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## Meet Our Cover Dog!

**Owner:** *Katie Brittan*

**Dog's name:** *Britmor's Are We There Yet*

**Nicknames:** *DD (Devil Dog, Daddy's Dog)*

**Breed:** *Miniature Schnauzer*

**Age:** *2 years*

**Favorite activities:** *Snuggling*

**Favorite treat:** *Kibble*

**Tricks/talents/skills:** *She's only 12.5" tall and can jump a 24" baby gate with ease. Maybe I did pick the wrong sibling to do agility? Nahhh....*

### Want to See Your Dog on the Cover?

Just send a picture to [newsletter@tcotc.com](mailto:newsletter@tcotc.com).

High-resolution photos work best. We will pick one photo for each issue.

### More Ways To Get Involved

There have never been more opportunities to participate in activities with your dog. The AKC recently announced that they are allowing mixed-breed dogs to compete in their Obedience, Rally and Agility events. The ASCA now offers Rally trials for all breeds. And here at TCOTC we have Obedience and Agility events galore over the next couple of months. Plus, Tracking classes will start soon.

And if you're ready to learn more about dogs, training and competing, we have good news for you: TCOTC needs your help. **We need volunteers to help with events, classes and more. Please see the volunteer form on page 14 and consider helping out.** I promise, you'll learn a lot and you may find that volunteering is a great way to relax and forget about everything else but dogs for a few hours.

Who knows? Maybe next year you'll be Volunteer of the Year or the Spirit Award Winner. See page 5 for this year's winners.

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Meet Abby the Australian Shepherd, owned by Cheryl Pastick. Abby loves Agility at TCOTC, as you can clearly see here.

## FEBRUARY

**8 Monday**  
**Week 1 for all classes**

**19 Friday**  
**Club Day**

**9 Tuesday**  
**Board Meeting**  
**7:00**

**23 Tuesday**  
**Trophy Match**

**17 Wednesday**  
**Therapy Dog Overview**  
**7:00**

**18 Thursday**  
**Week 1 for all classes**

## MARCH

**2 Tuesday**  
**Week 1 for all classes**

**26 Friday**  
**Tracking Overview**  
**7:00**

**4 Thursday**  
**Agility Staff Meeting**

**26/27 Friday or Saturday**  
**Club Day: TBA**

**5-7 Friday-Sunday**  
**TCOTC Agility Trial**

**31 Wednesday**  
**CGC Test**  
**7:00**

**9 Tuesday**  
**Board Meeting**  
**7:00**

# Annual Meeting • Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Below are selections from the reports given at the Annual Meeting. Please see the Achievements & Awards document for the titles, legs and awards submitted by our members in 2009.

## From the Membership Report

by Mary Verness

### Total Membership: 1109 members

701 memberships were new.

The **most popular female dog name from all class registration lists is Bella**, with 34. The new-member-only registrations show Bella as the most popular name, with 13.

The **most popular male dog name from all class registration lists is Cooper**, with 20. The new-member-only registrations have Jackson as the most popular name, with 12.

### 251 classes were taught in 2009

### Top 10 Breed Count from Class Registrations

Labrador Retriever	170
Golden Retriever	129
Shetland Sheepdog	114
Border Collie	90
German Shepherd Dog	73
Portuguese Water Dog	46
Boxer	44
Poodle, Standard	43
Labrador Cross	42
Golden/Poodle Cross	41
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	41

## TCOTC Administration

Building Manager – Nanette Malcomson  
Rental Liaison – Alexis Erickson  
Accounting Manager – Mary Steinbauer  
Personnel Manager – Mary Steinbauer  
Office Manager – Nanette Malcomson  
Membership/Class Coordinator – Mary Verness  
Volunteer Coordinator – Nanette Malcomson  
Front Desk Manager – Nanette Malcomson

## Election of Directors and Officers

On January 12, 2010, two **Board members were re-elected: Katie Brittan and Stacy Pampuch. Karen Radford was elected as a new Board member.**

