

# Heel And Sit News

NEWSLETTER OF THE GREAT SALT  
LAKE DOG TRAINING CLUB

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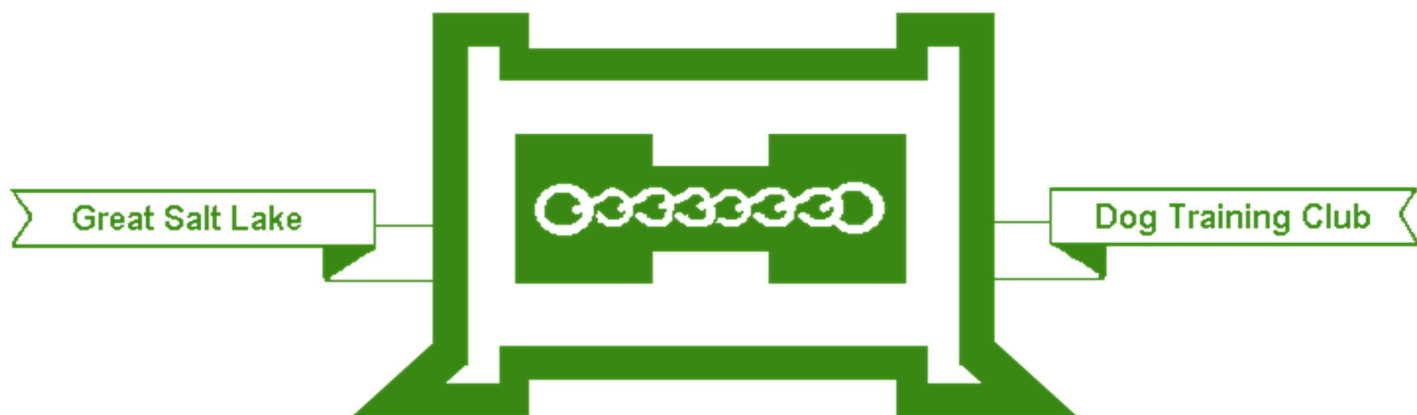
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*Teaching dogs and their humans since 1962.*

## **Salt Lake County, five others to move to “moderate” transmission phase**

BY BECKY BRUCE | MARCH 4, 2021 AT 9:56 AM

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**SALT LAKE CITY** — Nearly a year after COVID-19 first arrived in Utah, six counties in the state, including the state’s most populated, Salt Lake County, will move to the “moderate” transmission phase for the virus, KSL NewsRadio learned Thursday.

Counties in the “moderate” transmission phase do not have gathering restrictions, so long as people wear masks. PM

During a weekly news conference, state government and health officials announced lowered age requirements and expanded health conditions that qualify for vaccinations.

Gov. Spencer Cox announced Salt Lake, Cache, Davis, Grand, Sanpete and Wasatch counties would all move from “high” to “moderate” transmission levels on the state’s virus-response plan. However, he also took time to note all the Utahns lost to date from COVID-19.

The Utah Department of Health uses a graduated transmission index to determine when locations like Salt Lake County and the other five counties mentioned by the governor can ease restrictions related to COVID-19.

Under the system, a county has a high level of transmission when its 7-day average percent positivity is greater than or equal to 10%, its 14-day case rate rises above 325 people per 100,000 population, its total amount of ICU utilization reaches 72% or greater and the number of ICU beds used for COVID-19 specifically reach higher than 15%.

“There are no restrictions on gatherings in moderate [counties],” Cox said. “This is incredible news as long as people are wearing masks.”

That means you could sit shoulder-to-shoulder with someone at a basketball game or movie theater, as long as your masks are in place.

At moderate levels of virus transmission, the state’s guidelines allow residents to gather in person with no limits on the size of events, so long as people wear masks.

So... Let’s not go crazy folks, continue wearing your mask and be safe and we just may have an unrestricted 2nd half of 2021!!

*St. Patrick's  
Day*

## Proposed Board Meeting Minutes of February 2021

### Great Salt Lake Dog Training Club Feb 15, 2021 Board Meeting

#### Attendance:

Board Members: Due to COVID cases, new group restrictions, and lack of news/updates, this meeting was held via email updates. All Board Members responded.

