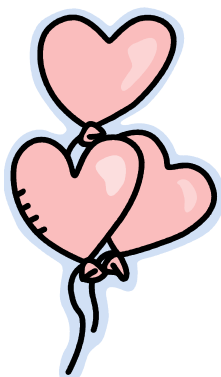


Special points of interest:

- Check building availability using the "[Events Calendar](#)"
- Make ring reservations by calling Bruce Oppenheimer 615-322-6232 or email at: [rental@nashvilledog.org](mailto:rental@nashvilledog.org)
- Next Club Meeting Feb 28th
- Next Board Meeting Mar 7th



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# Nashville Dog Training Club Newsletter



## 2005 Combined Agility & Obedience Trial Reports

### Agility Trial

The 2005 four day Agility Trial at the Williamson County Ag Center has come to an end. We had an enormous entry this year and still managed to keep things running smoothly and on time. Many positive comments were received from exhibitors, vendors, and judges alike, as well as from the AKC representatives who were in attendance. I would like to thank my committee members for their hard work and positive attitudes during the event. Many of you went above and beyond the call of duty, and it showed in the smooth running of each and every class. We had two exhibitors receive their MACH at this trial, and many received qualifying scores in all levels of competition. All volunteers were well fed by our hospitality chairs and were jumping in wherever we needed help in the rings. I think all of our wonderful volunteer prizes helped to create that atmosphere. Once again, our location was a big hit with the competitors. Many were there to compete in both agility and obedience, something they can rarely do in other areas. We had competitors entered from as far away as South Dakota, Chicago area, Ohio, Virginia and all over the South. Thanks to all of those who volunteered to work the rings and make this event run so smoothly. I will have financial report available at a later date when all expenses have been received.

Connie Womack  
Agility Trial Chair

Denise McClure, the Chief Ring Steward, wanted to give a great big thank you for all the club members that volunteered in the rings at the agility trial. In particular, volunteers that put in an extraordinary amount of time helping were: Greg Brasen, Paul McCoy, Judy Clarke Beatty, and Judy Hacket. In addition Connie Womack and June Johnston jumped in and worked in the rings in addition to their own committee positions. Several exhibitors from the Cary, Illinois (Chicago suburbs) area and the Alabama area stepped up again and again to help out tirelessly to help keep the classes running in brisk fashion. Plus, the raffle items were a big hit.

## 2005 Combined Rally and Obedience Trials

NDTC held its second annual four-day obedience trials and its first two-day rally trials at the Williamson County Ag Center the end of January in conjunction with the third annual four-day agility trials. Even though entries were substantially higher than last year, the trials went smoothly, there was good crating space due to paring back on vendors. Exhibitor feed-back was uniformly enthusiastic. We also received some very complimentary notes from some of the judges. Two of our exhibitors this year judged at last year's trials, and two of this year's judges plan on making long drives to attend as exhibitors next year because they were so impressed with the venue and with how smoothly the trials ran. One judge, observing Jean Ervin and her crew rolling out mats and setting up the rings commented on what a well-oiled machine we had. The judges also commented on how well they were treated and how welcome they felt.

Bill Thane, the AKC rep, attended again this year to observe the provisional judges. In addition, AKC Assistant VP of Companion Events Patricia Krause came to observe the trials after hearing the glowing reports from last year. She conveyed her praise for the events to David Haddock.

One innovation for this year was the addition of "wild card" classes. These are non-regular classes that allow the handler to help the dog on all but the essential elements of each exercise and that also allow the exhibitor to skip any one exercise and get full credit for that exercise. These classes were very popular. The rally classes were also surprisingly popular. Rally went faster this year than last. The rally classes were scheduled to enable as many exhibitors as possible to go into the rally ring before their scheduled obedience classes.

I would like to thank each of the members of my trial committee for all of their hard work, expertise, and cooperation. They were the keys to making these trials an unequivocal success in the eyes of the exhibitors, the judges, the AKC, and the club.

Jean Ervin Property Chair  
Pat Thorne Chief Ring Steward  
Vickie Roberts Hospitality Chair  
Derek Pattison Trial Secretary  
Mary Dowden Trophy Chair  
Beth Vorhaus Grounds Chair

In addition, Nola Simmons served as Rally Coordinator. Faye Head has agreed to serve as the 2006 Obedience/Rally Trial Chair. She will be looking for volunteers to serve on her committee.