President: Corrie Barrows  
Vice President: Kristi Flynn  
Treasurer: Mary Steinbauer  
Recording Secretary: Krista Hunt  
Corresponding Secretary: Stacy Pampuch  
Past President: Nanette Malcomson  
Directors: Katie Brittan, Kristin Omdahl, Karen Radford, Ken Tyborski  
Alternates: Janna Netland Lover (1st), Kory Kaye (2nd)  
Director of Training: Jan Heck

## New Classes in 2009

by Jan Heck, Director of Training

In 2009, we added some **short courses** that have been well received by our membership. We have had Loose Leash Walking, Really Reliable Recall and Tricks 1 and II. We have renamed the Control Unleashed classes to Changing Attitudes. The class curriculum is based on Leslie McDevitt's book *Control Unleashed*.

We are in the process of reinstating **classes for the reactive dog**. The curricula is being prepared and we hope to have it available later in the year.

## TCOTC Training Staff

Director of Training – Jan Heck  
Agility Dept Head – Anne Bentley  
Obedience Dept Head – Jane Jacobson  
Flyball Dept Head – Jane Jacobson  
Therapy Dog Dept Head – Carol Ouhl  
Tracking Dept Head – TBA  
Monday Lead Instructor – Jan Heck  
Tuesday Lead Instructor – Katie Brittan  
Wednesday Lead Instructor – Mary Verness  
Thursday Lead Instructor – Marsha LeDuc

## Annual Awards Banquet: Staff/Volunteer Awards

### 2009 Volunteer of the Year: Karen Radford

by Kristin Omdahl

This year's Volunteer of the Year has given so much to TCOTC! Karen Radford's whirlwind year of service began with the membership's decision to expand our facility to include a new ring and adjoining office space. This was a huge undertaking and Karen generously offered to provide her expertise to manage this complicated project. She spent countless hours planning, budgeting and recruiting volunteers for the numerous tasks that had to be done. This alone took tremendous skill and effort, but Karen certainly didn't spend her time behind a spreadsheet! Not only did she orchestrate the construction efforts, but worked many hours right alongside her volunteers to do construction of all kinds, including drywall, painting and mat laying. She was instrumental in finding the right people, materials and finances to complete a high-quality project at the best price possible. Thanks to her skillful coordination efforts and elbow grease, TCOTC has a beautiful new Star Room!



This is not Karen's only area of service. She has been an awesome member of TCOTC's flyball team. Karen first started flyball to give her Yorkie a place to spend her energy. She has given numerous hours to the team in the form of tournament director, flyball team coordinating committee member, leader to individual teams to participate in flyball tournaments (to "captain" a team), and she's assisted non-Club flyball teams to organize their tournaments. High Spirits flyball team is pleased and honored that Karen has been an enthusiastic member.

### 2009 Dale Weyhrich Spirit Award Winner: Kory Kaye

by Jan Heck, Director of Training

The recipient of this award honors Dale's memory and positively affect the members of TCOTC. It is awarded to someone who encourages others to participate and volunteer by their own examples of volunteerism.

Kory Kaye is a highly talented dog trainer. Although she works her own dogs at a high level of training, she will stop and help out any person who is experiencing frustration in the progress of his/her own dog. She uses positive methods of communication and also humor to effectively reassure the frustrated person with the good but not yet focused dog.

Kory happily chooses to help with trials, test and seminars, as well as helping at the State Fair every year. She helps the other TCOTC volunteers get into the ring on time, guides them into helping with set up, take down and talks to the hundreds of fair goers. She continues to pick up jobs at the fair from set up to take down.

Kory is even willing to work on curricula and hammer out the details as to skills taught to our members and behaviors taught to the dogs. Both humans and animals benefit from her work. Kory is also willing to cover when an instructor is not able to make it to class.

