



# PAWPRINTS



PawPrints is the newsletter of Queen City Dog Training Club, Inc., Member of the American Kennel Club

**March 2025**

Volume 65, Issue 3

## Membership Meeting

Date: **Tuesday,  
March 4, 2025**

Time: **7:30 pm**

**Yearbooks should be  
available for pickup.**

Location: 12018 Tramway  
Dr., Sharonville, OH 45241

**[www.qcdtc.org](http://www.qcdtc.org)**

### Obedience Registrar:

Diane Carr,  
513-772-3340

### Agility Registrar:

Shirley Harrison,  
513-508-5086

### Scent Work Registrar:

Joyce Cates,  
513-324-7624

### Conformation Reg.:

Cheryl Poe,  
513-379-3459

### Training Center:

513-771-0219

### Meeting Calendar:

March 4, 2025

April 1, 2025

May 6, 2025

June 3, 2025

September 2, 2025

Membership Meetings are held the first  
Tuesday of each month, except July &  
August. If a meeting is cancelled, (i.e. due  
to weather), then that meeting's business  
will be conducted at the next meeting.

## GET CONNECTED / GET INVOLVED

This lists current and upcoming events at QCDTC, including names and contact information for the volunteer coordinators to make it easy for you to get involved in events here at QCDTC.

*For additional information on these events, please check out our website, [www.qcdtc.org](http://www.qcdtc.org)!*

### February

February 21-22 (Fri-Sat) – **Turf clean & Annual Blinds Cleaning**

February 22 (Sat) – **Scent Work Instructor Seminar**

- Contact Laurie Fite ([Laurie.fite@outlook.com](mailto:Laurie.fite@outlook.com)) for information

February 23 (Sun) – **Obedience/Rally Practice Session or "Rent-A-Ring"**

- To volunteer, contact: Benita Goldberg at [Benitagoldberg@gmail.com](mailto:Benitagoldberg@gmail.com), 513-996-4017 or Mary Stephens, [zmstephens@aol.com](mailto:zmstephens@aol.com), 513-284-6235 c

February 27 (Thur) – **TRIAL SETUP** - no training in either building!

Feb. 28-Mar. 2 (Fri-Sat-Sun) – **Black & White Agility Trial**

- To volunteer, contact: Jane Dewey, [jddewey2003@yahoo.com](mailto:jddewey2003@yahoo.com)

### March

March 4 (Tues) – **General Membership Meeting starting at 7:30 pm**

March 7 (Fri) – **Dr. Leick Spinal Adjustments**

- Contact Mary Stephens, [zmstephens@aol.com](mailto:zmstephens@aol.com), to schedule an appointment

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March 8-9 (Sat-Sun) – **Obedience/Rally Trial**

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March 15 (Sat) – **Scent Work Sniff-N-Go**

- Contact Laurie Fite ([Laurie.fite@outlook.com](mailto:Laurie.fite@outlook.com)) to volunteer

March 20 (Thur) – **Meg McCann Alexander Technique**

- Contact Meg at 513-255-7250 or [MegAylwardMcCann@gmail.com](mailto:MegAylwardMcCann@gmail.com)

March 21 (Fri) – **TRIAL SETUP** - no training in either building!

March 22-23 (Sat-Sun) – **Poodles Agility Trial**

- To volunteer, contact: Jane Dewey, [jddewey2003@yahoo.com](mailto:jddewey2003@yahoo.com)

March 29-30 (Sat-Sun) – **Tracking Test (offsite, uses QCDTC kitchen)**

- Contact Kathy Ferguson, [emailkathyf@gmail.com](mailto:emailkathyf@gmail.com), to volunteer

### April

April 1 (Tues) – **General Membership Meeting starting at 7:30 pm**

April 11 (Fri) – **Dr. Leick Spinal Adjustments**

- Contact Mary Stephens, [zmstephens@aol.com](mailto:zmstephens@aol.com), to schedule an appointment

April 17 (Thur) – **Meg McCann Alexander Technique**

- Contact Meg at 513-255-7250 or [MegAylwardMcCann@gmail.com](mailto:MegAylwardMcCann@gmail.com)



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## Officers & Staff

Effective February 4, 2025:

**President** - Erica Behnke

**Vice President** - Marilyn Cones

**Secretary** - Li'Ana Dean

**Treasurer** - Catherine Berberich

**AKC Delegate** - Sandy Schmidt

**Trustees:** Traci Bradley, Diane Carr, Laurie Fite, Terry Miller, Kimberly Theiss

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## PAWPRINTS

Deadline for the NEXT issue of Pawprints is the 15th of the month!

**(So March 15 for April PP)**

Please submit all items via e-mail with "QCDTC PawPrints" in subject line, or in writing to:

**a member of the QCDTC Board (TBD)**

*Look for more info to be posted on groups.io*

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**AWARDS Info:**  
submit your titles within 28 days!

**TOP DOG year** runs from November 1 - October 31.

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## MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome the following new regular member voted in at the December mtg:

**Regular:**

- **Pat Jones** – standard poodles

The following applications were read at the February meeting and will be voted on at the **March** meeting.

