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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Indoor training season is upon us! Make sure you check the schedule to know when and where your class meets. (the schedule can be found later in the Newsletter).
I've heard a couple reports of unsportsmanlike conduct recently. Please review the club's Code of Conduct (included below) and the AKC's Code of Sportsmanship and Civility (https://images.akc.org/pdf/AKC_code_of_sportsmanship.pdf). Both codes are posted throughout the indoor club buildings.
These codes apply to all club property, club events, and club social media. I would also encourage members to hold each other accountable by either saying something in the moment when they witness conduct that violates these codes, or reporting conduct to me and/or the Director of Training.
MDTC is a wonderful, supportive, welcoming club, and it's up to all of us to keep it that way.
Speaking of wonderful, supportive club members, we received some generous donations in October! Kelly Remondino and Joel Kucher donated a shipping container for the outdoor field. We could really use the storage space, and the purchase of a shipping container has been on the back-burner for a while. So having them donate this one is a huge gift to the club! Kira Haslam also donated an enormous number of poop bags that will be used at the club and for raffle baskets, etc. Thank you, Kelly, Joel, and Kira!!!

Milwaukee Dog Training Club Code of Conduct

Our Commitment
The Milwaukee Dog Training Club is built on a foundation of respect, learning, and shared love for dogs. All members are expected to uphold these values through their words and actions.
Expectations
Respectful Communication
- Treat everyone with courtesy and respect in all interactions, whether in person, online, or in written communications
- Contribute to a positive atmosphere by avoiding negative gossip, disparagement, or malicious behavior

Class Conduct
- Give instructors full attention during training sessions and avoid behavior that is disruptive to the class
- Follow instructor directions and maintain a positive, supportive learning environment for all students

Conflict Resolution
- Address concerns by contacting the person involved or club leadership directly rather than engaging in indirect or public complaints, gossip, or criticism
- Participate constructively in any conflict resolution processes

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

Code of Conduct Continued

Community Standards
Welcome newcomers with patience and encouragement
Maintain a safe, supportive environment for all participants and uphold club policies
Enforcement
Members who violate this Code of Conduct may face disciplinary action, including but not limited to verbal warnings, written warnings, temporary suspension from activities, or termination of membership, as determined by the Board of Directors.
Our Shared Goal
By following these principles, we ensure that MDTC remains a place where everyone - from first-time dog owners to experienced trainers - can learn and succeed in a supportive environment.

Director of Training Report

Indoor Training Updates and More!

Congratulations to Ellen Mack and Brodie for winning the 2026 Super Heel Down! Well done!

Mark your Calendars! Starting Sunday, November 1, 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 45minutes in length)

> 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.

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>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.
> 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.
Other highlights:
> Please take care of the equipment in the rooms and potty your dogs outside before entering the building.
> Keep all dogs away from the poles in Room 1 and any equipment on the floor the rooms.
> This is a new place for these dogs, and they may be interested in marking the area.
> Dog messes must get cleaned up quickly and completely.
> Clean-up kits are available in all rooms.
> There are garbage cans available. Dog waste must be thrown away outside, not inside.
> We want the new floor to stay as nice as it is, for as long as possible.
> Shoes need to be as dry as possible before walking on the new floors.
> Consider bringing a second pair of shoes to use for training.
> The exterior doors are labeled with a number.
> There is a parking lot available. There is also street parking. Let's keep the lot orderly.
> Park in the lot with the nose of your vehicle pointing toward the fence or neighboring building. Essentially, we're making a ring around the outside.
> Remember that you will need to leave the area quickly, so the next class has a place to park.
> The lot is uneven so be careful.
> Instructor parking is in either of the "outside sheds" or in front of the garage doors.
> Leave space for other cars to get past.

On another note, we are starting to gear up for our annual Awards Dinner on January 9, 2027, at The Pulaski Inn in Cudahy. All members and guests are invited to this event - Dinner, raffles, chatting about dogs and most importantly, great desserts! More information is coming soon!