Kory has a lot of drive and focus for the growth of TCOTC. Thinking outside the box is not a requirement but she stirs up great conversation and keen ideas for the good of the club. Kory even volunteers to work with the board, though her own work schedule makes it difficult to get to board meetings.



Photo courtesy of Chuck and Don's Pet Food Outlet, Patrick Nau Photography  
[www.patricknau.com](http://www.patricknau.com)

## Congratulations to the 2009 TCOTC Trophy Winners

Bruno the Brute Award: Jan Poole – Ace 10 years

Bubba Foster Trophy: Susan Hassinger - Danny

Engstrom Bruiser Trophy: Patty Fulton - Piper

Bonnie Barton Novice Trophy: Nancy Booth - Sugar

Betty Bobzien and Sami Open Trophy: Patty Fulton-  
Piper

Betty Bobzien and Sami Utility Trophy: Patty Fulton-  
Piper

Bonnie Barton Utility Trophy: Patty Fulton- Piper

Perpetual Novice Trophy: Mary Beth Percy - Amanda

Senior Handler Trophy: Jane Jacobson – Amber Rose

Sid Sather Trophy: Vion Kaye – Sir Dagonet

UKC Trophy: Jolynn Wedekind - Kallie

Agility Trophy: Vion Kaye – Sir Dagonet

Keeper Award: Patty Fulton- Piper

Rally Obedience A Trophy: Alyssa Taylor - Kailey

Rowan Rally Obedience B Trophy: Laura Waudby -  
Lance

Sophie Trophy: Wayne Carlson – Pearlina

Bonnie Barton Open Trophy: Patty Fulton - Piper

Likka Award: Jane Jacobson – Amber Rose

Advanced Obedience Plaque: Patti Fulton - Piper (UD)

Susan Hassinger - Danny (UD)

Versatile Companion Dog Plaque: Patti Fulton - Piper  
(VCD3)

Advanced Rally Plaque: Danielle Woodgate - Amber  
(RAE)

Crystal Thompson - Maisy (RL1X)

Jolynn Wedekind - Kallie (RAE, ARCH, RL2X)

Advanced Tracking Plaque: Lynnda Lenzen - Java  
(TDX)

Marge Schultz - Hattie (TDX, CT, VST, CKC-TDX)

Flyball Plaque: Luann Tillman - Streak (ONYX)

Marley Performance Versatility Award: Mary Beth  
Percy - Amanda (Obedience, Agility, Tracking)

Lynnda Lenzen - Ringo (Obedience, Tracking, Flyball)

Advanced Agility Plaques: JoAnne Schwietz - Ace  
(NATCH 2, C-ATCH 3, ATCH, ATCH-OP)

Ellyce Thompson - Ella Boo (MACH)

Kathy Murphy - Cubby (MACH)

Kory Kaye - Sir Dagonet (MACH)

Lisa Pertile - Mellie (MACH)

Jan Poole - Hunter (NATCH 2, C-ATCH 3, ATCH-OP)

Katie Brittan - Terra (MACH, Vers-NATCH, C-ATCH  
2, Triple Superior Versatility)

## New Class Updates

### **New Class: Canine Freestyle**

Canine Freestyle (Dancing with dogs) class will be taught by Lynnette Gandle. Lynnette has competed in World Canine Freestyle. She has also put on performances for the Pet Expo in Minneapolis.

The new Canine Freestyle class will start Monday, February 8, 2010. Since a lot of the work includes heeling, your dog should have comparable heeling skills as taught in level 3. The 6-week class will be held in the Star Room from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Cost of the class is \$90. Class size will be 8 – 10 handler/dog teams. The class is smaller so that you will receive more individual coaching. Sign-up sheets will be at the desk.

