



Mary's Musings

Some might call these hot and humid days we are experiencing the dog days of summer. I hope everyone is still managing to have fun while keeping you and your dog(s) cool.

The November 5th, 1996, The Recall (former WDTC newsletter) reports that the WDTC BOD voted to hold their first agility trial during the Sunflower Cluster in April 1997. The club was approved by AKC to host agility trials based on the excellent job they did with a Sanctioned A match held the previous month. They also noted that, at that time, agility was the fastest-growing sport ever introduced by AKC. Currently, AKC recognizes Fast CAT as the fastest-growing.

Of course, there was a lot to learn and many tasks to complete when planning and preparing. It seems no matter how many events you have, there is always more planning and learning involved. When you receive this newsletter in your inbox, our club will be on day 2 of our 4-day August agility trial. Thank you to everyone who works so hard to make this event happen. It always provides lots of fun, learning, and, of course, income for the club.

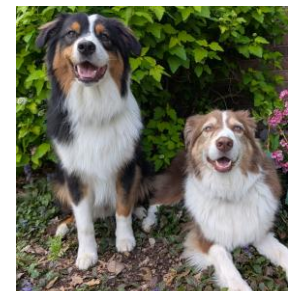
Our last agility trial of 2025 is scheduled for November. but Agility Trials are not the only activities at WDTC! Enrollment for fall classes has opened. Don't forget to sign up to attend or teach. We have a Fetch Fun Day later this month and an AKC Fetch event in September. Steve Moon is coming for an Agility Seminar in October. In addition to those events, there will be a Champions Party for members

who earned a performance sport Championship in the past 12 months, an Obedience Building cleanup day, and a Christmas Party! See details on our event page. We also have the opportunity to attend and participate in the Total Dog Demo at the Kansas State Fair. There are plenty of ways to get involved, support your club, and have fun with our dogs.

The WDTC board of directors is a group of volunteers who have agreed to oversee operations, help ensure the club's mission is upheld, and make key decisions related to the club's activities. This is all done with new ideas, input, and concerns that are brought to the board by our membership. Please keep in mind that the board can't implement new ideas or effectively resolve concerns unless you help and are part of the solution. Thank you to everyone who helps and works hard to keep this club running smoothly!

Focus on the fun and go out and have a blast with your dog!!

Mary Moyer
President WDTC



STEVE MOON SEMINAR 10/31-11/2

We will have a day of young dog, then a jumpers day, and the last day is standard day. He will work with each team at whatever level they are competing.

Each session will be 8am-5pm with an hour lunch break.

We will also be offering individual sessions on Thursday October 30th. These will be either 1/2 or 1 hour time slots. You can split your time slot (1hr min) with another team so that you can work in rotation so as not to tire your dog. Please indicate if you prefer am or pm sessions and we will do our best to accommodate. Individual sessions enrollment will be based on first received. Julia will start accepting enrollment on August 6th, by mail only for the first week. After the first week, hand delivery will be accepted.



Please print and send form with deposit check made payable to **WDTC** to:

Julia Tan, 524 W 47th St N, Wichita KS 67204

10/31 Young dog day ____ \$180 member/\$200 non-member(\$90deposit)

11/1 Jumpers Day ____ \$180 member/\$200 non-member (\$90 deposit)

11/2 Standard Day ____ \$180 member/\$200 non-member (\$90 deposit)

Audit ____ \$35/day

10/30 Individual sessions ____ \$45 (30min) ____ \$90 (1hr)

Please circle to indicate if you prefer am or pm

(Write a separate check to WDTC for individual sessions)

Handler name:

Dog's name:

Handlers email:

Steve Moon Biography

I've been competing in agility since 2001 and before agility I competed in obedience. My first agility dogs were Miniature Schnauzers. Rocky, my second Schnauzer, was the top Miniature Schnauzer for many years and went to the AKC Invitational from 2007 – 2013. We were in every final except the first year and had several podium finishes. We also won performance team at USDAA Nationals his first year with Joan Meyer and Dustin as our other team mate and were in many USDA finals. Slick, my first Border Collie has won the jumpers class in AKC Nationals twice, beating over 300 dogs. We have also competed in several USDAA Grand Prix finals with podium finishes twice. Charge!, my second Border Collie, made finals his first year at AKC Nationals. I have handled dogs for clients which has given me experience with many different breeds, sizes and style of dogs. I have handled dogs ranging from a Dalmatian in the 24" class, an All American (Malinois and Cattle Dog), a Cocker Spaniel and a Chihuahua in the 8" class.