**Associate:**

- **Yolanda Burns** – Pit Staffy mix – Sponsors: Traci Bradley, Mary Coon, Barb Jackson
- **Janie Lakes** – Min. American Shepherd – Sponsors: Barb Jackson, Kimberly Theiss

Bios included in this issue of Pawprints.

Holly Kopcha, Membership Chairman

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## YEARBOOKS

I have just finished printing out the paper master for the 2025 Yearbooks and will be making copies during Turf Cleaning day and Blinds Cleaning day.

Copies will be mailed out to those members who paid for a yearbook to be snail mailed to them, and to Pawprints snail mail subscribers.

Members may pick up a copy at the B&W Agility Trial, at the March Membership meeting, at the March Obedience/Rally Trial, and at the Canine Cupboard during open hours.

Marsha Tufft

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Here are the results of the February 4th elections:

**Officers - 1 year terms:**

President: **Erica Behnke**

Vice President: **Marilyn Cones**

Secretary: **Li'Ana Dean**

Treasurer: **Catherine Berberich**

**2 year terms:**

Trustee: **Terry Miller (74 votes)**

Trustee: **Diane Carr (73 votes)**

Trustee: **Traci Bradley (51 votes)**

AKC Delegate: **Sandy Schmidt**

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## VOTING PROTOCOL

There seemed to be confusion about voting privileges among some members at the February election.

**Per our Bylaws, Article II - Meetings and Voting:**

**Section 5. Voting. Each member of a voting class of membership in good standing** whose dues are paid for in the current year **shall be entitled to one vote** at any meeting of the Club at which **he/she is present**.

**Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election.**

For purposes of a quorum and those provisions requiring action by a percentage of the membership in good standing, only the number of members of a voting class of membership shall be counted.



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## THANK YOU TO QCDTC

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I'm not quitting the club, but I am returning duties previously handled by former Trustees Jim Hutchins and White Bourland to the Board where they belong. It's been an honor serving QCDTC since 1996, but these roles are too much without being an active Trustee.

I owe a debt of gratitude to the 1987 Registrar for preventing us from making what would have been the greatest mistake of my life: giving away our precious golden retriever puppy, Tizer, to a coworker at GE because we didn't know how to handle his destructive chewing and house soiling. Her simple crate-training advice was life-changing. Tizer became my treasured companion for almost 17 years. Without QCDTC, there'd be no Tizer, Putney, Tinker, Harry, George, or Mooney.

As a result of my own experience, I have attempted to pay it forward through my service to QCDTC, its members, and especially the long-serving Board members who do so much behind the scenes to make this club possible. Together, your selflessness makes these experiences possible for others.

I want to thank the obedience instructors who are the club's heart and soul, helping create lifelong bonds between newbies and their dogs. That's the core purpose beyond our many dog sports and training perks.

I want to assure everyone in the club that all the information I've amassed on maintenance, our vendors, cleaning products, supplies, and major maintenance projects is documented in an extensive Maintenance Handbook to ensure this valuable information is readily available to the Board.

I want to thank all those who have contributed their time and efforts to make this club so special. There are too many to name, but I'd like to recognize three in particular:

- Beth Janos, who organized so many world-class training seminars. The week-long Susan Garrett seminar in 2010 was life-changing, and ranks just behind finding QCDTC in 1987 for me.

- Catherine Berberich, whose efficient but Herculean efforts as treasurer are amazing. You try handling all the deposits, bills, trial refunds, judges payments, and vendors' bills for a club of roughly 500 that puts on as many classes and events as we do (and coming to the events to pay judges, or arranging for another officer to do so)... all while managing your own business with very challenging tax seasons. You have no idea what she has given up to serve this club, or the daily toll that it takes. Catherine is also often the first person to identify concerns with building maintenance—flagging the water leak issue through increasingly high water bills. She proactively analyzes our income and expenses, identifying trends or issues that may need further attention.
- Erica Behnke, who has lead this club as President for roughly 15+ years with empathy, compassion, and heart. She sets the tone for the board. All the issues—major or minor—that the club has to deal with come to her first. Erica manages this with grace and poise, somehow managing to let everyone be heard, yet keeping an even keel.

Our members are this club's greatest resource. Together, we have changed so many lives for the better — both people and dogs. This wonderful 23,000 square foot facility that we enjoy today is possible because of the selfless service of so many members, going back to 1948 when this was a small club, teaching obedience classes in the Armory on Reading Road.

Best regards,  
Marsha Tufft

P.S. if you're a homeschooler, parent, teacher, or grandparent intersted in getting your kids engaged in STEM — science, technology, engineering, math — check out my books and my website:

**<https://marshatufft.com>**

I'll be a guest speaker at the Midwest Homeschool Expo in Indianapolis on June 28, 2025.