### **New Class: Reactive Rovers**

Have you quit taking your dog for walks because he goes nuts when he sees other dogs? A very common behavior issue for our modern dogs is called “barrier frustration” or “leash reactivity.” This class is for dogs who are reactive (bark/lunge) to stimuli in their environment when they are restrained – on leash, in a car, behind a fence, or other barrier. Often the problem disappears when the leash is off. In class we will work with reactivity to other dogs, but the same methods could apply to reactivity to joggers, bicycles, cars, etc.

In class we will use the scientific principles of desensitization and counterconditioning to not just suppress behavior, but actually change your dog’s emotional reaction to things that now make him act crazy. We’ll also do a bit of “obedience training” to teach him some more desirable behaviors to engage in when he sees his triggers.

The program will include three parts: a 1-1/2 hour lecture class for humans (without dogs); a one hour private interview/instruction with you and your dog; five small group classes with other reactive rovers. Class is currently held on Friday at 10:00 a.m. The private interview/instruction sessions will be scheduled separately at the lecture class. Check [tcotc.com](http://tcotc.com) or call 612-379-1332 for start dates. For other questions contact instructor Julie Humiston: [jehumiston@gmail.com](mailto:jehumiston@gmail.com). Cost for the entire program is \$195. After taking the full program students may repeat the group classes at a reduced cost (\$125). The lecture class is also available separately for \$30 per person.

This is not a class for dogs who are known to be frankly aggressive and have bitten either people or other dogs. To register, please fill out the form on our website and return to TCOTC with \$195 (cash or check). We will contact you to confirm your registration.

## 2010 Club Days

Club Day events are free for TCOTC members. All take place at TCOTC unless otherwise noted. If you have any questions or topic suggestions, please email Mickey or Cathy at [clubdays@tcotc.com](mailto:clubdays@tcotc.com).

**February 19, 7:00 pm: Dr. Lisa Carpenter will discuss pet nutrition.**

**April 9, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Disc Dog Seminar by The Minnesota Disc Dog Club**

Start your summer sensationally! Learn more about this casual sport of playing disc (Frisbee) with your best friend and enjoy a fun-filled season of canine disc.

**July 23, 6:00 - 8:00 pm: MVMA Dog Bite Prevention Program with Dr. Teresa Hershey**

In Minnesota between 1998 and 2005, the incidents of dog bites increased 40%. During that time, 24,584 Minnesotans required medical attention from a dog bite: 849 of them required hospitalization and one died. More than \$18.6 million in healthcare costs were incurred by dog bite injuries during this time. \**Minnesota Medicine*, July 2007.

The MVMA Dog Bite Prevention Program teaches children how to:

- Approach and pet a dog safely
- What is safe and unsafe with a dog
- Basic dog body language
- How to stand like a tree or lie like a log if a strange dog approaches you.

This program was developed for children 1st - 6th grade, but older children and adults will also benefit.

## Club News from Nanette Malcomson

### Saturday Night Agility Open Ring Dates

Here are the upcoming Saturday Open Ring nights for agility lovers. As always, the Saturday monitors are the awesome volunteers Jan Poole and JoAnne Schwietz. Hope to see you there!

March 27	7:00 – 8:30 pm
April 17	7:00 – 8:30 pm
May 1	6:00 – 8:00 pm
May 8	6:00 – 8:00 pm

### Miniature Schnauzer Study

A veterinarian at the University of Minnesota is seeking owners of Miniature Schnauzers to help out with a study to determine the genetic inheritance of calcium oxalate urinary stones. They have funding to offer free exams and tests for eligible dogs.

They hope this study will further development of therapeutic and preventative strategies for urinary stones.

Contact Eva Furrow at 612-624-6284 or [furro004@umn.edu](mailto:furro004@umn.edu).

### Dr. Jane Goodall: “A Reason for Hope”

#### A program of the Minnesota Zoo

Monday, April 19, 2010, 7:30 pm  
Beth El Synagogue

\$50.00 for one general admission ticket. Full amount is tax deductible.

