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TRAINING CLUB**



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Quarterly Newsletter of PCOTC • Winter 2023

Calendar of Events

Events are held at the PCOTC facility unless otherwise noted.
For more details: <https://www.pcotc.org/events>

- Sun, Feb 19 **Go Weave Workshops with Stephen McKay**
8:30 am - 12:00 pm *Weaving Fundamentals*
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm *Weaving Mastery*
- Fri, Feb 24 **Friday Night Agility Run-Thrus**
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm
- Sun, Feb 26 **Obedience Run-Thrus**
9:00 am - 2:30 pm
- Sun, Mar 5 **Upper Level Club Clean-Up Day**
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Sun, Mar 12 **Front Cross and Rear Cross Workshops with Heather Witt**
9:00 am - 12:30 pm *Front Cross*
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm *Rear Cross*
- Sun, Mar 12 **PCOTC Club Meeting**
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
In Person and via Zoom
- Sun, Mar 26 **Michelle Ellertson Nosework Seminar**
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Sun, Apr 2 **Kate Naito Intro to Dog Parkour Workshop**
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Sun, Apr 16 **AKC Scent Work Trial**
8:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Sun, Apr 23 **Obedience Run-Thrus White Plains Weekend**
9:00 am - 2:30 pm



On Sunday, October 9, the club held its second AKC Scent Work event. There were trials in four of the AKC elements: Interior, Container, Buried Hide and Handler Discrimination. There were several levels of difficulty in each element, from the Novice level to Advanced and Excellent searches. Linda Kaplan was the Event Chairman, Mary Skirchak was the Judge and Kathy Gregory was the Event Recorder. Eleven club volunteers contributed to the success of the event.

Judge Mary Skirchak made good use of the available space on the lower level of the club. Her innovative trial layout consisted of adjacent groupings of small search areas for each element. Although they appeared to be quite similar, each area had a different number of hides and a different level of difficulty.

Most of the 34 handlers and their dogs entered multiple element trials. In 87 of the 126 different element trials, dogs received a qualifying score.

32 dogs in Interior
23 dogs in Container
21 dogs in Buried Hide
11 dogs in Handler Discrimination

Under the AKC rules, a dog must achieve a qualifying score in a number of sequential element trials to earn a title in that element.

The club has scheduled two upcoming Scent Work trials in 2023. The dates are Sunday, April 16, and Sunday, October 8. Mark your calendars!

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President's Message

Starting the Year Off Strong February 2023

Another year has passed and 2022 saw the full reopening of PCOTC and the reemergence of some of our most favorite events: Agility, Fast Cat, Nose/Scent Work and Obedience Trials, in-person Membership meetings, new seminars and class offerings, new instructors and the return of some instructors who had previously taught here.

For 2023, the Board is starting with ambitious projects, revamping our club website, updating our by-laws, adopting a 2023 budget with the goal of rebuilding our financial reserves, and renewing our lease. And we are also planning many exciting events that you can learn about in the Events page of our website.

However, we cannot do any of these things without you, our PCOTC Members. Volunteerism is at the heart of our club and as we continue the rebuilding process, we increasingly need your involvement. In 2022, we had to forego or limit our participation in a few noteworthy events that we have been involved with for many years. In 2023, we would like to reclaim our visibility and position as the preeminent dog training club in the tri-state area. We need you to be able to do so.

Our volunteer opportunities are varied. There will be big roles, like trial chairs and external event coordinators that will need seasoned and experienced volunteers. There will be many volunteer roles that do not require any prior experience, which you will be trained for on the spot. Most volunteer roles are highly social and will build your connections with members and students working towards membership. Some volunteer jobs are ongoing while others are one-time events. There is something for everyone. And every member needs volunteer hours to maintain their volunteer member status.

We have made it easier than ever to find volunteer opportunities. We have refreshed our website's Volunteering Opportunities page (under the Membership tab) - <https://www.pcotc.org/volunteer-opportunities>. This is now our one-stop, regularly updated, location for all volunteering opportunities. If you are looking for something to do, go to this page. If you have a volunteer need, contact our volunteer coordinator, Kassi McCombe at volunteercoordinator@gmail.com and she will list your need on this page.

There is nothing to stop us from working together to make 2023 a great year at PCOTC.