## 2024 TOP DOG AWARDS

### CONFORMATION

#### OWNER

Erica Benhke  
Byrum, Charlene  
McCarthy, Tom  
Ralenkotter, Teresa  
Roosen, Jeni  
Smail, Jen

#### DOG

Topher  
Mocha  
Desi  
Celeste  
Charm  
Beckley  
Billie Bob  
Nessie  
Shimmy  
Sugar

#### BREED

Brittany  
Whippet  
BorTer  
Basset Hound  
Vizsla  
Aussie  
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#### OWNER

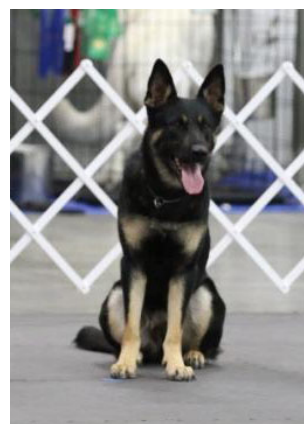
Cook, Kath  
Stephens, Mary  
Russo, Rebecca  
Brown, Becky  
Miller, Alicia  
Holmback, Monica  
Stephenson, Serena  
Fait, Arlene  
Sergeant, Toni  
Bradley, Traci

#### DOG

Ivy  
Aries  
Lark  
Lexus  
Ember  
Jeni  
Reeta  
Beau  
Landon  
Rio

#### BREED

GSD  
BSD  
Golden  
All-American  
Lab  
FCR  
Schipperke  
Weimaraner  
Aussie  
Aussie



Ivy

### OBEDIENCE

#### PLACE

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#### OWNER

Eifert, Jane  
Carr, Diane  
Parrill, Cindy  
Carr, Diane  
Miller, Alicia  
Rumping, Jennifer

#### DOG

Cyrus  
Tydee  
Story  
Tia  
Cinder  
Ina Rose

#### BREED

Golden  
BC  
Sheltie  
BC  
Lab  
Boxer



Cyrus





## 2024 TOP DOG AWARDS - CONTINUED

### PREFERRED OBEDIENCE

PLACE	OWNER	DOG	BREED
1	Parrill, Cindy	Story	Sheltie
2	Carr, Diane	Tydee	BC
3	Jordan, Sharon	Icon	GSD



Story

### AGILITY

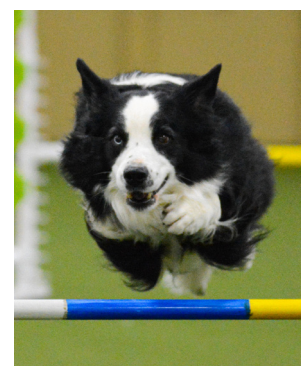
PLACE	OWNER	DOG	BREED
1	Bourland, White	Poca	Papillon
2	Ford, Joye	Blitz	Mini Poodle
3	Janos, Beth	Mia	GSP
4	Kroll, Jenny	Fern	Eng Sprin Sp
5	Covich, Sandra	River	BC
6	Dewey, Jane	Astro	Sheltie
7	Stephens, Zindell	Aries	BSD
8	Covich, Sandra	Force	BC
9	Weil, Cat	Dude	Lab
10	Reeb, Diana	Rookie	BC



Poca

### PREFERRED AGILITY

PLACE	OWNER	DOG	BREED
1	Reeb, Dennis	Gauge	BC
2	Holmback, Monica	Jeni	FCR
3	Tibbs, Scott	Mystique	Kerry Blue
4	Welling, Diane	Innis	IRWS
5	Theiss, Kimberly	OAKLEY	CavKingCharl
6	Carr, Diane	Tydee	BC
7	Suddendorf, Sue	Dancer	Aus Shepherd
8	Smith, Mary	Sprocket	PRT



Gauge

### SCENT WORK

PLACE	OWNER	DOG	BREED
1	Ramsey, Fred	Ruby	Golden
2	Bradley, Traci	Jaeger	Mix
3	Bradley, Traci	Rio	Aussie
4	Ramsey, Brenda	Grace	Lab Retrieve
5	Ramsey, Fred	Rae	Golden
6	Summers, Donna	Heather	WHWT
7	Fite, Laurie	Roxy	Doberman
8	Mueller, Ruth	Layla	Doberman
9	Stephenson, Serena	Reeta	Schipperke
10	Suddendorf, Sue	Dancer	Aus Shepherd



Ruby



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The Ohio Legislature has regrouped for the 136th legislative session (2025-2026) and a lawmaker has introduced a bill to upgrade the state's companion animal abuse statute.

**Senate Bill 64** increases penalties for misdemeanor and felony convictions of Ohio's animal cruelty law by raising some misdemeanors to felonies and making maximum prison sentences mandatory depending on the severity of the offense as described in Ohio Revised Code Section 959.01. The bill also prohibits ownership of a companion animal or residence in a home with a companion animal for three years following release from incarceration or completion of other penalties imposed by the court.

Introduced by Senator Al Cutrona of Canfield, SB 64 was assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee and had its sponsor testimony on February 19. Text of the bill as introduced is at <https://tinyurl.com/4m6jbdjtj>.

