

# PAWSCRIPTS

DOG TRAINING CLUB OF ST. PETERSBURG

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I was working on a club project last week and looking over our statistics – the classes we teach, the events we host, the people we help – something really struck me. Yes, we train dogs and handlers. Yes, we prepare teams for trials and help shape “good dogs.” But at its heart, the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg is a community service.

Over the past year, hundreds of non-members walked through our doors. They came because they trusted us – our instructors, our volunteers, our experience, and our kindness. They came hoping to learn, to feel supported, and to strengthen their bond with their dog. And because of you, they did.

A confident, well-mannered dog brings joy into a home and moves safely and happily through the world. That kind of dog enriches a family and a community – and every one of you helps make that possible. We should be incredibly proud of the impact we have. Truly.

From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU for the time, care, and love you pour into this club and into our community. - *Janice Smith*

## DTCSP BULLETIN BOARD

### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

There is no June DTCSP General Meeting. The next DTCSP General Meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.** Guests and well-mannered dogs welcome!

### TBASSC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, JUL. 10-12

Tampa Bay Area Shetland Sheepdog Club will be hosting an AKC Agility Trial at DTCSP, 4400-B, 34<sup>th</sup> St. N., St. Petersburg. **CLOSES:** June 26<sup>th</sup>. **TRIAL SECRETARY:** Loni Coleman, 727-656-8661, [icoleman@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:icoleman@tampabay.rr.com) [www.dtcsp.org](http://www.dtcsp.org) See page 2 for details.

### DTCSP AKC AGILITY TRIAL, JUL. 31-AUG. 2

Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg will be hosting an AKC Agility Trial at DTCSP, 4400-B, 34<sup>th</sup> St. N., St. Petersburg. **CLOSES:** July 17<sup>th</sup>. **TRIAL SECRETARY:** Jacqui O'Neill, 570-594-7922, [barc4agility@gmail.com](mailto:barc4agility@gmail.com) [www.dtcsp.org](http://www.dtcsp.org) and [www.barc4agility.com](http://www.barc4agility.com) See page 2 for details.

### DACOF 2026

DACOF (Dog Agility Competition of Florida) will be held June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Silver Spurs Arena, in Kissimmee, FL. This is an annual Florida Agility Club competition. We send our teams Best wishes for a fun and successful Club Agility Competition!



The Pawscripts Staff hope you, your family, including your pets, and friends have a safe July 4<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

## QUICK NOTES FOR TRIALS & EVENTS AT DTCSP

### TBASSC AKC AGILITY TRIAL JULY 10-12

The Tampa Bay Area Shetland Sheepdog Club is hosting an AKC Agility Trial is July 10-12, 4400-B 34<sup>th</sup> St. N., St. Petersburg. Volunteers will be needed, so mark your calendars! Volunteers **do not** earn DTCSP Volunteer credits but do get free food and water. **CLOSES:** June 26<sup>th</sup>. **JUDGE:** Jacqui O'Neill **TRIAL SECRETARY:** Loni Coleman, 727-656-8661, [icoleman@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:icoleman@tampabay.rr.com) [www.dtcsp.org](http://www.dtcsp.org) and [www.barc4agility.com](http://www.barc4agility.com)

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Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg is hosting an AKC Agility Trial is July 31-Aug. 2, 4400-B 34<sup>th</sup> St. N., St. Petersburg. Volunteers earn DTCSP Volunteer credits and get free food and water. **CLOSES:** Jul 17<sup>th</sup>. **TRIAL SECRETARY:** Jacqui O'Neill, 570-594-7922, [barc4agility@gmail.com](mailto:barc4agility@gmail.com) [www.dtcsp.org](http://www.dtcsp.org)

### SPWCC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, AUG. 7-9

Sunshine Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club is hosting an AKC Agility Trial is Aug. 7-9, 4400-B 34<sup>th</sup> St. N., St. Petersburg. Volunteers earn DTCSP Volunteer credits and get free food and water. **CLOSES:** Jul 24<sup>th</sup>. **TRIAL SECRETARY:** Jacqui O'Neill, 570-594-7922, [barc4agility@gmail.com](mailto:barc4agility@gmail.com) [www.dtcsp.org](http://www.dtcsp.org) and [www.barc4agility.com](http://www.barc4agility.com)



### BRAGS & WAGS

Send your news to [pawscriptsdtcsp@yahoo.com](mailto:pawscriptsdtcsp@yahoo.com)

Joy earned her first QQQ and her Time 2 Beat Title at the DTCT Trail in May. Razzle and I are very proud of her. - Linda Larsen



### SADIE

On May 27, 2026, at the Lawton Dog Fanciers Association all breed show in Oklahoma City, OK "Sadie" was Best of Winners for another point toward her Championship. She is now chasing that last major which I'm hopeful she'll get before she blows coat this summer. Sadie is pictured with her ribbons from a previous show. - Jacqueline Evans



