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-Term Ends-'25

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Reminder that our Annual Holiday Party at Pulaski Inn in Cudahy is coming up on Saturday January 20, 2024, 5 pm cocktails, 6pm dinner. Join us in celebration of our members and their dogs accomplishments in 2023. Purchase tickets at our front desk by 1/12/24.

Our Holiday luncheon and visit by Santa was amazing. Thank you to Ellen, Kris, and Tracy for making that happen. Later that afternoon we participated in the West Allis Holiday Parade. We looked very festive and professional in our holiday wear. Thank you to Mari for organizing our participation in the parade.

Thank you Daryl Ann for organizing our Canine Good Citizen test in December. Congratulations to the teams that passed the test.

A huge thanks to Evan who got the City of Milwaukee to remove the tree that had fallen on our building (and to Neil who was willing to cut it up but fortunately didn't have to).

Sue Steinbach

YEAR-END CHARITABLE GIVING

As 2023 comes to a close, MDTC is actively looking for a new indoor building. As many of you know, our current building will be purchased by WiDOT for the I-94 freeway expansion.

MDTC is a 501c3 charitable organization and year-end giving is a meaningful way to help support our mission. Donations are tax deductible. Many workplaces match employee donations.

We appreciate your consideration of making a year-end gift to Milwaukee Dog Training Club.

Sue Steinbach

Instructor Staff Continued

Basic Instructors

Mari Pavleje

Dawn Butler

Mark Anderson

Rebecca Jackson

Beginner Instructors

Sue Bronson

Dawn Butler

Darlene Wilson (Wed)

Beginning Novice Instructors

Chuck Janusz

Tim Carter

Advanced Novice Instructors

Laura Sadler

Kim Rinzel

Open Instructors

Kathleen McNerney

Willie Mabone

Lory Valley

BJ Parrott

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Willie Mabone

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Jennifer Smith

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Nancy Wandersee

Dawn Butler

Kristina Stuppan

Heidi Rodenkirch

Gabbi Kabachieva

Flyball

Director Dawn Butler

Instructors

Kathy Gibowski

Jammie Schrab

Puppy Class Instructors

Dale Eastman

Dawn Butler

Tracking

Dorothy Schmidt

Ellen Mack

Lynn Crowell

Scent Hurdles

BJ Parrott

Canine Respiratory Illness Update

Many of us have been watching the news and learning about the newly reported and ominous sounding "mystery respiratory illness" affecting dogs across the United States.

There have been cases reported in Wisconsin now.

This canine illness presents with common upper respiratory symptoms, just like the more common Bordetella/kennel cough: sneezing, coughing, watery eyes, nasal discharge, lethargy, and disinterest in food. After several days to a week of coughing, the affected dog can develop pneumonia and their health can further deteriorate. From all that vets have seen, healthy dogs that contract this illness but get early treatment make a full recovery.

We know how important attending dog training is you and your dog's well-being. And we definitely enjoy seeing you at class but we would like to ask you to stay home if you notice any of the previously mentioned symptoms and seek veterinary care if needed. While in class, please do not let your dogs make contact with other dogs and do not share water bowls. As a precaution, we will be increasing the frequency of cleaning of our floors with a disinfectant.

To help keep your dog safer, please make sure your dog is up to date on all their core vaccines as recommended by your vet.