[www.bethelsynagogue.org/pages/jane-goodall](http://www.bethelsynagogue.org/pages/jane-goodall)

Thank you to all of you who attended our Annual meeting on January 12! There have been many years when we have had a hard time reaching quorum and it was great to not have that problem this year.

Hopefully all of you who attended the meeting are all charged up to start volunteering and getting involved! There is a form on page 14 of this newsletter and at [tcotc.com](http://tcotc.com) that lists all of the volunteer opportunities we have available in 2010. Please look it over and sign up to help. Your help is invaluable!

One of the most important things we dealt with at the Annual Meeting was electing new Board members and appointing officers for 2010. The updated list is on page 4 of the newsletter. Thank you all who are willing to be on our Board. It is a behind the scenes job but critical in keeping our club working smoothly.

Thank you to Cheryl Laurent and John Sokalski for bring fresh baked cookies for our Annual Meeting. This is an annual deal for their household and those of us who gobble them up every year really appreciate it!

Congratulations to all of you who earned awards in 2009. It is fun to see our fellow students succeed in their training. It always inspires me! If you missed this year, put it on your to-do list for next January now!

Also, congratulations to our 2009 Volunteer of the Year, Karen Radford, and Dale Weyhrich Spirit Award winner, Kory Kaye!

Keep your eyes out for all the new classes our training staff have been developing for 2010! Some of these classes were offered last year and went over so well, we are repeating them, but many are new. New classes include:

- Loose Leash Walking
- Tricks
- Really Reliable Recalls
- Changing Attitudes (formerly Control Unleashed)
- Trim My Nails, Please
- Canine Freestyle (Dancing with Dogs)

If you have any ideas for other classes we should try, let Jan Heck know at [janheck@ties2net](mailto:janheck@ties2net). We are always open to suggestions!

I hope all of you are handling the cold and finding ways to have fun with your dogs without getting frost bite!

Have fun!  
Nanette Malcomson  
Volunteer Coordinator and Past President



## TCOTC Library News

by Julie Humiston

In November the club got slick new metal cabinets set up in the corner of the lobby to hold our updated library. There's even a small table and a couple chairs so you can sit down and look at books. It can be hard to find good, positive reinforcement-based dog books in public libraries and bookstores, so I hope everyone will take advantage of the improved selection we now have.

I am working at adding more new items. At the Open House/Bazaar we earned \$70 for library use by selling baked goods. Thanks to the volunteers who baked, sold and bought things. I have also taken some of the outdated materials we culled out and listed them on Amazon.com and am slowly turning a few of those rejects into cash. Here is a list of the latest new additions to the library:

*Through A Dog's Ear: Using Sound to Improve the Health and Behavior of Your Canine Companion*, by Joshua Leeds (includes CD)

*Click to Calm: Healing the Aggressive Dog*, by Emma Parsons

*Clicking With Your Dog: Step by Step in Pictures*, by Peggy Tillman

*Click For Joy: Questions and Answers from Clicker Trainers and Their Dogs*, by Melissa Alexander

*Dogs: A Startling New Understanding of Canine Origin, Behavior and Evolution*, by Raymond and Lorna Coppinger

*Raising Puppies and Kids Together: A Guide for Parents*, by Pia Silvani

*The Other End of the Leash: Why We Do What We Do Around Dogs*, by Patricia McConnell, PhD

*Excel-erated Learning: Explaining in Plain English How Dogs Learn and How Best to Teach Them*, by Pamela Reid, PhD

*Dogs Are From Neptune, 2nd Ed.*, by Jean Donaldson

*Getting Started: Clicker Training for Dogs*, by Karen Pryor

*Way To Go: How to Housetrain a Dog of Any Age*, by Karen London, PhD and Patricia McConnell, PhD

*Canine Behavior: A Photo Illustrated Handbook*, Barbara Handelman

All these are books. DVDs are more expensive, but we hope to add some more of them soon too. If you find the library cabinets locked, just ask the desk person to unlock them for you. Any club member may check out materials with just a refundable security deposit. There is a \$3 fee for video/DVD materials only.

