



# Obedience Views



## June 2026

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-Term Ends-'28

## President's Report

Thank you to Kris Conell for organizing our first neighborhood cleanup event at Cornell. It was a huge success! We had 30 volunteers and collected an astounding amount of trash within a few blocks of the club. We also enjoyed yummy hot dogs, sides, and snacks, courtesy of Sue Steinbach. Special shout out to Shayla Taylor for dragging a discarded mattress to the curb by herself!

Earlier in the month, we had quite a few dog/handler teams participate in trick testing. Congratulations to all of the teams who earned AKC Trick Dog titles! Thank you to Kim Rinzel and Daryl Ann Stuppan for coordinating this fun and successful event.

Finally, I want to congratulate everyone who was elected at this month's membership meeting and thank them for their service to the club: Erin Ruppel (me! President), Mari Pavleje (Vice-President), Katie Schmidt (Secretary), and Daryl Ann Stuppan (Board Member) were re-elected. Lenore Lenten (Treasurer) and Yaakov Cohen (Board Member) were newly elected, and Shayla Taylor was newly elected to fill the remaining year term for a recent board vacancy. Thank you also to Laura Lown (outgoing Treasurer) and Martha Ryan (outgoing Board Member) for all of their wonderful contributions to the club during their time on the board, and in the future.

*Erin Ruppel*

Confidence grows through success—not struggle.

When dogs repeatedly experience small victories, their willingness to try new things increases dramatically.

Instead of pushing harder when your dog struggles, try simplifying the task. Give them a chance to succeed again.

Success creates momentum.

Try this exercise: During your next training session, alternate one challenging exercise with two easy ones your dog enjoys.

Watch how confidence builds when success comes frequently.

Confidence is built one success at a time.

(Nancy Reyes 2026)

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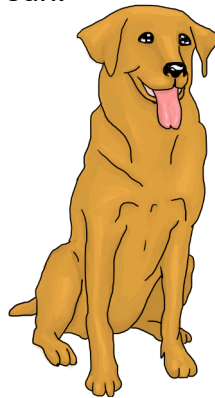
## MDTC Summer “Fun” Raisers



We are grilling out with Sendik's again this Summer. The store is located at 7901 West Layton Ave, Greenfield. And, here are the 3 dates to put on your summer calendar, Sunday, June 28th, Sunday, July 5th, and Sunday, July 27th, 2026, 11 AM to 4 PM each day. Two shifts are available: 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM and 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

You can help by signing up with your well-trained, super cute dogs for one or more of these dates. All we ask is that your dog is people-friendly and trained through the beginner level. It's a meet-and-greet type of function, and you have to be willing to talk to people about your dog and MDTC. We grill out on the patio in front of the store, and our well-behaved dogs have been a real draw to our fundraiser events.

There will be sign-up sheets in the clubhouse for you to participate. Questions: Call Linda Roman at 414-546-3255. Do good, have fun, get some sun!



## Where will MDTC members be?

Join our club members around town this June and July:

We have West Allis Ala Cart on June 6th & 7th.

Sendik's grill on June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 5th and 27th

We have the West Allis 4th of July Parade on Thursday, July 2nd.

We have Bark after Dark in Konkel Park with booth and agility demos on July 10th.

We have a demo at the Hales Corners Library on July 22nd.

# Trick Dog Testing Day

Our first Trick Dog Testing Day was a success! On Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> we had 15 teams earning a total of 23 titles!! Those earning the Novice title were: Tracy McCarty and Jixii, Tracy and Relixx, Melanie Gray-Trier and Mona, Melanie and Lucky, Sabrina Burgett and River, Bobbi Marsells and Rocco, Merry Wiesner-Hanks and Robbie, Katie Schmidt and Stitch, Jeri Seer and Tucker, Sue Steinbach and Axel, Amy Roufus and Zeus, Mary Avery and Stanley, Patty Leonard and Rose and Daryl Ann Stuppan and Kava. The teams earning the Intermediate title were Kayden Rinzel and Watson, Tracy McCarty and Relixx, Mary Avery and Stanley, Patty Leonard and Rose, Merry Wiesner-Hanks and Robbie, Melanie Gray-Trier and Lucky and Daryl Ann Stuppan and Kava. The Advanced Title was earned by Tracy McCarty and Relixx and Daryl Ann Stuppan and Kava. Congratulations to all!

We also owe a BIG Thank you to our volunteers! Our Evaluators were BJ Parrot, David Ryan, Kathy Platt and Carly Rosenthal. Kim Rinzel, Martha Ryan, Kayden Rinzel and Megan Cooper took care of checking the teams in, checking them out, taking pictures and helping out in the shared equipment area. Also, thanks to Kayden and Megan for posting the pictures on MDTC's FB page. If you didn't see them, check them out!

Daryl Ann Stuppan



## General Membership Meeting

Membership meeting minutes will now be sent separately from the newsletter.

# TIPS TO KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE DURING THE FOURTH OF JULY

With the Fourth of July holiday fast approaching, between the barbecues and fireworks, it's easy to forget the well-being of our four-legged friends. Pets go missing on Fourth of July more than any other holiday, so it's important to make sure your pets are safe and out of harm's way while you are celebrating. The American Kennel Club and AKC Reunite are here to give you some tips to keeping your pets safe this holiday weekend.

