

WWCDTC 41 Years & Counting

# The Recall



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## What's Up & Coming at WWCDTC?

### Week of July 3

No Classes EXCEPT Wednesday Agility

### July 7-8

AKC All Breed Agility Trial  
Think Pawsitive, New Berlin

### July 11

Conformation Class

### July 15-16

UKC Conformation

### July 25

Conformation Class

### July 28

4th Friday Run Throughs

### July 31

Puppy/Manners Session 5 Orientation  
CGC Evaluations

### August 1

General Membership Meeting  
Ice Cream Social  
Program by Katie Guse on  
Junior Showmanship

### August 7

Puppy/Manners Session 5 Begins

### August 8

Conformation Class  
CGCU Evaluations

### August 19

Michael Peifer Seminar  
Competition Obedience from the  
Judge's Side of the Clipboard

### August 20

BRDC - UKC Agility Play Day

### August 22

Conformation Class

### August 25

4th Friday Run Thrus

### September 4

Labor Day - NO CLASS

### September 5

Fall Session Obedience/Rally/Agility  
Classes Begin  
CGCA/CGCU Fall Session Begins

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## Cover Dogs Wanted!

Have a picture of your pup that you love that you would like to share? We want to see it! We are in search of photos that can be shared in both the newsletter and website content. Send your training, event, ribbon and candid photos to: [wwcdtcnews@gmail.com](mailto:wwcdtcnews@gmail.com) or [kderoo@outlook.com](mailto:kderoo@outlook.com)



Images used in this issue were provided by WWCDTC Club members. Thank you to all who contributed!. Stock images are boring... Show off your pup!

## From The Vice President

Hi Everyone:

I am sure that you have heard by now that we are extending the length of the sessions starting next year. There will be two 12, one 11 week, and 1 ten week sessions. We will taking off the weeks that we have meetings, 4th of July week, Thanksgiving week, and end a couple of weeks before Christmas. With the new criteria that we have established for the classes we will need to lengthen the classes to get everything taught. We will also be extending the Monday night classes to 8 week sessions and have 5 of them during the year.

We have gotten a lot people wondering about our confirmation classes and why we don't have them anymore. The board has decided to give them a try again. We will be running them the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. We will run them throughout the summer months.

I know Chris Getter has some instructor meetings scheduled for August to go over the new training criteria and refresher courses on how to teach some the techniques involved in those criteria. So keep an eye out for those notifications.

Monday nights are going good with most classes near capacity for this session coming up. We have had some new members step up and help assist those classes but can always use more. If you are interested in helping out on Monday nights please get in touch with Tara.

Starting the fall session Chris Getter will be in charge of getting instructors for the upper level classes and Karen Johnson will be taking over the class registrations. I will get out the signup sheets for those sessions the first part of August.

Happy Training

Mark

# The President's Bark by Joan Kaml

Time sure does fly. Already June, half the year gone. Lots of things happening at WWCDTC this summer. Be prepared.

Would like to thank Claudia Sonnenberg for her service on the Board this past several years. She has resigned and we wish to welcome Sandy Perkins to take the balance of her term. Everyone who serves on the Board is important and has always some new things to contribute to the Club. We look forward to Sandy on the Board.

The Ice Cream Social is scheduled for August 1st. This is always a fun time and lots of ice cream is consumed by all. We will have a program by Katie Guse on what is expected of Juniors when they show their dogs whether it be in conformation, obedience or whatever. Also in the Junior Showmanship class – what they have to do to win the class.

Just came back from the very informative seminar by Linda Koutsky that Nancy Schmitt put together for us. Linda has all kinds of great ideas on training dogs. This was a continuation of her heeling seminar which she did last year at this time for us. If you missed it you missed a good one. Nancy is to be commended for putting together these mini seminars for us.

And just so everyone knows. Mike Piefer, AKC Judge, and husband of club member Yvonne Piefer, will be doing a mini seminar for us on August 19th. This one will be on the Judges Point of View in the Ring. Very good information for all even if you don't show your dog as it will give you the insight on training the exercises to what would be AKC's level. So plan on attending this one. Only \$30 and includes continental breakfast type snacks. From 9 to 1. Flyer is in this newsletter, plus there are some at club too.

