2026 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.

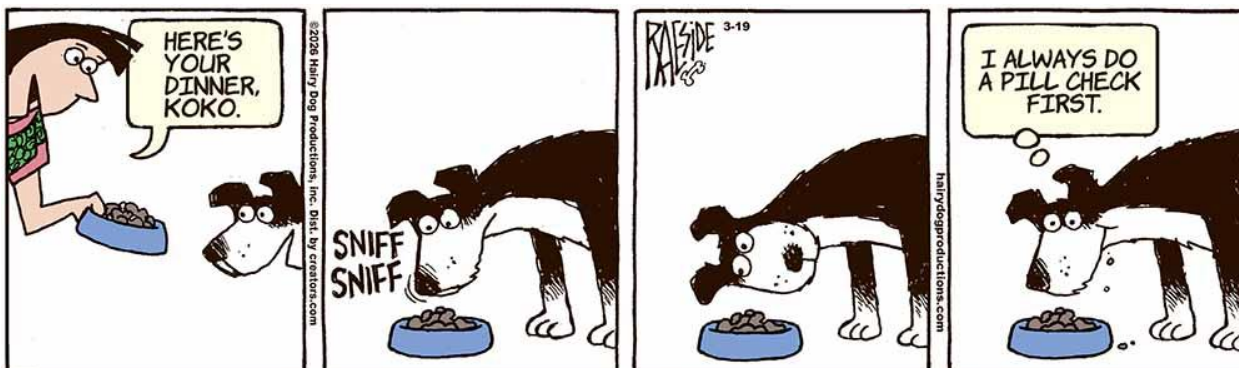
Entries are non-transferable. **These classes have been filling. Both your payment and Google Form must be received for your entry to count.** The Thursday before the class, the schedule and driving directions will be e-mailed to those who have reserved a slot.

**Next class, Sunday, May 3, \$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://forms.gle/RRG46buKuWGmswm37> 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?," "May, 2026 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: Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> .**





Emily finished her UDX 4 at the PDOC trials.

She Q'd in Open B & Utility B both days.  
Thx Ms. Em for bring a trooper.

Sadly, no OTCH points, but it was fun to watch the lovely teams that showed over the weekend.



Vince was over the top excited.

Two long days at trials was hard for the dude but he managed to hold on for two Graduate Open Qs..

He showed me lots of good things and lots of areas that need improvement.

Submitted By: Carolyn Wray

February is skunk mating season.

That smell wafting through your neighborhood isn't a gas leak—it's romance.

- Male skunks spray each other in territorial fights over females
- Female skunks spray males they reject
- A skunk can spray up to 15 feet with pinpoint accuracy
- The musk contains thiols—the same compounds in onion and garlic
- The smell can travel half a mile downwind
- Great Horned Owls are the only predator immune to skunk spray

If your dog gets sprayed: Skip the tomato juice myth. Use 1 quart hydrogen peroxide, ¼ cup baking soda, 1 teaspoon dish soap. The chemistry neutralizes the thiols.

**THE SKUNK SPRAY MYTH THAT FAILS YOUR DOG.**  
Tomato juice masks. Chemistry neutralizes.

**✗ THE MYTH**

**✗ NOT BONDING TOMATO JUICE:**

**✓ THE SCIENCE**

**✓ NEUTRALIZED**

**✗ TOMATO JUICE: MASKS, DOESN'T NEUTRALIZE**

**✓ PEROXIDE + BAKING SODA: BREAKS THIOLS**

**THE FORMULA:**  
1 qt hydrogen peroxide + ¼ cup baking soda + 1 tsp dish soap

The infographic is split into two vertical panels. The left panel, titled 'THE MYTH', shows a person pouring tomato juice from a jug onto a golden retriever's head in a bathtub. A diagram above shows red splashes and yellow dots with a red 'X' and the text 'NOT BONDING TOMATO JUICE'. Below the photo is a black box with a red 'X' and the text 'TOMATO JUICE: MASKS, DOESN'T NEUTRALIZE'. The right panel, titled 'THE SCIENCE', shows a person wearing gloves washing a golden retriever's back with white foam. A diagram above shows white dots and yellow stars with a green checkmark and the text 'NEUTRALIZED'. Below the photo is a black box with a green checkmark and the text 'PEROXIDE + BAKING SODA: BREAKS THIOLS'. At the bottom, a black box contains the text 'THE FORMULA: 1 qt hydrogen peroxide + ¼ cup baking soda + 1 tsp dish soap'.