My philosophy is you don't have to handle the way I do, I explain why I would handle a specific way, but it isn't my way or the highway. I want to help the team be successful. There are many tools to use in this sport and I hope to help handlers have as many as possible.

Upcoming Agility Event



Trial: Wichita Dog Training Club / Wheatland Golden Retriever Club

Dates: November 13 - 16, 2025

Facility: YMCA Indoor Soccer Facility

Judge: Abbie Hanson

Premium: Available Soon

Email: Jane Neave at janeneave@gmail.com to Volunteer to work Ring Crew

AKC FETCH

Event: AKC FETCH

Dates: Test 1 & 2 September 20, Test 3 & 4 September 21

Where: WDTC, 6201 N. Seneca St. Wichita KS 67204

Premium is at www.wichitadogtrainingclub.com



MEMBERS ONLY AKC FETCH PRACTICE

When: August 25th from 6-9 pm
Where: Wichita Dog Training Club

This will be a free, casual, come and go practice
for WDTC club members.

Please join us!

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Your Dog Stubborn? Probably Not! (continued from last month)

By Stephanie Gibeault, MSc, CPDT

Are You Expecting Too Much Too Soon?

If your dog isn't obeying, are you sure they really understand what you're asking? Have you used [luring](#), [capturing](#), or [shaping](#) to teach them that a particular cue goes with a particular behavior? Don't expect your dog to just get it. Imagine you're visiting a different country for the first time, and you don't know the language or the culture. You're going to make a lot of mistakes as you try to fit in. And if the locals yell at you with unfamiliar words, will that make you any more likely to understand? Of course not. Remember, your dog doesn't speak your language or know your rules until you teach them.

Also be aware of [poisoned cues](#). That's where the cue has lost all meaning for your dog. This might be because you always repeat the cue and inadvertently taught your dog to wait until they hear it a certain number of times before they respond. You can also poison your cues if your dog isn't quite sure what's being rewarded, or you do something "negative" to associate that cue with. This could include recall, and then doing something negative when the dog comes, like putting them in their crate and leaving for work. It will just confuse them, so it's important to always reward the recall cue, and change it if it's been poisoned.

Is Your Dog Engaged?

When interacting with your dog, make sure they're paying attention to you. Consider [teaching a "watch me" cue](#), so your dog knows it's time to focus on what you're about to say or do. But also look at your [rate of reinforcement](#). If the environment is more rewarding than you are, that's where your dog's interest will be. To keep your dog engaged in a busy area or when you're teaching a new behavior, reward every correct response at a fast rate. Only start to [fade the treats](#) when your dog is reliable in a given situation. And be sure the rewards you choose are [rewarding from your dog's point of view](#). Many dogs love [treats](#) like freeze-dried liver or cheese, but others would rather chase their ball.

It's also important to look at your dog's mood. Some dogs learn quite quickly and get [bored](#) by the sixth or seventh repetition of an exercise. If so, change things up

regularly and keep your dog on their toes. But [fear](#) and [anxiety](#) can also affect a dog's performance by shutting down the thinking part of their brain. Watch for [signs of stress](#) and remove your dog from those situations. Instead, work on [changing your dog's emotional response](#) to their triggers before worrying about their performance.

Is Your Dog Distracted?

[Staying](#) in the quiet kitchen is not the same as staying in the park. If there are [squirrels](#), children, other dogs, etc. competing for your dog's attention, you're going to lose your dog's focus if you haven't built up to that level of distraction. In other words, you're expecting too much from your dog for their level of training. For example, teaching recall to a "stubborn" dog is a common struggle for dog owners. But if your dog doesn't understand how to come when called in the quiet house, how can you expect them to do it outside when there are exciting temptations nearby? You need to [train your dog to ignore distractions](#) by building from the smallest to the most exciting, one baby step at a time.

Are You or Your Dog Frustrated?

Sometimes [your dog can be a source of stress](#), but whatever the reason, if you're feeling frustrated, your bad mood will shut down your dog and make it difficult for them to listen or learn. What might seem like stubborn behavior is actually your dog reacting to your [tone of voice](#) and body language. And if your dog is the frustrated one, you'll see the same drop in performance. Keep your interactions with your dog positive and upbeat. If you're not in the mood to work with your dog, postpone and come back when you can both have fun with the process.



Do you have an obedience question or lots of questions? Please send them to WDTCTNewsletter2@gmail.com and we will work on getting an answer to obedience issues.