SETH

For my birthday this year I am happy to announce the acquisition of my newest stud dog "Seth"! Seth is a lovely bi-black Sheltie who is a Best in Specialty winning Grand Champion with multiple pointed and champion offspring. He will be out showing as a Special and is available to entertain the Sheltie ladies of the Fancy. Seth has a lot to offer and I'm excited to start using him in my breeding program. - Jacqueline Evans, Costa DelSol Shelties



### ACT TRIAL REPORT

By Diane Miles

DTCSP held another great ACT trial on June 7<sup>th</sup> in our building. We have had several trials and our exhibitors have had a lot of success. This trial was evaluated by Lithia Castillo. We ran 2 ACT 1 trials and 2 ACT 2 trials, as well as 2 ACT 1J trials and 2 ACT 2J trials in one day. We had 81 runs this time and we had many qualifiers and new title winners. It takes just 2 qualifying scores to get a title in ACT. ACT is a chance to see how your dog will react in a trial situation. ACT 1 is made up of jumps, tunnels and contacts, but no teeter. ACT 2 has the teeter and the weaves added.

ACT 1J is a basic Jumpers course with jumps and tunnels while ACT 2J includes the weaves. We will try to offer another ACT trial as soon as we can schedule it, so keep an eye out for the announcement. I want to thank all the workers who came out to help with the trial. We had a tremendous number of workers that made the trial go smoothly. It takes people to set up the courses, time, scribe, gate, leash runner and be a bar setter. Special thanks to Deborah Schmidt for setting up the workers for this event.

## FLYBALL NEWS

By Joan Weesies

The Tampa Bay Barkaneers took the month of May off from racing so the team could gear up for our June 13-14 tournament hosted by Celtic Mayhem. During this event, the Barkaneers plan to do a special memorial celebration for our beloved teammate, Suz Cutchall, who passed away in April. We will have news from that tournament in the July Pawscripts.

Our Thursday night Flyball classes are continuing, and a new session begins June 18th! If you're looking for a fun and exciting activity to enjoy with your dog, now is the perfect time to give Flyball a try. Sign up today!



### DTCSP COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED

#### LOOKING FOR COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

**ASSISTANCE:** As our club continues to grow, we're looking for volunteers to help us improve how we communicate with both our members and the wider community.

We'd especially love to hear from people with experience in:

- Email marketing
- Mailing list management
- Tools like Mailchimp or similar platforms
- Customer Relationship Management (CRM) systems

Good communication helps us share our mission, promote classes & events, and stay connected with everyone in our community. Whether you've worked in this area professionally or just have an interest in helping, we'd be happy to have you involved.

Over the next few weeks, we're planning to put together a Communications Committee meeting to brainstorm ideas and talk about ways to improve our email marketing and overall communications.

If you'd like to participate or volunteer your skills, please email [Joan Weesies \[jweesies@bellsouth.net\]\(mailto:JoanWeesies@bellsouth.net\)](mailto:JoanWeesies@bellsouth.net)

Your support and ideas would really mean a lot. Thanks so much for your continued support of the DTCSP!



## CRAZY4CANINES NEWS

By Sophia P.

May 30th, 2026, marked the day of a Handling seminar and Match show put on by our 4-H club, Crazy4Canines. The morning of, we held the handling seminar for all juniors interested in improving their skills and learning how to handle. This seminar included lessons from three different judges, each focusing on a different skill important to handling, such as groundwork, gaiting, and table work. The amazing judges that helped teach these skills were Jupiter Piquet, Julianna Medina, and Genny Anderson.

After the seminar portion of the day, we broke up for lunch and then held our Match show, where the skills learned that morning were demonstrated and judged. During the Match show, the junior handlers competed for four different awards, Best Junior Handler, Reserve Best Junior Handler, Most Improved, and the Sportsmanship award. The Best Junior Handler award went to the incredibly talented Analeigha Ybarzabal, handling her Japanese Chin, Tidbit. The Reserve Best Junior award went to Sophia Pacheco, handling her Schipperke, Ivy. The Junior handler who learned and grew the most throughout the day, earning the Most Improved award, was Natalie Clements, showing the Cavalier King Charles, Bailey. A Sportsmanship award was also given to an amazing new handler who demonstrated throughout the day the values of a good handler with integrity, fairness, and both winning and losing gracefully.

Overall, it was a great day filled with memories, and we are happy for all of the lessons learned and skills gained. We would like to thank the DTCSP and everyone who helped us host another incredible event - whether it was through help setting up, donations, or just showing up and helping create amazing memories. And a special thanks to our club leader, Liz Piquet, Laura Markley, our club parents, and the incredible judges. We continue to appreciate everyone's support!



## Pet CPR & First Aid Certification Course - A HUGE success!

The Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg hosted a sold-out Pet CPR & First Aid Certification Class on June 6. The class, offered by [Pet Emergency Education](#) focused on many aspects of Pet First Aid including allergic reactions, bleeding/wound management, burns, choking, drowning, dehydration, heatstroke, poisons, shocks, seizures, traumas and CPR. The 3-hour class was very interactive, with the instructor providing many real-life scenarios. The class was attended by several members as well as members of the community who work in the pet-caring industry. The certification provided by Pet Emergency Education is a 2-year certification. Due to the tremendous interest and positive response, we plan to offer this class again next June. Stay tuned for details!



