



Sherwood Dog Training Club

AKC License Club

May 2022 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 Officers and Trial Chairs

President: Danielle Silverstein
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Board: Robin Murphy
Board: Darlene Brushwein

Newsletter: Darlene Brushwein

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

**We will have a Zoom
SDTC Meeting
May 4, 2022
7:00 PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88463191226?pwd=aytmcnE2Q2FRNUxnMGZEZUoyQUpIUT09>

**Meeting ID: 884 6319 1226
Passcode: 521539**

Jill Faulmann, Secretary, SDTC





Sherwood Dog Training Club plans for 2022.
Forms can be found <https://www.sherwooddtc.org/services>

June 4 & 5, 2022 Rally Trials

ONE RING / Sherwood Oregon, Cash's Arena

Judge: Mary Jane Shervais

PREMIUM LIST:

https://www.sherwooddtc.org/_files/ugd/4b8b5f_a8fbe2d6b4ab4562a2c3e4fd514c80a9.pdf

June 23, 2022, Thursday afternoon / Runs start at 3:00 pm

Pre-Entry Only Obedience "C" Match

Entries will be limited to 3 hours of judging

Entries will close on June 16, 2022, or whenever the limit is reached

3 rings Beginner Novice through Utility / (no Rally)

Entry Form:

https://www.sherwooddtc.org/_files/ugd/4b8b5f_3332d1eb035844b9b01e2eb88d5d9be2.pdf

September 17 & 18, 2022

Obedience Trials

ONE RING / Sherwood Oregon,

Cash's Arena

Judge: Cathy Dutra

(Premium pending)



For a complete Look at all AKC upcoming Agility,
Obedience, Rally and Tracking Events

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

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



Go to the [AKC Events Calendar](https://webapps.akc.org/event-search/#/search) for more information, to download
<https://webapps.akc.org/event-search/#/search>

Upcoming UKC Shows

Washington:

6/10/22 - SPOKANE - LILAC CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB

6/11/22 - SPOKANE - LILAC CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB

6/12/22 - SPOKANE - LILAC CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB

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www.ukcdogs.com



A Huge thank you to all of you who helped at the Sherwood Dog Training Club April trials. We could not have put on the trials without you.

Candid pictures can be found at [HOWPictures.com](https://www.howpictures.com)

<https://www.howpictures.com/SDTC-Obedience-Trials-4-22-23-24-2022/i-6KTqVvZ>



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Our trial was a regional 8 NOC qualifier

My first time at one of your dog shows. Have tried for several years to come, Not disappointed!!!!!! Even if I did not Q I was impressed with what a great job you all did.
Sally Davis

Thank you to everyone who helped put on this trial! Sandy Loeb

A NEWBIE VIEW

I have been part of dog clubs around the country for many years. Some of my clubs have been busy with many different competitions and trials going on. Being part of a training club is a new experience. I have only been a member of SDTC for a few months. I am very grateful to experience the narrowed focus.

Last weekend was the trial in Canby. Due to scheduling I wasn't able to compete, but I came to help a bit with the raffle. I really enjoyed time for observations. One startling difference is the quiet. I saw people helping people. I saw cooperation and consideration. And the people watching were rooting for the team in the ring to be successful. Yes, some of these things go on at all dog shows. Yet they are not the overarching feeling to the group.

The warm smiles of greeting and the friendly chats as I walked by selling raffle tickets really made my day. I enjoyed spending time with each person.

Thanks to all that have helped me feel welcomed and appreciated.

Marg Geiger with Bernese Mtn Dogs

April Trial 2022 RAFFLE REPORT

The Raffle at our April Obedience Trials was a rousing success. We were able to help our club expenses for the trial, with \$1200 in donations.

Your generous donations of articles over the last 2 years provided a large number of beautiful baskets for the drawing. Some of the most popular items were Agility jumps and a folding wagon donated by Marti Nickoli, 2 beautiful quilts from Jan Lentz, a fleece blanket made by Kaylor Howard and a professional kitchen aid mixer. Jeannie Dennard donated some beautiful Border Collie items when she moved to the southeast. We even had an art gallery.