- **Establish a safe space.** Keep pets indoors. Make sure your dog always has access to a comfortable, quiet, and safe place to hide. Keep them secure and away from doors and windows as well.
- **Make toys available.** Keep toys and long-lasting treats in your pet's safe area to make the area more fun and to provide distractions from loud noises and flashes.
- **Exercise earlier in the day.** Make time to exercise your pet during the day to keep them safely indoors before the fireworks begin.
- **Do NOT leave your pet alone in the backyard.** Even if you have a fenced-in yard, you should consider taking your pet outside on a leash to avoid them jumping a fence and running off in fear.
- **Keep your dog away from the grill.** No matter how aware your dog is, keep them away from the grill when it's on. It is extremely hot which is dangerous to an unsuspecting pet not to mention the open flame. Even after you've turned it off, keep your pet away from the grill until it's completely cooled down. In addition, avoid giving your pet food from the barbecue as it may upset your pet's stomach.
- **Secure your yard.** If you plan on gathering over the holiday and you have a gate to your yard, make sure it's always closed. Your guests should be made aware of this as well. If guests will be coming and going, it may be best to keep your pet on a leash or in a crate. You can even appoint a family member to gate duty.
- **Distract with some music.** At dusk, close your windows and curtains and turn on music or television to muffle the loud noises that accompany social gatherings and the booming thunder from fireworks.
- **Keep your pet hydrated.** Whether it's peak summer or not, it's extremely important to make sure that your pet is drinking enough water throughout the day and has easy access to shade. Signs of heat stroke to look out for are vigorous panting, bright red gums, restlessness, and agitation. If these arise, bring your dog to a cooler area and contact your veterinarian. On especially hot days, it's best to leave your dog inside.
- **Watch their body language.** Pets convey fear by shivering, cowering, tucking their tail between their legs, and averting their eyes. Never punish a pet when they are scared. Additionally, if your pet has a history of noise phobia, contact your veterinarian. It may be helpful to give them calming medication an hour or two before the fireworks begin.
- **Update microchip contact information.** Make sure your pet's microchip is up to date in case your pet manages to escape, as well as their collar tags. Keep AKC Reunite's number, 800-252-7894, in your phone in case of emergency or if your pet is found.

# Share Your Success Stories!

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



## SHOW WINS AND BRAGS



**Katie Schmidt and Stitch.** AKC Trick dog at MDTC.  
Stitch earned his Trick Dog Novice title.

**Nicholas Fiala and Mipha- AKC agility:**

Entered Blitzen Agility Club @ McCook Athletic & Exposition 4/4-4/5:  
2x Novice Agility legs, 2x 1st place

Entered Doberman Pinscher Club of Greater Milwaukee @ WAG Training Center 4/18-4/19:  
1x NA leg, 1x 1st place, **Novice Agility title earned**  
1x Open Agility leg, 1x 1st place  
2x Novice Agility Jumpers legs, 2x 1st place

Entered Golden Flyway Golden Retriever Club @ Oshkosh Kennel Club 5/9-5/10:  
2x OA legs, 2x 1st place, **Open Agility title earned**  
1x NAJ leg, 1x 1st place, **Novice Agility Jumpers title earned**

**Melanie Gray-Trier and Lucky- AKC Fast Cat-** Cudahy Kennel Club, May 24th 2026.  
BCAT title

# June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Indoor Puppy Class 6:30pm Scentwork 6:30	<b>2</b> Flyball Training 6:30	<b>3</b> Outdoor Training  7PM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Agility 1 - 5:30 pm Agility2 -7 pm	<b>6</b> No Classes MDTC Obedience Trial
<b>7</b> No Classes MDTC Obedience Trial	<b>8</b> Scentwork 6:30	<b>9</b> Flyball Training 6:30	<b>10</b> Outdoor Training 7pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Agility 1 5:30- 7pm Agility2 7- 8:30pm	<b>13</b> OUTDOOR AGILITY
<b>14</b> Outdoor Training 9am  Rally 11:15	<b>15</b> Scentwork 6:30	<b>16</b> Flyball Training 6:30	<b>17</b> Outdoor Training 7pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Agility 1 5:30- 7pm Agility2 7- 8:30pm	<b>20</b> OUTDOOR AGILITY
<b>21</b> Outdoor Training 9am Scent Hurdles 11:15	<b>22</b> Scentwork 6:30	<b>23</b> Flyball Training 6:30	<b>24</b> Outdoor Training 7pm  Meeting After Class	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Agility 1 5:30- 7pm Agility2 7- 8:30pm	<b>27</b> OUTDOOR AGILITY
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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@milwaukeeedog.com](mailto:info@milwaukeeedog.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](mailto: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!

Our Facebook page is  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/milwaukeeedogtrainingclub/>



## Milwaukee Dog Training Club

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**Hunting**

**Herding**

**Rally**

**Scent Work**

**Tracking**

**Agility**

**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](http://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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