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What is your dog is trying to tell you.

"I don't generalize the way you think I do." Just because I sit perfectly in the kitchen doesn't mean I know what "sit" means at the park with a squirrel 20 feet away. To me, those are two completely different situations — even though to you, it's the "same" cue.

Dogs don't automatically transfer a skill from one environment to another. A behavior that's rock-solid on your living room rug can fall apart entirely at the vet's office, on a busy sidewalk, or at a trial site. That's not defiance and it's not a training failure — it's just how dogs learn. New location, new distractions, new smells, new arousal level: to your dog, it genuinely is a new situation, even if the cue word is identical. This is one of the most common sources of frustration for owners and handlers alike. You did the work. Your dog "knows" the behavior. So why does it fall apart the moment it matters? Usually, it's because the behavior was only ever trained in one or two contexts, and it was never deliberately practiced across enough different environments, distraction levels, and body positions for your dog to understand "this cue means the same thing everywhere."

TRY THIS Pick one cue your dog "knows" and practice it in three new locations. — different room, backyard, driveway, a friend's house. Notice where it holds up and where it doesn't. That gap is exactly where the training conversation needs to happen next.

The Liver Lady Is Coming To MDTC!!

Mark your calendars! The Liver Lady is coming on Sunday, October 11th to deliver her homemade treats! To order, just visit <https://www.theliverlady.com/>. Please make sure the in comments to the seller, that you note this is for MDTC. Orders are due by Friday October 9th. Happy training!

Lory Valley



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Director of Training Report

DOT Report – Fall Updates

We are still training outside for the month of October. Please arrive for class a little early so that everyone can get started right on time. I realize that sometimes you'll be running late to class. Be sure to walk **around** the classes already on session, not through the classes.

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 and where** 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 inside 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.
 - 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!

DOT Report Continued

- 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.

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

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.”

DOT Report Continued

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.

Reminders of exciting things coming up!

✓ **Sunday, 10/18/26** - 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 2026 season are welcome to enter on Sunday, 10/18, 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!

✓ **Saturday, 10/24/26** – **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, 10/25/26** – **All classes canceled**. We all need a day of rest after partying the night before.

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

~ Kim



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.

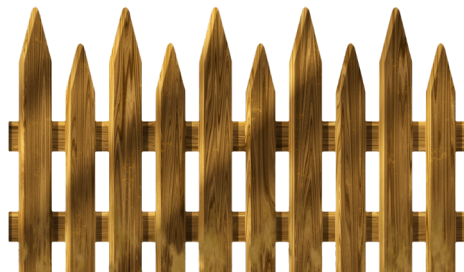
You may choose to have your stake painted for you or paint and decorate it yourself for a personal touch!

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.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!



SHOW WINS AND BRAGS



Andrew Zuckerman and Anton: AKC Agility at Greater Racine Kennel Club at WAG Agility Group on September 5.
1st place in Preferred Novice Standard, 3rd place in Preferred Novice JWW. Anton received the Preferred Novice JWW title.

Amelia Harsh and Lua: AKC Agility at WAG on September 7th - 1st place Open Standard and Open JWW, Open Standard title.
CPE at WAG September 21st - 1st place Level 2 Standard, Jumpers, Snooker, Wildcard, Full House.
AKC at Think Pawsitive September 28th - 1st place Open JWW, Open JWW title.

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

Successful Summer Fundraiser

MDTC partnered again this summer with Sendik's Food Store and held 3 grill-outs to raise money for our Club: June 28, July 5, and July 26.

A big heartfelt thank you to the chef, Sue Steinbach; sandwich wrapper, Linda Roman; and cashier/order taker, Mari Pavleje. You all did a wonderful job and endured a couple of very hot 95+ degree days with real dedication.

The young stars of these events were puppies, Weller (Ellen Mack) and Jixii (Tracy McCarty).

The adult dogs who really delighted the crowds were: Peggy Brunner and her four Yorkies and Miss Lily; Jay Collins and Ahsoca; Sabrina Buegott and River; Jenny Hutton and Cora; Charlotte Pionter and Pax; Sabrina and Ducky; Dave Kramplert and Nova; Pam Klein and Oliver; and Stacy Vogeltanz and Ruth. We cannot thank you enough for the time, energy, and enthusiasm you spent showing off the skills we are all so proud of. I hope you had a good time, and if you don't see your name/dog here, please know that you are truly appreciated as well.

We are pleased to report that MDTC made \$1,644.00 at these events.

Looking forward to the Summer of 2027 and more outdoor grilling action.

Linda Roman

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				1	2 Agility 1 5:30-7pm Agility2 7-8:30pm	3 OUTDOOR AGILITY
4 OUTDOOR TRAINING 9AM Rally 11:15	5 Puppy Class 6:30 Scentwork 5:30 & 6:45	6 Flyball Training 6:30	7 Outdoor Training 7pm	8	9 Agility 1 5:30-7pm Agility2 7-8:30pm	10 OUTDOOR AGILITY
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18 Outdoor Training 9am Rally 10:15 SUPER HEEL DOWN	19 Puppy Class 6:30 No Scentwork	20 Flyball Training 6:30	21 Outdoor Training 7pm	22	23 Agility 1 5:30-7pm Agility2 7-8:30pm	24 INDOOR AGILITY Ghost Night 
25 No classes	26 Puppy Class 6:30 Scentwork 5:30 & 6:45	27 Flyball Training 6:30	28 Outdoor Training 7pm Meeting After Class	29	30 Agility 1 5:30-7pm Agility2 7-8:30pm	31 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@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!

Our Facebook page is
<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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