



Obedience Views

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President's Report

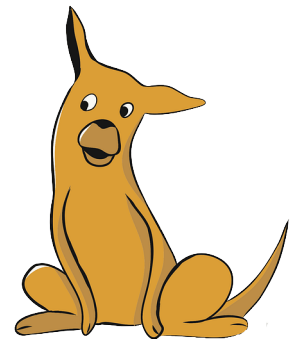
The Board recently approved updated Operating Procedures. Aside from the addition of Standing Committees, changes were to clarify wording and organization and to make the procedures consistent with current practices. The updated version is on the website under Member Resources.

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Erin Ruppel

The Liver Lady is coming to MDTC!!



Mark your calendars! The Liver Lady is coming on Sunday October 12th to deliver her homemade treats! To view the menu and place an order, just visit <https://www.theliverlady.com/>. Also, see the attached menu with this newsletter.

Please make sure the "in comments to the seller", that you note this is for MDTC. Orders are due by Friday October 10th.

Happy training!
Lory Valley

Instructor Staff
Director of Training
Kim Rinzel
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Mari Pavleje
Lory Valley

Basic Instructors
Mari Pavleje
Erin Ruppel
Kayden Rinzel
Beginner Instructors
Darlene Wilson
Megan Cooper
Deb Matthias
Beginning Novice Instructors
Tim Carter
Chris Stephens
Tori Baldwin

Advanced Novice Instructors
Laura Sadler
Rebecca Johnson
Kim Rinzel
Open/Utility Instructors
Kathleen McNerney
Lory Valley
Willie Mabone
BJ Parrott

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Director of Agility & Basic-Foundation Instructor
Tracy McCarty
Agility Instructors
Kira Haslam
Martha Ryan
Jennifer Smith
Daryl Ann Stuppan
Nancy Wandersee
Erin Ruppel
Lindsey Moore
Amelia Harsh
Kristina Stuppan

Flyball
Director Dawn Butler
Instructors
Kathy Gibowski
Jammie Schrab
Puppy Class Instructors
Dawn Butler
Scent Hurdles
BJ Parrott
Rally
Lindsey Moore

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR 2025

MDTC was the Group of the Day in the K-9 Sports Arena at the State Fair on both Fridays, August 1st & 8th. We did two obedience demos there each day, and on the 8th, we also did an agility demo in the coliseum. The crowds were large and enjoyed seeing our dogs perform. We couldn't have done it without the help of 26 people and 19 dogs, too many to list here, some who were there both days! So, a big thank you to everyone who participated in any way! We're already looking forward to next year's Fair, August 6-16th!

Tracy McCarty

Mari Pavleje

MDTC IS GETTING READY TO GROW

As you know, we will have increased expenses with our new building on Cornell so the board has been strategizing about our financial future. We are introducing new sources of revenue (like the Canine Fitness Workshop). And Kim (our Director of Training DOT) has been growing our instructor staff in anticipation of having assistants in the larger classes and eventually opening additional classes. To make the best decisions about where those resources are needed most, Kim needs to know how many people are attending at each level. She also needs to know how quickly teams move up through the levels. Currently, we have no data to support those decisions because we aren't tracking who comes and which level they are in. We need to start tracking those things. The Advanced Novice level has been piloting a project to take attendance using our club software and their smart phone.

MDTC Class Participation Steps: 1. Sign into the club WIFI 2. Sign into your MDTC account 3. Select the date and request a "ticket" 4. Submit What can you do to be ready? The next time you're at the club, sign into the club WIFI Some cell services are spotty out on the field, and older phones load slower without WIFI. After you've logged in once, your phone will automatically find the WIFI when you're in range, so you'll only need to do this once. You'll find the WIFI login information at the desk and on the sandwich boards. Sign into your MDTC account from your smart phone. You'll need to sign in to your MDTC account before you can sign in to class. If you've never signed in from your phone, you may want to do that when you have time to look up your username and password. After you sign in from your phone, your phone should remember your username and password for future logins. Go to www.milwaukeekeedog.com and click on the green "Member Login" button. Sending a big Thank You to the advanced novice class. They've helped us identify the challenges and find the opportunities to improve the process.