#### Excused:

#### Guests:

Meeting brought to order @

Minutes of Jan 2021 Board Meeting, Minutes approved as written.



#### President's Report:

in January our insurance provider indicated that they would no longer insure us with liability or directors and officers insurance. Since then I have been working to get the club insured. I have secured liability insurance with Equisure for liability insurance and Travelers the directors and officers. The Equisure is in place and I will get with Donna this week and send a check to Travelers to bind the directors and officers coverage.

The cost of the new insurance much higher than the previous insurance, about \$1,100.00 increase, but we were not given any choice.

#### Vice President's Report:

Have sent several sympathy and get well cards.

If anyone has ANY suggestions, topics or persons they would like to see speak/present at any of our General Meetings, Please contact Penny Morrison @ pennlcm@yahoo.com

#### Executive Secretary's Report:

Sending AKC the applications for the September & November trials. Judges for September – Tracy Mazur for Agility, Nancy Grimm and Nancy Craig for Obedience and Rally.

Judges for the November trial, we have invited Curt & Carla Curtis.

#### Home Secretary Report:

Renewals have been coming in well. The PayPal option has gone over very well. Out of 162 members (of which 55 are Lifetime Members) ALL but 9 have renewed. 5 have informed they will not be renewing due to moving out of state.

I have received requests from 2 past members requesting to be reinstated. According to our Constitution and By Laws we CAN reinstate them as long as it hasn't been over 1 year. Names given via email. Motion made to reinstate the 2 named previous members – Wendy 1<sup>st</sup>, Penny 2<sup>nd</sup>, all agree, no opposed. 2 members reinstated.

I would like to motion that we change the monthly newsletters from monthly to every 3 months, until things pick back up. It is increasingly harder each month to find stuff to put in them. As for the monthly meeting minutes, I can email them to the members once approved, along with adding them to the quarterly newsletters. Wendy 1<sup>st</sup>, Michelle 2<sup>nd</sup> All approved no objections. Motion passed – Newsletters moving to quarterly editions until things pick back up.

#### Treasurer's Report

Everything paid to date.

#### Show Report:

Matches and Davis Fairgrounds. All matches have been canceled. The volume of people in the buildings can't be controlled and the buildings might be needed for Covid vaccinations. Maybe some will be held in the summer if a park can be arranged.

After the Mt Ogden shows May 20, 21, 22 and 23, the Mastiff Club of America will be holding their National in Logan at the fairgrounds that following week. They would like to rent a set of jumps and the Rally equipment for May 25 and 26. I told them we could coordinate that for them. They have the other equipment they will need.



September BBKA weekend. No decision has been made if BBKA will turn the buildings over to us or how they will set up the fairgrounds. I am making a guess that we will be having our trials outside but will update when I know more. BBKA will be adding Monday to their weekend for conformation. We will still be Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If anyone would like to help BBKA with ring stewarding I know they would appreciate it. If that is something you would like to do let Wendy know and she will start a list. I think they will be paying each steward but don't know the amount....

The week after BBKA, starting September 27th, the Bouvier Club of America will be holding their National at the Davis Fairgrounds. They won't be needing our equipment as Onofrio will be taking care of them but they really could use ring stewards for Obedience and Rally. The day for that is Wednesday, September 29th. They will pay 25.00 a day plus lunch. let Wendy know if you would like to help and I will direct you to the right person. They will not be doing Agility.

### Training Report:

I have no update on being able to use the Armory. In March I will approach them to see if they will let us use the grass starting in May when weather is more predictable (hopefully). Or I have a couple thoughts on places we can approach about renting. It is my understanding that public parks are not going to work for us unless we were doing Soccer....ha ha....but no joke... Looking for thoughts on locations.

After all the changes we have been cornered into with our Insurance renewal I really feel that now it time to make this motion not to mention the revenue lost for no training classes since March of 2020. My motion is that we raise training fees to \$100.00 for a first class and \$90.00 for a second class. I also, motion that we change training a bit. Stay with 8 weeks but that sign up night be week one. This will help when we have graduation and sign up the same night. Mark 2nd,-- All approved no objections. Motion passed Training fees increased to \$100.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> class and \$90.00 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> class along with sign up night being week 1 of 8.