Welcome back to Rally! For the those who are just getting started, I have included a sign that is one of the very first ones you should learn. Included is a course map for novice and a judge's scorecard. I think it is always helpful to know what the judges are looking for and where they deduct the points from your run. A Rally run starts with 100 points and deductions are taken when faults/mistakes happen. It takes 70 points to qualify in all levels. IF the score falls below a 70 then it will be considered a non-qualifying run (NQ).

Debra

← **4 - HALT - Sit - Down**

Trial Day

Halt

Favorite

Stationary

Sit Down

Least Favorite

4. HALT - Sit - Down - While heeling, the handler halts and the dog sits in heel position. The dog must then down in heel position. (Stationary).

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Level:

Novice

OCOTC Sunday August 10, 2025
NOVICE COURSE
Judge - Geri Lopez

Not Exactly to Scale

Station	Sign #	Description	(s) - Stationary
1.	35	Call Front, Return to Heel (s)	
2.	9	270 Right	
3.	42	Off Set Serpentine Left	
4.	27	Stop and Down (s)	
5.	6	Left Turn, Dog Circles Right, Forward	
6.	12	360 Left	
7.	29	Left About Turn	
8.	14	Call Front, Finish Left, Forward (s)	
9.	10	270 Left	
10.	26	Call Front 1-2-3 Steps back (s)	
11.	20	Moving Side Step Right	
12.	5	Right Turn	
13.	30	Halt, Walk Around, PAUSE (s)	
14.	7	About Turn Right	

RALLY

Date _____

Rally Judge's Worksheet

Armband # _____

Name of Trial _____ Breed _____ Jump Height _____

Novice ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced ☐ Excellent ☐ Master ☐ Choice ☐

Maximum Point Deduction	Deduction		Points Deducted
Minor Deduction (1-2 points)	- Dog interfering with handler - Handler error - Out of position - Poor sits - Slow, delay, or resistance to respond - Tight leash - Touching or ticking a jump or pylon - Touching the handler		
Minor or Substantial Deduction (1-10 Points)	- Excessive barking - Handler error - Hitting the jump - Lack of briskness (adapting) - Lack of control - Lack of teamwork - Loud command or intimidating signal - Patting/clapping in Excellent and Master-per occurrence - Pylon/post knocked over on Figure Eight, Spiral, and Serpentine or Cloverleaf - Retry of a sign (3 pt)		
Substantial Deduction (6-10 Points)	- Failure of dog to clear the jump properly on the first attempt (IP) – no retries allowed - Failure to complete the Sit/Stay Exercise (IP) no retries - Handler error - Incorrectly performed sign (10 pt) - Knocking over the jump or knocking a bar off (IP) – no retries allowed - Lack of natural manner - Luring /pleading with the dog		
Non – Qualifying NQ	- Consistently tight lead - Dog eliminates while in the ring for judging - Dog unmanageable - Handler error - Minimum requirements not met - Non-qualifying errors may not be re-tried - Sign not attempted by handler (see Glossary) - Uncontrolled barking (release)		
Comments: _____ _____ _____		Possible Score	100
		Deductions	-
		Total Score	

Time _____

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S.H.O.R.T. - South Hutchinson Obedience Rally Trial

**Hutchinson Kennel Club, Inc.
Member of the American Kennel Club**

ENTRIES ACCEPTED on or after **Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 12:00 PM CST**
ENTRIES CLOSE **September 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM CST**

Entries are accepted until limits are reached. After which time entries will not be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 1, Section 27 of the AKC Obedience Regulations (amended April 1, 2022).