Looking forward to a happy and healthy 2023 for all of us.

– Kathy Gregory, president@pcotc.org

Board of Directors Minutes can be found here:
<https://www.pcotc.org/minutes>

General Meeting Minutes can be found here:
<https://www.pcotc.org/member-minutes>

**OUR STARS will return in the Spring issue
covering all accomplishments shared.
Please stay tuned!**



AKC Agility League Fun at PCOTC!



PCOTC was one of the first clubs to be invited by the AKC to participate in the AKC Agility League, the AKC's first team sport pilot program. Unfortunately, the Club could not participate at that time because of the size and unique construction (pillars) of our facility.

With the addition of the new "Limited Division" for the fall season (which is expressly designed to accommodate smaller facilities such as our own), we were finally able to play! There were 160 teams competing in total in AKC Agility League nationwide and about 75 teams in the Limited Division.

Over a 12-week period, starting September 12, 2022, the AKC provided each participating club with 6 different agility courses to run. We received a new course every other week and had two teams with a total of fifteen competitors, plus course builders, scribes and judges from within our membership who participated.



We couldn't have done this without the tireless efforts of Judge Debbie Poe, the course-building expertise of Stephen McKay – who shared his course-building knowledge with us all – as well as our dedicated group of scribes.

Our teams were the PCOTC Powerhouse team, comprised of Morgaana Menzel/Rhoswyn Fae, Mitch Bernstein/Nova, Marcy Rauch/Hex, Marcy Rauch/Annika, Barbara Siegel/Ivan, Anik McGrory/Loupiot, and Elin Manell/Doris.

Sharon Ripps/Leo, Barbara Baltz/Tyler, Kassi McCombe/Bennett, Alisa Greenwald/Zoe, Gale Nardi/Jett, Elpida Franteskarou/Julian, Mitch Bernstein/Echo, and Priscilla Rahner/Gizzmo made up our PCOTC Golden Apples team.

Our team captains were Marcy for the Powerhouse team, and Kassi for the Golden Apples team.

AKC Agility League Fun at PCOTC – continued

The Powerhouse team ranked #23 and the Golden Apples team ranked #41 for the season. Elin and her poodle Doris ranked #1 in the 8" regular category, and Marcy and her border collie Hex ranked #1 in the 16" veteran category. We also did well in the "Clean Sweeps" with Gale/Jett, Alisa/Zoe, Elin/Doris, Barbara/Ivan, Anik/Loupiot, and Morgaana/Rhoswyn Fae all running clean runs throughout the season!



As we had two weeks to practice and officially run each of the 6 courses and provide our scores to the AKC, we decided to hold the first week with League players only, and the second week was open to League players as well as an agility run-thru to get more club members interested in future league play, increase member camaraderie and provide some Club income



It worked! Some of the run-thru participants are now in Winter League, which started January 20th!

The camaraderie amongst those in league was amazing. We cheered each other on, discussed how to run the courses and even had a pizza party one night. League play brought us all a lot of joy!

PCOTC wishes to congratulate all the great Teams that participated in our very first Season of AKC Agility League™

Our primary goal for this past season of League was to have fun and foster camaraderie and sportsmanship which we did and had a wonderful time doing so. Teams were divided by experience level and competed Nationally and are officially registered with the AKC. Special thanks to Judge Debbie Poe! WAY TO GO TEAMS!

"PCOTC POWERHOUSE" - Team Captain: Marcy Rauch

- Rhoswyn Fae (Boxer) and Morgaána Menzel ~ CLEAN SWEEP AWARD*
- Nova (Belgian Tervuren) and Mitch Bernstein
- Annika (Border Collie) and Marcy Rauch
- Hex (Border Collie) and Marcy Rauch ~ TOP SCORING VETERAN LIMITED DIVISION DOG
- Ivan (Mudi) and Barbara Siegel ~ CLEAN SWEEP AWARD*
- Loupiot (Pyrenean Shepherd) and Anik Mcgrory ~ CLEAN SWEEP AWARD*
- Doris (Poodle) and Elin Manell ~ NATIONAL 8" LIMITED DIVISION WINNER

"GOLDEN APPLES" - Team Captain: Kassi McCombe

- Leo (American Eskimo) and Sharon Ripps
- Tyler (Golden Retriever) and Barbara Baltz
- Bennett (Brittany Spaniel) and Kassi McCombe
- Zoe (All American Dog) and Alisa Greenwald ~ CLEAN SWEEP AWARD*
- Jett (Miniature American Shepherd) and Gale Nardi ~ CLEAN SWEEP AWARD*
- Jules (Border Collie) and Elpida Frantzeskarou
- Echo (All American Dog) and Mitch Bernstein
- Gizzmo (All American Dog) and Priscilla Rahner

*Clean Sweep Award goes to dogs who completed all six rounds fault-free!

