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President's Report

Thanks to everyone who made all of our activities this month a success!

Our State Fair booth and demos went great thanks to Mari Pavleje coordinating the booth and obedience demos, Tracy McCarty coordinating the agility demo, and all of the participants and volunteers who put on a show and made everything run smoothly.

The picnic was also a great time, as usual. We had about 40 people there to enjoy fun games and yummy food, especially fresh roasted corn by Mike Brauch! Thank you to Kris Conell for coordinating sign-ups, setup, and tear-down and to everyone else who helped with setup and tear-down.

Remember that we need a 15% quorum to vote on the proposed dues increase at the September membership meeting, which means we need 40-45 members at the meeting. Please plan to stay for a little while after class on Wednesday, September 30. The meetings are quick and rarely go past about 8:30!

Erin Ruppel



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!

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Director of Training Report

Summer is still here!

Here are a few reminders to set you and your dog up for success:

- Handlers must wear closed-toe shoes that are secure on their feet while on the field.
- Please wear long pants on the field as often as you can (I know it can be hot but ...)
- Watch your dog for signs of overheating. Don't "push through". Take a break. Seek some shade and provide water.
- Dogs can get sunburned, too! Plan and prepare!

Tips for Keeping Your Pet Safe in the Heat

1. **Never, ever leave your pet alone in a parked car on a warm day.** Not even for a minute. On a warm day, the temperature inside your vehicle can rise quickly into the danger zone. Leaving windows cracked doesn't drop the temperature inside the vehicle. Leaving your car running with the air conditioner on is dangerous for a whole host of reasons.

Leaving a pet unattended in a vehicle in extreme heat or cold is a criminal act in several states and municipalities. Most statutes have rescue provisions that allow certain individuals – for example police officers, firefighters, animal control officers, store employees -- to do whatever is necessary to rescue an animal trapped in a vehicle in extreme temperatures.

On summer days, it's best to leave your pet home where she can stay cool, hydrated, and safe.

2. **Don't walk or exercise your pet on hot pavement.** This can be a tricky one to remember (unless you're in the habit of walking your dog barefoot), but it's extremely important. Not only can pavement on a hot day burn your dog's paws, but the heat rising from concrete or asphalt can quickly overheat an animal that lives close to the ground. Also don't allow your pet to stand, walk or rest on hot outdoor surfaces like sidewalks or parking lots.

3. **Exercise your dog during the coolest parts of the day.** In most locations, this means early in the morning or after sunset. Try to stay in the shade during daylight hours and no matter the time of day, don't overdo outdoor exercise or play sessions. Even on an overcast day or in the evening, a long period of physical exertion in hot weather can cause heatstroke in your dog.

4. **Provide plenty of fresh clean drinking water at all times.** In addition to overheating, your pet can become dehydrated very rapidly in warm weather. A good general guideline is that a healthy dog should drink between ½ and 1 ounce of water per pound of body weight each day.

Save the Date! Mark your calendars for the annual Ghost Night event! It will be on 10/24/26 this year. Watch for more information to come!

DOT Report Continued

Share the news!

- Puppy Classes are starting up for the fall season! Starting in September, Dawn Butler will lead the Puppy Classes. Watch the calendar for dates.

Here is a fun cue to teach your dog – “Watch Me!”

- Place the treat in front of your dog’s nose.
- Take the treat up to your eye, holding it between your thumb and index finger – this becomes a hand signal.
- Most dogs will look you in the eye if a tasty treat is beside it!
- When you have a few seconds of eye contact, reward with the food.
- As with the other cues, repeat the hand cue until your dog can also respond to the cue without the treat.
- If your dog is not food motivated, try using a toy instead.
- After your dog has this new skill using only the hand signal, introduce the verbal cue.
- “Watch me”...then hand signal...then reward.

What Not to Do:

Do not stare at your dog for too long, as your dog could consider this threatening.

Troubleshooting:

Problem: My dog will not look me in the eye for more than a second.

Solution: This is fine to begin with. The watch me cue is designed to get your dog’s attention to go onto something else so you don’t have to hold his gaze for too long. Just delay giving him the reward until you want to reward him.