PREMIUM LIST

AKC All Breed RALLY -- OBEDIENCE
4 Rally and 4 Obedience Trials in 4 days

Entries are open to All-American Dogs listed in the AKC Canine Partners Program

THURSDAY, September 25, 2025

Obedience #2025106005 Utility 1st

Rally #2025106006 Small to Tall

FRIDAY, September 26, 2025

Obedience #2025106008 Utility 1st

Rally #2025106007 Small to Tall

SATURDAY, September 27, 2025

Obedience #2025106009 Utility 1st

Rally #2025106010 Tall to Small

SUNDAY, September 28, 2025

Obedience #2025106012 Utility 1st

Rally #2025106011 Tall to Small

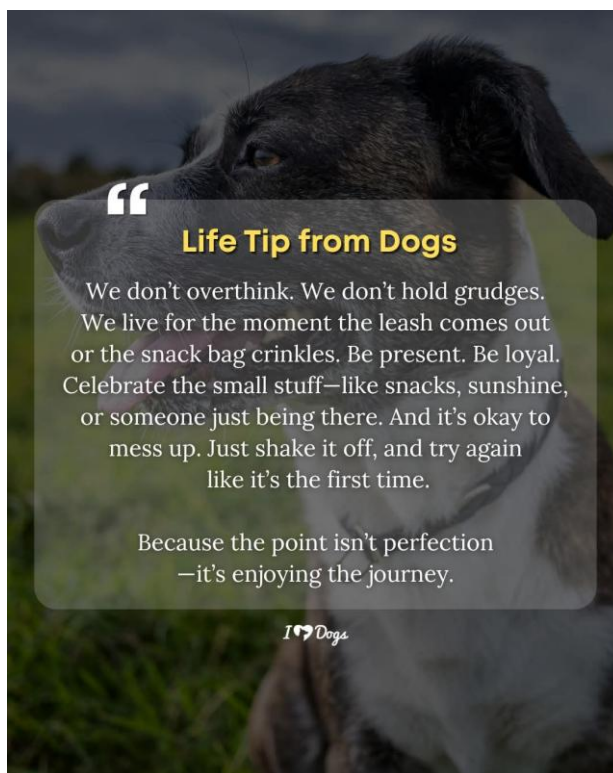
[Click HERE for the Premium and Entry Form](#)

Online entries: Email entry form(s) to hkcobedience131@gmail.com and an invoice will be prepared and emailed to you for payment by card or PayPal.

Rally practices are usually held the second and third Fridays of the month, unless there is a trial. Next practice dates are August 22nd, September 12th and September 19th.

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Please share with others. We all love to hear about each other's activities and successes. Send information and pictures to WDTCNewsletter2@gmail.com by the 10th of the month to be included in that month's newsletter.



Calendar of WDTC events:

August 25th, 6 - 9 pm - Fetch Members Only Free Practice

September 1st - Champion's Info for Champion's Party Due

(scotlandkplamb@gmail.com)

October 4th - Woofstock (Volunteer Opportunity)

October 14th, 6:30pm - Champion's Party and General Meeting

December 9th, 6:30pm - Christmas Party and General Meeting



Just a reminder:

Let's work together to minimize our utility bills, keep our property safe, and be considerate of each other. Please remember these 6 things when leaving the buildings:

- 1. Leave crates used clean. Do not leave crate mats, sheets and crate covers in the buildings.**
- 2. Make sure fans are off.**
- 3. Make sure lights are off (except bathrooms - they self-reset).**
- 4. Make sure climate control is returned to the set point in the Obedience Building.**
- 5. Doors are securely shut and locked (please check them all, just in case).**
- 6. Securely lock the gate and spin the lock.**

Also please take note:

We all know that poop bags should only go in the big garbage bin by the fence (it may be by the road for trash day). However, based on where several stray poop bags have been found over the last few months, I'm offering a reminder of where NOT to dispose of poop bags:

- Recycle Bin 
- Trash or Recycle cans in the Agility Building 
- Trash or Recycle can in the Obedience Building 
- Donation can in the Obedience Building foyer 

Instructors, please make sure students are clear where the proper disposal bin is. Thank you for attention to getting these bags to the proper receptacle.

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Event: Woofstock

Date: October 4, 2025

Where: Sedgwick County Park

Notes: Come visit our booth

We welcome contributors to our newsletter. If you have an interesting article or idea and would like to share it with others, send it to WDTCNewsletter2@gmail.com by the 10th of the month to be included in that month's newsletter.

If you hear of events in our area, please let us know so we can share with others.



TOTAL DOG DEMO

September 10, 2025

Kansas State Fairgrounds - Expo Barn



Meet the Breeds

Sponsored by
Wichita Kennel Club
8 am -12 pm



Retrieving Demonstration

Sponsored by Wheatland
Golden Retriever Club
of Wichita
10:30 am



LOTS OF FUN OBEDIENCE TRICKS!

Obedience Skills Demonstration

3:00 - 4:00 pm



Obedience Games

4:30 - 5:00 pm



Agility Practice

12:30 - 2:30 pm



Agility Practice

5:00 - 7:00 pm



Agility Runs

Sponsored by Hutchinson Kennel Club,
Held at the start of every hour between 10 am -6 pm



Fee Entry to the Fair



Dogs are NOT allowed at the Kansas State Fair.
ONLY demonstrating Club Dogs allowed at this event.

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Supplies running low at the club?

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**If you are on the grounds and notice anything
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