### Other state initiatives to watch

Things that pop up in one state often make the rounds of other state and local jurisdictions. AKC is watching efforts such as the defeated New Hampshire bill to ban breeds with certain physical features it labels as cruel and now has an eye on a **New Jersey** proposal to license dog trainers and establish a one-size-fits-all statewide dog training regimen. From the AKC alert: "**SB 3814** seeks to provide oversight to dog trainers. As used in the legislation, dog training means the handling or training of dogs for a fee, salary, or other form of compensation. Specifically, the bill establishes the Dog Training Licensing Board and provides authorization for the board to, among other items: 1) develop educational and experiential requirements for licensure as a dog trainer; and 2) adopt rules and regulations regarding dog training."

A law similar to the thwarted New Hampshire bill has been approved in Ojai, California, laying groundwork for further expansion in other jurisdictions. The initial alert on the New Jersey trainer licensing bill is on the AKC Government Relations site at <https://tinyurl.com/yfcs3a5a>; the initial hearing was set for February 10 but massive opposition led the sponsor to hold it back. AKC will continue to monitor the bill.

### FDA tells veterinarians about adverse event reports for Librela

The US Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine has completed an evaluation of adverse events reported in dogs of various ages treated with Librela, a monoclonal antibody drug used to control pain associated with osteoarthritis in dogs. The adverse events identified and analyzed include neurologic signs such as seizures, weakened muscles (paresis), urinary incontinence, increased thirst and increased urination. In some cases, symptoms resulted in death or euthanasia of the dog.

The FDA approved Librela in May 2023, and American pharmaceutical company Zoetis introduced it to the market later that year. The agency has posted its adverse drug event report at <https://tinyurl.com/33jk7h4n>. Veterinarians can report adverse events with Librela to Zoetis or directly to FDA at [www.fda.gov/reportanimalae](http://www.fda.gov/reportanimalae).

### FDA's role in drug safety

The FDA monitors the safety profile of all animal drugs after they reach the market, as widespread use of a drug in a large number of patients may uncover adverse events not observed prior to approval. Pharmaceutical companies (drug sponsors) are required to report all cases of adverse events they receive from the public, including pet owners and veterinarians, to the FDA. The agency evaluates adverse events and other safety information when it becomes available. When appropriate, FDA works with the drug sponsor to address any concerns. FDA may request updates to drug labeling, post-approval studies, or require additional or more frequent reporting. The FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine does not currently have the authority to mandate safety-related labeling changes.

The FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine promotes and protects animal health by ensuring marketed animal drugs are safe and effective. For more information, contact [AskCVM@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:AskCVM@fda.hhs.gov).

Submitted by Norma Bennett Woolf



## FEBRUARY 4TH MEETING MINUTES

We achieved Quorum for the Gathering of Queen City Dog Training Club began at 7:30pm on Tuesday, February 4th 2025. It was held in the training facility, Tramway Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sandy Schmidt moved to accept Minutes, motion passed. The minutes of the Board Meeting were read for information, only.

**Guests:** Julie Bair, Janice Lakes, Lora Wynn, Yolanda Burns, Matt Bogers, Marisa Brizzi, Gayle Moore, Paula Kerezsi, Amia Markin, Amy Geers.

### **President's report. Erica.**

Thank you everyone for coming out tonight! Please be sure you are on the I.O group to get messages. Lots of important information gets posted here. We will be updating Website with 2025. Thank you Jane and her committee for nominations and counting winners for board members.

### **Secretary's report. Li'Ana.**

Happy Holiday card from WFA (Westie Foundation of America), and Christmas card from Bentz Bulldogs. Thank you from Cincinnati Museum Center for our generous gift of 50 dollars in honor of Anne B Shepherd.

### **Treasurer's report. Catherine.**

YTD Income \$454,902.24 Expense \$447,546.63, Net Income \$7,355.71. 2025 Income \$53,914.54, Expense \$51,861.65 Net Income \$2,052.89.

Water bill went from over \$700 dollars back down to around \$200.

### **Membership.**

The membership applications of Janie Lakes & Yolanda Burns (Associate) were read. They are requesting Associate Membership and it was read for information only. Their applications will be voted on at the March 4th 2025 General Membership Meeting. Tonight, the Regular Membership is voting on the applications of: Patricia Jones  
Congrats to our new Regular Member, Patricia Jones!

### **Obedience. (C-Match and Trials)**

Matthew Twitty Seminar coming up; opens up to non-club members on March 1st. Registration forms on website and on bulletin board.

Thank you everyone that helped at the January Rent a Ring. Next one will be February 23rd. Clipboard coming around for workers! Obedience Trial on March 8th & 9th is a great way to get volunteer hours.

### **Obedience.**

March Classes are filling. And we need instructors for now and future. Talk to Diane Carr or Marilyn Cones.

### **Agility.**

New class schedule posted for next session. If you need help on agility, reach out to Linda Zehler.

### **Agility Trials.**

Black & White Trial February 28th March, and Poodle Trial later in March. Boston Trial in April. Ring Rental this week. Building closed for CPE trial.