Not to be forgotten are all the members who donated to the Trophy Fund for the June 25th Trials. This is the first time we have done this and it was very successful. If you didn't get a chance to donate to this trial, the November trials are coming up. With trial costs always going up, this one of the ways to not only recognize our members but to help defray the costs also.

Just about forgot that schools out and HAWS is again having their summer camp for kids. Part of it is that the kids (and I understand there are about 15 of them) come out to WWCDTC on Thursday afternoon and get to run agility with members dogs. This is a great opportunity to expose them to this sport, and hopefully it will carry over to their adulthood. Khris Erickson, part of our Monday night crew, is the leader of this as she works there, and Karen Slack is WWCDTC's rep. So if you have an opportunity to come over on Thursday (check the calendar too for the dates) afternoon that would be great to watch this. Also, if you have a dog that does agility and would work for one of the kids we could use a few more dogs. I understand these kids are good, and have a great training ethic.

A big thank you also goes out to Lorene Schramm and Karen Johnson for planting beautiful flowers in our pots this year. They look soooooo nice and are doing well.

WWCDTC is always doing something. But this we believe makes a good club and members are always learning something. We have a great membership and hope that all of you take advantage of these things that are offered.

Enough of this – for now. Have a great summer with your dog. And always watch your dogs in the heat. Come to the Ice Cream Social on August 1.

Joan

# Notes & News



## Waukesha Kennel Club Shows

*The Waukesha KC Shows and Obedience and Rally Trials are at the end of July. The Obedience will start in the afternoon on Friday following the specialties (and mat clean up). Rally will follow Utility and preferred Utility classes, so later afternoon. We should be done by 7:00 at the latest. Obedience and Rally will follow breed classes on Saturday. New this year will be Rally only on Sunday morning. All obedience and rally classes are in the air-conditioned arena building.*

*Entries are limited to 5 hours of judging per day so get your entries in NOW. Judges are Suzanne Hemminger and Cindy Pischke. Sunday Rally is Ronda Bermke. Entries can be made online at [www.royjonesdogshows.com](http://www.royjonesdogshows.com). Entries close at noon, EDT, Wed. July 12.*

*If you are able to help with stewarding, please contact Donna Schmitt. [keezzz@hughes.net](mailto:keezzz@hughes.net) And yes, we will have a light supper for our stewards and judges on Friday and Saturday! And yes, we pay stewards who are not WKC Members.*

*There are those who feel that their dogs are not as good at working late in the day. However, I would like to point out that WWCDTC run-throughs and many classes are at night. :-) Speaking of run-throughs, if anyone wants to have flyers for the WWCDTC Friday night run-throughs at the Friday trials, please get them to me or Donna.*

*Mary Alice Eschweiler, WKC Show Chair  
414-614-6564 cell  
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## New Members

***Please welcome the following new members:***

Karen Grikstas with her German Shepards  
Luren Ansay and her Alaskan Malamute  
Kristeen Krueger and her Doberman Pinscher  
Brooke Williams and her Shetland Sheepdog  
***and returning members:***

Sue Knox and her Brittany Spaniel  
Deb Klemp and her Golden Retriever

## Conformation Class

By popular demand: Conformation Classes will resume on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., beginning July 11. Please take advantage of this awesome opportunity!



## Club Rummage Sale

*I'm wondering if club members would be interested in having a rummage sale table at the October meeting this year. We had one a few years ago and people liked it. Just a few tables set up where you can bring items - dog stuff, clothing or other things clearly marked with a price and the seller's name. Members can "shop" during the evening time and people would take any of their unsold items home with them at the end. **Please contact Maridel Hein or Anne De Roo via email at [wwcdtcnews@gmail.com](mailto:wwcdtcnews@gmail.com) if you are interested.***

# Wagging Rights!

Chica earned her AKC Rally RAE on June 10 at MDTC's trial here in Ixonia under judge Barbara Wedekind Selton. She is now: Chic V. Kenlyn PCDX,CD,BN,RAE,CGCA,TDI  
- Donna Barsul

Wayne and his Border Collie "Brodie" entered their first rally trials today, May 14, 2017, sponsored by the Dodge County Canine Club. In Trial 1 (URO1) Brodie got a perfect score with first place and High in Trial. During trial 2, going for his second leg, his "happy tail" knocked over a sign and cost him a few points but he still managed to get Second Place. Not a bad record for his first trials!

