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President's Report

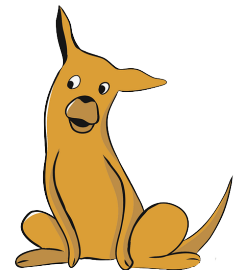
Please join me in welcoming Rebecca Jackson to the Board of Directors! You may know her as one of our outstanding Advanced Novice obedience instructors. At the August membership meeting, Rebecca was elected to fill a vacancy on the Board. Thank you for your willingness to serve in this role!

Make sure to sign up to attend Ghost Night on October 18, and watch for information about holiday parades and other upcoming events.

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

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Puppy Class Instructors

Dawn Butler

Scent Hurdles

BJ Parrott

Rally

Lindsey Moore

Director of Training Report



Fall Updates



Mark your Calendars! Starting **Sunday, November 2nd**, the indoor training season starts. Here are a few highlights:

Indoor Training Facility - 2116 West Cornell Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209

• **Different classes meet at different times.** Please refer to the calendar in the newsletter or online to confirm when your class meets. Be aware of **when** you are meeting.

• **Indoor etiquette:**

Please arrive a little early for your class so that the class can start right on time. Classes are a little shorter in length (about 45 minutes) When class is complete, please leave quickly so that the next class can get started. Parking is limited. Be polite when parking so that we can fit as many cars in the lot as possible. Some people may have to park on the street in front of the building.

There is no parking along the building, right next to Door 1. This area needs to remain open so that moving cars can easily maneuver through the gate.

Always lock your car and hide any valuables. Better safe than sorry.

Use care when passing other dogs coming in/out of the building. The space is small so give as much room as possible. Consider this a chance to work with your dog on "overcoming distractions"!

You are responsible for cleaning up after your dog, inside and outside of the building. There are two outdoor potty areas...one directly across from Door 1 (lined with pea gravel) and one along the back fence (grass covered). Additionally, dogs may relieve themselves along the street. Come prepared – bring bags with you. There are some cleaning supplies in the building for cleaning floors, if needed. All organic waste from the building needs to be thrown out in the **outside** garbage cans. No organic waste in the building garbage cans.

The last class of the day, in each room, is responsible for vacuuming the training room floor. This task will require several people and a bit of time. Please share the load.

Please visit the website and view the Membership > Member Resources > Floor Cleaning Procedures

Dress for cooler temperatures in the winter inside the building. Dress in layers so you can stay comfortable. You will be cool to begin with and get warmer as you are working in class.

If you or your dog are sick or not feeling quite right....**STAY HOME!!!!** Please! The instructor, the members and the other dogs will thank you!

• **Indoor safety rules:**

Dogs must be on leash when entering and exiting the building, every time. Dogs may not bolt into the rooms.

Dogs must be on leash when moving through the crate rooms. There is no need to scare dogs that are crated with a loose dog running at them.

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When working in the building, either during a class or working on a project/special event, your dog needs to stay in the room you are in unless they are crated securely. **Dogs may not have free range of the building.** If the dog is off leash, put gates up in the doorways, close doors, put signs on the doors so others know a dog is loose, etc. We have a lot of people moving through the space, so we need to consider safety.

When leaving the building after class, please use the buddy-system. Always have at least two people present at the end of the night to lock up the building and set the alarm. We are all responsible for keeping ourselves and our peers safe.

Cell phone service inside the Cornell building is limited on all carriers. In order to ensure an emergency call can be made, we are asking members to log into the club WiFi, so please bring your smart phone with you to class and we'll facilitate getting you logged in. Note: we still discourage using your cell phone DURING class unless there is an emergency.

New opportunity ahead!

We are starting a **Foundation of Rally workshop class** starting Tuesday, 11/4/25 at 6:30pm (see website Events calendar for registration information). This new course is open to members and non-members. Spread the word!

“Ready to build a stronger bond with your dog while mastering teamwork and precision? Join our 6-week AKC Rally Beginner Class! Perfect for newcomers, this course introduces you to Rally signs, handling techniques, and course navigation - all in a fun, supportive environment. Each week builds your skills with guided instruction, practice courses, and trial prep. Starts soon – limited spots available! No prior Rally experience required.”

Reminders of exciting things coming up!

✓ **Saturday, 10/18/25 – Ghost Night**

At the Club grounds starting at 6:00pm. Dress for the weather. A fun evening of costumes (dogs and people), food and a spooky trail for dogs to walk

Visit the website and view the “Calendar and Events” tab for more information about Ghost Night. You can sign up online! Watch for sign-up sheets in the Clubhouse. We'll need food to share and helpers on the trail. No prong collars on the Spooky Trail.

✓ **Sunday, 10/19/24 – All classes canceled.** We all need a day of rest after partying the night before.

✓ **Sunday, 10/26/25** - Heel-Down season is wrapping up. The **Super Heel-Down** is a chance to crown this year's winner! All Heel-Down winners from the 2025 season are welcome to enter on Sunday, 10/26, right after outdoor training classes are finished for the day. The Super Heel-Down will be run just like the monthly competitions but the expectations will be higher. We have the best-of-the-best in this event, so we expect perfect “sits”, great heeling and off-leash success!