## Sniffy Sports Fun Facts!

### Why Do Dogs Smell So Much Better Than People??

It's honestly hard for us to wrap our puny human brains around how much better a dog's nose is. While we might notice the smell of coffee when we walk into a room, a dog smells every single ingredient, the person who roasted the beans, and the fact that the barista's cat has a mild skin condition.

Depending on the breed, a dog's sense of smell is 10,000 to 100,000 times more acute than ours. Here is the breakdown of how they pull off that sensory magic.

#### 1. **Hardware: The Receptor Count**

The most basic difference is the sheer number of sensory receptors. We are essentially "nose-blind" by comparison.

#### 2. **The "Double-Barreled" Sniff**

When we breathe, we use the same passage for both respiration and smelling. It's inefficient. Dogs, however, have a fold of tissue that divides the incoming air:

- One path goes straight to the lungs for breathing.
- The other path goes specifically to the olfactory filtration system.

Even more impressive? When a dog exhales, the air exits through the slits on the sides of their nose. This creates a swirling puff of air that actually helps usher new scent molecules into the nose, allowing them to sniff almost continuously.

#### 3. **A Dedicated Brain for Smells**

A dog's brain is about one-tenth the size of a humans, but the part dedicated to analyzing odors (the olfactory bulb) is roughly 40 times larger than ours proportionally.

They don't just "smell" an odor; they categorize it, time-stamp it, and visualize it.

#### 4. **The "Second" Nose (Jacobson's Organ)**

Dogs have an extra tool called the vomeronasal organ (or Jacobson's organ) located at the bottom of their nasal passage.

This organ ignores "regular" smells (like food) and focuses exclusively on pheromones. It allows them to detect:

- The emotional state of another animal (fear, stress, or happiness).
- Mating readiness.
- The chemical "identity" of another creature.

#### 5. **Smelling Through Time**

Because dogs can detect such minute concentrations of molecules, they can essentially "see" into the past. They can smell who was in a spot hours ago based on the lingering scent trail, or even predict the future (like an approaching storm or a person coming home) by detecting scent changes in the air currents.

Fascinating stuff!!!

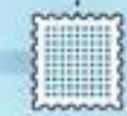


# The Superpower of a Dog's Nose



## 1. The Hardware: Receptors

Humans:



~6 Million  
Imagine a small postage stamp.

Dogs:



~300 Million  
30-square-inch area, or roughly the size of a piece of legal paper.

The Difference: Dogs have 50x more "sensors" than we do.

## 2. The Airflow: Dual-Channel Breathing



## 3. The Processor: Brain Power

Humans



The Olfactory Bulb: It's tiny. ~0.1%.

0.1%

Smell

Dogs



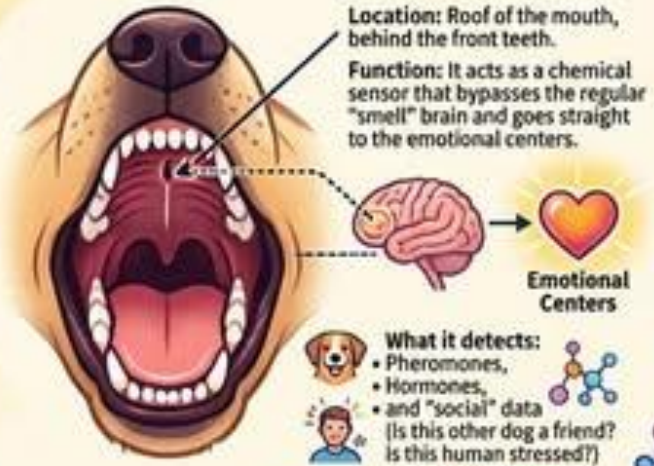
Olfactory Bulb: Roughly 40 times larger in proportion

10%

Smell: Categorizing and identifying smells

Percentage: About 10% of a dog's brain is dedicated purely to smell. For humans, it's a measly 0.1%.