Simmie, my little Sheltie and I entered both trials and competed in URO2 and URO3 as we needed 30 more points to get our UROC (United Rally Obedience Championship). We accumulated the required 100 points with ten perfect scores and 3 High in Trial awards. We received the third High in Trial today for Trial 2.

Additionally, we both qualified for the SPOT certification which is the United Kennel Club's equivalent to the AKC's Canine Good Citizen.

Needless to say, Wayne and I are so proud of our "boys"!

Joan Christensen

Show Win!

Aldendale Hillcrest Galatea Kaylee BN RN

New Title: Kaylee CD

First leg Wessa Specialty May 7, 2017

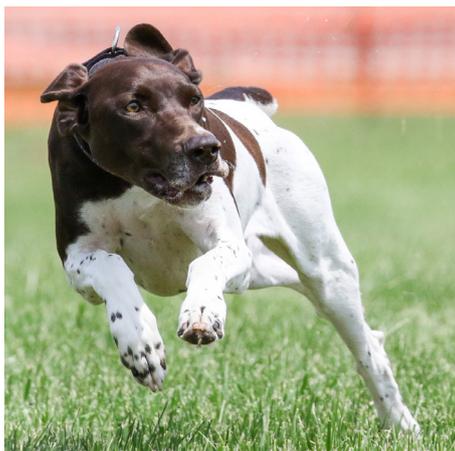
Second Leg MDTC June 10, 2017

Third Leg MDTC June 11, 2017

All nice scores, Yeah!

Bee Klatt, Owner-Handler

Harry Beggs and his Australian Shepherd, Regatta Rose CDX TD RN, showed at the Poodle Club's obedience trail in the novice rally class on June 24, 2017. Bett won the RN class for her third leg and title with a score of 99. Now on to Rally Advance class.



Braggs from the De Roo Zoo

Hurricane Layla strikes again... Layla jumped in her first official NADD D\ dock diving event, achieving 1 leg in Junior Division (14'11") and 2 legs in Senior Division (15'2" & 15'4"). These jumps were 3-5 feet further than what she has ever done during training, so we were really happy with that!

Layla also achieved her first AKC Coursing Ability (CA) title and was timed in her first Fast CAT at 22.9 mph

Also from the De Roo Zoo:

Little Miss Lucy has been busy, too! Lucy earned her CGCA and also achieved her first CA title as well! She was timed at 24.6 mph in the Fast CAT, which puts her on pace with the top 20 of her breed.



# Monday Night Corner

Session 5 Monday night Puppy and Manners classes begin on August 7.

Class schedule is as follows:

## 6:30 p.m. Classes

KinderPuppy I  
Beginning Manners  
Beyond the Basics

## 7:45 p.m. Classes

KinderPuppy II  
Junior Manners  
Advanced Manners (CGC)

*Congratulations to the CGC graduates from Session 3!*

*Ann & Morgan  
Virginia & Snickers  
Lauren & Tundra  
Terri & Tia*

*Congratulations those who achieved their CGCA title on June 26!*

*Ann Helm - Morgan  
Tracy Hays - Andrew  
Kylie Sievert - Star  
Julie Lentz-Andrus - Abbie  
Trish - TJ  
Paul & Diane Dankert - Kaiden  
Anne De Roo - Lucy  
Sue Darsch - Cloud*

The **Canine Community Dog and Urban CGC (CGCA/CGCU) Class** will begin on Tuesday, September 5! This class session has 2 more spots available. Please contact Anne De Roo at 920-219-2184/wwcdtcnews@gmail.com for more information or to sign up. Please note that, in order to qualify for the CGCA and CGCU titles at the end of this class, your dog must already hold an AKC CGC (Canine Good Citizen) title.



The club has **shirts available**. There are tie-dyed T-shirts in navy or purple with the club logo and a paw print. There are also blue polo shirts available with the club logo. If you are interested in any of these, please see Joan. The cost is \$15 for either of the designs.

# Instructor's Meetings

Monday Night Instructor's meeting will be held on **Friday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m.**

Mark

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I will have two training nights for instructors in August.