### Hospitality:

Nothing @this time

### Trophy Report:

Nothing @this time

### Committees:

Advertising – Website updated.

Agility – Nothing @ this time

Obedience – Nothing @this time

Rally – Nothing @this time

Tracking – I sent off the applications for our TDX and TD to AKC at Thanksgiving time. I have heard absolutely nothing from AKC. I have sent an email and of yet have heard nothing. They have an automated return email that they are out of the office and will get back to me. So if I can get and update I will let you know. I am planning we will get approval?? I agree with Michelle that we probably should let TDX go for 2021. A lot of effort and money for 1 or 2 entries and asking judges to fly. But vaccinations are happening so yeah!! Looking forward to the TD. We would like to go ahead with planning for a TDU on the week-end of October 10th. Kristi and Dorraine said they would judge it.

Scent Work – I was hoping to be able to ask the folks at the Galleria if we could rent the building for a Scent Trial in June. Then the word from the people renting it told me it has been sold and they will just rent week to week until the new owners get to what ever they are going to do with it. Kim Beck and a group doing Schutzhund are having some classes in the Galleria building at this time.

Trick Dog – Nothing @ this time

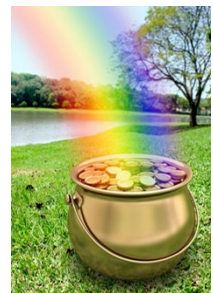
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**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Next Board Meeting:** March 15, 2021

**Next General Meeting:** None until further notice – Columbus Center 7 pm



## Summary of Board Meeting Minutes

**Newsletters:** After the March Newsletter, newsletters will be quarterly until things are back to normal. All meetings that are held, the minutes will be emailed out to the membership so you will still get news timely. They will also be included in the quarterly newsletter.

**BBKA Shows in Sept:** Will be adding Monday to their conformation weekend, GSLDTC obedience , rally agility will still only be Friday, Saturday & Sunday. BBKA will also need ring stewards, please let Wendy know if interested.

**Bouvier Club of America :** Held a week after the BBKA show on Sept 27th in Farmington could use some ring stewards for obedience & rally. They will pay \$25.00 plus day per day. Contact Wendy if interested.

**GSLDTC Training Fees:** A motion was made and past to increase our training fees. For an 8 week course our fees will now be \$100.00 and \$90.00 for the 2nd class. The 1st night of classes will now be the night of sign ups.

**GSLDTC TDX Test in April:** It had been decided to cancel the TDX test scheduled for April, but continue with holding the TD test in May. We will also hold the TDU test in Oct and Kristi & Dorraine will judge that.

### In other news:

**Beehive Cluster:** Entries for the Beehive Cluster May 6th—9th open on March 13th at 6 pm Premium List should be up on Onofrio's site by March 10th 6 pm. Entries are limited to 1500 dogs. So get your entries in early if you are planning on attending.





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*AKC works with dog trainers to address restrictive legislation.*

*From AKC Government Relations*

**“C**OVERD puppy.” A year ago, this term didn’t exist.

As COVID-19 restrictions ease and AKC events, club activities, and dog-training classes resume, puppies and recently acquired adult dogs are venturing out after long months of safer-at-home restrictions.

Dog trainers will be challenged by the training needs of this generation of COVID puppies—under-socialized young dogs born during COVID-19 restrictions—that have received minimal exposure to unfamiliar people, pets, and novel situations. Even puppies bred and raised by experienced breeders may have missed optimum early exposure to the world outside their birthplaces and will require catch-up training and socialization.

The pandemic also prompted a surge in pet acquisitions and fostering. There are unprecedented numbers of dogs in new homes with owners who seek solutions for training and behavioral issues.



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AKC clubs that offer training classes, private trainers, and dog-training businesses are gearing up for a return to in-person classes where they will be dealing with dogs emerging from lockdown. Many dogs and puppies will be flooded by new stimuli, and trainers will need to provide responsive and effective training methods suitable for groups of COVID puppies, dogs recently rehomed from unknown backgrounds, and dogs of all ages belonging to first-time dog owners.