Getting Ready to Grow

Attendance Tracking Update: The Advanced Novice team are pros at checking in for classes and Beginning Novice is catching up! We are expanding the program to the Beginners class now. To be better prepared, please log into your customer portal on your phone so that your username and password are saved. Go to www.milwaukedog.com on your smart phone and click on the Member Login button.

Have a great time training indoors this season. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

~ Kim

2025/26 INDOOR TRAINING SCHEDULE

Indoor obedience classes begin on Sunday November 2nd. The Obedience classes will be 45 minutes in length. There will be 30 minutes between classes to facilitate moving cars in/out of the parking lot.

Please check the schedule below. There you will find your class time, your door entry number and your training room number. If you have any questions regarding the schedule, please check with your current instructor or DOT Kim Rinzel BEFORE we move inside.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9 AM

Beginners- Room 1. Please enter through Door 1

Beginner Novice- Room 2/3. Please enter through Door 3

10:15 AM

Open/Utility – Room 1 Please enter through Door 1

Basic- Room 2/3 Please enter through Door 2

Advanced Novice-Room 2/3 Please enter through Door 3

11:15 PM

Scent Hurdles- Room 2/3 Please enter through Door 3

Every Sunday

12:15 PM

Flyball practice- Room 2/3

2:30 PM

New Basic Class Orientation -Room 1 (when needed)

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

6:30 PM

Beginners- Room 1 Please enter through Door 1

Basic- Room 2/3 Please enter through Door 2

Beginner Novice- Room 2/3. Please enter through door 3

7:45

Open/Utility- Room 1 Please enter through Door 1

Advanced Novice- Room 2/3 Please enter through Door 3

****Meeting Night is the last Wednesday of the month (except for Holiday changes). On meeting night only, all classes will be at 7pm in the following rooms:**

Basic- outside in the shed.

Open/Utility- Room 1

Beginner Novice- Room 1

Beginners- Room 2/3

Advanced Novice- Room 2/3

The meeting will then be at 8pm in Room 2/3.

ALSO

Puppy class continues on Mondays at 6:30

There will be a Rally workshop on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 IN ROOM 1

Share Your Success Stories!

Milwaukee Dog Training Club members can now submit their show wins and trial achievements online! Visit <https://www.milwaukeeclubdog.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.



SHOW WINS AND BRAGS



Amelia Harsh and Lua. AKC Agility: WAG training club, on September 7th - 1st place Open Standard and Open JWW. Earned an Open Standard title.

AKC agility at Think Pawsitive, September 28th. 1st place Open JWW, Earned open JWW title.

CPE Agiltiy: WAG on September 21st. 1st place Level 2 Standard, Jumpers, Snooker, Wildcard, Full House

Sam Emmons and Terra: September 26, 2025. The NAVHDA NA (North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association Natural Ability) Prize II (Score 97 out of 114)

New Beginner Flyball Open House Tryouts

Milwaukee Dog Training Club (MDTC) starts a new beginner flyball class this October. This class is open to MDTC current and prospective members. Beginner classes will be held from 6:30-7:30p.m. on Tuesdays. All flyball activities take place at our indoor training facility.

On Tuesday October 28th at 7:00pm: Open house and try outs the same night.

Not sure what Flyball is all about? Come and watch the team put on a demo. It is a great sport for you to play with your dog. You will see that any breed or mix of dog can play Flyball. All dogs must attend the open house and try outs for the beginner flyball class. Dogs wanting to join the beginner class should be 10 months of age or older, must be non-dog aggressive and comfortable being handled by others. They should have a reliable sit, stay/wait, down and a reliable recall. Dogs with a strong toy drive (preferred) or food motivation are best suited for flyball.

On Tuesday November 4th at 6:30pm: Beginning Flyball Class starts for all dogs having registered and met the requirements. All classes will be held on Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Most dogs will be ready to advance to the intermediate level of training after about 6-8 months in this class.

More information regarding Milwaukee Dog Training Club's Flyball program is available on our website.

MILWAUKEE DOG TRAINING CLUB

General Membership Meeting Wednesday September 24, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Erin Ruppel at 8:09pm
Minutes were approved as distributed by automatic consent.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary Nothing to report

President We are excited to have Becca Jackson join the board and look forward to working together.
Ghost Night is October 18th. Please come!

Treasurer Laura Lown and Lisa Fohey will be meeting with our accountant in October.

Training Committee

Director of Training-Please read the newsletter for information on class times, locations, and rules for when we move indoors for the winter. We do not have lines in the parking lot at this time, so please be mindful of where you are parking at the indoor club so we can fit as many cars in the parking lot as possible. When we move indoors, be aware of where your dog is and what they are doing. Make sure your dog isn't peeing in the building.

The Rally drop-in classes will be on hold when we move indoors and Scent hurdles will be every Sunday.