These are required for obedience instructors. There are some basic skills that need to be incorporated into our obedience classes especially the lower level classes. The new criteria for entering rally class is that the dog has completed an obedience class. We will introduce some maneuvers that will be helpful in rally. We also want all instructors to teach the fold back down and the kick back stand which are required if the dog will go on to compete in Open and Utility. The **training nights will be Thursday August 10 and Tuesday August 15.** The Tuesday night session will be a repeat of the Thursday night session. You may attend one or both if desired, but the content will be identical. **Both will start at 7:00 pm.**

***I am also asking anyone who is planning to instruct in the fall session to let me know as soon as possible what class you are willing to teach..*** I can be reached by phone 262 370 2059 or [gettmystic@yahoo.com](mailto:gettmystic@yahoo.com)

Chris Getter





## WWCDTC on FACEBOOK

*You can find WWCDTC on Facebook! Click on the following link to connect with WWCDTC from anywhere you can access the internet:*

[WWCDTC on Facebook](#)

*The page will be updated to keep the public up to date on events and happenings at WWCDTC.*

The next **general membership meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Katie Guse will present a program on Junior Showmanship. Members with last names A-K, please bring a sweet or treat to share... See you then!

When responding to volunteer requests, newsletter submission requests, even sign-ups, etc., **please be sure to sign your emails** with your first and last name. It is frequently very difficult to know who you are based on just your email address.

**Premiums and entry forms for events** at WWCDTC (unless otherwise noted) are available for download at our website: [www.wwcdtc.org](http://www.wwcdtc.org) - Click on "Events" -

# Club Reminders

Everyone must **sign in and out of the building** when using it outside of normal class times. The clip board is located on the table between the entrance/exit doors. This is important so it is known when and who has been in the building.

On the same note, please **pick up after you have been in the buiding** outside of normal class times. This includes chairs, equipment, etc. Let's all work to keep our club looking its best!

**Kitchen:** If anything you may bring with you to the club gets put in the refrigerator, please put your name on it. If it is in the refrigerator for any period of time and it is not claimed, it will be thrown away.



# “Competition Obedience from the Judge’s Side of the Clipboard”

WWCDTC welcomes 2016 AKC National Obedience  
Championship Judge

## Michael Piefer

**When: Saturday, August 19, 2017 (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)**

**Where: Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club  
W1314 Cedar Drive, Ixonia, WI 53036**

**Topic includes: What the judge is looking for from both the dog and the handler when scoring the exercises, acceptable interaction in between exercises, and how to understand/interpret the rulebook. Demonstration and discussion will be utilized.**

**Fee: \$30.00 (Includes continental breakfast foods, coffee, water and juice)**

Mike Piefer is a highly accomplished obedience competitor as well as a highly respected AKC obedience judge. He began showing in obedience in 1970 with a rough collie and has shown primarily Golden Retrievers since then. He began judging in 1995 while continuing to compete with his own dogs, which gives him the combined perspective from both sides of the clipboard.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Michael Piefer, Nancy Schmitt, and Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club against any and all claims or actions that may at any time be made or instituted against them or any of them by any person for the purpose of enforcing any cause or action growing out of or connected with my or my dog’s attendance at the Piefer “Competition Obedience...” presentation held August 19, 2017, at Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club, W1314 Cedar Drive, Ixonia, WI, 53036.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: WWCDTC. Send registration to: Nancy Schmitt W370 S10485 Shearer Rd. Eagle, WI 53119. For more information contact Nancy at: 414-412-0008 or email: nancyschmitt1@gmail.com

## **WESTERN WAUKESHA COUNTY DOG TRAINING CLUB – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – May 25, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05p.m. by Joan Kaml, the President.

Joan thanked Mary Reich for the program on tracking and getting started with your dog.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes were approved as printed in the Newsletter.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT** – No report.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Approved as read. Club also received a letter of thanks from Paws With a Cause

### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT –**

Joan thanked those that did the landscaping around the building. There is still a little to do, but for the most part it is finished. Joy will still maintain the plants and beds around the building proper.

A reminder that if you put something in the refrigerator, please put your name and a date on it.

Also to put pictures of your dog’s accomplishments on the Title board and to take down those that have been up for a month.

We have more T-shirts available. Sweatshirts are coming. Joan sent around a postcard advertising a couple of special T-shirts to see if there was interest in getting them; sign up board was sent around.

Put treats on the Kitchen counter, dogs will be less likely.