In addition, we had a popular "Buy it Now" table with a great variety of items. "Cash and Carry" became "Tickets and Take it". People could use their tickets to purchase individual items and take it with them.

Small toys etc. went into the "Boo Hoo" basket where non qualifiers could pick a prize to wipe away the tears. We got to visit twice.

Coupons were given to our newest exhibitors in the very beginning classes. They brought these to the Buy it Now table to pick something they liked. They were very excited.

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who helped during the show. Our motorhome, Forester and Darlene's van were loaded to the gills to transport it all.

Marti Nickoli and her friend helped with unloading despite using her walker to bring things in. Betty Rose, Debbie Christianson, Marge Geiger, and Linda Bell were great at helping during the trial. A terrible rain storm on Friday required moving tables out of the line of drips.

We had lots of fun. Many thanks to these members.
Nancy Crandell - Raffle Chair.

Nancy Seaman is offering a Trouble-Shooting class and private lessons.

**This is a great opportunity to fine-tune your
competitive obedience teamwork & exercises!**

Nancy has 2 AKC OTCHs, 1 UKC OTCH, multiple AKC UD, UKC UD, ASCA UD, and has been training multiple breeds in obedience since the 1980s.

Please e-mail Nancy at searis10@gmail.com, or call her at 503-307-0373 to inquire about her class and/or book a private lesson.

Rally Stewards Needed

Rally Only at Cash's Barn

June 4 & 5, 2022

Volunteers are the heart of AKC trials.

SDTC cannot put these trials on without the support of our members.

Experience is not required. Sign up today!

Contact Kathy Koren Email – kkoren2@gmail.com

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Obedience and Rally: News and Updates

February 2022

Board Policy Provisions Extended for Obedience and Rally through December 31, 2022

At their February 2022 meeting, the AKC Board of Directors reviewed the temporary provisions that have been put in place to assist clubs during the pandemic. The Board decided to extend or make permanent several of the provisions for the sports. Specifically, for obedience and rally the following have been extended.

Two-judge requirement to title

The Board policy requires a dog to receive three passes under two different judges for a title. This is temporarily suspended for lower-level classes in obedience (10 titles), rally (four titles) and agility (18 titles). This provision was extended and is set to expire on **December 31, 2022**.

Date and mileage restrictions for Companion Event judges

The Board policy restricts judges in the acceptance of their assignments – 30 days and 100 miles for obedience/rally, 30 days and 200 miles for agility. This provision was extended and is set to expire on **December 31, 2022**.

Number of judge assignments during a cluster

The Board policy limits an individual from judging the same classes at more than two obedience/rally trials over the course of a cluster of no more than five (5) consecutive days at the same site or within a local geographical area. The provision was extended and is set to expire on **December 31, 2022**.



Tugging is a big part of my dog training; I hope it is also a big part of yours. It is a great reinforcer for most dogs. For those dogs that are not currently big fans of tugging, it is a skill that be cultivated with work on your part . . . yes, I know it sometimes seems like a LOT of work. Start by creating a motivating toy.

Lately, I have been observing young dogs tugging in different environments. I don't want to talk about the mechanics of the activity itself (although I have a lot to say about that:)) but I would like to focus on the results I have observed that tugging is producing. Now these are generalizations I am about to share, but the number of dogs that have presented with the same responses, to me, make the results pretty darn compelling.

First here is what I noticed. A young dog tugging with his owner in a distraction filled environment, let's say it is at an agility trial with lots of commotion and dogs running everywhere. What do you suppose this dog does when the tugging stops? That is what I have been observing and what got me thinking of *why*? With many dogs, the moment the tug comes out of the dog's mouth the dog spins around to focus on the "*other activity*." The distractions, the motion that immediately catches their eye.