### **Scent Work.**

Trial Closes tomorrow February 5th. It has been filled. Thank you all for volunteering. Classes are filling, will be doing 4-week specialty classes coming up, and a Special class coming soon so stay tuned! Thursday will be a new daytime class day for Scent Work. Thanks for your support! Building closed Feb 14th-16th for scent work. Does not mess with Dr Leick.

### **Seminars. Matthew Twitty**

**Maintenance.** Putting in concrete path, and brush area in the back being cleared out!

### **New Business.**

### **Jane Dewey, Nominations**

Congratulations to the following below!

**Officers - 1 year terms:** President: Erica Behnke, Vice President: Marilyn Cones, Secretary: Li'Ana Dean, Treasurer: Catherine Berberich

**2 year terms: Trustees:** Dianne Carr, Terry Miller. Traci Bradley; AKC Delegate\*: Sandy Schmidt

### **Top Dog Awards are listed on pp. 4-5.**

Tony Sargent motioned to closed meeting. Donna Summers Seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:13pm.

Li'Ana Dean, Secretary



## AWARDS - COMPILED 2/10/2025

### AGILITY

OWNER	DOG	BREED	SHOW	DATE	CLASS	SCORE	CT	SCT	LEG	PLACE	TITLE	HT
Bourland, White	Poca	Papillon	golden	1/18/25	Mast JWW	100	33	55		2		8
Clark, Chad	Meena	Golden	GCGRC	1/19/25	Mast JWW	100	45	45	1			20
Covich, Sandy	Force	BC	GCGR	1/19/25	Mast JWW	100	30	45				20
Covich, Sandy	Force	BC	GSCOA	1/4/25	Mast JWW	100	27	44		1		20
Covich, Sandy	Force	BC	GSCOA	1/4/25	Mast STD	100	32	57		2		20
Covich, Sandy	Force	BC	GSCOA	1/5/25	Mast STD	100	32	60		2		20
Covich, Sandy	Force	BC	MVLRC	12/28/24	Mast JWW	100	26	43		2		20
Covich, Sandy	Force	BC	MVLRC	12/28/24	Mast STD	100	36	66		3		20
Covich, Sandy	Willow	BC	MVLRC	12/28/24	Mast STD	100	36	66		3		16
Dewey, Jane	Astro	Sheltie	GCGRC	1/18/25	Mast STD	100	36	67		2		16
Dewey, Jane	Astro	Sheltie	GCGRC	1/19/25	Mast STD	100	32	62		1		16
Janos, Beth	Mia	GSP	GCGRC	1/18/25	Mast JWW	100	29	47		2		20
Janos, Beth	Mia	GSP	GCGRC	1/18/25	Mast STD	100	32	63		1		20
Janos, Beth	Mia	GSP	GCGRC	1/19/25	Mast JWW	100	30	45				20
Jones, Patricia	Nova	Std. Poodle	DDTC	1/25/25	Mast JWW	100	43	51		2		24
Jones, Patricia	Nova	Std. Poodle	DDTC	1/25/25	Mast STD	100	49	61		1		24
Jones, Patricia	Nova	Std. Poodle	DDTC	1/26/25	Mast STD	100	44	58		4		24
Jones, Patricia	Winston	Std. Poodle	DDTC	1/25/25	Mast JWW	100	43	51		3		24
Jones, Patricia	Winston	Std. Poodle	DDTC	1/26/25	Mast STD	100	48	58				24
Jones, Patricia	Nova	Std. Poodle	GCGRC	1/18/25	Mast JWW	100	39	50		4		24
Jones, Patricia	Nova	Std. Poodle	GCGRC	1/19/25	Mast JWW	100	41	48		3		24
Jones, Patricia	Nova	Std. Poodle	GCGRC	1/19/25	Mast STD	100	47	63		4		24
Jones, Patricia	Winston	Std. Poodle	GCGRC	1/18/25	Mast JWW	100	41	50				24
Jones, Patricia	Winston	Std. Poodle	GCGRC	1/19/25	Mast JWW	100	44	48				24
Jones, Patricia	Winston	Std. Poodle	GCGRC	1/19/25	Mast STD	100	52	63				24
Kroll, Jenny	Fern	Eng Sprin Sp	GSCA	1/5/25	Mast STD	100	36	64		3		16
Kroll, Jenny	Fern	Eng Sprin Sp	GCGR	1/18/25	Mast JWW	100	34	49				16
Kroll, Jenny	Fern	Eng Sprin Sp	GCGR	1/18/25	Mast STD	100	40	67		4		16
Kroll, Jenny	Fern	Eng Sprin Sp	GCGR	1/19/25	Mast JWW	100	35	47				16
Kroll, Jenny	Fern	Eng Sprin Sp	GCGR	1/19/25	Mast STD	100	38	62		3		16
Kroll, Jenny	Fern	Eng Sprin Sp	GSCA	1/4/24	Mast JWW	100	30	46			MJC4	16
Kroll, Jenny	Fern	Eng Sprin Sp	GSCA	1/4/25	Mast STD	100	38	61			MXC4	16
Kroll, Jenny	Fern	Eng Sprin Sp	GSCA	1/5/25	Mast JWW	100	30	48				16
Kroll, Jenny	Fern	Eng Sprin Sp	MVLRC	12/28/24	Mast STD	100	38	66				16
Kroll, Jenny	Fern	Eng Sprin Sp	MVLRC	12/29/24	Mast JWW	100	30	47		4		16
Reeb, Diana	Rookie	BC	GCGRC	1/19/25	Mast JWW	100	30	45				20
Reeb, Diana	Rookie	BC	Gsca	1/4/25	Mast STD	100	38	57				20
Smith, Mary Beth	Lily	Russel Terr	GCGR	1/19/25	Open STD	100	57	79	3	1	OA	8
Weil, Cat	Dude	Lab	CGRC	1/18/25	Mast JWW	100	33	47	36			20
Weil, Cat	Dude	Lab	CGRC	1/19/25	Mast STD	100	41	59	35			20