If you have earned titles with your dog this year (2026) we would like to recognize you and your dog at the Awards Dinner. Please share the details about the titles earned with the following people and we can take it from there:
· Obedience/Rally titles – contact Lory Valley (l.valley@sbcglobal.net)
· Agility titles – contact Amelia Harsh (ahmdtc1@gmail.com)
· Flyball titles – Mari Pavleje will collect the information from the appropriate websites
· Scent Work titles – contact Ellen Mack (emkk@sbcglobal.net)
The title information MUST be turned in (handler's name/ dog's full name/ title earned/ date earned) by 11/29/2026.
** If you and your dog had success in another area (i.e., conformation, tracking, Tricks titles, etc.), please let us know so we can include it in the program for the Awards Dinner. Reach out to Kayden Rinzel (kkrinzel412@gmail.com) with all of the information.

DOT Report Continued

New opportunity ahead!
We are starting a Foundation of Rally workshop series starting Tuesday, 11/10/25 at 6:30pm and running each week until 12/15/26. This course is open to members in the Beginning Novice class and above. Spread the word! Visit the Events page on the website to register.
“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.”

Looking ahead!
Canine Good Citizen Test on November 22, 2026. Watch the Special Events Calendar on the website for more information on how to register. Daryl Ann Stuppan is coordinating this event and it always looking for helpers

Another new opportunity ahead!
We are offering an introduction to Happy Ratters – Urban Hunting Games for Dogs on Sunday, 12/13/26. Sessions starting at 1:00pm; 2:15pm; 3:30pm.
“Happy Ratters is a fun, urban style scent sport that allows dogs to use their natural hunting and problem-solving instincts! Dogs search through courses filled with everyday objects, tunnels, bridges, and hiding places to locate rats safely secured inside protective tubes.
Happy Ratters is open to dogs of all breeds, sizes, and experience levels. Whether your dog is brand new to scent sports or an experienced competitor, the sport can be adapted to challenge each team while building confidence, independence, and teamwork.
Rat safety is always a priority. The rats are valued participants in the sport and are kept safely inside secure, ventilated, dog-proof tubes while dogs search. Dogs never have direct access to the rats, and the sport has specific rules for rat handling.”
There will be three working sessions, each with 4 spots. Each session will last one hour. The workshop is open to all members. Visit the Events page on the website to register.

Have a great start to the indoor season!

Kim Rinzel



DOGGIE LANGUAGE

starring Boogie the Boston Terrier



ALERT | SUSPICIOUS | ANXIOUS | THREATENED | ANGRY



"PEACE!" look away/head turn | STRESSED yawn | STRESSED nose lick | "PEACE!" sniff ground | "RESPECT!" turn & walk away



"NEED SPACE" whale eye | STALKING | STRESSED scratching | STRESS RELEASE shake off | RELAXED soft ears, blinky eyes



"RESPECT!" offer his back | FRIENDLY & POLITE curved body | FRIENDLY | "PRETTY PLEASE" round puppy face | "I'M YOUR LOVEBUG" belly-rub pose



"HELLO I LOVE YOU!" greeting stretch | "I'M FRIENDLY!" play bow | "READY!" prey bow | "YOU WILL FEED ME"



CURIOUS head tilt | HAPPY (or hot) | OVERJOYED wiggly | "MMMM...." | "I LOVE YOU, DON'T STOP"

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YELLOW BANDANAS

A question came into the MDTC Suggestion Box about yellow bandanas…

“What does a yellow bandana mean and can I use one at training?”

> A yellow bandana on a dog signals that the dog needs space, caution, or patience from people and other animals.

Common reasons a dog wears yellow:

- **Reactivity or fear:** The dog gets overwhelmed, anxious, or over-reactive around strangers or other dogs.
- **Medical recovery:** The dog is healing from an illness or recent surgery.
- **In training:** The dog is working on focus, obedience, or service skills and should not be distracted.
- **Personal preference:** The dog simply does not enjoy being petted or approached by unfamiliar people or dogs.

While MDTC does not issue yellow bandannas, members may use a yellow bandana on their dog, if they choose to.

