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**NEXT MEMBER MEETING:**  
**March 22**

## JANUARY AGILITY TRIAL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

What a weekend! Huge (tardy) thanks to the following Agility Trial Committee Members for making the January NDTC Agility trial run so smoothly despite the snow, ice and bad roads:

**Denise McClure – Co-Chair:** Denise gets most of the credit for the preparation work and for guiding me through the process. What was supposed to be a sharing of duties turned out to be a one-woman show. My name may have been on all of the paperwork, but Denise did most of the work – and much of it from Texas.

**Jeff Whitsitt and Andrea Ford – Volunteer Workers:** All classes started on time with a full complement of workers. We're lucky to be in a sport where folks chip in – but it takes good management skills to get volunteers organized. These two set the bar high!

**Connie Womack and Judy Hackett – Judges Hospitality:** Our judges continue to BEG to be invited back – and credit goes to Connie and Judy. When they weren't catering to the judges, you could find them in the ring as volunteers.

**Maurice and Dorothy Amateau – Property:** This team is priceless! The first arrive each morning to help set up the timers and the rings, and the last to leave to put the equipment away – we couldn't have a more dedicated team.

**Angela Still – Awards:** The ribbon and toy lady extraordinaire. The toys we in such demand, we even had obedience exhibitors asking how they could earn one.

**Randee White and Vickie Roberts – Workers Lunches and NDTC Hospitality:** These lunch ladies ROCK! How can they feed 100 people with hot food so graciously? They even stayed late to serve leftovers to the folks who were stuck in the building overnight (due to the weather). They are the only ones who realize how many hours of shopping, set up, serving, and clean up are required to support our volunteers because they don't complain.

It takes a village to put on a trial of this magnitude – especially running Agility, Obedience and Rally under the same roof. Our real heroes of the weekend are our club members who never passed up an opportunity to work one more hour, one more class, or tear down one more ring. We can't begin to mention everyone's name here, but please know that your contributions were appreciated and join us in being proud to be NDTC members.

– Wendy Boehme

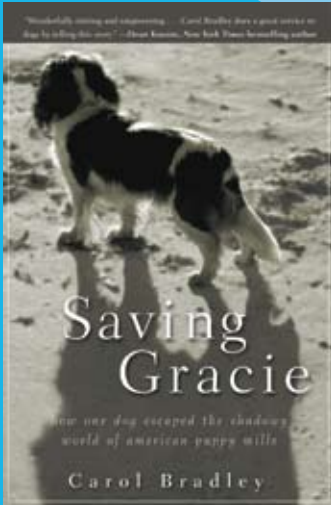
## SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT APRIL TRIAL

NDTC's spring show is coming up on April 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Please consider volunteering a few hours during the weekend to be a ring steward in obedience and/or rally.

I've posted a sign-up sheet in the building, or you can email or call me. Of course I won't begin making final stewarding schedules until the judging schedule is announced, but please indicate any preferences you may have as to times and day or days you'd like to work.

And a big round of applause to those of you who have already volunteered -- your willingness to help is much appreciated! – Sandra Corse

## THE SCOOP ON DOGS



Saving Gracie chronicles the story of how one little dog is transformed from a bedraggled animal, worn out from bearing puppies, into a loving, healthy member of her new family, and profiles the people who stepped forward to save her along the way.

**Author Carol Bradley will be in Nashville on April 29 for a reception, discussion and book signing. Mark your calendars - more details to come in April.**

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## MEMBER Q! BRAGS

**Cheryl Brown's** Papillion, **Felix (Loteki Total Windfall RE MXP MJP3)** earned a 7th RAE leg on Feb. 12 at the DAKC rally trial with Faye Head judging. 3 more legs to go!

**Cheryl Brown** travelled to Warrensburg, Illinois to show her two Papillons, **Jackson and Felix**, at the JFF of Central Illinois TDAA (Teacup Dog Agility Association) trial. Both Felix and Jackson finished their TACH titles (Teacup Agility Champion)! Jackson qualified in all eight of his runs with four 1st places, one 2nd place, and two 3rd places.

**Sandra Edson's Standard Poodle, MACH 2 Sancrest Luckenbach, UD, RE, OF (Luke), finished his agility MACH 2 on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at the GSPCA trial in Murfreesboro. Congratulations Sandra and Luke!**

## THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

(As presented by David W Haddock, Feb. 22, 2010)

The NDTC President's Award was created to provide a special "thank you" and acknowledgement to a member who has served the Club in a substantial and meaningful way. It is presented at the sole discretion of the President. In my view, special acknowledgement of this kind should be awarded to someone who has made an obvious and positive difference in the life of the Club and its membership. It is my pleasure to present this award to Denise McClure and to Debbie Cutter.



NDTC first met **Denise McClure** over a decade ago, when she and the Bernese Mountain Dog "KATO" arrived for basic training. Soon after arrival, Denise was instructing and coordinating the CGC program, and then volunteering to chair a Tracking trial, due in part to another BMD "Hayley." With Hayley, she also became involved in conformation training leading to an AKC breed championship.