NACSW Odor Recognition Test

Report by Ashlin Cooke, CNWI
PCOTC Nosework Instructor

A National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) Odor Recognition Test (ORT) was held in the club's facilities on January 8, 2023. For those unfamiliar with an ORT, it is the first title for a Nosework team and, once passed, the team may now enter trials as competitors for a title at NACSW sanctioned events.

Passing in Birch, Anise and Clove odors is the odor portion of the test. However, for those of us that have tested at an ORT, we all know that dogs can know odor, do well with odor in a class setting whether it be outdoors, vehicles, or indoors, but containers (boxes) can present some unique difficulties.



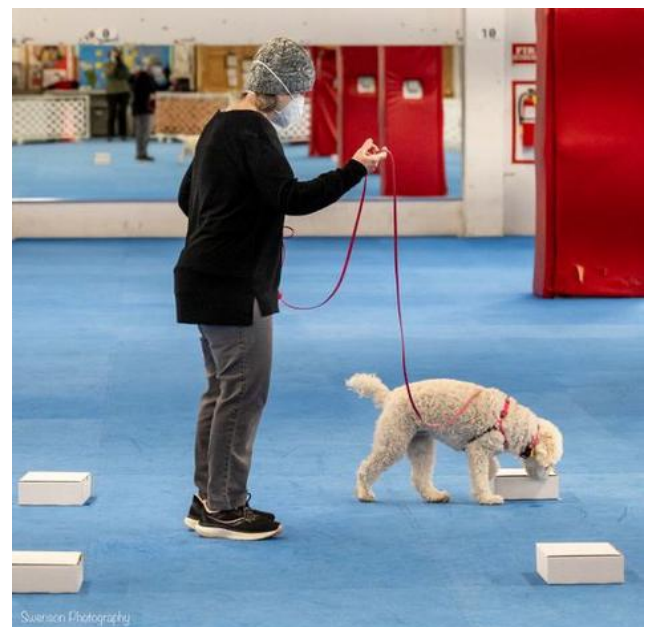
It sounds easy in theory, but there are a lot of components that the teams have to put together. Once they do, they can be ready for a trial environment. If a team misses, it just gives the handler more information to support their dog in training or for the next event.



There were 90 registered runs out of a 100 limit capacity. Six volunteers met the evening before to make the 90 boxes, vacuum floors, get staging areas ready and prepare for registration, hospitality and judge and CO set ups. The floor is marked with tape for each box's placement for three sections plus a re-set for those running two dogs.

Twelve boxes are arranged in two rows of six. One box contains the odor which is "inaccessible," meaning the dogs cannot get to the source of the odor. They have to find the strongest scent source. It doesn't mean, though, that the odor is only contained to the box. The odor will seep, float, collect and get pushed and pulled with every team that walks by that one box.

The second part of the test is if a team can handle a test environment. The scents left behind by other unfamiliar dogs, the parking area, people and dogs moving about all contribute to an exciting and distracting environment that can make it hard for some teams to get down to the search. It can also affect the handler with reading and observing their dog's behavior as they independently search and making a correct decision within the three minutes allotted.



NACSW Odor Recognition Test – continued

The day of the event started with volunteers arriving at 7:15 AM. We had 15 volunteers who did an exemplary job as competitor locators, staging, timing, directing, interior directors, etc. The event was finished by 2 PM and that is from competitors being supported, located and managed from first to last staging.



As chair, I had many emails after the event that wanted to thank those volunteers for their efforts and for the event being well run, smooth and most importantly, relieving their stress. PCOTC is not an easy location to hold these events because of parking limitations, as an extra added stress.