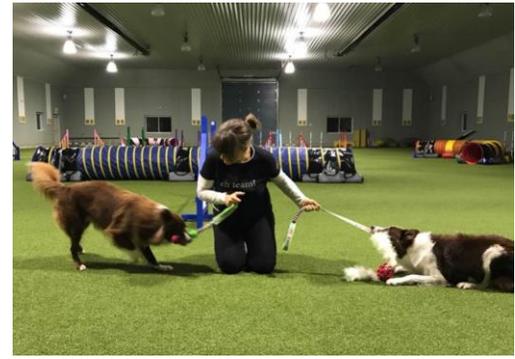
Then I started to think of my own young dog "Swagger" (who is approaching his first birthday later this month). When I take the tug away from Swagger in any environment, he grows in intensity for me, his focus narrows on my movements. This is not unlike any other dog I have trained; so, it can't just be "*the dog*" (although I do think Swagger is pretty special:)). It has to be something I have done or not done as I have raised my dogs that has created this focus.

Here is what I think it is, and I believe this could make a MASSIVE difference to everyone with young dogs or dogs that are struggling to give you their full focus at work. The difference I see lies in the . . .

Duration of the tug session.

Many people when they tug with their dogs, do it as a *duration* behaviour. It goes on forever. It is mindless. The tug toy is a "*baby sitter*" as they chat with their friends. If there is a potential distraction nearby, then tug game becomes a *game-on-the-run* where the dog is attached to the toy which is attached to the owner for the entire time it takes to get passed the distraction. It is a duration activity. It can last seemingly forever (at least 30 sec - 1 minute) but certainly much longer than I tug with my dogs.

With these dogs the history of using tug as a reward is one where the dog is engaged for an extended period of time. By the time this tug game ends the trainer is often exhausted and the dog so over aroused he has difficulty thinking straight. He is all revved up when you are pooped out!



By way of contrast when I reward a dog with a tug, it is a very short session. The reward process itself may take the same length of time as any of the “*extended tugging sessions*” but with one major difference. My reward process would be filled with multiple sessions of quick tugging spaced out with me asking the dog to *something* in between each tug session. This would be especially true if I was trying to get through a distracted environment with the dog.

The tugging itself would be anywhere from 3-10 seconds, maybe less. I let it go on for as long as it takes to get sustained, sincere, fun, tugging ... no re-gripping, no looking elsewhere. When I get that, I end it. BUT the moment I end the game of tug I immediately engage my dog in the next phase by asking him to do something else, like a hand touch which starts another game of tug. Or a game of PB&J (“Push Back & Jam” where I take off on my dog and when he catches me, we start another short-lived game of tug). Maybe I will then do a 360-degree spin into another game of tug or just ask for a quick sit, down or stand, move away a couple of feet, take a deep breath, let it out slowly, release my dog, run & tug again.

Short tug session, quick cued response followed by another tug session. This pattern is mixed up just about any time I reward my dog. Sure, some times it is a quick tug and back to our regular training and occasionally I may even do the odd “*duration tug*” but that is rare.

So, from a dog training point of view, why does tugging in each of these two ways result in such a different behaviour in the dog? Why do most of the “*duration tug dogs*” focus on their environment when the tug game stops and the quick tug session mixed with other responses create focus for the handler?

Let me know your thoughts and I will share mine later. Fascinating stuff, I think. Today I am grateful for all of the dogs who happily reveal what they have learned from us with anyone who is willing to take the time to observe them. Gotta love dogs!



RANDOM LITTLE TIDBITS (#77!)

Below is the next in a series of Random Tidbits of information (from me) in regards to the AKC Obedience Regulations. Knowledge of the Regulations provides you the power for...

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Today's Random Little Tidbit - **Excuses or Results - You Can't Have Both!**



In any performance event making excuses for what went wrong is *not* a good thing. It can distract the handler from the real issue, a training issue. ***Read the Tidbit title again!*** When a dog (or handler) makes an error, look at it as needed feedback to analyze for a better performance next time in the ring. That is the positive approach; covering up errors with excuses serves little purpose in solving an issue. Doing so can become a habit we may fall into, especially when new to a sport. Avoid getting caught up in using excuses, instead focus on what needs to be tweaked, fixed or overhauled.