When NDTC started agility training, it did so with Denise, who joined other NDTC members in first training, and then trialing. She served on the committee to plan and execute our very first Agility trial in 2002 and has continued to be a member of the committee for each subsequent trial. When the Club opted to also host a Fall

Trial, she volunteered as Trial Chairman during the first two years of trials, despite her relocation to Houston, Texas.

There is no job too big or small for Denise. In addition to her Herculean efforts on behalf of very successful Agility Trials, she has calculated and awarded our annual pins, hosted our annual Christmas parties, and served on the Board. With her infectious laugh and positive attitude, she regularly reminds us to keep our joys and sorrows in perspective.

When we are in her presence, it's easy to forget that Denise lives in Houston. When she is away, we miss her. Yet, from a distance, she continues to be an important and active part of our Club, regularly driving the 13-hour drive "home" to NDTC to provide important acts of service.

For this outstanding dedication and determination, it is my privilege to publicly recognize Denise McClure and to provide her a permanent home at NDTC with a lifetime membership and the NDTC President's Award.



In 1982, **Debbie Cutter** started with a German Shepherd, joined her local training club and earned a UD and TD with her first dog. Of course she helped that club as an instructor and when she moved, she joined another training club and served again as member and instructor. Before moving to Lebanon and joining us here at NDTC, Debbie had been a member/instructor for 15 years and accumulated an impressive string of obedience and tracking titles on multiple breeds of dogs. Most of us know her as "Deerhound Debbie," but her pack has also included several Pointer breeds, in addition to the GSD and Deerhounds.

In Deerhounds, there is no equal to the versatility of Debbie and her dogs. Her achievements include the breed's first VCD and first UDX dog, and the only Deerhound to earn both MACH and OTCH points. We know them as

Caitlyn and Ariel, and we also know Kit – a Deerhound whose titles are numerous and impressive. Zoë and Harper continue the legacy with multiple obedience, agility, and tracking titles. Debbie's Deerhounds also excel in conformation. Her multitasking titles include eleven CDs, eleven CDXs, ten UDs, two UDXs, ten TDs, two TDXs, and a handful of agility titles.

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Debbie Cutter is the epitome of the ideal club member. While accomplishing numerous and high levels of success, Debbie still has time to serve. She's "done it," so her insight is meaningful. She is pleasant while opinionated. She is slow to criticize and quick to find humor. She serves quietly and often. She has taught multiple classes at every level of instruction. She does not seek publicity, yet can be seen at virtually every NDTC event. Debbie is a treasure.

Debbie's career requires her to depart Nashville for a while. She will no doubt join yet another club in another city, where she will quickly be welcomed for her abilities and service. We'll see her down the road. In acknowledgement of her many contributions, and as a standing reminder that she will always have a home, it is my privilege to present Debbie Cutter with a lifetime membership and the NDTC President's Award.

Congratulations, Ladies!

*Previous President's Award winners include Jean Ervin and Connie Womack.*

## VALENTINES DAY TDX 2010

By: June Johnston

Last fall Bev & Abi Stewart met me at Cheatham Wildlife Management Area to see if Bev thought we'd have any problems getting 6 tracks in at that site. Bev was very pleased with the potential she saw in this site. One of our judges from last weekend, Stephen Ripley, thinks it's a 12 dog (requires 4 judges) test site if we have judges who efficiently use the land.

### A glimpse of the site conditions. Judge Stephen Ripley, Andrea Ford & Secretary Jeff Whitsitt

I was chair and Jeff Whitsitt was secretary. Connie Womack and Sarah Karafa were hospitality chairs...need I say more. Yumm-yumm. Bev Stewart asked her students to attend and help, supervised keeping the tracking flags ready, and laid a passing track. When Andrea Ford was promoted from Chief Track Layer to Judge after Herb Morrison's flight cancelled and he couldn't get another one, her husband, Brad took over as Chief Tracklayer. Cheryl Tisdale was Cross-track layer extraordinaire (I think the hardest job of all). Brad Ford, Bev, Wendy Boehme, Jill Hootman, and Tony Montagamo were tracklayers. Dawn Eastes, Lana Grant, Claudia Dickerson, Charlotte Mabry, Elizabeth Mask, Kimberly Miller, Dawna Roberts, Vickie Roberts, Abi Stewart and Randi White came to tote poles, be x-track layers, and do any other jobs that needed to be done. Elizabeth Mask took all these pictures. Trey Johnston came to help ferry workers in his 4-wheel drive truck. (I'm sure I'll forget someone!)

When Jeff held the draw at NDTC, the 6 dogs to draw out were a Beauceron owned by Michele Godemann of Conyers, GS; two Basset Hounds owned by Ann & Joshua Swarens of Indiana, a deerhound owned by our own Debbie Cutter of Lebanon, TN, a Labrador owned by Sarah and Dave Cunningham of Alabama, and a Cocker Spaniel owned by Beverly J. Kriewald of Tennessee.