I want to thank Kathy Gregory for acting in a NACSW official capacity as Certifying Official, in which she waived all fees including travel/lodge to donate that extra income to the club. Big thank you to Demetria DeSarno who acted as Volunteer Coordinator. Putting all those pieces together so every volunteer was well prepped for their responsibilities and could rotate positions to learn more, is not easy.

The club's receipts showed a nice profit from the event. Success all round!

When **NOT** to Come to Class...

I am a Family Manners instructor, and though I am not a licensed veterinarian, I sometimes have the unfortunate job to let a puppy parent know that their puppy is not well and may need to leave class. Many new dog owners are unfamiliar with some of the things that can affect our puppies and young dogs and may also not be aware that there are times they should not come to class.



As always, check with your veterinarian if there is anything unusual going on with your puppy.

Below are some of the common things that puppies and young dogs can pass along to others, especially if they go to daycare, dog parks, grooming parlors, or boarding.

Bordetella is also known as Kennel Cough. Kennel Cough is very contagious and if not treated, can in some cases, cause secondary infections like pneumonia. Dogs with Kennel Cough actually sound like they are trying to gag or make a honking sound, rather than a usual cough sound. It can be more prevalent when they are running and get out of breath. And Kennel Cough can be accompanied by a runny nose and/or eyes, lethargy, and/or loss of appetite.

Kennel Cough can be passed on by sharing a water bowl, toys or through aerosol droplets. Preventive Bordetella vaccines can help, but just like flu shots, sometimes certain strains of Kennel Cough are not covered in the vaccine. Caught early Kennel Cough is very treatable by your vet.

Canine Influenza, like human flu, can be spread through the air or contaminated water bowls. Symptoms are similar to Kennel Cough – coughing, nasal and or eye discharge, lethargy, and difficulty breathing. Cases can be mild to severe. There is a vaccine for Canine Influenza and your veterinarian can give you more information.

Giardia is a parasite that lives in the intestines of mammals, birds, and amphibians and can be spread through feces-contaminated grass and puddles. Puppies who eat grass or poop or drink contaminated water are at risk of getting Giardia. The most common symptom is diarrhea, but weight loss, lethargy, and vomiting can occur. If at any time your dog has diarrhea or vomiting, it is always important to contact your vet for testing and treatment.

Like Giardia, **Coccidia** is an intestinal parasite caused by ingesting infected feces. The symptoms can be similar, but the diarrhea is generally bloody or mucus-covered stools.

Oral Canine Papilloma Virus, also known as **Canine Warts**, usually affects dogs under 2 years of age and are found in the lips, mouth, or gums. Affected dogs are contagious and can pass along the virus through direct contact such as playing together or sharing water or toys. The papilloma usually starts as a small white bump and grows into a lesion or a cluster that looks like a cauliflower. It may take some time, but papilloma usually resolve on their own. However, it always best to check with your veterinarian if you suspect papilloma virus.

As per PCOTC's policy for female dogs in heat: "Owners of bitches in season should contact their instructor for directions about attending classes." Please keep in mind for Family Manners classes, your female dog in season might not be focused on class exercises, especially if there are any prospective daddies in the room. This could cause frustration for the dogs and for you.

Lastly, if your puppy has been to the veterinarian and received vaccinations on class day you might want to consider staying home if your puppy seems lethargic. Often, they feel a little out of sorts when they get vaccines.

As I always recommend to my Family Manners students, if your puppy cannot come to class, due to illness or neuter/spay, come without your dog to learn what is taught that week. You have the week to go back home and work with your puppy before your puppy returns to class.

*Betsy Schwartz, CPDT-KA
PCOTC Family Manners Instructor*

Club Members News!

American Bouvier des Flanders Club Recognizes PCOTC Member

In October, the American Bouvier des Flanders Club had their national specialty. While we were not able to attend, we were honored to be part of the celebration. For the third year in a row, our boy, Blue Sky's King Hamlet's Beard was one of the Top 20 Performance Dogs in the ABdFC.



Imagine our surprise when he got his first Top 20 in 2020. What a fun way to celebrate a dog who is so special to his family. And it is all the more treasured as he is doing this in his senior years. He celebrated his eleventh birthday in June. As a CNWI Nosework Instructor, I am pretty convinced that this is a wonderful sport to participate in. But Shakespeare is living proof that this is a sport than dogs can do for a long time, to enjoy and excel.