MILWAUKEE DOG TRAINING CLUB

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday August 27, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Erin Ruppel at 8:04pm

Minutes were approved as distributed by automatic consent.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary

The AKC is raising its event fee from \$3.50 per entry to \$4.50 per entry effective 1/1/26. The event fee will increase to \$5.50 per entry effective 1/1/27. This is due to increased operating costs and inflation.

President

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Treasurer

Account balances and July profits & losses reported. Laura working on integrating Neon Pay into Quickbooks.

Training Committee

Director of Training/Obedience: No classes this weekend (Labor Day weekend).

Agility: The upcoming basic class is full. Talk with Tracy McCarty if you have questions.

Flyball: There will be an open house at the end of October/early November, with a new class starting in November, dates TBD

Puppy Class-Puppy class starts Monday, September 8th. Dawn Butler will be teaching.

AKC Show: Nothing to report

Member Engagement Committee

Kris Connell is working on a list of dates for upcoming events.
Ghost Night will be October 18.

Membership and Sales

The September 28 class is full and we have about 4 people/dogs signed up to the November 9th class. We are piloting an attendance program in advanced novice class, and it is going well. Thank you to the Advance Novice class for participating in the attendance pilot. We are planning to roll out attendance taking in the other classes.

MILWAUKEE DOG TRAINING CLUB

Meeting Continued

Facilities Committee

We have been working on cleanup after the flood at the indoor club. Thank you to everyone who has helped with cleanup. We are working to find a date to finish caulking the windows.

Revenue and Finance Committee

Nothing to report. We are still looking for committee members. If you are interested in joining the Revenue and Finance Committee, let Alex Christopherson or Erin Ruppel know.

Community Engagement Committee

Exhibitions: The South Shore Christmas parade will be November 22nd at 3pm.

We have the West Allis Christmas parade the 1st Saturday in December at 4:45 pm.

Nominating Committee

Nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We were looking at doing an open house in September but are going to postpone it until October pending the flood cleanup.

Board member election: The official board nominee to fill Samantha Kammer's open board position is Rebecca Jackson, who accepted the nomination. Nominations were open to the floor with no nominations. Motion to close nominations by Mike Brauch. Seconded. Voting: All in favor with no abstentions. Motion carried.

Voting: All in favor for Rebecca, with no abstentions. Congratulations to Rebecca, our new board member.

NEW BUSINESS

The Liver Lady coming Sunday, October 12 after class. She does this as a favor to the club. More info will be on the Facebook page and in the newsletter. Contact Lory Valley with questions. When ordering on the website, put MDTC or Milwaukee Dog Training Club in the notes to seller box.

MATC treated the field with pesticides behind the clubhouse and around the edges but not the middle of the field on Monday, 8/5. Per MATC, it is ok to walk on the grass 24 hours after application.

The new member class list was read by Mari Pavleje.

Show wins: Lots of great wins, titles, and qualifying scores! Be sure to submit your wins to the newsletter by filling out the form under the member resources tab on the website.

Motion to adjourn by Patty Leonard. Seconded by Evan Emmons. No discussion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted by Katie Schmidt, Club Secretary

Share Your Success Stories!

Milwaukee Dog Training Club members can now submit their show wins and trial achievements online!

Visit <https://www.milwaukeeedog.com/submit-an-achievement> to have your accomplishments featured in our monthly newsletter. Whether it's a new title, ribbon, or personal milestone with your dog, we want to celebrate your hard work and dedication. Submit your achievements today and let the club community cheer on your success! While you're on the site, don't forget to check out the other helpful information under Membership > Member Resources.

Thanks!
Amelia



SHOW WINS AND BRAGS



Yaakov Cohen and Lola: Rally Novice A qualifying score, 2nd place
Obedience Novice A: qualifying score, 3rd place

Amelia Harsh and Lua: CPE Agility @ WAG 7/27/2025

1st place in all: L1 Standard, L2 Jumpers, L2 Wildcard, L1 Snooker, L1 Full House
CL1-R, CL1-S, CL1-F titles.

AKC Agility @ WAG 8/17/2025 - 1st place in Open JWW (1st leg), 1st place in Open Standard (2nd leg).



Obedience Teams at the St. Fair demonstration

Tips for taking your dog to the lake

With fall's arrival, there are lots of opportunities left for fun times with your pet. Whether you are taking your pet lakeside, beachside, or traveling in general, there are some factors to consider when your furbaby is involved.