Skilled trainers often draw on a variety of training protocols and adapt their instruction to offer training solutions that meet the needs of the individual dog and handler team. However, recent legislative proposals could negatively affect the availability of dog-training classes and limit training methodologies.

## STATE AND LOCAL LEGISLATION IMPACTS TRAINERS

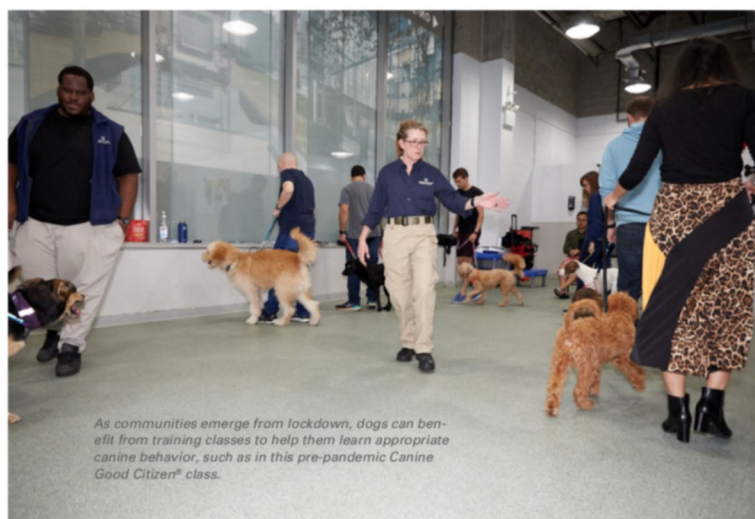
AKC Government Relations (AKC GR) tracks and communicates information on proposed legislation and regulations that affect dog owners. Trainers can view AKC legislative alerts online and sign up to receive

this information by email or text. Recent legislation in various jurisdictions includes tethering bans, minimum pet enclosure sizes, weather restrictions for dogs outdoors, and other proposed requirements. Often, the reaction is, “I don’t tether my dog, so that doesn’t apply to me.”

Not necessarily. Increasingly, AKC GR is finding that animal-care restrictions are being based on perceptions or emotion rather than sound science. Tethering bans have been proposed that would ban using a grooming noose or attaching a leash to a fence during a training class. Proposals to ban or limit tethering are sometimes coupled with mandated minimum enclosure sizes that could prohibit the use of appropriately sized crates at training classes and events.

In some communities, leaving a dog unattended in a vehicle is prohibited or restricted, even under conditions where a dog’s safety is not at risk. Such laws make it an offense for training class students to leave one dog comfortably secured inside a ventilated vehicle while training their other dog.

Laws that restrict dogs outside at specified temperatures or during a



weather advisory can limit options for outdoor training classes. Some proposals seek to ban dogs from being unattended or working outdoors at temperatures below 45 degrees and above 75 degrees. Combined, this leaves a range of only 30 degrees during which

outdoor training and competition would be allowed. Other proposals restrict allowing dogs outdoors during weather advisories, even if the forecasted conditions never occur.

The definition of “kennel” in many communities includes “any lot, build-

ing, structure, enclosure or premises whereupon dogs are kept or maintained for any purpose, including boarding, breeding, grooming, or training.” Legislative and regulatory restrictions on kennels, coupled with zoning codes that limit kennels to

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certain categories of property, make it difficult to find suitable indoor and outdoor facilities for training classes. Even where kennels are permitted, set-back requirements and building engineering standards can be cost prohibitive.

At-large dog laws that include provisions that require dogs to be on leashes of a specified length when off the owners' premises often fail to include exemptions to allow for off-lead competitions, trials, hunting, search-and-rescue work, and training for these activities.

AKC GR works with concerned residents and local advocates to work to advise lawmakers of the unintended harmful consequences of some proposed laws. Even so, the proposals keep coming—and when they pass, they cause problems for responsible trainers.