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### APPLICANTS:

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Mark Paulson



*"I'm a lot less cranky when it's just me and my dog." -  
Bob Peterson, American animator, screenwriter,  
director, and voice actor for Pixar*

## FIREWORKS TIPS FOR YOUR PETS

### KEEP YOUR PET SAFELY AWAY FROM FIREWORKS

Pets are more sensitive to loud noises, flashing lights and strong smells. On the Fourth of July, and other days people are likely to set off fireworks, it's best to leave your pets safely indoors, preferably with a radio or TV turned on to soften jarring noises. Keep windows, blinds, & curtains closed to help block out noise & flashes of light from the fireworks. If you need to take them outside, keep them leashed and under your direct control at all times. Take them out before fireworks start.

### BEFORE YOUR DOG HAS A CHANCE TO GET UPSET ABOUT A NOISE, DISTRACT WITH A GAME OF FETCH OR TUG, OR OTHER FAVORITE ACTIVITY.

Practice some tricks and/or obedience skills and give nice rewards for focusing on you. When your dog can't focus, stop. Don't create an unpleasant association with games and behaviors that are normally fun. Play with them and try to tire them out before the fireworks start. A tired dog will be more likely to relax.

### REWARD CALM BEHAVIOR

Give attention to your dog before they become stressed, and reward calm behavior. Play calming music or turn on the television. You can also use calming products, such as a Thundershirt or a calming collar. Pheromone products such as Adaptil is available in a collar, diffuser or spray form. It is a drug-free solution which mimics a mother dog's natural nursing pheromones. Rescue Remedy is a calming product, in the form of liquid drops. You put a few drops on a treat, preferably about 20 minutes before the fireworks start, and it helps calm them down.

### PROVIDE A SAFE HAVEN FOR YOUR DOG OR ENHANCE ONE THAT IS ALREADY A FAVORITE. Put your dog's [crate or bed](#) in it. Give a very special long-lasting treat or a hollow rubber chew toy that can be stuffed with something good.

### LEAVE THE CRATE DOOR OPEN BECAUSE SOME DOGS WILL INJURE THEMSELVES TRYING TO GET OUT

**SAFEGUARD YOUR PET WITH A COLLAR, ID TAG, AND MICROCHIP** - Even if your dog doesn't normally wear a collar with id tag while indoors, put there collar with id tag on. Indoor-only pets can become so frightened during fireworks displays that they may take desperate measures to escape the noise, including breaking through windows or door screens. You should also ensure that your pet is microchipped and that the chip is properly registered with your current contact information.

**IF YOUR PET IS SCARED BY FIREWORKS, ASK A VETERINARIAN FOR HELP** - There are medications and techniques that might help alleviate your pet's fear and anxiety.

## DOGS AND THUNDERSTORMS

By Cher Seddon

Dogs are so much more sensitive to sounds. The average adult human cannot hear sounds above 20,000 Hertz (Hz) although young children can hear higher sounds. Hertz is a measure of the frequency of a sound, and the higher the frequency, the higher pitched the sound. Dogs, on the other hand, can hear sounds as high as 47,000 to 65,000 Hz. They can often detect thunder before we can. Dogs are more sensitive to changes in barometric air pressure and potentially static electricity than people. It may be instinctual, a survival thing, for dogs to be afraid of loud noises and want to find shelter.

Dogs' fears and phobias associated with noise can be seen as early as 9 weeks of age, but noise phobias usually develop over an extended period of time. Dogs diagnosed with storm phobia can react with anxiety or fear to wind, rain, thunder, lightning. Dogs can experience a 207% increase in salivary cortisol levels (a measure of stress response using saliva collection) after exposure to simulated sounds of a thunderstorm. Dogs can start feeling stressed by the storm before it actually arrives. Dogs are really good at communicating with their body language. When a dog yawns before a potential storm it may be due to them being stressed out. Other signs may include paw licking, pacing, whining, destructive behavior, shaking or trembling.

Tips to soothe your dog during thunderstorms:

- Soothe your dog with chew and puzzle toys. Toys like a lick mat smeared with peanut butter are good for pups with destructive behavior.
- Providing background white noise or classical music
- Offering a safe place. It should be easily accessible, private, have available water, quiet, have your pet's comfort items, and be size appropriate for your dog.
- If possible, be present for your dog. Paying attention to them during a storm can help ease their fears.
- Using Anxiety Vests, available at [www.chewy.com](http://www.chewy.com) and [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) and Thundershirt [www.thundershirt.com](http://www.thundershirt.com) They are designed to apply pressure to the torso, resulting in fear reduction by maintaining "swaddling" pressure and applying acupressure. The Storm Defender Cape [www.stormdefender.com](http://www.stormdefender.com) has anti-static properties. The cape has a special lining that discharges a dog's fur and shields him from the static charge buildup, reducing his sensitivity to the charge.
- Rescue Remedy in the form of liquid drops can be applied to a treat preferably 20 minutes before the storm arrives to help calm them down.
- Calming treats can be used, such as CBD Oil, KONG's filled with peanut butter or kibble
- Pheromone is a chemical released naturally by a dog that acts as an invisible communication. It is a drug-free solution which mimics a mother dog's natural nursing pheromones. Pheromone products, such as Adaptil or ThunderEase plug-in diffusers, collars and sprays.