### **TRAINING COMMITTEE –**

#### **DIRECTOR OF TRAINING REPORT - Mark Christiansen**

**Achievement Match – Tues. May 23.** Not as many people participated as had hoped. Found that there is a lot of need for off leash heeling work.

**Summer classes** – Karen Johnson will be taking over the class sign ups starting with this session. Chris Getter will be finding instructors. There will be no Novice class on Thursday night, because there is no instructor for a class. The new class criteria’s will be put in the newsletters, starting with Rally, PreNovice and Novice in the upcoming newsletter. Will be starting the class criteria’s with the Fall classes.

**DVD Nights** – June 2<sup>nd</sup> is the next night. There will be a short instructors meeting at 6:30pm, followed by the DVD showing at 7:00pm. The DVD this time will be on teaching the recall. Anyone can come to watch the DVD’s.

**2018 Class Changes** – Will be starting 10-12 week classes in January 2018.

**Monday Night** – We still need a person to head up the Monday night classes. Overall the classes are going well. We will be going to 8 week sessions in 2018. Tara will be getting instructors.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

### **Meetings/Programs –**

**Health Clinic** – Anne Millane reported that it was a very successful Health clinic. The importance of the clinic is providing a community service, which is what it is all about.

**Linda Koutsky Seminar** – June 17, Nancy Schmitt is in charge of. The topic is Healing and it is a working seminar.

**July Meeting** – Aug 1, Ice Cream Social. Katie Guse will talk about Junior Showmanship and there will possibly be a discussion on the new AKC Rally rules

**Mike Pfeiffer** – Aug 19, Mini seminar on “Judges Point of View”. Will talk about obedience from the judges perspective. Cost is \$30 and includes lunch. It is open to anyone, club members and non-members. Nancy Schmitt in charge of and will put a flyer together

**September Meeting** – Oct. 7, club picnic. Maridel suggested maybe another rummage sale. That is fine, if someone will arrange it

### **Grounds/Building/Housekeeping –** Mark Christiansen

Thanked the people that came and braved the rainy weather to help with the landscape clean-up around the building – Tara, Dusty, Barb, Karen J, Lorene and Harry.

**Flooring** – Mark reported that there is water under the matting at the South end of the building. Condensation is a possibility or more likely it is water seeping in from the outside. Is getting a basement company in to do the work of resealing the window areas and foundation. They will be trenching and adding gravel to provide drainage.

Good news, is that no mold was found.

**Well Head** – inspector was in and the well head had to be replaced because it was broken. That has been done and Joe is making a box to cover and protect it from future damage.

**Light** – outside the door was fixed

### **Membership –** Mark Christiansen

Membership booklets are available.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Ellen Hohenfeldt - Aussie

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** – Bill Sankey – pitbull mix, Lorene Schramm - Golden

### **Trials - AKC**

**June Trial** – 6/25. One day trial. Karen Slack is the chair and will be looking for stewards

**July Agility Trial** – 7/8 and 7/9. At Think Pawsitive. Donna Schmitt is the chair and will be looking for stewards

### **Trials – UKC**

**September Agility Trial**

### **Run Thrus** – Linda Warn

There looks to be a good turnout for tomorrow night, as there are a lot of sign ups. It will be a long night.

### **Newsletter -** Anne DeRoo

Ann proposed having monthly newsletters, so information is more timely and be easier to put together as she won't have to collect and pack as much information into each issue. Firm deadline to get Anne information is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Membership agreed with whatever makes it easier for her.

**Website – Koenraad DeRoo**

Please send information for the website to Koenraad and not Anne.

Koenraad reported that they did some targeted advertising on Facebook, which subsequently became the #1 source of new contacts. Will continue to do periodically

**Library** – No report

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – Mary Alice Eschweiler mentioned she is willing to teach tracking classes either at the club or private. Asked to review the possibility

**NEXT MEETING DATE** – August 1, Ice Cream Social

**ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:50p.m.

**BRAGS**

Respectfully submitted  
Debbie O'Brien, Secretary

## Introduction to Training for Competition

This class is for the owner who may be interested learning the skills necessary to compete in rally or obedience competition.

### Admission Criteria

Dogs should have successfully completed a manners class or:

- Dogs should have self-control in a group setting
- Dogs should have a basic understanding of the commands: sit, down, come, and stay.
- Dogs should be under control when walking on leash.