Claudia Dickerson  
2005 Obedience/Rally Trial Chair



### **NDTC Welcomes New Members**

- Jeannie Bartley Harwell
- Bonnie Smith
- Ann Wild
- Joyce E. Ralston
- Wendy Coyne



Please Volunteer to Teach  
Classes! Contact Jean Ervin at  
615-867-9047

Send your brags to:  
Cynthia Yancey at  
[membership@nashvilledog.org](mailto:membership@nashvilledog.org)

Include the following:

1. Your name
2. Dog's full name
3. Dog's call name
4. Your accomplishment
5. Location of event
6. Date that it happened



## President's Award

The NDTC President's Award was created to provide a special "thank you" to a member who has served the Club and is deserving of public acknowledgement. It is presented at the choice of the President. This year's recipient will receive an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Club and a special acknowledgement in an upcoming issue of Front and Finish.

In my view, this public acknowledgement should be awarded to someone who has made an obvious and positive difference in the life of the Club and its membership. For the year 2004, I am pleased to present the President's Award to Jean Ervin.

Originally from Lynnville, Tennessee, Jean grew up on a farm has lived with and for animals her entire life. Many of us remember Jean as the first and friendly face of the Nashville Dog Training Club. She is always helpful with beginning students and almost everyone who enters these doors for training will have known Jean Ervin, for she's almost always teaching – instructing a class of new trainers, lending support to a friend, or exhibiting good sportsmanship to a competitor.

In her other life, Jean is the teammate of Bill, and together their two children have provided them with four grandchildren, with whom Jean enjoys their company and their many sporting events. She also takes in canine boarders from time to time, which should come as no surprise because it was while taking in boarders that Jean was first introduced to her first obedience dog.

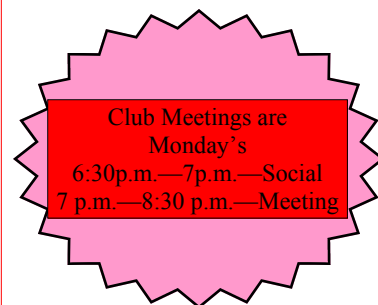
Jean's involvement at NDTC began in the mid 1980's, following her acquisition of Lady, the first of several Labrador Retrievers. Lady was a natural and Jean acquired the Companion Dog title with her and probably would have achieved even more success had Lady not been taken with Cancer at the young age of 2 1/2 years.

So along came Raney, another Lab bitch, with which Jean obtained the Utility Dog title, and several UDX legs – along with a Tracking Dog title – before yet another health issue (this time hip dysplasia) ended Raney's career.

Along came Buff, yet another Lab bitch and yet another Utility Dog title. And now Raven, with a CDX and showing in Utility. And also Thunder, a Siberian Husky, with which Jean obtained the CDX title and a promising future in Utility before yet another health issue – this time arthritis, halted Thunder's training.

With each of these teams, Jean often competed for placements, including HIT. While always exhibiting a good sense of humor and exemplary sportsmanship, Jean finished first in at least one competitive class, with each of her dogs.

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### Member Meetings

Feb 28  
 March 28  
 April 25  
 May 23  
 June (no meeting)  
 July 25  
 Aug 22  
 Sept 26  
 Oct 24  
 Nov 28  
 Dec TBD

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### Board Meetings

March 7  
 April 4  
 May 2  
 June 6  
 July 11  
 Aug (no meeting)  
 Sept 12  
 Oct 3  
 Nov 7  
 Dec 5

*President's Award continued*

Since joining the NDTC, Jean has always been active and outspoken. If you want something done – and that something done right – just ask Jean Ervin. A little over a year ago, our training program had been compromised and our trainers and trainees were quite low. In came Jean Ervin. As Training Director, she and her able team have resurrected our program and today our training classes are oversold. This has not only brought new vigor to our Club, it has strengthened our financial resources, and provided new human resources for our membership. For this alone, Jean Ervin deserves the President's Award.