### **Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) Rally for All Breeds**

The ASCA board of directors has approved the new Rally program. There will be more information to follow as signs and other information is available. All breeds can compete in the ASCA Performance events. Any breed other than the Australian Shepherd just needs a tracking number to compete in the performance events. See [www.asca.org](http://www.asca.org) for further information on the Rally program rules.

## What is a “Special” Class?

by Jan Heck, Director of Training

The newest classes have been categorized as “Special” classes. These classes are focused on one topic and usually are scheduled for 4 to 5 weeks. Occasionally, you might find a short Special class fits your lifestyle better and gives you a fresh look at dog training.

Current Special classes are Loose Leash Walking, Really Reliable Recall, Tricks 1 and Tricks 2. Once you choose a class, you must register at the desk and pre-pay the class fee (between \$40.00 and \$50.00). These classes have fewer participants (8-10 handler/dog teams).

Loose Leash Walking will focus on practicing walking with a loose leash and include exercises like parallel walking, walking past another dog and walking past distractions on the floor with items like toys and food.

Really Reliable Recall is a program for training your dog to come to you quickly and on one cue. The Really Reliable Recall is also called the emergency recall. If you follow the plan, you should be able to call the dog away from barking at the fence or leaving a playmate at the dog park. You will learn body language, develop a special call, and learn how to create a great reward called “Really Fine Dining.”

Tricks 1 and Tricks 2 are all about having fun training with your dog and your clicker. Tricks are a valuable training tool. Once a dog has learned a trick, you can use that trick in the training ring. If your dog is not focusing on you, you cue the dog to do a trick and the dog re-focuses on you. When you think you made a mistake while working the dog, ask your dog to perform a trick and reward.

## AKC Breaking News: Mixed Breeds Now Allowed To Compete from the AKC

We are pleased to inform you of a decision made by the AKC Board at the January 11, 2010 meeting, which will enhance the AKC Canine Partners program. This exciting new program **allows mixed breed dog owners to list their dogs and participate in AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally events starting April 1, 2010.**

While each club's participation in the AKC Canine Partners program will remain voluntary, clubs may now choose to allow mixed breed participation at any AKC Agility, Obedience or Rally event. Mixed breeds will compete in the same classes and earn the same titles as their purebred counterparts.

This decision was made following a lengthy discussion and review of feedback from enrollees, delegates, clubs, show and trial chairpersons, current purebred exhibitors and potential mixed-breed exhibitors, prompting a reevaluation of the current program. AKC staff took into consideration the prior feedback received from the AKC Delegate body about the program and contacted each individual member of the AKC Delegates Committee for Obedience, Tracking and Agility and others regarding this feedback.

After taking into consideration staff recommendations; compelling feedback from dog owners, clubs and fanciers; and the long lead time for event applications, AKC decided it was best to move quickly.

This positive step forward for AKC and dog owners enables us to share our passion for dogs and our commitment to responsible dog ownership with an even greater audience. It will simplify the planning and management of club events, while benefiting mixed breed dog owners by giving them more opportunities to participate in events in their local areas.

Please contact AKC Canine Partners if you have any questions or comments you would like to share:  
akccaninepartners@akc.org, Penny Leigh 919-816-3749, Sydney Suwannarat 919-816-3521

## Obedience and Rally News and Events

by Patty Fulton

There are several Obedience events taking place at TCOTC in February and March. We need volunteers for three of them. It's a great way to learn about competing!

