



# Obedience Views

## March 2026



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-Term Ends-'28

## President's Report

Can you believe it's already been a year since classes moved into Cornell? Every time I go there, I feel incredibly lucky to have such a terrific facility to train in (and terrific people to train with!). I hope you all feel the same way!

The club had a great showing at the Pet Expo. Thank you to Sue Steinbach, Mari Pavleje, Kim Rinzel, and Kayden Rinzel for staffing our booth. Thank you also to everyone who participated in the demo: Sue Bronson as MC, Sue Steinbach as helper, Lindsey Moore with Clyde, Tracy McCarty with Relixx, and Daryl Ann Stuppan with Kava,.

There are still a few spots left in the upcoming Dog and Cat First Aid and CPR workshop. We're also getting into the busy time for demos and exhibitions. Next up is the Sports Show. Be sure to keep an eye on the newsletter, announcement boards, and announcements in your Neon membership portal for opportunities to get involved!

Erin Ruppel

## 2026 ACHIEVEMENT TRIAL IS HERE!!!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 22nd at 9am at the indoor club, Cornell St.

Entries will only be done through the link on the website this year.

We will accept entries through Wednesday March 18th.



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Kathy Gibowski

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**Puppy Class Instructors**

Dawn Butler

**Scent Hurdles**

BJ Parrott

# Director of Training Report

The Achievement Trial is coming up on March 22, 2026, starting at 9:00am. Registration forms can be found on the MDTC website. Simply sign in and visit the "Upcoming Events" to register. Registration closes the Thursday before the trial. This is a great chance to show off your dog's skills and advance through the classes. **All regular Obedience classes are canceled on 3/22/26 except the Basic Class.** to allow members to compete at the Trial. Even if you're not ready to participate in the Trial, you are welcome to come and watch.

The Cat & Dog First Aid class is coming up on 3/15/26. Registration closes on 3/12/26. Visit the website for more information and to reserve your tickets.

Thanks to everyone for your help making this indoor season a success. Mark your calendars for early May. That is when we will transition to the outdoor training field for the summer.

Just a few courtesy reminders:

- Please clean up after your dog. We need to keep the grounds clean to help prevent disease transmission.
- Use care when moving into/out of the building for classes. Dogs need space as much as people do. Let's keep everyone (people & dogs) safe.

~ Kim Rinzel



# 2025/26 INDOOR TRAINING SCHEDULE

Indoor obedience classes continue. 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.

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

### **11:15 PM**

Basic- Room 1. Enter Door 1.  
Scent Hurdles and Rally classes alternate every Sunday- Room 2/3. Enter through Door 3

### **12:15 PM**

Flyball practice- Room 2/3

### **2:30 PM**

New Basic Class Orientation -Room 1 (when needed)

## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

### **6:30 PM**

Basic Room 1. Please enter through Door 1- Room 1  
Beginner- Room 2/3 Please enter through Door 2  
Beginner Novice- Room2/3. 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.

On meeting night only, all classes will be at 7pm in the following rooms:

Basic- outside in the shed. 7pm

Tricks class – Room 2. Open to everyone interested in trying some new skills. 7pm Door 3.

Obedience Practice – Open to everyone interested in practicing the regular skills – meeting in Room 1 at 7pm. All levels of classes will be mixed together, and we'll all be learning together.

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

## ALSO

Puppy class continues on Mondays at 6:30

Scentwork continues on Mondays at 6:45.

## General Membership Meeting

Membership meeting minutes will now be sent separately from the newsletter, so watch your email for those.

## Board Member Elections

Do you have a passion for our mission and are interested in making a meaningful impact to our club? Have you ever thought about running for the MDTC Board? You would be joining a dedicated, collaborative board committed to the success of our great club. We would love to hear from you.

- Officer Roles (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) serve a one Year term and are up for election every year.
- Board Member Roles serve a 3-year term
  - Currently there is 1 Board Member Spot up for election

Serving on the Board is a meaningful way to support MDTC's mission, shape the future of the organization, and help ensure we continue to serve our dogs, members and programs with excellence.

To be eligible to run for the board positions you must be a MDTC member for a minimum of 1 Year and all club dues in all activities that are participated in must be up to date.

If you are interested in running for one of these positions, we will be taking nominations off the floor at the April Member Meeting on Wednesday April 29, 2026.

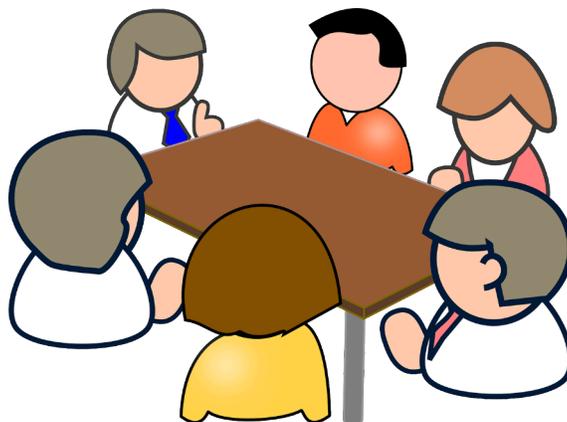
- The nominated person must be there to accept the nomination or have sent a written note stating that s/he accepts the nomination

The elections will be held at the Member Meeting on Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026. At this meeting, all candidates for office will have a few minutes to state why they are interested in running for the position, and why they should be elected.