We lovingly call him Shakespeare. I often wish I had more time to train, more time to play with my dogs. But we do what we can and look forward to our training classes as a special time together. For Shakespeare, he trains regularly in Nosework. We hadn't trialed often. He got his NW1 title in 2015 and didn't enter another trial until 2018. While, my other dogs compete in various venues, including AKC, Shakespeare has only competed in NACSW trials.

We spend these hours of trialing and training to strengthen our relationship with our dogs, and foster a dog's sense of self and wellbeing. I wonder if Shakespeare knows how much I treasure each opportunity we get to spend together - training, trialing, or just spending time together. I hope everyone gets the chance to celebrate their special dog for years. Who knew that a scent sport could offer so many accomplishments and accolades. I am so grateful each time I get to go to the line with my big guy, Shakespeare. A truly special boy to me.

*Kathie Nurena, CNWI
PCOTC Nosework Instructor*

Club Members News!

Ivan and the AKC Invitational

Barbara Siegel

It was a wonderful surprise to learn that Ivan qualified for the AKC Invitational for 2022. To say I was completely shocked when I saw the list for Mudi dogs would be an understatement.

Wow! Now what to do? We have to go. Ivan is 11, I don't know how much longer he will run agility, though he is healthy and I'm looking at 70 this year. How much longer will we do this sport together? More than likely, we will never have this opportunity again. WE HAVE TO GO!

I've been doing agility since 2008 and have never competed in a trial such as this one. After a friend asked if I wanted to travel with her, trip planning began. Being able to travel with someone who has done this before really helps and made it even more fun. Thank you Janyce Selkin and Snoopy!

I spoke with our instructor, Stefanie Rainer and she gave me coaching advise on how to prepare for a trial like this one. "Most important, don't over trial him before hand, he is a senior dog."



We arrived. After setting up our crates on Thursday afternoon, as I walked through the hall, all I could think about was how Ivan was going to react to all this craziness. Friday came and there we were at the entrance. I believe Ivan was awestruck; he had never been in such a busy environment either, but he walked calmly and quietly by my side. A few people asked if he was a Mudi, I just smiled, said yes, and kept him walking to his crate.



After getting him all set and comfortable we went for a walk through the agility area. He looked, sniffed, and took in everything the way a dog does. Being a Nose-Work dog in the past he almost looked like he was in odor. It was amusing as he when he recognized someone from home trials, he got very excited, ears up, tail wagged and barked – probably saying, I KNOW YOU!!!

Friday was the T2B course, I don't usually run Ivan in T2B, as he isn't that fast, but figured it would be a good warm-up for him to get used to the environment. I was very pleased when he Q'd. He ran well, the crowd didn't seem to bother him at all.

Saturday and Sunday's runs were the ones that counted. I just wanted to have fun running together as a team. Getting a clean run and Q'g would be great, but I wasn't going to jinx anything.



Club Members News! – continued



Saturday was JWW and STND. We Q'd in the Jumpers run. We had a refusal in Standard, there was a tunnel / tunnel discrimination. I did call him off the incorrect entrance, but it was too late. Ivan also blew his start-line.

the first jump, touched his nose to the bar which started the timer and then sat and waited for me to release him. He has always had a nice start-line, but lately he is pushing the envelope and releasing off my body language. So back to start-line training for us.

We ended the weekend with 3 clean runs out of 5 and 2 qualified. While Q's are great, I was happy with how we ran together and that Ivan seemed to enjoy himself as much as I did. We got to see many people we knew and made some new agility friends.

Sunday's runs were Hybrid and JWW. Hybrid is a Standard run with no table. Many of us wish that would become the norm for Standard. We had a refusal in the Hybrid. For JWW we had another start-line issue. Ivan walked up to

Returning not as a competitor is on my short bucket-list. The energy, the excitement was so much fun. And the shopping... well, vendors are always a fun part of any event.

CLUB CLEAN UP DAY



Volunteers Needed for Upper Level Club Clean-Up Day!