Problem: My dog will not watch me when we are outside.

Solution: Sometimes it is hard for dogs to watch you if they are uncomfortable, overly excited or in an environment where there are too many distractions. Be aware of where you are and if the situation is too much, remove your dog to a quieter area until he calms down enough to focus on you. Teach this cue in an environment free from distraction to begin with and build up to busier environments when your dog is responding reliably.

Stay cool and have fun on the field!

~ Kim Rinzel



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/>

Wisconsin State Fair 2026

MDTC was the Group of the Day in the K-9 Sports Arena at the State Fair on both Fridays, August 7th & 14th. We did two obedience demos there each day, and on the 14th, we also did an agility demo in the coliseum. The crowds were large and enjoyed seeing our dogs perform. We couldn't have done it without the help of 27 people and 21 dogs, too many to list here, some of whom were there both days! So, a big thank you to everyone who participated in any way! We're already looking forward to next year's Fair, August 5-15th.

Tracy McCarty
Mari Pavleje



Erin and Cora racing around the agility ring at the coliseum.

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



Amelia Harsh and Lua. AKC Agility at the German Shepherd Club of WI. August 16th.
Lua earned her Excellent Agility title and her Excellent Jumpers with Weaves title.

Melanie Gray-Trier and Mona. CPE Agility, June 20th in Spring Grove Illinois.

1st CPE agility trial and on the 1st day had a perfect score (51) in Snooker. The only dog in any class to earn a perfect score.

She also earned her:

Level 1 Strategy Title CL1-S

Level 1 Standard Title CL1-R

Level 1 Fun Title CL1-F

Melanie Gray-Trier and Lucky. CPE Agility, June 20th in Spring Grove Illinois.

Earned:

Level 2 Standard Title CL2-R

Level 3 Handler Title CL3-H

Erin Ruppel and Scout. AKC agility at Canine Sports Zone 8/2/26

1st place in Open Standard and 2nd place in Open Jumpers with Weaves

Erin Ruppel and Cora. AKC agility at Canine Sports Zone 8/2/26

1st place in Masters Preferred Standard and Masters Preferred Jumpers with Weaves

Andrew Zuckerman and Anton. AKC Obedience at the K-9 Obedience Dog Training Club of Menomonee Falls and the Golden Retriever Club of Illinois trials.

Anton and I earned 4 first place ribbons in Novice B with scores of 195.5, 197, 197, and 198.5



September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Flyball Training 6:30	2 Outdoor Training 7pm	3	4 Agility 1 5:30-7pm Agility2 7-8:30pm	5 Holiday Weekend No Classes
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October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Agility 1 - 5:30 pm Agility2 -7 pm	3 OUTDOOR AGILITY
4 OUTDOOR TRAINING 9AM Rally 11:15	5 Puppy Class Scentwork 5:30 and 6:45	6 Flyball Training 6:30	7 Outdoor Training 7PM	8	9 Agility 1 - 5:30 pm Agility2 -7 pm	10 OUTDOOR AGILITY

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Thanks!



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/milwaukeekeedogtrainingclub/>



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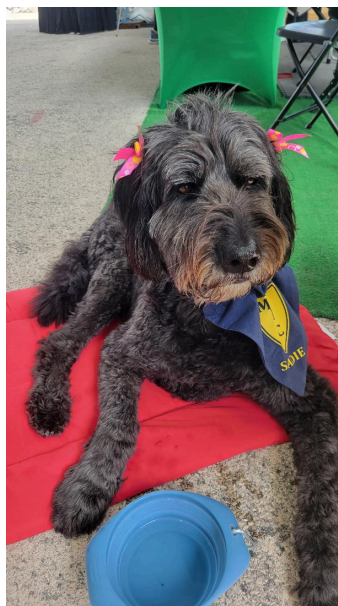


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The search now works across all your devices whether you're on a desktop computer, tablet or smartphone. It also gives you more flexible ways to refine your search.

Here's how to find it. Go to American Kennel Club website at www.akc.org. 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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