Ghost Night is October 18. Kim Rinzel is looking for about 5 X-pens to borrow for the night. The height does not matter. Let Kim know if you are bringing one, and put your name on it so it can be returned to you afterwards.

The Super Heel down is October 26. If you and your dog won a heel down this season, you are eligible for the Super Heel Down.

We will be having an Intro to Rally workshop 6-week course starting in November (This will not be a drop-in class like we have currently.)

We are looking into starting a pet first aid class, scent work class, and canine fitness workshop class series. Watch the calendar for dates.

We are looking to have a Canine Good Citizen test towards the end of November.

Agility-No open house this year. The new Basic class is full. We have another ACT trial coming up on Saturday, November 1st. This is open to members and nonmembers.

Flyball-There will be an open house near the end of October before starting a new class.

Puppy Class-Puppy class started September 8th.

AKC Show-Nothing to report

Member Engagement Committee

Read the newsletter.

See the board for upcoming events, dates, and information.

Good and Welfare-nothing to report

Membership and Sales

The September 28 Basic class is full and we have about 4 people/dogs signed up for the November 9th class.

MILWAUKEE DOG TRAINING CLUB

Meeting Continued

Facilities Committee

The bathtub in the basement should be working in about 3 weeks. We haven't decided on how people will sign up or the cost to use it yet. We want to be thoughtful, clear, and transparent and do what is best for the club.

Revenue and Finance Committee

We are working on a budget to track all of our expenses and what is coming in. Alex Christopherson will be contacting the people who have expressed interest in joining the committee. We may need to raise dues but want to have a budget in place to see if there is a gap between what we bring in and what we spend and how big the gap is before talking about increasing dues.

Community Engagement Committee

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

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

Sign-up sheets will be coming soon. People in the beginning novice class and above can participate with their dog. We also need people to carry the banners if you want to participate without your dog. We would also like to have someone to walk along the parade route and take pictures during the parade so we have more than just a group picture at the beginning.

Rebecca Jackson will have short parade information sessions on October 5th & 8th to give newer members confidence about doing the parade.

Nominating Committee Nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Liver Lady coming Sunday, October 12 after class. More information is on the Facebook page. Contact Lory Valley with questions. When ordering on the website, put MDTC or Milwaukee Dog Training Club in the notes to seller box Orders due October 10. Pork liver treats will not be available.

NEW BUSINESS

The board has been working on a social media policy and a code of conduct. If you are interested in contributing, contact Ameila Harsch or Erin Ruppel. We would like member input. The AKC has recently updated their code of conduct, and we will likely pull from that. If you have thoughts on a social media policy, please share with Erin. We want to be welcoming and positive.

We will be having the Santa Luncheon on Sunday 11/30. Santa will be there to take pictures with the dogs and there will be a potluck. It didn't work to have this event on the same day as a parade like we have done in the past. We will likely have set up/decorations on Saturday the 29th.

We lost most of our Christmas decorations in the flood. We will be asking members to loan decorations and then take them back after the event.

We are trialing an online sign-up option for Ghost Night this year. There will still be a paper sign up form like we have used in the past. If you sign up online, you will get email reminders for the event.

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 Claude Szpot. Seconded by Kayden Rinzel. No discussion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Submitted by Katie Schmidt, Club Secretary

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Rally 6pm Outdoor Training 7pm	2	3 Agility 1 5:30-7pm Agility2 7-8:30pm	4 Outdoor Agility
5 Outdoor Training 9am Scent Hurdles 10am	6 Indoor Puppy Class 6:30pm	7 Flyball Training	8 Outdoor Training 7pm	9	10 Agility 1 5:30-7pm Agility2 7-8:30pm	11 Outdoor Agility
12 Outdoor Training 9am HEEL DOWN Liver Lady Social Sunday	13 Indoor Puppy Class 6:30pm	14 Flyball Training	15 Rally 6pm Outdoor Training 7pm HEEL DOWN	16	17 Agility 1 5:30-7pm Agility2 7-8:30pm	18 Outdoor Agility Ghost Night 
19 NO Training	20 Indoor Puppy Class 6:30pm	21 Flyball Training	22 Outdoor Training 7pm	23	24 Agility 1 5:30-7pm Agility2 7-8:30pm	25 Indoor Agility
26 Outdoor Training 9am Super Heel Down 10AM	27 Indoor Puppy Class 6:30pm	28 Flyball Open House and try outs 7 PM	29 Outdoor Training 7pm Membership Meeting	30	31 Agility 1 5:30-7pm Agility2 7-8:30pm	

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 AGILITY ACT TEST (NO CLASSES)
2 Indoor Training Begins *Please see Schedule in Newsletter	3 Indoor Puppy Class 6:30pm	4 Rally 6:30 Flyball Training 6:30 New class begins	5 Indoor Training Begins *Please see Schedule in Newsletter	6	7 Agility 1 - 5:30 pm Agility2 -7 pm	8 INDOOR AGILITY

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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Searching for a specific American Kennel Club event? *

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Agility



Hunting

Rally

Tracking

Fast CAT

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. *



GHOST NIGHT MEMORIES



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