### AN EMERGING TREND—DOG TRAINER LICENSURE AND RESTRICTIONS

In recent years, lawmakers in several states and communities have proposed legislation to license and regulate dog trainers. Some of these proposals also seek to impose restric-

tions on training methodologies and equipment.

Bills to license dog trainers are sometimes a response to a high-profile incident where a dog or person was injured at a training class. In these cases, complaints against a specific trainer may be used to imply the need for additional oversight of all trainers.

Alleged abuses by a Florida board-and-train operation were used to justify the introduction of a highly prescriptive ordinance regulating dog trainers in Hillsborough County, Florida. The original drafts of the ordinance did not include sufficient exemptions for clubs and volunteer trainers, and attempted to place specific dog training protocols within county code!

AKC GR provided talking points and local advocates worked tirelessly with county officials to amend the troublesome proposal. Because of these efforts, the proposal was successfully modified. The final enacted version was a "Truth-in-Training" ordinance that requires certain dog trainers to obtain a business license, register with the county Pet Resources Department, maintain specified records, and adhere to

## What do the experts say?

"NADOI supports techniques that are safe, humane and effective. Efforts to dictate training methods can be problematic if they are led by politicians and interest groups, rather than a diverse group of training professionals. NADOI certification requires that experienced trainers have a variety of methods to solve training or behavioral issues and help people keep and enjoy their dogs."—Clare Reece-Glore, President, National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors

"Dog training is a very diverse field with a single common thread: communication. Dogs are trained for many different tasks such as assisting the disabled, police work, herding, hunting, protection, competition and companionship. Professional trainers achieve these training goals by using a wide variety of tools to *communicate* with the dog, both at close range, and over long distances. Done effectively, this communication increases desirable behaviors and reduces the incidence of problem behaviors in dogs.

"The desired result of any training program is to produce a dog which performs its tasks not only reliably, but with enthusiasm and joy. An experienced, professional trainer is knowledgeable about the tools of their trade, and has been schooled in how best to use them to effectively and humanely communicate with a dog. Training tools, when properly utilized, are safe and humane."—John Imler, Director Oversight Legislative Committee, Board of Directors, International Association of Canine Professionals

"Training in appropriate behavior is an important part of responsible dog ownership and enables a dog to be a respected and cherished part of family and community life. Appropriate training can help prevent dogs from being relinquished for behavioral issues and can deepen the bond between owners and their dogs. Individual dogs respond differently to a variety of approaches. AKC recognizes that there are numerous effective approaches to training that produce desirable results such as obedience, Canine Good Citizen®, performance and working/service dog designations. Government entities should not arbitrarily restrict accepted, appropriate and effective dog training practices."—American Kennel Club Canine Legislation Position Statement

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detailed training plans signed by the owner of each dog.

Rather than legally limiting registered trainers to "positive only" training protocols as originally proposed, the enacted ordinance requires that approved written training plans "include the specific methods and/or techniques, the equipment that would be used in dog training, a description

of any potential physical corrections or dog training techniques that may be used in the correction process, any deprivation techniques that may be used, and any risks involved."

The enacted version provides improved transparency for pet owners and exemptions for certain categories of training.

As of February 2021, legislation

governing dog training has already been filed or carried over in New York and New Jersey. The sponsor of a Michigan bill that failed to advance in the previous legislative session is indicating the intent to refile a bill that would prohibit training dogs in a manner that causes pain or distress. This could potentially limit use of accepted training

devices such as slip collars, electronic collars, and pinch collars.

AKC GR monitors these and other proposals and will provide updated information if the bills advance.

### THE PROBLEM OF MANDATED TRAINING PROTOCOLS

Discussions of laws and regulations that limit dog trainers to using narrowly defined training methodologies or ban the humane use of certain training equipment are taking place in communities across the United States.

This is particularly problematic when groups attempt to use legislation to impose restrictions on other trainers in their community, while specifically exempting their own services. In certain proposals, the entities that would be granted authority to approve or deny licensure to dog trainers would be in competition for the same customers.

Trainers from all backgrounds agree that abusive treatment of a dog is never acceptable. Controversy over training methods often centers around "positive only" training versus training protocols that allow humane corrections. Even use of the word "no" and

gently redirecting a dog using leash pressure are excluded by some trainers. This has led to disagreements between trainers, and even among individual trainers within a single organization.