### **Annual TCOTC Trophy Obedience Match: February 23, 6:00 pm**

All members are welcome to participate in the Trophy Match. Students who have taken Level 2 Obedience and beyond may enjoy competing. I will need **volunteers to work the registration desk and as ring stewards.**

### **APDT Rally and CDSP Obedience trial: February 6 - 7**

The first weekend in February the Minnesota Mixed Breed Club is holding an APDT Rally and CDSP Obedience trial at TCOTC. These are two great organizations with interesting exercises for the teams to perform. More information can be found at [www.mnmixedbreedclub.org/CDSPobedience](http://www.mnmixedbreedclub.org/CDSPobedience). Friday, February 5 they are offering a seminar for those interested in learning more about CDSP.

### **Minneapolis Kennel Club AKC Obedience trial: February 27 - 28**

This is a great opportunity for staff and students to see the end goal of several of the exercises we teach in our classes. Stewards are always appreciated and they learn a lot. Caroly Kraskey ([centralbeautyschool@hotmail.com](mailto:centralbeautyschool@hotmail.com)) will be coordinating the volunteer stewards. **TCOTC will be sponsoring run throughs Friday, February 26 as a fundraiser. I would really appreciate help if you have a couple of hours that night.**

### **AKC Obedience trial: March 13 - 14**

Diane McCarty ([dmcarty100@yahoo.com](mailto:dmcarty100@yahoo.com)) is organizing stewards for this trial. Again, **TCOTC will be sponsoring run throughs on Friday night. Can you volunteer to help out?**

If you would like to volunteer or if you have questions, contact Patty Fulton at [corgizoom@gmail.com](mailto:corgizoom@gmail.com).

## **Tuesday Obedience Run-Throughs Moved to Mondays**

We are lucky to have Joanna Yund on staff to offer Obedience Run-Throughs every week at TCOTC. She has moved her weekly offering to Mondays at 5:50. Stop down and watch, get motivated and join in!

5:50 pm – 6:50 pm  
Starting February 8, 2010  
AKC Judge Joanna Yund

Novice, Open & Utility  
Registration starts at 5:45  
10 dogs & handlers per night

\$5 per dog for members  
\$6 per dog for non-members

Trial-like manner following AKC Competition Rules. Collars: all dogs in the obedience ring must wear a properly fitted collar approved by the judge. No special training collars, such as electronic collars or prong collars, will be permitted. Nothing may be hanging from the dog's collar.

# Upcoming Agility Events

## AKC Standard Agility Run-Thrus: Saturday, February 20, 2010, 9 AM - 1 PM

Call Nanette on Thursday February 18 from 9 - 11 AM to reserve a spot: 612-721-6022.

Excellent / Novice courses nested. \$5 for a 2 minute run. One free run for each hour worked. We will start big to little each hour.

Dog aggression will not be tolerated and offenders will be asked to leave with no refund. Run thru coordinator will ask teams practicing in an unsafe or unsportsmanlike manner to leave the ring. Please be careful of mats and equipment when moving items. Please clean up after your dog.

Email Katie Brittan, [KTBrit@aol.com](mailto:KTBrit@aol.com) if you have questions.

## TCOTC Agility Trial: March 5 -7

Details available at [tcotc.com](http://tcotc.com). Volunteers needed!

## Agility Seminar by Kory Kaye: Building Speed, Drive and Motivation (for those who don't like to train every day of their lives): April 16 - 18

Kory is an accomplished dog trainer who has titled numerous dogs in several venues. In agility alone she has earned at least 10 MACHs. Proceeds will go towards purchase of 24" weaves and new tunnels.

Lecture Friday evening 7-9 pm (required for those with working spots on Sat/Sun) - this is WITHOUT dogs.

Saturday and Sunday: 9 am-1 pm (working sessions) - and probably an identical afternoon session if there is enough interest in working spots. If we do offer both morning and afternoon sessions, we will also be allowing workers to audit the other session for free.

Maximum number of workers = 8 workers with unlimited auditors. NOTE: for working spots, TCOTC's current students and instructors have 1st priority; other TCOTC members 2nd, and non-members 3rd. This will apply to registrations received by February 15.