### AGILITY PREFERRED

OWNER	DOG	BREED	SHOW	DATE	CLASS	SCORE	CT	SCT	LEG	PLACE	TITLE	HT
Volz, Gary	Sammy	Sheltie	GCGR	1/18/25	PMast JWW	100	32	56		1		8
Volz, Gary	Sammy	Sheltie	GCGR	1/18/25	PMast STD	100	40	73		1		8
Volz, Gary	Sammy	Sheltie	GCGR	1/19/25	PMast STD	100	38	69		2		8

### CONFORMATION

OWNER	DOG	BREED	SHOW	DATE	CLASS	POINTS	PLACE	TITLE
Christman, Linda	Strode	FCR	NIKC	11/1/24		4	WD	CH
Smail, Jen	Billie Bob	Aussie	BlnKC	1/30/25		4	BOS	
Smail, Jen	Billie Bob	Aussie	HKC	2/1/25	Select	5		GCH
Smail, Jen	Sprout	Aussie	BKC	1/30/25		2	WB	
Smail, Jen	Sprout	Aussie	DKC	1/29/25		4	BOW	
Smail, Jen	Sprout	Aussie	HKC	2/1/25		4	BOW	





## RALLY

OWNER	DOG	BREED	SHOW	DATE	CLASS	SCORE	LEG	PLACE	TITLE
Smith, Mary Beth	Sprocket	PRT	QCDTC	11/30/24	Rally Novice	81	2	1	
Smith, Mary Beth	Sprocket	PRT	QCDTC	12/1/24	Rally Novice	87	3	4	RN

## OTHER

OWNER	DOG	BREED	SHOW	DATE	CLASS	SCORE	LEG	PLACE	TITLE
Brown, Becky	Roxy	All American	CABTC 2	1/18/25	Senior A				RATS
Tibbs, Scott	Mystique	Kerry Blue	GCDTC	1/12/25					RATO
Tibbs, Scott	Rogue	Kerry Blue	GCDTC	1/11/25					RATI
Tibbs, Scott	Rogue	Kerry Blue	GCDTC	1/12/25					RATN
Trenn, Judy	Daisy	Card W Corgi		1/17/25	AKC FIT DOG Silver				FITS
Trenn, Judy	Thorin	Card W Corgi		10/29/24	Puppy Star grandfathered in for akc title				STAR

## SCENT WORK

Thank you to the many club volunteers who supported the AKC Scent work trial efforts on February 14, 15 & 16. There were many club members who also supported the trial by entering their dogs. The weather was not cooperative, but we were dry and warm inside and having a lot of sniffing fun and success.

There will be a Sniff-N-Go on March 15 from 11am to 2pm and we will need volunteers to set up, be judges and tear down the rings in Building 1. Contact Laurie Fite to volunteer.

The QC scent work team looks forward to offering more sniffing opportunities throughout 2025.

Laurie Fite

Laurie.fite@outlook.com

## GROUPS.IO

Not on **groups.io** yet?

Please send an email to **Carla Fette** at:  
**carla@anydaypetservices.com**  
and request to be added.

Once Carla replies that you have been added, you will receive an email from groups.io to set up your **password**.

Note: Marsha is planning to post when Pawprints is out on groups.io in the event of email delivery issues so you will know to look for it.

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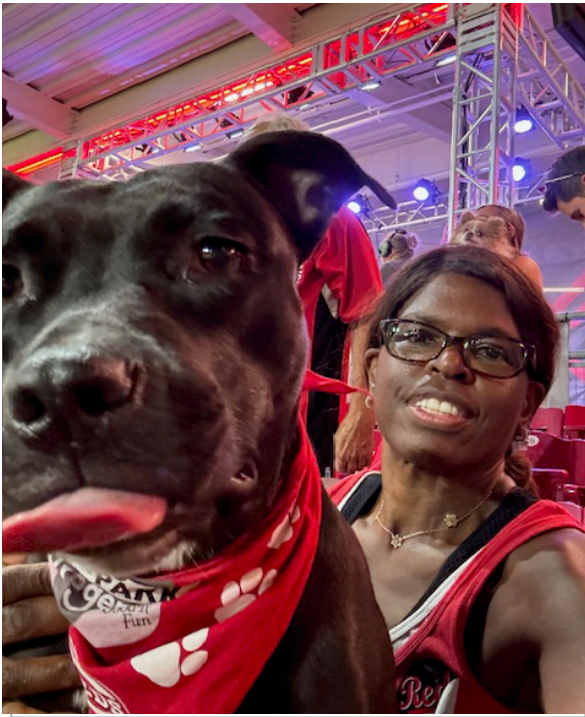
APRIL ISSUE OF  
PAWPRINTS TO