## 4. The "Second" Nose: Jacobson's Organ

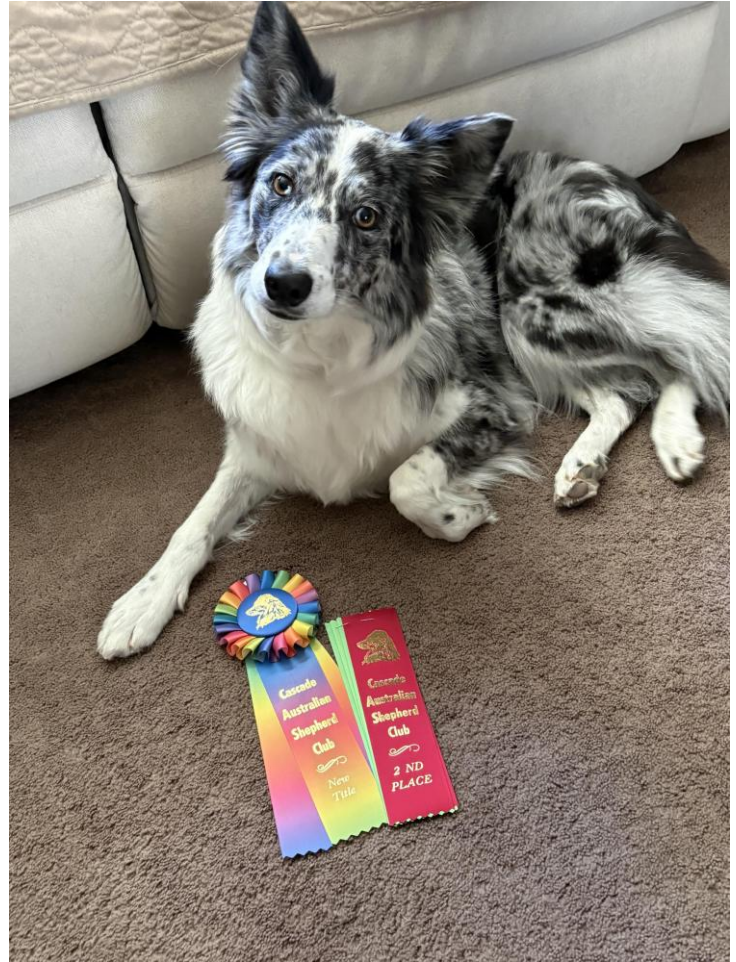




Yesterday (3-29) Sparkle earned her ASCA Open Title with a score 199.5

Now on to Utility for both AKC and ASCA

Submitted By: Penny Harvey



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## Reward, Reward, Reward!

I know we hear this all the time, but why do we keep forgetting? We sometimes look to our instructor for advice after a mistake, or we stop and think about whether we caused the error. We might immediately start trying to solve the problem.

All of these things are natural human responses. But the poor dog says, "Please give me a reward. I tried!" This could be a toy, a cookie, or praise that says, "Let's try again!"

Rewards are so important in dog training. Remember to give them out often. Happy dogs are more enthusiastic dogs in our training sessions.

--Karen Holik



Front & Finish® is a publication devoted to dog training and the associated canine performance events. Initially published as a tabloid newspaper, later as a magazine, and **now online**, we cover regional, national, and international canine activities.

Our issues contain a wealth of information on dog training and showing for novice trainers and advanced competitors alike. Our primary focus is on Obedience & Rally but we also cover trends in Tracking, Field, Herding, Agility, and more.