**Sunday, March 5th, 2023
10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

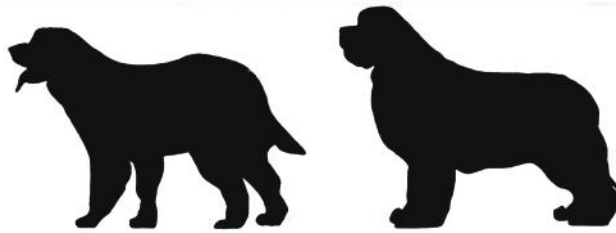
Work all day or just a few hours

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Check out the Workshops and Seminars coming up at PCOTC!

<https://www.pcotc.org/events>



BUT I DON'T NEED A SHOW DOG!

by Terri Lewin

Why do people recommend choosing a breeder (who shows and titles their dog) to folks who are just looking for a pet and have no interest in showing? Why should breeding to a breed standard be important to a pet home? Does it seem excessive or “snobby?”

It's not excessive or snobby, and here's why...

Dog shows are a means of evaluating dogs against the breed standard, to evaluate soundness, movement/gait, type, and temperament.

Soundness: This is the state of physical and mental health when all organs and faculties are functioning properly, each in its rightful relation to each other.

Type: Breed type encompasses appearance, character, condition, bone structure, temperament, and movement; “breed type is all of these things.” Breed type also includes a character that is specific to each breed, a combination of behavior, temperament, and carriage that demonstrates an “essence” of the breed.

Gait: The gait of a dog is its quality of movement. You want to see ease of movement, unimpaired by illness or poor structure.

Temperament: This is the general attitude a dog has towards other animals and people. From the Newfoundland Breed Standard: “Sweetness of temperament is the hallmark of the Newfoundland; this is the single most important characteristic of the breed. The Newfoundland is a sweet-dispositioned dog that acts neither dull nor ill tempered. He is a devoted companion.”

So, that's a very basic intro to what is considered at a show... why does this matter? You want a pet, a companion, not a show dog, right? Well, you chose Newfoundlands for a reason. You've done your research and have read that they're great with kids and other animals, they are gentle giants, are not aggressive, and they make excellent companions and love spending time with their people. Their good and kind nature predisposes many Newfs to be excellent therapy dogs. They're large, and STRONG too. Good, responsible breeders seek to preserve these definitive and positive characteristics.

Here's an example: There are aggressive and aloof Newfoundlands. An aggressive dog is no joke, and a 140-pound aggressive dog is even less so. Aggression can run in lines.

Wouldn't it be difficult to show an aggressive, reactive, fearful or excessively shy Newfoundland? Do you want to take the gamble and “trust” someone who has taken their dogs into the ring and had the dog's temperament proven over and over – consistently?

What about type and structure; how the dog is put together, able to move freely and comfortably? Would you rather buy from someone who has proven, publicly, over time, that the dog they're breeding can move well, free of limp or structural problem, or would you rather just trust someone who has no interest in “proving” their dogs? It's your puppy's quality of life and comfort (as well as your wallet) that's at stake.

Not every dog in a well-bred litter is going to be show quality; there will ALWAYS be pet-quality puppies. These are well-bred, but maybe with a slight imperfection, and they are the puppies placed in pet homes. You don't have to want a show-quality puppy to get a well-bred puppy!

Here's the bottom line: Every day, Newf rescue is seeing more and more aggressive Newfs; Newfs in pain because they were poorly bred; Newfs requiring extensive vet care and expensive surgeries. People are having to remand their dogs to breed rescue because they can't manage the dog, fear the dog, or have found out that the dog needs costly vet care they can't afford.

This is not about being snobby or elitist, or thinking that one dog is “better” than another. It's about ensuring that you get a puppy that acts and looks like the breed you fell in love with. It's about ensuring that all Newf puppies have the best start in life, and will grow into a loving family member. It's about loving our breed enough to want to see everything that's good about them preserved for future generations to enjoy. If you want a healthy dog, with a property sweet temperament, choose your breeder wisely.



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AKC Delegate's Report 4th Quarter 2022

Some highlights of 2022:

Good news! The biggest expense of this year, and for the next few years, is the upgrading and overhaul of the entire software system at AKC. The result of this investment will be a state-of-the-art system.