"Calls for regulation of trainers are often the result of mismanaged customer expectations. Transparency is important. Let your students know which training methods you might utilize with a dog, and update that information with the owner when additional methods or equipment are recommended to achieve the best results for the dog," says Sheila Goffe, AKC Vice President, Government Relations.

### STAY INFORMED AND INVOLVED

AKC GR provides information about pending legislation, educational materials on canine legislative issues, and guidance on how dog owners can take action at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org). Stay up to date on issues that affect dogs and dog owners by subscribing to AKC legislative alerts at [www.akc.org/legislative-alerts](http://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts), and opt-in to receive legislative alerts via text messaging by texting AKCGR to 50457 and clicking on the provided link. **GZ**

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## **GSLDTC 2021 Schedule of Trials & Tests**

### **AKC Temperament Test**

5th Tuesday of 2021 months Dates to be Announced  
National Guard Armory, West Jordan, Utah

### **Scent Work Trial**

Spring 2021 to be Announced  
National Guard Armory  
West Jordan, Utah

### **TDX Test ( Tracking Dog Excellent)-CANCELLED**

Sunday, April 25, 2021  
Plot Saturday, April 24, 2021  
Entries close Wednesday, April 14, 2021  
Saratoga Springs, Utah

### **Beehive Cluster/Intermountain KC & Utah Valley KC**

May 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2021  
Equestrian Center  
So. Jordan, Utah

### **TD Test (Tracking Dog)**

Sunday, May 16, 2021  
Plot Saturday, May 15, 2021  
Entries close Wednesday, May 5, 2021  
Saratoga Springs, Utah

### **Scent Work Trial**

Fall 2021 to be Announced  
National Guard Armory  
West Jordan, Utah

### **Agility/Obedience/Rally Trials**

September 17, 18, and 19, 2021  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
Agility Trial x 3 days  
Obedience Trial x 3 days  
Rally Trial x 3 days  
Held with Bonneville Basin KA  
Farmington, Utah

### **Combined VST/TDU Test (Variable Surface/Tracking Dog Urban)**

Sunday, October 2021  
Date to be announced after the University of Utah football schedule is finalized

### **Obedience/Rally Trials**

Friday, November 12, Saturday, November 13 and Sunday, November 14, 2021  
Obedience Trial x 3 days, Rally Trial x 3 days  
Farmington, Utah



**General Meetings Schedule:** held at the Columbus Center. 2530 South 500 East—Salt Lake City at 7 pm Room 101 but occasionally moved to the gym.

Mar 23rd—Presentation will be **Wendy & Penny speaking on the AKC Temperament Test—CANCELLED**

April 27th—Presentation will be **Joe the Vet Tech speaking on Seasonal Allergies—CANCELLED**

**NO General Meeting in May** due to the Memorial Day Holiday

June 22nd—Presentation will be TBD—**CANCELLED**

July 27th—Presentation will be TBD—**CANCELLED**

Aug 24th—**Annual Picnic held at Murray Park Pavilion #4—CANCELLED**

Sept 28th—Presentation will be TBD—**CANCELLED**

Oct 26th—Presentation will be TBD—**CANCELLED**

Nov 23rd—Presentation will be Train the Trainer by Wendy McCleery- **CANCELLED**

**NO General Meeting in Dec** due to the Holidays

## **NO CLASS SIGN UPS OR CLASSES UNTIL AT LEAST FEBUARY 2021**

The Armory is not allowing any use of their building until COVID evaluations in January 2021

THANK YOU so much for all our dedicated instructors and support members!!

### **Tuesday Classes:**

7:00 pm—Rally with Deb & Jessica

7:00 pm & 8:00 pm— Competition Classes with April

7:45 pm— Tricks with Lisa

7:45 pm—Beginning Scent Work with Darlana & Toni

8:00 pm—8:30 pm—ATT or Conformation Class held as a 4 week class cost of class is \$40.00 for the 4 weeks. ATT & Conformation class is held on alternating months. Not the same month.