If a dog responds with fear to the sound of thunder, desensitization and counter conditioning can be attempted using storm noise music. Desensitization is exposing a dog to the sound of thunder at a low intensity over and over until the dog has disassociated the sound of fear, with a gradual increase in volume. Counter conditioning is pairing a pleasant thing such as feeding out of a snuffle mat with something the dog doesn't like, like thunderstorms. The objective is to create a positive association. This allows the dog to look forward to something very special when the stimulus develops rather than reacting in fear. Ideally, it should begin when a dog is a puppy. Combining the two though can also help older dogs reduce storm anxiety.



### QUOTES ABOUT DOGS

*"A dog can't think that much about what he's doing, he just does what feels right." - Barbara Kingsolver*

*"Because of the dog's joyfulness, our own is increased. It is no small gift." - Mary Oliver*

*"Petting, scratching, and cuddling a dog could be as soothing to the mind and heart as deep meditation, and almost as good for the soul as prayer." - Dean Koontz*

*"After years of having a dog, you know him. You know the meaning of his snuffs and grunts and barks. Every twitch of the ears is a question or statement, every wag of the tail is an exclamation." - Robert McCammon*



## Guide Dog Meets Rally Ring

Excerpted from *Catching Sight: How a Guide Dog Helped Me See Myself* by Deni Elliott with Graham Buck. Copyright 2026. Excerpted with permission by Beacon Press. Deni Elliott is a former DTCSP member, Co-director for the National Ethics Project and Professor Emeritus in the department of Journalism and Digital Communication at the University of South Florida. Co-authored with master trainer Graham Buck, *Catching Sight* offers a behind-the-scenes look at the world of guide dog breeding and training, revealing the intelligence and decision-making skills these dogs develop from birth.

“Can a dog understand that “Forward” means different things in different contexts?” I wondered. “Forward,” was what I said to tell Alberta it was time for her to start guiding me around town in her Guiding Eyes for the Blind harness. Now, I would see how Alberta would react when a Rally instructor told us, “Forward.”

After two years of working together, Alberta and I had a solid guide dog partnership. As I had competed in dog sports prior to losing most of my vision, it made sense that I would think about what Alberta and I might do for fun at the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg. Rally would be better than formal Obedience because Rally handlers are encouraged to praise their dogs and give direction. Alberta was enough of an extrovert that she would be confused and sad if I engaged with her and didn't praise her for her good work.

Rally was also a good choice because Alberta loved puzzles and working in unusual situations. I might tell her, “To the stairs,” so that we could find an entranceway. If she noticed a ramp and realized we were trying to get into the building, she would choose the ramp as that was easier for guiding as compared with the stairs. Like guide dog work, rally required dogs to think carefully about what is being asked of them.

The problem: I no longer had enough vision to find the 8 ½ x 11” laminated signs that were numbered and spread out at floor level around a 40-by-50-foot ring. Even if someone pointed the signs out to me, I couldn't see enough of what was there to understand the full instructions. Signs, safety cones, jumps, and the fences that served as the boundary for the competition ring created obstacles that I would trip over or run into if left on my own.

The solution: Jan Erickson, who also trained her dog in Rally, listened in while I explained the situation to the instructor. Jan offered to serve as my sighted guide. She had years of experience showing dogs and teaching classes. Helping guide Alberta and me through a Rally class would be a new challenge for her.

The Rally exercises were easy for Alberta. She already knew most of them from her Guiding Eyes training and our own daily obedience work. “Right turn.” “Call dog front. Finish right. Heel.” “Fast.” “Figure eight.” Jan, Alberta, and I practiced being a team of three. Jan walked next to my right side and called out the directions on the sign as we approached each one. Alberta walked with no guide dog harness. She walked on a loose leash on my left side.

At first, Alberta didn't understand. She was used to my giving her directions to reach a particular destination. I knew Alberta could find more straightforward ways to get from one end of the ring to the other than the circuitous route we were following. I had no words to explain it to her. She had to figure this out on her own. Alberta seemed baffled when I asked her to do silly things like suddenly sit or walk around in a circle. As a guide dog, she had been taught to weigh the wisdom of my requests, Alberta hesitated when the command did not make sense. Alberta tried to let that go and concentrate on how happy this made me and the high quality treats she was getting in return. All I could do was encourage and reward her for playing along with Jan and me.