Veterans and Beginners of the Club alike have observed the many ways in which Jean Ervin makes a difference to NDTC. Jean has served the Club in many capacities. Yes, as secretary and training director, but in many other ways, usually without fanfare. Jean will organize and she will execute. While NDTC is fortunate to have several loyal and active volunteers, much of the good that happens at NDTC has the fingerprint of Jean Ervin. Whether it be a Beginner's Class or just help with a beginner, a match, a show n go, a trial, or a conversation in the parking lot, Jean Ervin is a friend to NDTC – a longtime friend, and for this, she earns The President's Award.

David Haddock,  
President

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## 2005 Tracking Test Update

The random draw to determine which entries get into the TD/TDX test is Wednesday, Feb. 23rd at 6:30 PM at NDTC. There will be a tracking test committee meeting immediately following the draw. Tracking test committee members are: Denise McClure, Bev Watson, Kate Ruddy, Connie Womack, Judy Hackett and Faye Head. Our chief tracklayer is Jeff Whitsitt. TDX tracklayers have been assigned. We have a pool of TD tracklayers to choose from once the entrants are determined. An entered team cannot have a track layed by someone they regularly train with or lay tracks with within 60 days of the tracking test.

For more information on the tracking test, please visit NDTC's website: [www.nashvilledog.org](http://www.nashvilledog.org) and click on tracking information.

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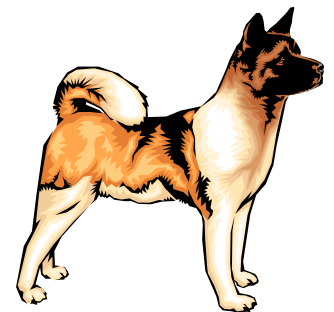
### WANTED:

#### Instructors & Assistants

Due to the overwhelming popularity of our basic obedience classes (Puppy, Level 1, and Level 2) we are in desperate need of more instructors and assistants!

This is a great way to fulfill your 10 hour commitment to the club. Contact Jean Ervin at 615-867-9047 to volunteer.

For the upcoming session we need a Level 2 instructor and assistant. Class runs March 8 thru April 26th. This class meets on Tuesday nights from 8:00 to 8:50 PM. If you can teach this, please contact Denise McClure at [emcclure@bellsouth.net](mailto:emcclure@bellsouth.net) or 615-309-8049.



## Club Member Brags

- Claudia Dickerson and her terv puppy KO Trillium Annapurna started off the new year right by completing their HSAs title with a first place and a Reserve High in Trial at the January 1 herding trial sponsored by the Atlanta club. Their first two legs were also with placements.
- Mary Stevenson and her border collies Mocha Bits CDX, HSAs, HSBs and Gypsy Blaze HSAs, NA earned two legs each towards their Rally Novice title at the NDTC trial. Gypsy scored a perfect 100 both days and earned a third place ribbon on Thursday and won their class AND took High in Trial on Friday.
- Mary Stevenson's Gypsy also earned her CD at the NDTC trial in her first three times in the ring with two first places (198, 196.5) and one second place (196). She was also reserve HIT on Thursday and is now eligible for the Front & Finish Excellence (Obedience Platinum) Award. Gypsy added an insurance leg on Sunday, but due to a small lapse in focus during the stand for exam did not make the placements (191).
- Cheryl Brown's Papillon, Felix, Loteki Total Windfall completed in 2004 four Preferred Agility Titles: NJP, NAP, OAP, and OJP. He earned his first leg in Excellent A Preferred Standard and his first leg in Excellent A Preferred Jumpers at the Nashville trials in January 2005.
- Cheryl also has a new addition to her household--another Loteki Papillon named Jackson (Loteki Civil Liberties). Now 5 months old, he will begin his conformation career at the Nashville Kennel Club shows this March before moving on to agility and to obedience.
- Debbie Cutter's Ariel (Deerhound) earned her first MX and MXJ legs in Newnan and her second MXJ leg at the NDTC agility trial. She also finished her SC (Senior Courser) title in Hanover, PA in December.
- Debbie's Kit (Deerhound) finished 2004 as #1 Scottish Deerhound in LGRA (Large Gazehound Racing Association) and #3 Scottish Deerhound in ASFA (American Sighthound Field Association). She earned both her LGRA GRC (Gazehound Racing Champion) and ASFA FCh (Field Champion) titles over Thanksgiving weekend, where she was Best of Breed in the Garden State Sighthound Assoc. Triathlon (LGRA (straight racing), NOTRA (oval track racing) and ASFA (lure coursing)) in NJ. She also earned a five point major toward her AKC FC (Field Champion) title in PA in December
- Bill and Sandra Edson's standard poodle, SANCREST LUCKENBACH, CDX, AX, MXJ, CGC, earned his CDX at the NDTC obedience trial Jan. 28-30, 2005, with a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placement. "Luke" also earned his 9th MX leg with a 3rd place, and three additional MXJ legs.
- The Edson's rescued standard poodle, SANCREST GEORGINA, CGC, performed well in Pre-Novice obedience at the NDTC trial for her first showing effort and hopes to be competing in novice agility and obedience in 2005.
- Keeper, owned by Connie Womack, completed his Open Standard Title this past weekend at the NDTC Agility Trials with a second placement in his jump height. He was handled by friend, Kathy Gibbs, and did a wonderful job running without Mom