a QCDTC board member

BY MARCH 15TH

# NAME

Yolanda Burns

**ASSOCIATE - TO BE VOTED ON 3/4/25**

## HOW YOU FOUND QCDTC

Several years ago, Susan Cox told me about QCDTC. She and Milo enjoy the community. I want to be part of that community. After I rescued Lucky, I enrolled us into our first class, Basic Obedience, and we have been here ever since.

## FAMILY — PEOPLE, PETS, AND BREEDS

Husband- Cecil Thorpe  
Pit Staffy mix- Lucky

## CONTACT INFO

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513-604-9390 513-674-0480

Pit Staffy mix

## DOG TRAINING INTERESTS & EXPERTISE

We have taken all our classes at QCDTC which includes Obedience, Rally, Agility, and Scent Work. Lucky and I are willing to learn and have fun.

## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Agility Trial 11/2/24 Ring- leash &amp; poles

Agility Trial 12/28/2 TBD

## SPONSORS

Traci Bradley

Mary Coon

Barb Jackson

## ~ THREE THINGS MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU

1. I had a 42 year old parrot named Trouble. I had him for 42 years. He passed away October, 2023.
2. My family and I went to all 50 states and Mexico which is where we got our parrot.
3. I have completed a 150 mile bike-a-thon for MS.

**NAME**

Janie Lakes

**ASSOCIATE - TO BE VOTED ON 3/4/25****HOW YOU FOUND QCDTC**

I took a Puppy K class at QCDTC with our other dog years ago

**FAMILY — PEOPLE, PETS, AND BREEDS**

Mike- husband

2 children

Hank- Min. American Shepherd

4 chickens

**CONTACT INFO**

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419-215-5787

Min. American Shepherd

**DOG TRAINING INTERESTS & EXPERTISE**

I am interested in Obedience, Rally, and Agility. Hank currently has his BN and RI titles. We just started Agility and are really enjoying that. I also plan on doing Scent Work down the road with Hank and possibly FastCat

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

Rally Trial 8/17/24 leash runner

Rally Trial 11/30/24 bar setter/check in

**SPONSORS**

Barb Jackson

Kimberly Theiss

**~ THREE THINGS MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU**

I tried beekeeping one summer.

I ran track in college.

I always wanted to learn to ride a horse and finally took lessons when I was 36.



PRESENTS

# Two Day “Principles of Proofing” Seminar

WITH  
**MATTHEW TWITTY**  
**June 28-29, 2025**



**QCDTC Members Version**

Matthew Twitty is the owner and operator of Start to Finish Dog Training in Cherokee, Alabama. Since 1999 Matt has been showing his dogs in competitive dog sports (Flyball, Agility, Herding and Rally) as well as doing in-home behavioral lessons. Matt was one of the few handlers to put an Obedience Trial Championship on his Novice A dog, Tyler. By the age of 30, Matt had already trained two Obedience Trial Champions as well as two other Multiple HIT dogs.

At the National Obedience Classic in 2015 his dog Girlie was tied for 8th (10th) in the Novice Division and in 2016 she was 3rd in the Open Division. He's had multiple High in Trials and High Combined awards on the dogs he has shown, but his true gift is being able to motivate and teach students to enable them to have their own success in the obedience ring as well and has been highly sought after as a seminar clinician.

“Principles of Proofing” is a two-day seminar that will teach attendees how to proof with the dogs’ senses in mind. We will cover time variables, scenario proofs, and Proofing all the senses in this fast-paced seminar.

**Registration:** A limit of 15 working spots and unlimited auditing spots are available. These are reserved only with full payment and a completed registration form. No refunds will be made after May 15, 2025. A confirmation e-mail will be sent upon receipt of the registration form and payment. An additional e-mail will be sent regarding seminar times, hotel information, etc.

***Note: Queen City Dog Training Club members and instructors will be given a three-month window to sign up before working spots are made available to the general public.***

**Working Teams:**

If you register as a worker and later want to become an auditor, you will only receive a refund if there is a working team on the wait list willing to take your spot. Each working team is limited to 2 dogs per day, working 1 dog only per floor session.