Brad Ford laid passing track # 2 which was drawn by **Michele Godemann** for her Beauceron, **Technically Topaz Due Canis Dirus** – now **VCD3** (the breed's first).



Bev Stewart laid passing track #5 which was drawn by **Bev Kriewald** for her Cocker Spaniel **Bar-Bax's Spring's Surprise Gift** – now **TDX AX MXJ**.

When you consider the small percentage of dogs passing TDX tests, it's easy to realize why the entire work team was so thrilled with two passes. These two dogs did such a wonder job and proved their tracking prowess in dealing with some tricky areas.

## TRAINING BYTES

Classes seem to be filling quickly these days. I'd like to remind all the instructors and assistants to begin talking about registration for upcoming classes at about week five of your current classes. If you want to suggest that they apply for the next session, let them know so that they can get their registrations in early. Due to increased enrollment, we have had to add overflow classes to both 8 week sessions this year and the students we already have should get first priority. This also applies to instructors and assistants. If you want to take a class, get your registration in early. It's a lot easier to drop out if you decide not to take a class than it is to squeeze you into a full class. Big thanks to Russ this session who started out with 3 extra students in his class.

Also, I'm giving the instructors permission to make some decisions about students. If you are an instructor or assistant and want to take a class you haven't registered for, but see that the class is only half full, ask the instructor if you can join the class. You're entitled to a free class. I don't care when you take it. If the instructor says it's OK, just let me know via e-mail or drop a note in my box. The instructors also have my permission to say no if their class is only half full but all the students are needy.

If you are an instructor and have to make a change in a class day or time, I know you'll let your students know, but also drop a line to Debbie Gordon at [website@nashvilleddog.org](mailto:website@nashvilleddog.org), letting her know so she can put in on the "newsfeed" section of the web site. This is especially true for the instructors of drop-in classes. Please let your students know that this is the place to look for schedule changes applying to future classes or class sessions. It's bad form to have students show up to find out the class has been canceled.

Drool on...Rande

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EVENTS, SEMINARS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

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## SHOWS IN MARCH

**March 4-7** Agility (Indoors). German Short-haired Pointer Club of America at the MTSU Livestock Center in Murfreesboro, TN. Show closes February 10.

**March 12** Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Doberman Pinscher Club of Nashville at the Williamson County Agricultural Center in Franklin, TN. Show closes February 24.

**March 19-21** Agility (Indoors). Tennessee Valley Kennel Club at the Williamson County Agricultural Center in Franklin, TN. Show closes February 24.

**March 27-28** Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Maury County Kennel Club of Tennessee at the Williamson County Agricultural Center in Franklin, TN. Show closes March 10.

## SHOWS IN APRIL

**April 9-11** Agility (Outdoors). Greater Shelby Kennel Club at Show Place Arena in Memphis, TN. Show closes March 24.

**April 10-11** Obedience (Indoors). Paducah Kennel Club at Paducah Kennel Club Building in Paducah, KY. Show closes March 24.

**April 16-18** Agility (Indoors). Oak Ridge Kennel Club at East Tennessee Agricultural Exposition Center in Harriman, TN. Show closes March 24.

## PRIVATE LESSONS

**Curt Brock** available for private lessons. If you need some help working with your dog, e-mail Curt for lessons in his air-conditioned building. Contact [cbrock@ntech.edu](mailto:cbrock@ntech.edu) for more information.

**Sandra Edson** offers private agility lessons. For one-on-one instruction in agility, contact Sandra Edson at (615) 325-9765 or by e-mail at [sancrestfarm@comcast.net](mailto:sancrestfarm@comcast.net)

**Pat Thorne** available for private obedience lessons. Pat has been training dogs for 25 years. She has put UDs on seven of her dogs, and OTCH titles on two. Pat can be reached at (615) 274-2926.

**Jeff Whitsitt** available for private tracking lessons. For one-on-one instruction in tracking, contact Jeff at (615) 482-3046 or by e-mail at [jswhitsitt@gmail.com](mailto:jswhitsitt@gmail.com).

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## SEMINARS

**AKC Obedience/Rally Judges Seminar** Huntsville Obedience Training Club is hosting an AKC Obedience/Rally Seminar on June 5 and 6, 2010. The seminars will take place at their building in Huntsville, AL.

Obedience is on Saturday from 8:30 to 4:30, and Rally on Sunday from 8:30 to 2:30. Registration deadline is April 28, 2010.

Cost is \$60 for non-members of HOTC (price is inclusive of both days).

Payment may be mailed to Beth Fitzgerald, HOTC Seminar Chair, 811 Telephone Tower Road, Laceys Spring, AL 35754. Visit [www.hotc.org](http://www.hotc.org) for more information.

**Joel Silverman Seminar** April 19th at 7:00 p.m. at NDTC. One Hour Seminar with Joel Silverman, Author of "What Color is Your Dog" and Host of Animal Planet's "Good Dog U".

He'll be discussing the information found in his book, and doing a demo with his dog, Foster. For more information on Joel Silverman, visit his Web site at [www.companionsforlife.net](http://www.companionsforlife.net).

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