In our second week of Rally class, Alberta got it. She suddenly understood that the Rally ring was a special place designed solely for her enjoyment. All she had to do was what I asked. In the Rally ring, when I felt lost, rather than reach for Alberta's head with my left hand, I reached out my right hand to find Jan's shoulder.

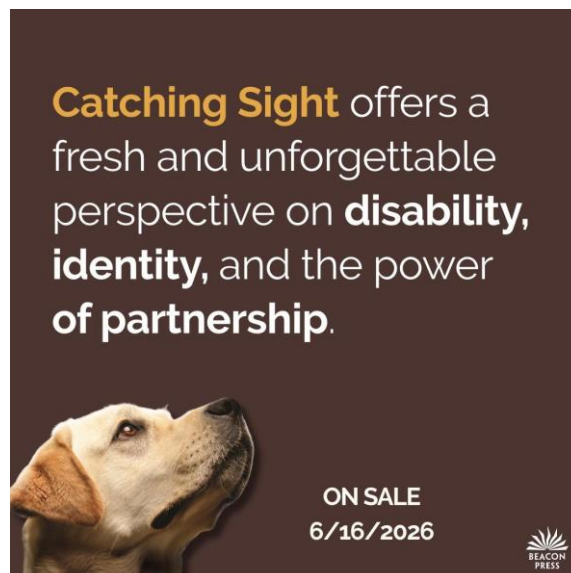
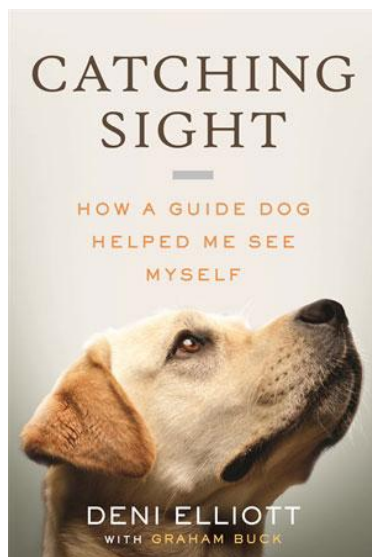
Alberta relaxed and put her own twist on the structured playtime. She stag leaped when Jan said, "Fast." She circled in the air when I asked her to move from sitting in front of me to sitting at my left side. I referred to Wednesday night as Alberta's bowling night – her chance to take her turn in the ring and otherwise, hang out with friends. Jan said we should enter a Rally competition.

After a call to the American Kennel Club, I had a letter of accommodations that told judges I was visually impaired and allowed to have a sighted guide in the ring who read me the signs. I could touch Jan's shoulder as needed. I could put my left hand down and asked Alberta to touch if I wasn't sure of the dog's position. She nosed my hand to let me know that she was right by my side.

Before each competition, Jan and I walked the course with the other competitors to learn the order of exercises that the judge had laid out for the teams to follow. That's when Jan planned her strategy of how to best guide Alberta and me for the minute or so that it would take to run the course. She walked in front, at my side, behind me, or occasionally, several feet away, so as not to block the judge's view of Alberta's and my performance. Alberta and I completed the exercises. Jan choreographed how our team of three moved together.

When it was time for Jan, Alberta, and me to complete the course, other competitors gathered, hushed, and watching. Most of them had never seen the dance of visually impaired handler, dog, and sighted guide. When Alberta heard the judge say, "Exercise finished," she knew that we were done. Upon hearing that, she gave an extra leap, touching her nose to my hand. "Was I okay?" her behavior asked. Her audience clapped and I gave my dog a hug. Alberta's tail never stopped wagging.