Relying on a yellow bandana comes with some challenges:

- **General Public Unawareness:** Most people do not know what a yellow bandana means. Casual passersby, joggers, or children often ignore or fail to recognize the color code, leading them to approach the dog anyway.
- **False Sense of Security:** Owners might rely solely on the bandana instead of actively managing, training, or physically distancing a reactive or fearful dog.
- **Mixed Signals:** Different people or regions sometimes interpret colors differently (such as confusing yellow with general friendliness or mixing it up with red or orange warning systems), leading to confusion.
- **Not Legally Binding:** Unlike official service dog vests or clear printed warning labels (e.g., "DO NOT PET" or "NERVOUS"), a plain yellow bandana is easy to mistake for a standard fashion accessory. It does not stop a lunging or snapping dog if someone gets too close.

Feel free to use this tool if you want to. Know that you, though, as your dog’s handler, are responsible for keeping your dog and the people around your dog safe and comfortable.

- ✓ Tell people if your dog needs some extra space.
- ✓ All members should ask before approaching another dog.
- ✓ Handlers should refrain from dog-dog interactions without getting the okay from all people involved.

Let’s keep the training experience a good one for everyone!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING, AND SO ARE THE PARADES!

We've been invited to participate in two Christmas parades this season.

The South Shore Christmas parade is on Saturday, November 21st, at 3:00pm in Cudahy. The parade will travel south on Packard Ave. from Grange Ave. to the Cudahy Public Library, about 1 mile. We need to be lined up by 2:15. There is a sign-up sheet at the Cornell building. Please be sure to take an info sheet when you sign up.

The West Allis Christmas parade is on Saturday, December 5th, at 4:45pm. That one travels east on Greenfield Ave. from 81st to 70th St. We need to be lined up by 4:00 for that one. A sign-up sheet and info sheet are at Cornell also.

For both parades, dogs must be in Beginning Novice or above to participate, and they should be people- and dog-friendly. Parades are also very noisy, and it'll already be dark for the West Allis one, all things to consider before signing yourself and your dog up! You may dress your dog for the holiday, but be sure he can still move freely in whatever he's wearing. As for the humans, we'll wear black pants, dog club black jacket or a black or dark jacket, dark shoes/boots, and a red and white Santa hat which the club will provide if you don't have one.

If you don't think your dog can handle being in the parade or you're in Basic or Beginners, you can still join us! We need 4 people to carry the two club banners. There are spots for banner carriers to sign up on both sheets.

If you have any questions, please contact Mari Pavleje at the club or by phone (414 545-2733).



OPEN FOR REGISTRATION IN NEON:

Canine Good Citizen test on Sunday, Nov. 23rd. Choose the time slot for you and your dog to go to. The cost is $10.00 for member's and $20.00 for nonmembers. Attached are the requirements for passing the test.

Informational session on Happy Ratters on Sunday, December 13th. There are 3 different time slots to choose from that you and your dog may go to for $60.00.

OUR NEW LOGO WEAR STORE

We're excited to announce the launch of the Milwaukee Dog Training Club's new online logo wear store!
Browse our **new logo designs** and choose from a variety of apparel styles and colors. The store is open year-round, and all items are shipped directly to you.
We're planning to add even more designs in the future and would love your feedback! Let us know what types of apparel, colors, or logo designs you'd like to see in the store.
Shop today at:
https://www.bonfire.com/store/milwaukee-dog-training-club/

Leave a Lasting Memory: Memorial Fence Stake Fundraiser

The back lot of our indoor club is getting a special new addition—and we're inviting you to become part of it!

A Fence Built by Our Community

The fence itself is being built by the Boy Scouts as a service project. Their hard work will help create a frame around our property that can be enjoyed and put to use for future club activities and events.

As a fundraiser, we are offering wooden fence stakes that can be created in honor of a beloved pet who has passed away or in celebration of a current four-legged family member. Each stake will feature your pet's name and be placed along the new fence posts on our property, creating a unique and meaningful display of the pets who have touched our lives.

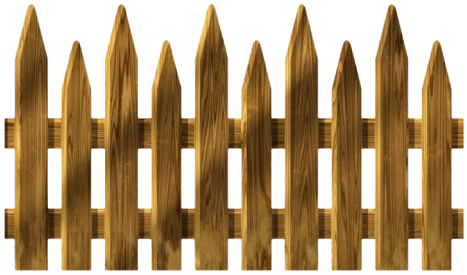
You may choose to have your stake painted for you or paint and decorate it yourself for a personal touch!