In 2022 individual dog registrations were down 9% compared to the same period in 2021 which is the first decline since 2013, but still 24% over 2019 which is considered the last "normal" year.

AKC Reunite is the country's largest non-profit pet recovery and microchipping service. In 2022 Reunite enrolled over 600,000 pets and reunited 2,900 lost pets with their owners. Reunite has also provided \$150,000.00 in emergency cash grants to shelters during disasters, including \$50,000.00 to help refugees and their pets fleeing the Ukraine. Under the AKC Reunite umbrella, the 100th disaster relief trailer was delivered and over 200 Police Dogs were funded under the Adopt a K9 Cop program. Over \$1.6 million was awarded that provides support for police departments around the country.

AKC Government Relations team continues to follow over 2200 pieces of dog legislation and send out Legislative Alerts as needed. AKC PAC supported campaigns of candidates who are animal friendly and understanding of the needs of responsible breeders. 100% of those funded were elected.

No new breeds will be added in 2023.

Status of Entries 2019 to November 29, 2022 in events:
Obedience down -6.9% Rally up 14.4% Agility down 1.1%
Tracking down -12.9% Fast CAT® up 200.1% Scent Work up 58.7%
Overall events: Entries (200,000) there was increase of 6% for entries Events (2400) – an increase of 10.6%

Events compared from 2019 to 2022, Fast CAT® up 200%, Scent Work up 58%, Herding up 1.5%, Coursing Ability up 1.9%, Lure Coursing down 10.7%, Earthdog up 11%.

Fast CAT® AKC National Competition had 380 entries. New regulations for Fat CAT® and Lure Coursing will be coming out soon. Lure Coursing will be effective March 1, 2023 as well as the regional points schedule.

2023 Agility Nationals to be held March 17-19, 2023, in Tulsa, OK with well over 1000 entries. 2023 Rally National Championship and National Obedience Championship will be in Wilmington, OH. The Rally National Championship will be on June 16-17, 2023, a two-day event with format to be modified to accommodate all entries. National Obedience Championship will be June 18-19, 2023, also in Wilmington, OH.

COVID Provisions that have been made permanent. • All Agility, Obedience and Rally Classes that require three qualifying scores to earn a title, the scores may now be earned under the same judge. • Date and mileage restrictions for judges – Obedience and Rally there are no mileage restriction for judging Obedience or Rally Trials. Agility- 30 day/100 miles between assignments to be effective January 2, 2023. Obedience Optional Classes (Graduate Novice, Graduate Open and Versatility) allowing dogs in these classes to jump half their height at the withers with an effective date of December 1, 2022, can now be earned under the same judge. • Date and mileage restrictions for judges – Obedience and Rally there are no mileage restriction for judging Obedience or Rally Trials.

Earthdog had good feedback on new titles. Scent Work had lots of discussion on buried hides. Issues were addressed and conveyed to Staff. Herding discussed the possibility of new titles. Coursing had a lengthy conversation on the separation of Fast CAT® from Lure Coursing.

Respectfully submitted,
KathY Gregory
AKC Delegate

Welcome PCOTC New Members!

Julie Farr - All American Dog

Rachel Field - Standard Schnauzer

Tamara Lazarus - Scottish Terriers and Border Collie

Kelly Maglio - All American Dog

Stephen Migliaccio - Rottweiler

Susan Rosenstadt-Bresler - Bearded Collie

Gehang and Steven Schwartz - Vizsla and Mini Australian Shepherd



Volunteering 2023

**Have you been looking for volunteer opportunities, but don't know where to find them?
Your search is now over!**

Check out the regularly updated listings on our website - <https://www.pcotc.org/volunteer-opportunities>. Or look under the Membership tab, you will find "Volunteering Opportunities" there.

Do you have a need for volunteers, be it for a special event or an on-going role? This page is where to publicize it. Please contact Kassi McCombe, PCOTC's Volunteer Coordinator, with your volunteer need, a brief description of the opportunity, times and dates and she will add it to the page. You can reach Kassi at volunteercoordinator@gmail.com

If you are in class with students looking to become members and need volunteer hours for membership consideration, please direct them to the Volunteer Opportunities page as well.

With everyone's help, this page will be the central repository for all volunteer opportunities. It is up to us to keep it going and up-to-date.



Spring is around the corner!