Ribbons piled up in a bowl on my office desk and squeaky toy awards filled Alberta's toy basket as we consistently placed first, second, or third. Jan, Alberta, and I got better with every week's training and every competition. She knew that "Forward" meant "time to work" when she was on harness and it meant, "Let's go have fun!" in the Rally ring. Soon, we were only a show away from completing what was then AKC's top title, Rally Advanced Excellent.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JUN. - AUG. UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 20 UDD Dock Diving - K9SZ, Morriston  
Jun 20-21 NADD Dock Diving - CCDDC, Lutz  
Jun 20-21 AKC Obedience Trial - IPOC, Lakeland  
Jun 20-21 UpDog Challenge Event - CCDDC, Lutz  
Jun 20-21 AKC Fast CAT - TBCC, Ocala  
Jun 23-24 CPE Canine Scent Sport - SRAC & TBGSDC, Brooksville  
Jun 26 CBD Beach Dog Fridays - CBD, Clearwater  
Jun 26-28 AKC Scent Work Trial - SSPC, Punta Gorda  
Jun 27 Largo Evening Market, Ulmer Park, Largo  
Jun 27-28 UDD Dock Diving - FLK9S, Myakka City  
Jul 3 CBD Beach Dog Fridays - CBD, Clearwater  
Jul 3-5 AKC Conformation - CCKC, Ocala  
Jul 3-5 AKC Agility Trial - GPCAC, Punta Gorda  
Jul 3-5 NADD Dock Diving - SR, Brooksville  
Jul 4 Barn Hunt Fun Test - DTCT, Tampa  
Jul 4-5 UpDog Challenge Event - CFDDC, Brooksville  
Jul 4-5 UAD Dock Diving - FWCAD, Parish  
Jul 4-5 AKC Rally Trial - IPOC, Lakeland  
Jul 7 Tail Waggin' \$2 Tuesdays - Tampa Tarpons, GSF  
**Jul 10-12 AKC Agility Trial - TBASSC, St. Petersburg**  
Jul 10-12 CPE Agility Trial - CDSF, Punta Gorda  
Jul 11-12 TDAA Agility Trial - DTCT, Tampa  
Jul 11-12 CPE Speedway Trial - IPOC, Lakeland  
Jul 17-19 AKC Agility Trial - CDAC, Punta Gorda  
Jul 18 UpDog Challenge Event - CFDDC, Lutz  
Jul 18-19 AKC Rally Trial - USDTC, Clearwater  
Jul 18-19 AKC Obedience Trial - DOCLC, N. Fort Myers  
Jul 18-19 AKC Scent Work Trial - IPOC, Lakeland  
Jul 18-19 UAD Dock Diving - TK9CAD, Chiefland  
Jul 18-19 UDD Dock Diving - FLK9S, Myakka City  
Jul 18-19 NADD Dock Diving - CCDD, Lutz  
Jul 18-19 Barn Hunt Trial - DTCT, Tampa  
Jul 24 CBD Beach Dog Fridays - CBD, Clearwater  
Jul 24-26 AKC Agility Trial - SOTC Punta Gorda  
Jul 25 UDD Dock Diving - ODR, Ocala  
Jul 25 Largo Evening Market, Ulmer Park, Largo  
Jul 28 Tail Waggin' \$2 Tuesdays - Tampa Tarpons, GSF  
**Jul 31-Aug 2 AKC Agility Trial - DTCSP, St. Petersburg**  
Jul 31-Aug 2 TDAA Agility Trial - AC, Lakeland  
Jul 31-Aug 2 AKC Scent Work Trial - GPCAC, Punta Gorda  
Aug 1-2 UDD Dock Diving - DOA, Brooksville  
Aug 1-2 AKC Rally Trial - DTCT, Tampa  
Aug 7 CBD Beach Dog Fridays - CBD, Clearwater  
Aug 7-9 AKC Agility Trial - SPWCC, St. Petersburg  
Aug 7-9 NADD Dock Diving - SR, Brooksville

Aug 8-9 UKI Agility Trial - BP, Punta Gorda  
Aug 8-9 CPE Canine Scent Sport - IPOC Lakeland  
Aug 8-9 UAD Dock Diving - TK9CAD, Chiefland  
Aug 14-16 AKC Agility Trial - OTCPCB, Punta Gorda  
Aug 15-16 AKC Obedience Trial - SOTC, Myakka City  
Aug 15-16 AKC Rally Trial - MFDC, Ocala  
Aug 15-16 UKC Nose Work Trial - UIPOC, Lakeland  
Aug 15-16 Barn Hunt - DTCT, Tampa  
Aug 15-16 NADD Dock Diving - CCDD, Lutz  
Aug 15-16 UDD Dock Diving - FLK9S, Myakka City



### QUICK NOTES AGILITY

#### **GPCAC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, JUL. 3-5**

Greater Port Charlotte Agility Club, Punta Gorda.

**CLOSES:** Jun. 26<sup>th</sup>.

[www.mydogentry.com/public/locations/55](http://www.mydogentry.com/public/locations/55)

#### **CDSF CPE AGILITY TRIAL, JUL. 10-12**

Calusa Dog of Southwest Florida, Punta Gorda.

**PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** Jun. 29<sup>th</sup>. [www.cpe.dog](http://www.cpe.dog)

#### **DTCT TDAA AGILITY TRIAL, JUL. 11-12**

Dog Training Club of Tampa, Tampa.

**PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE:** Jul. 10<sup>th</sup>. [www.k9tdaa.com](http://www.k9tdaa.com)

#### **CDAC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, JUL. 17-19**

Calusa Dog Agility Club, Punta Gorda. **CLOSES:** Jul. 5<sup>th</sup>.

[www.mydogentry.com/public/secretaries/46](http://www.mydogentry.com/public/secretaries/46)

#### **SOTC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, JUL. 24-26**

Sarasota Obedience Training Club, Punta Gorda.

**CLOSES:** Jul. 5<sup>th</sup>. [www.sotcdogtraining.org](http://www.sotcdogtraining.org)

#### **AC TDAA AGILITY TRIAL, JUL. 31-AUG. 2**

Awesome Critters, Lakeland. This is a Petit Prix Tournament. **ENTRIES CLOSE:** Jun. 25<sup>th</sup>.

[www.k9tdaa.com](http://www.k9tdaa.com)

#### **BP UKI AGILITY TRIAL, AUG. 8-9**

Bratty Paws, Punta Gorda. **CLOSES:** Jul. 30<sup>th</sup>.