8:30 pm—Advanced Scent Work

8:30 pm—Advanced Class with Michelle or Penny

### **Wednesday Classes:**

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7:45 pm—

8:00 pm—

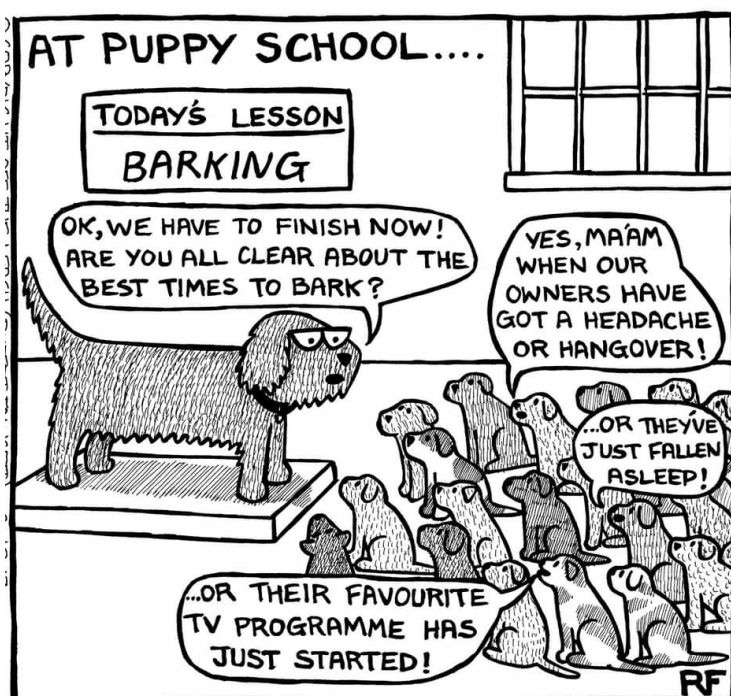
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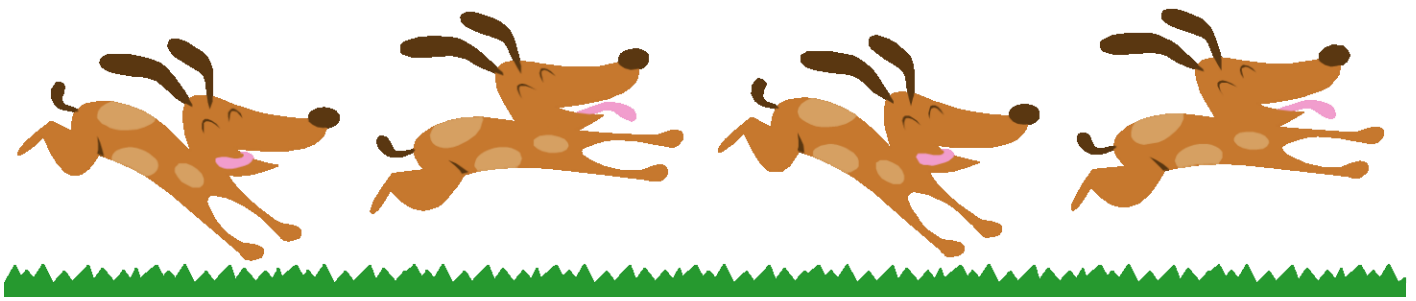
Puppy, Beginning Obedience, & Intermediate Obedience



I go where  
the **food** goes

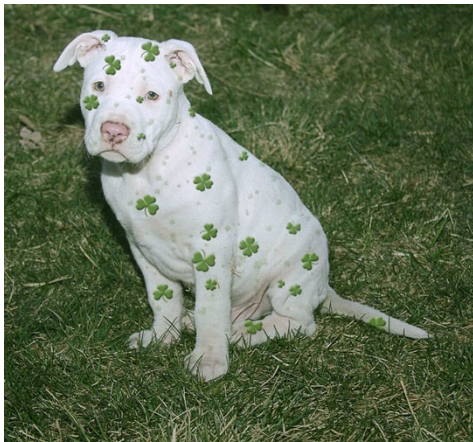


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## *Member's Page*

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