**RETURN REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK PAYABLE TO: Queen City Dog Training Club**

**Send completed form to:**

**Marijo Nootz**

**2168 Bevington Ln**

**Hamilton, OH 45013**

**Email: [nootzmj@miamioh.edu](mailto:nootzmj@miamioh.edu) Phone (513) 330-4019**

**Registration forms must be mailed and cannot be left for me at QCDTC's building.**



**Queen City Dog Training Club Presents:**  
**Proofing Seminar with Matthew Twitty.**  
Registration Form (please print or type)  
**MEMBERS**

Please return this form with payment by March 1, 2025, to reserve your spot before they are available to non-members.

Checks should be made payable to: Queen City Dog Training Club.

Name:	
Street Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Email:	Phone:

Please make your selection. If you would like a working spot and all have been filled, your name will be placed on a waiting list.

**Two day working, or auditing spots cannot be shared. We will not offer 1-day working spots. If you can only attend the seminar one day, you must pay for a one-day auditing spot.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 2-DAY WORKING SPOT-QCDTC Member \$200

\_\_\_\_\_ 2-DAY AUDITING SPOT-QCDTC Member \$75      \_\_\_\_\_ 1-DAY AUDITING SPOT-QCDTC Member \$40

***THERE WILL BE NO FOOD SERVED AT THIS EVENT. Individually packaged snacks and drinks will be available to attendees. Box lunches will be provided for Matt and workers only. There are various restaurants and fast-food vendors within a short driving distance.***

**Offered to MEMBERS ONLY Until March 1, 2025:**  
**Private Lessons will be open to non-Members on March 31, 2025**

Fifteen 30 Minute private lessons on Monday, June 30, 2025, at ONLY \$60 per Session. Member should have at least audited one day of this seminar. Please only two Sessions per member, unless all spots do not fill.

**Matthew Twitty Private Lesson Schedule:**

Time Slot	Name	Dog Name	Breed	Lesson Focus	Paid
8:00					
8:30					
9:00					
9:30					
10:00					
10:30					
11:00					
11:30					
12:00	Lunch				
12:30	Lunch				
1:00					
1:30					
2:00					
2:30					
3:00					
3:30					
4:00					

# 2025 EVENT CALENDAR - QCDTC

2025 DATE	Days of Week	Event	JUDGE (Agility)
December 28-29	(Sat-Sun)	Labs Agility Trial	
January 4-5	(Sat-Sun)	Gordons Agility Trial	
January 18-19	(Sat-Sun)	Goldens Agility Trial	
January 26	(Sun)	Obedience/Rally Practice Session or "Rent-A-Ring"	
February 7-8-9	(Fri-Sat-Sun)	CPE Agility Trial	
February 15-16	(Sat-Sun)	Scent Work Trial	
February 23	(Sun)	Obedience/Rally Practice Session or "Rent-A-Ring"	
Feb. 28-Mar. 2	(Fri-Sat-Sun)	Black & White Agility Trial	
March 8-9	(Sat-Sun)	Obedience/Rally Trial	
March 15	(Sat)	Scent Work Sniff-N-Go	
March 22-23	(Sat-Sun)	Poodles Agility Trial	
March 29-30	(Sat-Sun)	Tracking Test (offsite, uses QCDTC kitchen)	
April 19-20	(Sat-Sun)	Bostons Agility Trial	
May 3-4	(Sat-Sun)	Goldens Agility Trial	
May 18	(Sun)	Obedience/Rally Practice Session or "Rent-A-Ring"	
May 24-25-26	(Sat-Sun-Mon)	QCDTC Agility Trial	
June 13-14-15	(Fri-Sat-Sun)	QCDTC Agility Trial	
June 21-22	(Sat-Sun)	American Rottweiler Agility Trial	
June 28-30	(Sat-Sun-Mon)	Matthew Twitty Seminar	
July 5-6	(Sat-Sun)	Dobes Agility Trial	
July 12-13	(Sat-Sun)	Shelties Agility Trial	
August 1-2-3	(Fri-Sat-Sun)	QCDTC Agility Trial	
August 10	(Sun)	Obedience/Rally Practice Session or "Rent-A-Ring"	
August 16-17	(Sat-Sun)	Obedience/Rally Trial	
August 23-24	(Sat-Sun)	Dobes Agility Trial	
September 13-14	(Sat-Sun)	Poodles Agility Trial	
September 20	(Sat)	Scent Work Sniff-N-Go	
October 10-11-12	(Fri-Sat-Sun)	CPE Agility Trial	
November 1-2	(Sat-Sun)	Labs Agility Trial	
November 7-8-9	(Fri-Sat-Sun)	QCDTC Agility Trial	
November 22-23	(Sat-Sun)	Tracking Test (offsite, uses QCDTC kitchen)	
November 23	(Sun)	Obedience/Rally Practice Session or "Rent-A-Ring"	
November 29-30	(Sat-Sun)	Obedience/Rally Trial	
December 6-7	(Sat-Sun)	Buckeye Bulldogs Agility Trial	
December 13	(Sat)	CPE Scent Sport Trial Rental (1 day only this year)	
December 27-28	(Sat-Sun)	Labs Agility Trial	
2025 Total AKC Trial days		Agility - 38*, Obedience/Rally - 6, Scent Work - 2	

\*excludes Dec. 28-29, 2024