2023-2024 INDOOR TRAINING SCHEDULE

Wednesday 6:30-7:15 **Basic and Utility**

Wednesday 7:30-8:15 **Advance Novice**

Thursday 6:30-7:15 **Beginner and Open**

Thursday 7:30-8:15 **Beginner Novice.**

Sunday

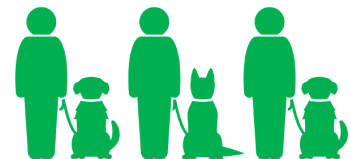
8:00-8:45 **Basic and Beginner**

9:00-9:45 **Beginner Novice**

10:00_10:45 **Open**

11:00-11:45 **Sent hurdles/Rally.**

12:00-12:45 **Advance Novice**

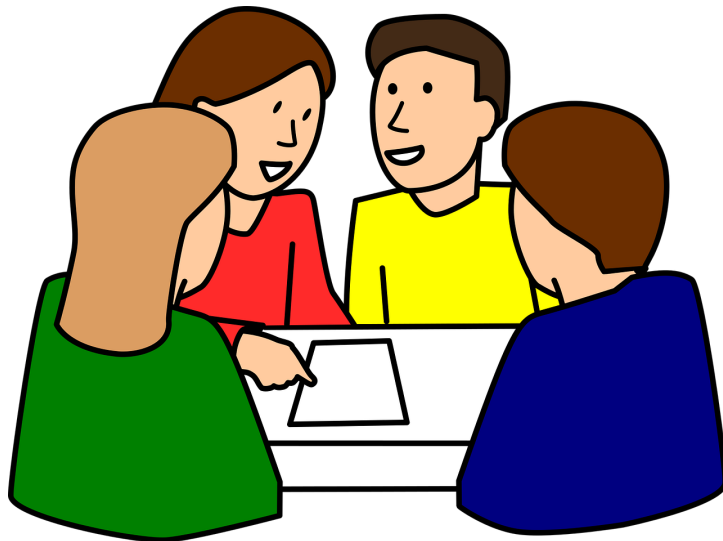


Dawn Butler Director of Training

IT'S MDTC ELECTION TIME AGAIN

Looking for a way to help MDTC? It's a great organization that needs the support of its members to stay great! The Officer Positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) are (1) one year term positions and are up for election every year. There are also two Board Member positions up for election - they are three (3) year positions. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, MDTC will be taking nominations off the floor at the April meeting on 4/24/2024. To be nominated, the person must belong to MDTC for a minimum of 1 year and must be up-to-date with their club dues in all activities that they participate in. The nominated person must be there to accept the nomination, or have sent a written note stating that s/he accepts the nomination. The elections will be held at the General Meeting on May 29th, 2024. At this meeting, all candidates for office will have a few minutes to state why they are interested in running for the position, and why they should be elected. New Officers and Board Members will start their positions at the June General meeting on 6/26/2024.

The Nominating/Election Committee is seeking two additional Club members to help with running the election. If you can help, please text Committee chair Daryl Ann Stuppan (Kava), at (414) 828-5232, or e-mail her at darylstuppan@aol.com.



DID YOU KNOW?

You can sponsor a fundraiser for MDTC through your Facebook page for your birthday or just because. Go to the Fundraiser shortcut under your name on the top left of newsfeed page. Then search for Milwaukee Dog Training Club under nonprofits and it will create the fundraiser on your page. You don't have to do anything and Facebook deposits the donations!

MDTC HOLIDAY PARTY



Please remember to attend MDTC's Holiday Party on Saturday January 20, 2024 at 5pm at Pulaski Inn, Cudahy. 3900 E. Pulaski Ave.

Join us in socializing with friends, award presentations and raffles. Please donate new/like new items for our BIG raffle. They can be left at the Indoor club. Or create your own "basket" for the raffle.

Tickets are \$30 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dessert.

Tickets are available: All tickets purchased will be entered into a drawing at the party for a free 6-month membership. To buy tickets:

Option 1: at indoor facility during desk hours Wednesday 7-8 pm and Sunday 9-10.

Option 2: drop off a check at the drop box on the front desk and your receipt and tickets will be left at the desk for you to pick up.

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TEST

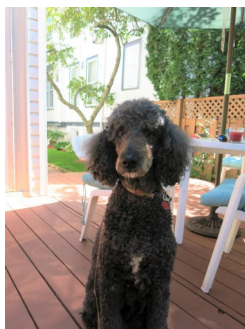
Milwaukee Dog held the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Test on Sunday, December 10th. Congratulations to all handlers and teams who participated in the CGC Testing. The following have earned their Canine Good Citizen title and can put the letters CGC after their dog's name: Jackie Paisley and Molly, Sue Frenzel and Leo, Lindsey Moore and Clyde, Josh Kaminski and Chai, Kathy Pejisa and Luna, Kathy Sricula and Coda, Kayden Rinzel and Watson, Brittany Brandt and Mojo, Lori Pritzl and Domino, Zig Krumins and Wags, and Samantha Kammers and Iva! They will receive their CGC patches at the Holiday Party on January 20th.