[www.ukagilityinternational.com](http://www.ukagilityinternational.com)

#### **OTCPBC AKC AGILITY TRIAL, AUG. 14-16**

Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County, Punta Gorda. **CLOSES:** Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>.

[www.mydogentry.com](http://www.mydogentry.com)

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### CONFORMATION

#### CCKC AKC CONFORMATION SHOW, JULY 3-5

Citrus County Kennel Club, WEC, Ocala. CLOSURES: Jun. 17<sup>th</sup>. All Breed, BPUP, JSHW, NOHS & Open Conformation (FSS Breeds). [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

### OBEDIENCE/RALLY

#### USDTC AKC RALLY TRIAL, JUL. 18-19

Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club, Clearwater. CLOSURES: Jul. 1<sup>st</sup>. [www.usdtc.org](http://www.usdtc.org)

#### DOCLC AKC OBEDIENCE TRIAL, JUL. 18-19

Dog Obedience Club of Lee County, N Fort Myers. Two Rally trials Sat. Two Obedience trials Sun. & one on Mon. CLOSURES: Jul. 8<sup>th</sup>. [www.doclc.com](http://www.doclc.com)

#### DTCT AKC RALLY TRIAL, AUG. 1-2

Dog Training Club of Tampa, Tampa. Two trials each day. CLOSURES: Jul. 15<sup>th</sup>. [www.dtct.org](http://www.dtct.org)

#### SOTC AKC OBEDIENCE TRIAL, AUG. 15-16

Sarasota Obedience Training Club, Myakka City. CLOSURES: Jul. 31<sup>st</sup>. [www.sotcdogtraining.org](http://www.sotcdogtraining.org)

#### MFDC AKC RALLY TRIAL, AUG. 15-16

Mid-Florida Dalmatian Club, Ocala. Two trials each day. CLOSURES: Jul. 29<sup>th</sup>. [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

### SCENT WORK

#### SSPC AKC SCENT WORK TRIAL, JUN. 26-28

Sunshine State Papillon Club, Punta Gorda. CLOSURES: Jun. 12<sup>th</sup>. [www.mydogentry.com/public/locations/55](http://www.mydogentry.com/public/locations/55)

#### IPOC AKC SCENT WORK TRIAL, JUL. 18-19

Imperial Polk Obedience Club, Lakeland. CLOSURES: Jul. 1<sup>st</sup>. [www.ipoclakeland.org](http://www.ipoclakeland.org)

#### GPCAC AKC SCENT WORK TRIAL, JUL. 31-AUG 2

Greater Port Charlotte Agility Club, Punta Gorda. CLOSURES: Jul. 17<sup>th</sup>. Online entry available: [www.mydogentry.com](http://www.mydogentry.com)

#### IPOC CPE CANINE SCENT SPORT, AUG. 8-9

Imperial Polk Obedience Club, Lakeland. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Jul. 29<sup>th</sup>. [www.cpe.dog](http://www.cpe.dog)

#### UIPOC UKC NOSE WORK TRIAL, AUG. 15-16

United Imperial Polk Obedience Club, Lakeland. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>. [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com)

## BARNHUNT

#### DTCT BARN HUNT FUN TEST, JUL. 4

Dog Training Club of Tampa, Tampa. CLOSURES: Jun. 22<sup>nd</sup>. [www.barnhunt.com](http://www.barnhunt.com)

#### DTCT BARN HUNT TRIAL, JUL. 18-19

Dog Training Club of Tampa, Tampa. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Jul. 8<sup>th</sup>. [www.barnhunt.com](http://www.barnhunt.com)

#### DTCT BARN HUNT TRIAL, AUG. 15-16

Dog Training Club of Tampa, Tampa. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>. [www.barnhunt.com](http://www.barnhunt.com)

## DOCK DIVING

#### K9SZ UDD DOCK DIVING, JUN. 20, 9AM-4PM

K9 Splash Zone, Morriston. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Jun. 19<sup>th</sup>. [www.uniteddockdiving.com](http://www.uniteddockdiving.com)

#### CCDD NADD DOCK DIVING, JUN. 20-21

Courteous Canine Diving Dogs, Lutz. An UpDog Challenge Event is occurring at this location this weekend. ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSED. [www.northamericadivingdogs.com](http://www.northamericadivingdogs.com)

#### FLK9S UDD DOCK DIVING, JUN. 27-28

Florida K9 Sports, Myakka City. ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Jun. 26<sup>th</sup>. [www.uniteddockdiving.com](http://www.uniteddockdiving.com)

#### SR NADD DOCK DIVING, JUL. 3-5

Sonlight Ranch, Brooksville. Also UpDog Crossover Crown event at this location on Jul. 4-5. ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Jun. 26<sup>th</sup>. [www.northamericadivingdogs.com](http://www.northamericadivingdogs.com)