New Officers and Board Members will start their positions at the June Member Meeting on Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

If you'd like to learn more about the roles, or if you are interested in running for a position, please reach out to Kris Conell by text @ 414.840.0632, or by e-mail at [kjconell@gmail.com](mailto:kjconell@gmail.com) or Amelia Harsh @ [arharsh013@gmail.com](mailto:arharsh013@gmail.com)

They're happy to share what the position entails and the expected time commitment and talk through what serving in one of these roles could look like.



# The Sports Show Is Coming!

The 2026 Journal Sentinel Sports Show is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, March 6-8 in the Expo building at State Fair Park. We'll be part of the Main Stage entertainment line-up again this year. Please stop in and say hello and cheer on your fellow members at the demonstrations.



## MDTC NEEDS YOU!

Our AKC Obedience and Rally Trial needs volunteers to run smoothly and efficiently!

Dates: June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

Times: 8:00am – 5:00 pm

(The trial may get done earlier – depends on the number of entries.)

You may bring your dog IF it is crate trained, since it must be crated at the trial.

Our trial is held in Ixonia, about an hour west of the Indoor Club. (easy to get to, and there is the option to carpool)

Right now, we need 30 volunteers to fill all the spots for both days. Obedience trials are on Saturday, Rally trials on Sunday. You can work Saturday, Sunday, or both days – whatever works for you! The jobs are easy to do and you will be working with others who can answer any questions. You'll learn a lot from watching the competing teams. There is free food and a chance to win worker gas card raffles! Please sign-up at either club or e-mail me at [Darylstuppan@aol.com](mailto:Darylstuppan@aol.com) with the subject line of "AKC Volunteer".

Thanks! Daryl



# 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!



## SHOW WINS AND BRAGS



**Evan Emmons and Terra.** AKC Obedience. Terra got her first leg for her Novice title at Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club's February trial with a 191.5.

**AKC Agility - John Pittman and Standard Poodle, Gladystar Slopestyle Trickster "Gerard" won the 24-inch division of the Master Agility Championship at Westminster in New York City.**

Gerard flew through the course in 36.55 seconds, easily ahead of other 24" competitors, making history along the way. He is the first and only standard poodle to earn Agility Grand Champion and Confirmation Grand Champion.

**AKC Agility-Ellen Mack and Border collie, CT MACH Deacon Brodie.**

Brodie earned his Master Agility Championship (MACH) on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever trial held at WAGS in Illinois. To earn a MACH the team must double qualify in a single day in Jumpers and Standard, 20 times!

**AKC RALLY-Yaakov Cohen and Lola- RN title.**

Lola titled in Rally Novice A in Ixonia, Friday Feb 20<sup>th</sup>.

She had scores of 91 and then 98. Lola's 1<sup>st</sup> rally leg was at K9 over the summer.

**Erin Ruppel and Cora-AKC Agility-Jan.31 and Feb1 at ThinkPawsitive.**

Entered Master Preferred Standard and Jumpers, Q'd and earned 2nd place.

**Erin Ruppel and Scout- AKC Agility-** Think Pawsitive, Jan.31<sup>st</sup> and Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Entered Novice FAST, earned 1<sup>st</sup> place and her Novice FAST title. Also, entered Novice B standard. 1<sup>st</sup> place and Novice B Jumpers, 1<sup>st</sup> place.

**Erin Ruppel and Scout- AKC Agility-**Oshkosh Kennel Club Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>-Entered Novice B standard, earned 1<sup>st</sup> place and her Novice standard title. Also, entered Novice B Jumpers, earned 1<sup>st</sup> place and her Novice B JWW title.

"Brodie"



"Gerard"



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<b>1</b> Indoor Training	<b>2</b> Indoor Puppy Class 6:30pm Scentwork 6:45	<b>3</b> Flyball Training 6:30	<b>4</b> Indoor Training	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Agility 1 - 5:30 pm Agility2 -7 pm SPORT SHOW	<b>7</b> INDOOR AGILITY SPORT SHOW
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<b>15</b> Indoor Training  First Aid class 2:30	<b>16</b> Indoor Puppy Class 6:30pm	<b>17</b> Flyball Training 6:30	<b>18</b> Indoor Training	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Agility 1 5:30-7pm Agility2 7- 8:30pm	<b>21</b> INDOOR AGILITY
<b>22</b> Basic class only Achievement Trial Indoors 9am	<b>23</b> Indoor Puppy Class 6:30pm	<b>24</b> Flyball Training 6:30	<b>25</b> Indoor Training 7PM  Member Meeting After Class	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Agility 1 5:30-7pm Agility2 7- 8:30pm	<b>28</b> Indoor 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/>



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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. \*



Evan Emmons and "Terra"

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