Also, thank you to all our great volunteers who made it possible for us to provide this for our MDTC members! First, thank you to David Ryan and Kathy Platt for being our licensed CGC Evaluators. Then, thank you to Mark Anderson, Martha Ryan, Bonnie McLean, Stephen Hepner, Erin Ruppel and Cora, Lisa Fohey and Jackson, Kathy Gustavson, Darlene Wilson, Katie Schmidt, Scott Paisley and Connor Gordon (grandson), Alex Wilke, and Kathy Gibowski for being station evaluators. And, a big thank you to Nicole Camosy and Ceal Hunter for taking care of the Registration Table and all that entails! It was a fun day for all involved!

Daryl Ann Stuppan

IN MEMORIAM

Jim and Ellen Carlson lost their standard poodle Gigi who died on Dec. 10 -- her 13th birthday. She had a fun-loving and gentle nature, always ready to greet people and invite them to pet her. She was loved by people throughout her Milwaukee neighborhood, and especially by our family and friends.



MILWAUKEE DOG TRAINING CLUB

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday December 27, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Sue Steinbach at 8:10 PM.

Minutes were approved as distributed by automatic consent.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary

Sent receipts to people who made donations (big thank you to them!).

President

Thank you to Daryl Ann Stuppan for CGC testing; Mari Pavleje for the parade; and Ellen Mack, Kris Kleist, Tracy McCarty, and Santa (David Ryan) for the holiday luncheon.

Treasurer

Reported November account balances.

Director of Training/Obedience

Dawn Butler is collecting award information. Next class starts January 14.

Agility

Everything is going well. Reminder that there will be class this Saturday.

Flyball

Nothing to report.

Puppy Class

Next class Jan 8. Currently have 6 enrolled.

AKC Show

Applied for trial. Judges are approved. Trial approval takes a little longer.

Membership and Sales

Two new MAST members are starting training: Scott Ainsley and Yaakov Cohen (welcome!)

Building and Grounds

A tree fell on the indoor club building. Evan Emmons suggested that it's probably City property. She called them, and they chopped it down. No damage to building. Thank you to Neil Weisner-Hanks who volunteered right away to chop it down if needed.

Be aware there's currently construction on St. Paul, heading east from 25th St.

Given concerns about the respiratory illness going around, the crew will start cleaning the floor of the indoor club once a week on Sunday, so it's as clean as possible for puppy class.

Social

Annual holiday party Jan 20 at Pulaski Inn. Tickets are \$30/person and can be purchased at the front desk. People who buy a ticket to the event will be entered in a drawing for a free 6 month membership. We'll recognize titles, instructors, new lifetime members, etc. There will be a raffle, silent auction, and more! We're collecting raffle and auction items at the indoor club.

MILWAUKEE DOG TRAINING CLUB

Meeting Continued

Next Social Sunday Jan 14.

Good and Welfare

Amelia Harsh lost her dog Gitsie

Sympathy card to Neal Brenard for the passing of his husband, former longtime club member Warren Plummer

Peggy Brunner lost Molly

Jim Carlson lost Gigi

Exhibitions

Booth at the Pet Expo (Feb 3) and a booth and exhibitions at the Sports Show (Mar 7-10).

Fundraising

The end of the year is a great time to donate to your favorite 501(c)(3) nonprofit, MDTC!

Daryl Ann Stuppan signed us up for Benevity, which employers use to donate based on volunteer hours (e.g., \$25 donation per hour of volunteering). See if your employer participates or has a similar program—many large local employers such as Northwestern Mutual and Johnson Controls have similar programs.

Yaakov Cohen pointed out that many companies also have donation matching—check to see if your employer will match your donation to your favorite 501(c)(3) nonprofit, MDTC!

Nominating

Daryl Ann Stuppan is chairing the Nominating Committee this year. Officer positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) are 1-year terms elected every year. Board member positions are 3-year terms, with 2 positions elected every year. Let Daryl know if you're interested in running for a position or want more information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We'll be in the building at least until we move outdoors in the Spring. We're working with a broker who is sending properties we might be interested in. We're looking for about 15,000 square feet for \$500,000-600,000, with ample of parking. It's difficult to find buildings in this size and price range. See Sue Steinbach with questions about what we're looking for.