Each stake will be $25.00 and all the money will go towards the fence project

By purchasing a memorial or pet stake, you're not only honoring a special animal—you're also helping support this larger project and the future of our property.

Watch for more information on how to order your personalized stake and be part of this special fence project.

We can't wait to see the fence filled with the names and memories of the pets who mean so much to our community!



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



Nikki Otten and Gustave and Izzy-CPE Agility at Paws in Motion on 10/25/26:
Gustave qualified and got first place in level 3 colors. He also received his level 3 standard title and his overall level 2 title with a Q in snooker. He got 2nd place in his first level 5 jumpers run.

Izzy finished her level 1 enthusiast title with a Q in Jackpot. She also Q'd in level 2 Colors, Snooker, and Jumpers.

AKC SCENTWORK Trial- Cudahy Kennel Club-October 31st and November 1st
Our Milwaukee Dog Training Scentwork students, entered their 1st Scentwork trial.
They all qualified in both Novice A Container trials on Saturday. In trial 1 Laura Hanf and Iris took 1st place!
In trial 2, Susie Welsh and Babs took 2nd place and Iris took 3rd place.
Sunday was "new title" day.
Laura and Iris q'd in both Novice Buried trials, earning her SBN title.
Iris also earned her Container Novice title, SCN. Sue and Axel, Sabrina and River also earned a SCN title. Tori Baldwin and Chris Stephens topped the day off earning Advanced titles.
Congratulations to all.

Indoor Training Schedule

Effective Sunday, 11/01/2026

Group	Sun	Wed	Meeting night (last Wed of month)
Basic	***11:15am*** Rm 1 - Door 1	***6:30pm*** Rm 1 - Door 1	***7:00pm*** Outside
Beginner	***9:00am*** Rm1 - Door 1	***6:30pm*** Rm2 - Door 2	***7:00pm*** Rm 2 - Door 2
Beg Novice	***9:00am*** Rm2 - Door 3	***6:30pm*** Rm2 - Door 3	***7:00pm*** Rm 1 - Door 1
Adv Novice	***10:15am*** Rm2 - Door 3	***7:45pm*** Rm2 - Door 3	***7:00pm*** Rm 2 - Door 3
Open/Utility	***10:15am*** Rm1 - Door 1	***7:45pm*** Rm1 - Door 1	***7:00pm*** Rm 1 - Door 1

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **INDOOR TRAINING** *See schedule Rally 11:15	**2** **Puppy Class** **No Scentwork**	**3**	**4** **Indoor Training** *See schedule	**5**	**6** **Agility 1 - 5:30 pm** **Agility2 -7 pm**	**7** **INDOOR AGILITY**
8 **INDOOR TRAINING** *See schedule **Scent Hurdles 11:15**	**9** **Puppy Class** **6:30** **Scentwork 5:30 and 6:45**	**10** **Flyball Training 6:30** **Rally Workshop 6:30**	**11** **Indoor Training** *See schedule	**12**	**13** **Agility 1 - 5:30 pm** **Agility2 -** **7 pm**	**14** **INDOOR AGILITY**
15 **Indoor Training** *See schedule **Rally 11:15**	**16** **Puppy Class 6:30** **Scentwork 5:30 & 6:45**	**17** **Flyball Training 6:30**	**18** **Indoor Training** *See schedule	**19**	**20** **Agility 1 - 5:30 pm** **Agility2 -7 pm**	**21** **INDOOR AGILITY** **South Shore Parade**
22 **Indoor Training** *See schedule **Scent Hurdles 11:15**	**23** **Puppy Class 6:30** **No Scentwork**	**24** **Flyball Training 6:30**	**25** **Indoor Training** *See schedule Membership meeting.	**26** **Happy Thanksgiving** 	**27** **Agility 1 - 5:30 pm** **Agility2 -7 pm**	**28** **No classes (Holiday)**
29 **No classes**	**30** **Puppy Class 6:30** **Scentwork 5:30 & 6:45**					

December 2026

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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@milwaukeedog.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!

Our Facebook page is
https://www.facebook.com/groups/milwaukeedogtrainingclub/

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Searching for a specific American Kennel Club event? *



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 refines 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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