Avoid Harmful Algae

Lakes or ponds can contain stagnant water which can hold harmful algae blooms. If you see green foam or algae in the water or warning signs to avoid swimming around the lake, do not allow your pet to swim. Blue green algae (cyanobacteria) can be toxic to your pet and can even be fatal. It is best to avoid swimming in areas where stagnant water occurs to prevent exposure.

Regular Heartworm, Flea & Tick Prevention

Spending time outside can mean bug bites are prevalent in the summer. Make sure your pet is receiving regular heartworm and flea and tick prevention to help protect them from exposure. Mosquitos, fleas, and ticks can be messy to deal with and cause diseases for your pet.

Swimming Safety

If your pet is out swimming, chances are, they will get hot and will need to rest. Life jackets, waterproof collar identification, and microchips are a great way to protect your pet while out and about and minimize fatigue. Be sure to bring fresh water for your pet to drink and give them multiple opportunities to rest if swimming. If your pet is on the boat with you, ensure they have proper supervision to prevent them from getting near the propeller. It can be helpful to provide shade or opportunities for them to cool off if your pet is not much of a swimmer.

Plan Ahead for Emergencies

Proper planning prevents sticky situations from escalating. Packing a small first aid kit with basic bandage material, benadryl, and triple antibiotic ointment can be helpful in case of bug bites or small cuts. Talk to your veterinarian about what to do if your pet receives a bug bite or a small cut while out and about.

Microchips can be a great way to identify your pet in case they get lost or lose their collar. A microchip is a small device that is implanted under your pet's skin by a veterinarian. These chips can be identified by any scanner at a shelter or a veterinary clinic and contains your contact information to allow your pet to be returned to you.

After Swimming Care

If your pet loves to swim, be sure to clean their ears thoroughly and bathe them after your lake adventure. Water and debris left in your pet's ears can cause bacteria and yeast to build up and lead to painful ear infections. Pet formulated ear cleaner and cotton balls can help remove debris and build up and prevent infections from occurring. We do not recommend using apple cider vinegar or rubbing alcohol products in your pet's ears as they can lead to irritation and can predispose pets to infection. If you notice your pet shaking their head, scratching their ears, or rubbing their ears on the floor excessively, please consult your veterinarian for advice. Be sure to remove wet collars and life jackets while drying to prevent excess rubbing which can lead to skin infections.

Get Out There and Enjoy the Lake

We hope these tips can provide helpful advice on what to expect by bringing your pet on a lake trip. By ensuring proper planning, making sure your pet is protected and up to date on vaccinations, and easily identifiable, your lake trip will be enjoyable for you and your pet.

September 2025

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	1  labor day	2 Flyball Training	3 Rally 6pm Outdoor Training 7pm	4	5 Agility 1 5:30-7pm Agility2 7-8:30pm	6 Outdoor Agility
7 Outdoor Training 9am Scent Hurdles 10am	8 Indoor Puppy Class 6:30pm	9 Flyball Training	10 Outdoor Training 7pm	11	12 Agility 1 5:30-7pm Agility2 7-8:30pm	13 Outdoor Agility
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October 2025

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Members please note, if you are not going to renew your membership, when you receive your notice please email your intentions to info@milwaukeekeedog.com
Thanks!



Not receiving your newsletter via email? Please contact the club's front desk. If you have an article, report or upcoming event you would like to see in future newsletters email Ellen at emkk@sbcglobal.net. Please attach any photos as JPG files (.jpg). The deadline for submissions is the LAST WEDNESDAY of every month. If you send an article after the last Wednesday of the month, it will go in the following month's newsletter, which means it will probably be outdated! No exceptions!

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/milwaukeekeedogtrainingclub/>



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The AKC has updated the online AKC Event Search & Results making it easier to find the right events for you and your dog. *

The search now works across all your devices whether you're on a desktop computer, tablet or smartphone. It also gives you more flexible ways to refine your search.

Here's how to find it. Go to American Kennel Club website at www.akc.org. Click on the Events tab at the top of the page.

At the bottom of the events page you will find a link to the Events Calendar. This will take you to the AKC Event Search & Results. *



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