NEW BUSINESS

Achievement trial: Chris Stephens (Lacis) has volunteered to judge. Date will be decided soon.

Show wins: Lots of great wins, titles, and qualifying scores, including 1st place in the AKC Agility Invitational 24" class (Jennifer Smith and Rake) and 2nd place Miniature Schnauzer in the 2023 AKC Fast CAT Invitational – Speed of the Breed Division (Nancy Wandersee and Pride)! Be sure to submit your wins to the newsletter by emailing your information to Newsletter Editor Ellen Mack: emkk@sbcglobal.net

Motion to adjourn by Daryl Ann Stuppan. Seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Submitted by Erin Ruppel, Club Secretary

New Year's Resolutions for you and your dog

It's that time of year again – a time of self-reflection and good intentions. No doubt you made New Year's resolutions for yourself, but how about some resolutions that will benefit your dog, too? Simple changes will set you up for success and can enhance your dog's quality of life and deepen your relationship. Here are five easy ways to make this year wonderful for you and your dog.

Change the route of your daily walks

Walks don't just provide you and your dog with exercise, they're a source of mental stimulation, too. But the same walk, day after day, gets boring and predictable. Try taking a different path every week, so your dog gets some new sights and smells. It can be as simple as turning right at the end of your street instead of left or reversing your usual route. You can even hop in the car and drive to a new park or neighborhood for a change of pace.

Rotate your dog's toys weekly

Providing your dog with variety in their toys is another way of preventing boredom. Make sure they have enough toys to keep them busy at any given time and put the rest away. Then once a week, change them around. You don't have to keep buying new toys to pique their interest – an old toy will seem fresh and exciting when it hasn't been seen for a while. Be aware of any special favorites. Some dogs take comfort in certain toys, like a plush animal they sleep with, so keep those available at all times.

Play mentally challenging games with your dog every day

Dogs love to play with their humans, and activities like playing fetch or cuddling on the couch are wonderful. But if you add some brain games into the mix, your dog will get a daily dose of mental exercise, which is an important part of keeping them healthy. There are puzzle toys that you can play with together or you can make your own fun with games like hide and seek.

Train a new trick every month

Your dog may have mastered all the basic obedience behaviors, but there are an endless number of tricks you can work on. Teaching tricks helps keep your training skills polished and provides your dog with fun and mental exercise. And by the end of the year, you'll have quite an act to show off to friends and family.

Practice obedience behaviors daily

Even though your life is busy, it can be beneficial for you and your dog to fit even one or two minutes of obedience practice into your daily schedule. It reminds your dog of the rules of the household and prevents their skills from getting rusty. It also keeps you from taking your dog's good behavior for granted. To help make obedience practice a habit, link your training to an already established routine. For example, whenever you put down your dog's food bowl, ask for a "sit" or "down" first.

NEWS FROM AKC

AKC now has an obedience ranking system for the regular class participants in the Novice, Open, and Utility classes, and OTCH titled dogs. They will be published twice a year.

Obedience: Novice, Open, Utility and OTCH Ranking Reports Mid-Year 2023 (1/1/2023 - 6/30/2023)
To be posted at the end of July.

Obedience: Novice, Open, Utility, and OTCH Ranking Reports Year End 2023 (1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023)
To be posted at the end of January of the new year.

<https://www.akc.org/sports/obedience/obedience-rankings/>



SHOW WINS AND BRAGS



Diana Howland and Poodle Sassy Sunny AKC agility: Competed at the Cudahy Kennel Club agility trial. **11/25** entered Novice B Jumpers with Weaves (JWW) Qualified and won 1st place. **11/26** -Entered Novice B Standard - qualified and 1st place and Novice B JWW, qualified and 2nd leg.