### **Fees for TCOTC students, staff, and members:**

Friday evening - \$25 for everyone

Sat/Sun - working spots = \$100

Sat/Sun - auditing spots = \$60

\*Fri/Sat/Sun auditing spots for staff, instructors, assistants = Free

### **Fees for non-members:**

Friday evening - \$35 for everyone

Sat/Sun - working spots = \$135

Sat/Sun - auditing spots = \$80

Working spots must be paid in full to reserve your place. If you cancel, we will give refunds if we can fill your spot.

The families and friends of Shane Bauer, Sarah Shourd, and Josh Fattal thank TCOTC for donating the use of the agility annex for an agility run through/fundraiser on Sunday, December 20, 2009. As you see, attendance was lively as was the support expressed for Shane, Sarah, Josh, and their families! New and experienced handlers combined with every combination of new and experienced dogs for a morning of fun!



In between agility runs, people enjoyed snacking and chatting while getting in some last minute shopping at the Free the Hikers merchandise table and the raffle! Everyone commented on how much they appreciated the opportunity to wear out some dogs on a chilly winter day and support a good cause.

If you are not familiar with the situation: Shane, Sarah, and Josh have been detained in Iran since July 31, 2009 after they reportedly crossed an unmarked border in a tourist area of Kurdistan, Iraq. Shane Bauer is the son of Cindy Hickey whom many of us know through the massage work Cindy and her students provide to our canine partners.

The opportunity to discuss the situation and raise funds during the run throughs at TCOTC is both needed and appreciated. All of the proceeds of this event were donated to the Free the Hikers campaign to assist with the costs of legal fees, awareness building, travel, etc.

If you wish to learn more about the situation and/or other things you can do to lend your support please visit [www.freethehikers.org](http://www.freethehikers.org) or visit us on Facebook.

Thank you, TCOTC! We couldn't have held this event without you!

Laura Breckheimer  
and all of the supporters of Shane, Sarah, and Josh



Above: Gina Pizzo and Kelly Ditmar help out.  
At right: Some of the awesome raffle items.  
Participants watch the run throughs and bid on items.  
Some of the Free the Hikers merchandise.

## TCOTC Volunteer Form

TCOTC is a club that needs many people to help it operate efficiently. In 2009, we had to cancel one of our Canine Good Citizen tests and several of our Club Days because of lack of volunteers stepping forward to help but then afterwards I heard "I would have helped if I had known they needed me." So this year I am giving all of you the information ahead of time. The sooner you can commit, the better the odds are the event or activity you are volunteering to help with will indeed be able to take place.

Volunteering is the best way to meet other club members and learn more about the goings on in our building. As they say, many hands makes less work, and as I say, it really is fun!

Would you be willing to take charge of the kitchen for one of our agility trials? Arrange what is being sold and find volunteers? \_\_\_\_\_

Which Trial? March/May/November (circle selections)

Would you be willing to read a book or watch a DVD from the TCOTC library and write a review for the newsletter? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to write articles for the TCOTC newsletter? \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions: Staff interviews, training topics, attend a Club Day and write a review on what took place.

Would you like to do graphic design for posters and the club's brochure? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to take charge of the kitchen for our October Obedience Trial? Arrange what is being sold and find volunteers? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you available to help the once a month Thursday daytime cleaning crew? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you available to get to the building before classes start and hand shovel the sidewalk on stairs on one day/night of the week? Mon\_\_\_\_ Tues\_\_\_\_ Wed\_\_\_\_ Thur\_\_\_\_

Would you like to join the Club Days committee? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to take charge and/or help with community demos? (state fair, U of M, local schools, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Other ways you would like to help:

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Nanette Malcomson –Volunteer Coordinator, TCOTC mailbox 57 or mutley@msn.com

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Meet Remington the Newfoundland, owned by Mike and Beth Delfs. He's almost a year old, loves bananas and apparently, the Vikings. Not sure who he's rooting for now, the Saints or the Colts?