#### FWCAD UAD DOCK DIVING, JUL. 4-5

Florida West Coast Air Dogs, Parish. ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Jun. 30<sup>th</sup>. [www.ultimateairdogs.com](http://www.ultimateairdogs.com)

#### DOA UDD DOCK DIVING, JUL. 11-12

Dogs of Anarchy, Brooksville. This is a qualifier event. ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Jul. 10<sup>th</sup>. [www.uniteddockdiving.com](http://www.uniteddockdiving.com)

#### CCDD NADD DOCK DIVING, JUL. 18-19

Courteous Canine Diving Dogs, Lutz. ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Jul. 11<sup>th</sup>. [www.northamericadivingdogs.com](http://www.northamericadivingdogs.com)

#### TK9CAD UAD DOCK DIVING, JUL. 18-19

Tracks K9 Club Air Dogs, Chiefland. ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Jun. 17<sup>th</sup>. [www.ultimateairdogs.com](http://www.ultimateairdogs.com)

### QUICK NOTES *(cont.)*

#### DOCK DIVING *(cont.)*

##### FLK9S UDD DOCK DIVING, JUL. 18-19

Florida K9 Sports, Myakka City. ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Jul. 17<sup>th</sup>. [www.uniteddockdiving.com](http://www.uniteddockdiving.com)

##### ODR UDD DOCK DIVING, JUL. 25

Ocala Dog Ranch, Ocala. ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Jul. 24<sup>th</sup>. [www.uniteddockdiving.com](http://www.uniteddockdiving.com)

##### DOA UDD DOCK DIVING, AUG. 1-2

Dogs of Anarchy, Brooksville. This is a qualifier event. ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Jul. 30<sup>th</sup>. [www.uniteddockdiving.com](http://www.uniteddockdiving.com)

##### SR NADD DOCK DIVING, AUG. 7-9

Sonlight Ranch, Brooksville. Also UpDog Challenge event at this location on Jul. 4-5. ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Jul. 31<sup>st</sup>. [www.northamericadivingdogs.com](http://www.northamericadivingdogs.com)

##### TK9CAD UAD DOCK DIVING, AUG. 8-9

Tracks K9 Club Air Dogs, Chiefland. This is a qualifier event. ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>. [www.ultimateairdogs.com](http://www.ultimateairdogs.com)

##### CCDD NADD DOCK DIVING, AUG. 15-16

Courteous Canine Diving Dogs, Lutz. ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>. [www.northamericadivingdogs.com](http://www.northamericadivingdogs.com)

##### FLK9S UDD DOCK DIVING, AUG. 15-16

Florida K9 Sports, Myakka City. ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>. [www.uniteddockdiving.com](http://www.uniteddockdiving.com)

### LURE COURSING & SIMILAR

##### TBCC AKC FAST CAT, JUN. 20-21

Tampa Bay Chihuahua Club, Ocala. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSED [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

##### IPOC CPE SPEEDWAY TRIAL, JUL. 11-12

Imperial Polk Obedience Club, Lakeland. PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE: Jul. 1<sup>st</sup>. [www.cpe.dog](http://www.cpe.dog)

### UPDOG CHALLENGE EVENTS

##### CFDDC UPDOG CHALLENGE CLUB EVENT, JUL. 4-5,

9AM-4PM

Central Florida Disc Dog Club, Brooksville. A NADD dock diving event will be occurring at this same location the same weekend.

### UPDOG CHALLENGE EVENTS *(cont.)*

##### CFDDC UPDOG CHALLENGE CLUB EVENT, JUL. 18

Central Florida Disc Dog Club, Lutz. A NADD dock diving event will be occurring at this same location on Saturday only.

### DOG FRIENDLY EVENTS

##### TAIL WAGGIN' \$2 TUESDAYS WITH THE TAMPA TARPONS, JUL. 7, JUL. 28

This dog-friendly event will be held every Tuesday throughout the season from April 14, 2026 to September 1, 2026 at George Steinbrenner Field in Tampa, FL. Admission is starting at \$2 per human and per dog if purchased in advance. [www.milb.com/tampa/tickets/weeklypromotions](http://www.milb.com/tampa/tickets/weeklypromotions)

##### CBD BEACH DOG FRIDAYS, JUN. 26, JUL. 3, JUL. 24, AUG. 7

Clearwater Beach Dogs Friday nights. Beach Dogs Fridays are dog-friendly. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. for the 6:30 p.m. games. Dog tickets are \$7 and are available on walk-up. All dog tickets benefit a different local pet charity that will be on-site. [www.milb.com/clearwater/about/beach-dogs](http://www.milb.com/clearwater/about/beach-dogs)

##### LARGO EVENING MARKET, JUN. 27, JUL. 25, 5PM-9PM

This dog friendly event will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month at Ulmer Park in Largo.

##### JULY 4TH CELEBRATION AT LARGO CENTRAL PARK, JUL. 4, 6PM-9PM

Celebration featuring live music, family-friendly activities, crafts, interactive entertainers, delicious food trucks, and market vendors. [www.playlargo.com](http://www.playlargo.com)



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