### **Pre-Novice**

The foundation class for the competitive obedience classes. Focus is on prompt, attentive and technically correct response to the obedience commands needed for the beginning competition dog and handler. The Figure Eight exercise is introduced. Tuck sits, fold back downs, the back up, and kick back stands are reviewed or introduced...Recalls off leash are introduced with the correct front position.

### Admission Criteria:

- Dogs should be mature and calm enough in a group setting to focus and learn some of the more advanced skills.
- Dogs should be able to respond to their handler's verbal commands to sit, down and come without needing **excessive** physical manipulations.
- Dog can heel with the owner under reasonable control with attention for a short distance ( 3 to 5 steps)
- All behaviors are performed on leash
- .This class is for the owner interested in rally or obedience competition.

### Criteria for Completion of Class

- Dog can perform all the exercises required to qualify in the AKC Beginner Novice class.
- Dog can do a 20 foot recall off leash ,without a finish..
- Dog can do a novice heeling pattern and Figure 8 on leash
- . Dog can do a sit stay with leash attached ,while handler walks a 30 foot large circle around the dog.
- .Dog can do a sit or stand for exam while handler holds the leash 6 feet away from the dog.

## **Novice**

All ring procedures for the AKC Novice Obedience class are practiced. Emphasis is on attention and reliability. Off leash work is introduced. The dumbbell hold is reviewed or introduced. The recall over the jump as performed in the UKC Novice Class is introduced. Tuck sits, the back up, fold back down and kick back stand will continue to be practiced.

Admission Criteria: This is for dogs who have successfully completed Pre-novice or can demonstrate that they can:

- Heel on leash with reasonable attention doing standard heel patterns including change of pace all the turns, and automatic sit at all halts.
- Respond to all commands to sit, down, and come regardless of the position of the handler.
- Maintain a stand stay or sit **on leash** while being examined by another person with minimal foot movement or change in position.
- Maintain a sit stay for 1 minute and down stay for 3 minutes on leash with mild distractions present..

## Criteria for Completion of Class

Dog will perform exercises as required to qualify in the AKC Novice Class

- Heel on leash with automatic sits.
- Figure 8
- Stand for exam
- Heel free
- Recall with front and finish
- One minute sit stay with leash attached to dog
- Three minute down stay with leash attached to dog

## **Beginning Open**

Foundation exercises for Open are taught, such as the retrieve, jumping, and drop on recall. Out of sight sits and downs are introduced with handlers leaving for a few seconds at a time.

### Admission Criteria:

- Must have successfully completed the Novice class or be able to perform the exercises as required to qualify in the AKC Novice Class.
- Dog must be under control off-leash.

### Criteria for Completion of Class

- Dog can reliably jump the high jump and the broad jump when called over
- Dog can jump the high jump with dumbbell in mouth when called.
- Dog can do a sit stay holding the dumbbell while handler walks across the ring and then calls the dog.
- Dog can hold dumbbell and release on command.
- Dog can walk with dumbbell in mouth.
- Dog can pick up dumbbell from the floor or a chair
- Dog can pick up dumbbell if thrown a short distance
- Dog can respond to the down command while in motion or standing at least 10 feet from the handler.

## **Open**

All the standard exercises for the Open class are practiced. Emphasis is on reliability regardless of distractions. The standard exercises for the Open class are practiced.

Admission Criteria: . Dog must have successfully completed the Beginning Open class or have instructor's permission.and dog must::

- Reliably do all the Novice exercises off leash.
- Retrieve a thrown dumbbell 5 feet without distractions.
- Do a moving drop without distractions.
- Jump over a high jump holding a dumbbell .
- Jump over a broad jump without distractions.
- Do an out of sight long sit and down for at least 1 minute.

Criteria for completion of Class:

Dog must be able to perform all the exercises as required to qualify in the AKC open class

### **Beginner Utility Class Criteria**

This class introduces the foundation exercises for Utility. Each exercise is broken down into small parts so that the student has a complete understanding of the exercise.. The dog is introduced to articles and gloves. The go out is taught separately from directed jumping. Signals are started at a close distance. The moving stand is taught in two parts..

Admission Criteria The dog must have been taught to jump, introduced to the open exercises, must have a reliable dumbbell retrieve and the handler must have off leash control of the dog.