Putting the excuses aside, take a long hard honest look at the performance as a valuable feedback resource and ask yourself the following questions:

1. Is more training needed overall in attention, before, during, or after an exercise?
 2. Is more training needed because the dog is just not ready for primetime, entered too early?
 3. Is more training needed on avoiding ring distractions? Are the distractions more interesting than YOU?
 4. Is more training needed on a particular exercise, or only on a part of an exercise?
 5. Look at the things that were correct! Are there any tweaks needed to make it even better?
 6. Was the "oops" caused by you (the handler) not doing your job as a team member?
 7. Was there a way to have averted the NQ error and still qualify?
 8. Was there a breakdown in communication? Do you even communicate?
 9. Was valuable information given to the dog that was understood? Did you chatter away in sentences using non-helpful words? Remember, a dog is with a different species.
 10. Would a Fix 'n Go have been a good option to use?
- See Random Little Tidbit #67**
11. Do you (the handler) have good knowledge of the exercise(s)?
 12. Have you read and reread the Regulations. Not only the Chapter for the class(es) you entered, but in addition Chapter 2?
- See Random Little Tidbit #73**
13. If you have questions did you ask a qualified source for guidance?
 14. Did you ask the Judge (their ring time permitting) for feedback? There may have been scoring issues you were not aware of.
 15. Did you turn in an Oscar Performance as a handler? **See Random Little Tidbit #21**
 16. Was a video taken so you could study it in detail and watch both YOU and the dog's performance?
 17. Did you do *your part* in your pre-performance duties? **See Random Little Tidbit #72**
 18. Review common handler errors. Knowledge may save the exercise.
- See Random Little Tidbits #55, 56 & 57**
19. What to do with your arms and hands in the ring. **See Random Little Tidbit #26**
 20. Make a list of your new game plan and check it off to see if you are indeed ready for the next time.



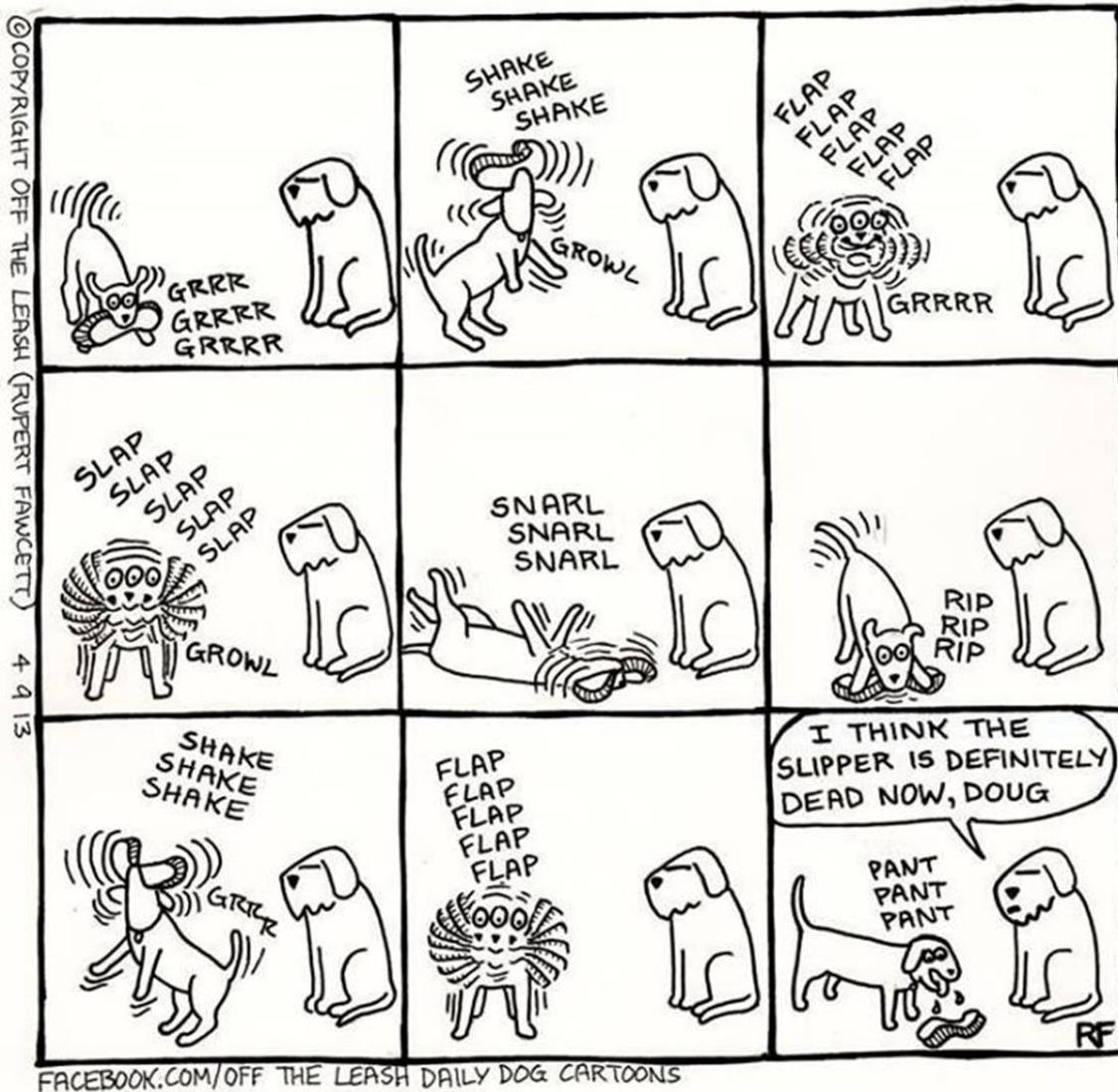
Consider printing this Tidbit to take to your next show and review after your performance while it's fresh.