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### Upcoming Classes

Monday March 7th  
7pm Confirmation (ongoing)

Tuesday March 8th  
6pm Level 1 obedience  
6pm Level 2 obedience  
7pm Level 1 obedience  
7pm Puppy obedience  
7pm Open obedience  
8pm Beginning Open  
8pm Beginning Utility  
8pm Level 2 obedience  
8pm Beginning Level 3

Wednesday March 9th  
7pm Heeling (ongoing)  
7pm Pet Therapy (new time)

Thursday March 10th  
6:30pm Utility  
7pm Puppy obedience  
7pm Level 1 obedience  
8pm Adv Level 3 & Level 4

Friday March 18th  
7pm Rally obedience  
For more information on Rally contact  
Nola Simmons at 615-662-0950

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### Items for sale

Jump set, crates, x-pens, and mats for 40 x 50 ring. All items except the mats are at the building with signs attached. If you are interested, contact Claudia Dickerson at 615-799-5776 or 347-7372

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## Club Member Brags *continued from page 5*

- Betty Stephenson's Scottish Deerhounds Ch Kyleakin Linnet CD SC FCh finished her CD in November, her Senior Courser (SC) in Dec. and her Ch. in Feb. She got her FCh last Feb. She finished her CD with all placements (a second and two thirds), and two scores of 195 1/2! Kyleakin Lark CD JC finished her Junior Courser title in December and got a leg and fourth place on her CDX in Chattanooga.
- New guy Ch Utkinton Fitzhugh Talon JC got his JC in December and has both his placements and 52 points (more than halfway) towards his FCh.
- Jody Howard's Shoreland Upsie Daisy UDX2, JH, finished her OTCH in January in Brooksville, FL with a stunning UB win and two high combineds. Along the Otch way we took two three-month breaks from showing to work on special problems: mouthing and creeping forward on signals. But her undaunted fun-loving attitude made all the work a pleasure. Now, OTCH Upsie and OTCH Ruby are working on their Master Hunter titles.
- Chris Dungan's rough collie, Apple Valley Winter Holiday, CD, CGC, HIC (Holly) earned her CD at the NDTC trials with scores of 195, 186 1/2, and 187
- Holly Waldrop's Dalmatian Baxter (K-Max Pure Poetry, CD, AX, MXJ) qualified twice in jumpers for more MACH points.
- Holly's Dalmatian, Boo earned another MXJ leg (3rd place) and finished her AX with a 3rd place!
- Jackie Brasen's Akita, Sisko NAP, CGC earned his Novice Standard Preferred Title at NDTC's agility trial with a 1st and two 2nd place runs. He also got another leg towards his NJP with a 2nd place on Thursday. His mom is very proud!



## In Memoriam

Bill and Sandra Edson mourn the loss of their standard poodle, SANCREST PEPI die APRILKOSE, CD, CGC. She was Dallas's grandmother, Bill's best friend, and the cheerleader at all agility events. She is loved and missed. June 3, 1990 - December 31, 2004.

## Note from the Editor

Please bear with me as I figure out this editor business. Remember to send brags and anything else you'd like included in the newsletter to [editor@nashvilledog.org](mailto:editor@nashvilledog.org)  
—Thanks for all your patient help! Jackie Brasen

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