Jennifer Smith—AKC Agility Invitational: Five agility dogs and their owners – one dog/handler team in each of the five height categories – were crowned as the 2023 winners of the AKC Agility Invitational, which brought together 701 dogs from across the country. Placing first in their height division (24") were: **MACH3 Cogshalls Wylie Rake Of Lanruvi MXC MJS2, a Whippet known as Rake, handled by Jennifer Smith of Milwaukee, WI**

Testing for Alliance of Therapy Dogs, 1/7/23

Looking for a new activity to share with your dog? Here's the information on our next testing opportunity. Alliance of Therapy Dogs is looking for people who want to share their sweet, friendly, gentle dogs with others. Volunteering as a therapy dog team is fulfilling and fun, and it opens up many opportunities to give back to the community.

Getting your dog certified as a therapy dog, or more correctly, becoming certified with your dog as a therapy team, is easy:

Before your first test, complete the ATD background check – use their website. Also, download and complete the paperwork from their website, including a form signed by your vet that your dog is in good health and up-to-date on rabies vaccinations Complete one Temperament test and three observations (three separate dates) with Kathy Platt.

The Temperament test is done during your Obedience Class, the other 3 are done at different locations with Kathy.

After you complete all 4 observations, send in membership dues (\$10.00 initial registration fee and \$30.00 annual dues) and you and your dog are covered with \$5,000,000 liability coverage while you volunteer as a therapy team. And you are set to go!

To remain a member in good standing, at least one volunteer visit every three months is required to stay in practice!

Complete instructions and forms are available on Alliance of Therapy Dogs' website at www.therapydogs.com

The temperament test is similar to AKC's CGC test. Kathy Platt is volunteering to do these at MDTC so people can get started on this great way to share their well-behaved, gentle and friendly dogs with others. The next testing date is Sunday, January 7th. She will observe you and your dog during your class. That is the Temperament Test. You will then meet with her for 10 minutes after your Obedience Class. After that, you will set-up 3 individual times to meet with Kathy for observations in the community, so remember to bring your calendar. Get started on doing the prerequisites now, so you are ready for your first observation! The background check only takes 24 hours, so you can get it done before the 1/7 observation date!

If you are interested in becoming a Therapy Dog team, please contact Daryl Ann Stuppan by texting at 414-828-5232 or e-mail at Darylstuppan@aol.com.

	January 2024 MDTC Calendar					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Members please note, if you are not going to renew your membership, when you receive your notice please email your intentions to

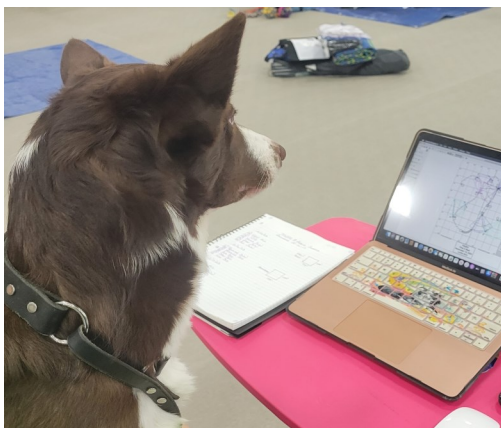
Info@milwaukeekeedog.com Thanks!



Not receiving your newsletter via email? Please contact the club's front desk.

If you have an article, report or upcoming event you would like to see in future newsletters email Ellen at **emkk@sbcglobal.net**. Please attach any photos as JPG files (.jpg). The deadline for submissions is the LAST WEDNESDAY of every month. If you send an article after the last Wednesday of the month, it will go in the following month's newsletter, which means it will probably be outdated!

No exceptions!



www.milwaukeekeedog.com

Be sure to visit our website.

Our Facebook page is

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/milwaukeekeedogtrainingclub/>

Searching for a specific American Kennel Club event? *

Obedience

Hunting

Herding

Rally

Scent Work

Agility

Tracking



The AKC has updated the online AKC Event Search & Results making it easier to find the right events for you and your dog. *

The search now works across all your devices whether you're on a desktop computer, tablet or smartphone. It also gives you more flexible ways to refine your search.

Here's how to find it. Go to American Kennel Club website at www.akc.org. Click on the Events tab at the top of the page.

At the bottom of the events page you will find a link to the Events Calendar. This will take you to the AKC Event Search & Results. *



MDTC dogs going through the CGC Stations

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