### **Utility Class Criteria**

All the standard exercises for the Utility class are practiced. Dogs should have some of the utility foundation exercises for entry into this class. Emphasis is on reliability with varying circumstances. The dog must have a reliable retrieve. Training is performed on and off leash with verbal commands and hand signals for the signal exercise which includes heeling , stand, stay down, and recall. The dog is taught to select by scent alone the handler's metal, wood, or leather articles from among other articles. The dog is taught to retrieve one of three gloves and to do a go out across the ring and then jump either a bar jump or high jump indicated by the handler..

Admission Criteria: This is for dogs who have successfully completed ,the Beginner Utility Class, or can demonstrate that they can do all of the Open exercises off leash. Even if unreliable, they should also be able to attempt to do most of the utility exercises without distractions

## CLASS CRITERIA FOR NOVICE RALLY

Students should have a Rally Rule Book for the Rally Venue of their choice.

Students must have taken an Obedience class or a Manners class.

Dogs must be able to heel, down, sit and stand.

Be able to execute a relatively good front position.

Know left and right finish.

Leash handling- 4-6 feet depending on dog size.

Students need to be courteous to other students, the instructors and the Judges when competing.

## CRITERIA FOR DOGS LEAVING THE NOVICE RALLY CLASS

Passed Achievement match

Introduced to jumping(time constraints)

Team have earned their Novice Rally Title

## WHAT TO EXPECT DOG/HANDLER TEAMS TO LEARN IN THIS CLASS

Correct execution of Novice Rally signs.

Introduction to jumping

3 steps forward and back

Difference between pivot and regular turns.

Learn how Rally novice rings are set up and Ring procedure.

Understand about the fine print on entry forms.

### WHAT ARE THE TRAINING TOOLS FOR TEACHING THIS CLASS

The Rally rule book

The rally novice signs

Practicing with the same obstacles and signs as in a trial setting.

Instructor demonstrations to improve muscle memory of dog and handlers.

Encourage students Help at Rally runthrus and volunteer to steward at Rally Trials.

### WHAT TRAINING TOOLS FOR STUDENTS TO USE AT HOME

Encourage students to work at home (not hours in a training session but minutes)

Give students ideas for their own equipment to practice at home.

Student handouts with Rally information, Rally Websites and Rally DVDS.

## OTHER SUGGESTIONS THAT WERE MADE

Increase class times for Rally.

## CLASS CRITERIA FOR RALLY ADV/EXCELLENT

Students should have a Rally rule book for the rally venue of their choice.

Students must have passed the Achievement Trial for Novice.

Dog knows how to jump.

Dog can heel off leash.

Students can understand rally course designs.

## CRITERIA FOR DOGS AND HANDLERS LEAVING THIS CLASS

Have earned their RAE in AKC and would like to participate in other Rally venues.

## WHAT DO YOU EXPECT DOGS AND HANDLERS TO LEARN FROM THIS CLASS

They will learn the proper way of executing the Adv/Ex signs.

Know the difference in the Jump signs-210-Send to jump-103-Send over jump and how to execute them right.

Will learn the backup 3 steps with Dog in heel position.

Learn how to do signs 206 thru 209. New signs that were introduced in 2012 that are similar to the Obedience Utility signs.

Will learn the big difference between pivots and turns.

Will learn Rally ring procedures-Course set up, timing in trials, entering the ring on a loose leash.

Will be courteous to other students, instructors and Judges when competing.

#### TRAINING TOOLS FOR TEACHING THIS CLASS

The proper equipment to be used in these classes that is used in trials so that students understand what the equipment will look like.

The instructor will do demos on exercises that will help students build muscle memory and body awareness to help students perform the signs to the best of their ability.

#### TRAINING TOOLS FOR STUDENTS TO WORK WITH AT HOME

Encourage students to work their dog at home not for hours at a time but for minutes.

Watch DVD's on Rally. Lots of websites that can be helpful

and have great information.

Suggestions on how to build equipment so they can practice at home.

Buy a key from the club and train in the building when the want to.

### OTHER SUGGESTIONS

Increase Rally class time.

Websites

[www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

[www.c-wags.org](http://www.c-wags.org)

[www.asca.org/programs/rally](http://www.asca.org/programs/rally)

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

[www.k-9rally.com](http://www.k-9rally.com) Bea Moore- Her site has rally courses and DVD, Rally books, Flash Cards and signs.