Front & Finish® is nationally recognized as the Voice of The Canine Companion Events. Our writers are nationally recognized authorities on the canine events, and skilled in their respective pursuits. In addition to our regular contributors, we strive to include as much reader-submitted information as possible. As such we encourage enthusiasts to **contact us** with questions, comments, suggestions, letters, and articles. Only through *your voice* can our collective interests in the canine performance events remain strong.

Beyond our magazines Front & Finish® promotes the canine performance events by offering a number of other supportive services. We help sponsor educational seminars, support events in all canine registries, encourage tournaments, and champion training organizations. We also acknowledge the accomplishments of exhibiting teams through a variety of awards and ratings.

Our **First & Foremost®** and **Delaney®** rating systems are nationally recognized rankings of teams competing in AKC Obedience and Rally competition. These breakdowns are often used by clubs and schools to offer awards to their members at annual banquets and gatherings.

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Playing By



The Rules

Catherine Zinsky



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The Dog Trainer's News

## How I Began Teaching The Directed Jumping Exercise

I like to introduce my young dogs to the concept of taking direction. I do this with 'marking' lids (see my "Marking Lids for Glove Exercise" video on YouTube) as well as introducing them to the Utility Class Directed Jumping exercise.

Please note: I break down the Directed Jumping Utility Class exercise into many parts and do NOT combine any until my dog is performing each part to my satisfaction.

For example:

1. First I teach the 'concept' of the go-out to a specific target
2. I teach the 'turn and sit' part of the go-out completely on its own. I NEVER combine it with the go-out itself until I have considerable distance on the 'turn and sit'.
3. Directed jumping is taught separately.
4. The 'front' for any recall is taught separately.
5. The 'finish' is taught separately.

{Note: Most of those skills listed above are also further broken down into their respective parts as they are being taught. Practically no single obedience skill/behavior is every taught in and to itself solely. }

**I NEVER COMBINE ANY OF THE FIVE PARTS LISTED ABOVE UNTIL MY DOG IS COMPETENT ON EACH LEVEL—AND EVEN THEN EACH SKILL IS ADDED SEQUENTIALLY, NOT ALL AT ONCE!**

I start teaching my own pups the concept of taking a directed jump as early as 4 months of age. Naturally there really is no jump at this age, as the bar and high are only 2-3 inches off the ground. (For a short-legged dog, merely having a PVC pole on the ground is adequate. We are, after all, teaching 'concepts', not the Full Monty, as it were.) But my pup is learning to take my signaled direction, which is wonderful and all I could hope for at this level. Yet it's a fantastic foundation for ultimate conception and execution of the Directed Jumping Exercise.

The following video fully explains how I approach teaching a young or new dog to the directed jumping aspect of this Utility Class exercise. I sincerely wish you the best in teamwork!







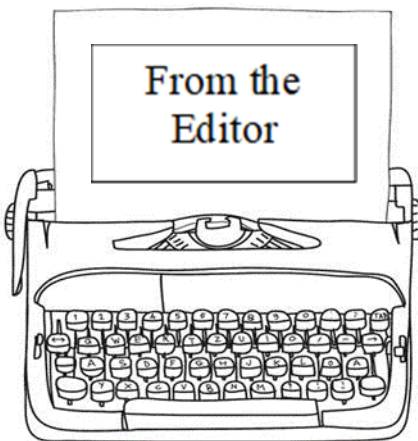


YOUR DOG'S PAWS ARE LIKE TINY SWIFFERS FOR POLLEN, PESTICIDES, AND TOXINS — SO **SOAKING** THEM ISN'T PAMPERING, IT'S **PREVENTION**.

RESEARCH SHOWS SIMPLY REMOVING **ALLERGENS** FROM PAWS CAN REDUCE **SEASONAL LICKING** BY UP TO **50%**.

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 **proactive paws**  
VETERINARY FORMULATED NUTRITION



## 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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