The Sport of Obedience is a journey, not an instant gratification sport. Remember going to grade school (1-12) was a journey that most likely took 12-years. This will not. ☺ Look at this sport as a challenge that comes in many stages. There is something in it for everyone. Personally, I do not aim for absolute perfection as I do not have the time, or will, that it takes. I do aim for decent work in the ring and consistency in qualifying. I do not have an issue earning a 170 (if that were the case) as the AKC considers it an admirable score, and so should you. I train for about 15-minutes; almost every day when I have goals in mind. Finding 15-minutes in your day is not difficult to have some fun with your best friend in learning new things.

If we want something we **WILL** find the time for it. What works for me are shorter sessions that keeps the attention and fun during the training time. Also keep in mind to be consistent with your training methods in the times you are not training. Remember the saying about how Rome was built, but keep focus on the goals you set.

All the Random Little Tidbit articles are found at: <https://saintbernardarchive.com/library/>

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Wellness Wednesday: A Cautionary Tale about Leptospirosis Bereaved handler shares story to help others.

Apr 13, 2022

By: News Editor

In November 2021, Barbara Swartzlander said goodbye to her 7-year-old agility partner, ZephyrJoe. “Zeph” was an athletic Border Collie with no underlying medical conditions, and Barbara and many of her friends were shocked at his unexpected death. Nearly two weeks before, he had been diagnosed with Leptospirosis (Lepto), a bacterial disease that can rapidly become life-threatening to dogs. After being treated aggressively in intensive care, he was ultimately laid to rest after suffering from kidney failure secondary to the disease.



Photo by Donna Kelliher Photography.

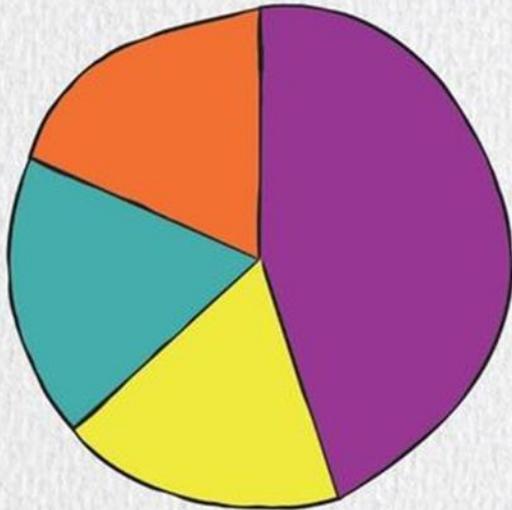
Barbara reached out and asked us to share her story so owners would consider discussing the pros, cons, risks and benefits, of the Leptospirosis L4 vaccination with their veterinarians. She said, “Zeph was not vaccinated. Lepto is not a core vaccination. Zeph's veterinarian said nothing about Lepto at any of his annual physicals, including one in October 2021, and vaccination was not discussed. Zeph was fit, athletic, in optimal condition, and had no underlying medical conditions. I do not know where he contracted Lepto. He never swam in or drank standing water in ponds, streams or places normally associated with Lepto. I always carried bottled water for him. He was at six potentially infectious places in southern Maine. All are wide-open fields but are located near woods or water. I thought they were safe. Lepto was not on my radar. I never dreamed that he would contract Lepto, let alone die from it.”

We at USDAA are sorry for Barb's loss and applaud her for sharing her story and calling attention to this disease.

More about Leptospirosis

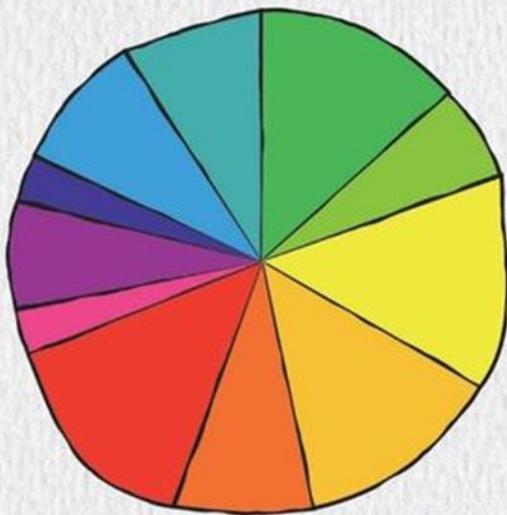
According to the Tufts Cummings Veterinary Medical Center, dogs can become infected with leptospirosis bacteria by coming into contact with contaminated water, soil or the urine of wildlife who shed it. While dogs can recover with early antibiotics and supportive care, it can target major organs including the kidneys, liver, lungs and heart, leaving permanent residual damage.

Leptospirosis is more common in areas with warm climates and high annual rainfall, but it is a zoonotic disease that can occur anywhere and spread between animals and people. Thankfully, there are vaccinations that can help prevent the disease. For further recommendations in protecting against leptospirosis, please contact your veterinarian. More information can also be found on the American Veterinary Medical Association website.



WHAT PEOPLE THINK PUPPY SOCIALIZATION IS

- Playing with other dogs
- Meeting people
- Going to the dog park
- Going to a dog friendly patio



WHAT PUPPY SOCIALIZATION ACTUALLY IS

- Exposure to different Sounds
- Exposure to different Smells
- Exposure to novel sights and objects
- Experiencing various floor materials
- Experiencing different types of handling & touches
- Visiting novel buildings & environments
- Meeting dogs
- Meeting adults
- Meeting children
- Maintaining focus around all types of animals
- Maintaining focus around unfamiliar humans

TEACH YOUR DOG THE VALUE OF DOING NOTHING.



We are busy people, and sometimes that means our dogs have to do nothing. Teaching dogs how to relax, and simply wait, is invaluable to both their ability to settle and ultimately disengage from stimuli, as well as our management of them when we can't give them our full attention.



TEACHING RELAXATION THROUGH MAT WORK IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO ENCOURAGE DOGS TO DO NOTHING.





In AKC Scent Work, the long attempted last leg for her SWM - Scent Work master was earned by my Belgian Tervuren Zoey, and she earned a detective leg at the Mt Hood Doberman Scent Work trial.

Claudia Weiss



Revel's UDX 3 for3 at the SDTC show
😊
Thanks for being incredibly supportive to us!!!!
Elaine Ableidinger

I was glad to be at the SDTC obedience trial in Canby with Bunny (aka Meritorious Born To Run CD BN RA). She got her first Open A leg. She figured out the broad jump in the nick of time!

Sandy Loeb



I am very happy and proud to share that WindyCanyon's Son to Sea Arlo followed in his father's paw steps and earned his Master Hunter Title on a recent trip to Nevada & Southern California.

He not only got his Master Hunter Title, he also passed all 5 Tests he was entered in...quite an accomplishment for my young boy !

Lili Lobingier & Arlo



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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