

# Sherwood Dog Training Club

*AKC License Club*

## March 2025 Newsletter



### Sherwood Dog Training Club

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The Sherwood Dog Training Club (SDTC) was formed in 2003, with official status as a non-profit corporation established in 2006. We also have Tax Exempt status with the IRS as a 501(c)4. We received our notice that we have become an AKC Licensed Club in August of 2008.



**We will have Zoom SDTC Meeting March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**

**Sherwood Dog Training Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2517890074?pwd=VGdKeGhtM3l0T3FOdnJoVEUxRjZoQT09&omn=89246018888>**

**Meeting ID: 251 789 0074**

**Passcode: 0Avc7r**

**The agenda will be posted on the club website <https://www.sherwooddtc.org/>**



## Dates to Mark for 2025 at Cash Arena in Sherwood, OR

**Match Date:** Sunday, April 6, 2025

**Obedience Trial Dates:** Saturday, April 19, 2025, and Sunday, April 20, 2025

**Match Date:** Sunday, May 25, 2025

**Rally Trial Dates:** Saturday, May 31, 2025, and Sunday, June 1, 2025

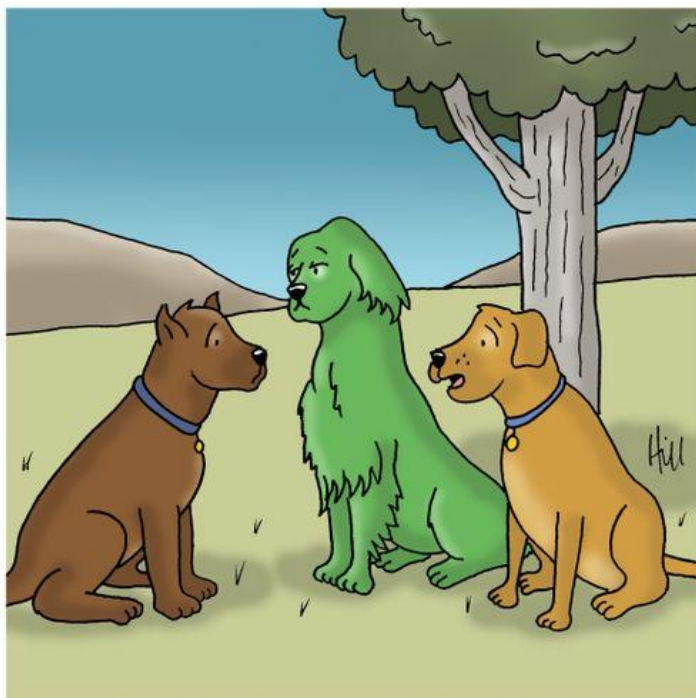
**Match Date:** Sunday, October 5, 2025

**Obedience Trial Dates:** Saturday, October 11, 2025, and Sunday, October 12, 2025

For a complete Look at all AKC upcoming Events

**Events:** <https://webapps.akc.org/event-search/#/search>

**Cancellations:** <https://www.akc.org/sports/event-cancellations/>



"IS SHE SICK? NO, QUEENIE'S OWNER PAINTS HER GREEN EVERY ST. PATRICK'S DAY ... SHE IS AN IRISH SETTER!"

## Sunday April 6 2025 SDTC Intra-Club Match Entry Form

Match is at the Cash arena, 17720 SW Elsner Rd, Sherwood, OR 97140

**All runs \$10 (\$11 if using paypal on SDTC website) for 10 minutes, maximum of 2 runs per member.**

Please plan to help run through other dogs by calling the exercises or stewarding. We need help at the end of the match packing up and sweeping up please!

Run order and other information will be emailed out to entrants approximately 1 week prior to the match

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

First class requested \_\_\_\_\_ Dog name \_\_\_\_\_

Dog breed \_\_\_\_\_ jump height \_\_\_\_\_

Second class requested \_\_\_\_\_ Dog name \_\_\_\_\_

Dog breed \_\_\_\_\_ jump height \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ or Amount paid Paypal \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing this entry form, the exhibitor agrees to the following. Unsigned forms will be returned along with all fees.**

I hereby release the Sherwood Dog Training Club, Inc., the Owners of Cash Arena other animal owners, property owners, instructors, spectators, and/or any other participants from any and all liability for accidents, injuries and/or damages to me, my dog or property caused by participation in any activities including the period of time immediately prior to and/or immediately after the conclusion thereof so long as the animals are located on the premises designated for the activity. I understand that by participation, I am a joint venture participant and assume all liability for injury to my dog, my property or myself occasioned by this participation. This waiver shall be effective from the date of signing.

To the best of my knowledge, I attest that I do not have or have symptoms of COVID-19 at the time of attending this event. I will not have knowingly been in contact with or exposed to any known carrier of COVID-19 within the past 14 days. I agree that I am attending this event entirely at my own risk and take full responsibility for my own health and safety during this event. I will not hold SDTC or any other person affiliated with the event in any way liable for any present or future COVID-19 exposure or illness incurred during or after this event. I agree to follow all SDTC, county, state and CDC rules and requirements to reduce spread and possible exposure to this virus.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND ENTRY/WAIVER FORM WITH FEES TO:  
Betty Rose, 2015 SW 204<sup>th</sup> Ave, Beaverton OR 97003**

**MAKE CHECK OUT TO SDTC**

**If using paypal, send electronic copy to [bettyrose97070@yahoo.com](mailto:bettyrose97070@yahoo.com)**



**Sherwood Dog Training Club  
Obedience Trial Dates:  
Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Accepting Entries now!**  
<https://www.sherwooddtc.org/services>  
**Obedience Premium List and  
Online Entry Form available.**



**We need Stewards!!**

**Contact Helen Hamilton,  
Chief Ring Stewart**

**Email:  
[vims@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vims@sbcglobal.net)**





Today (February 23, 2025) was a good day!

**Emily** finished UDX3.

Forgive Em looking grumpy. Her back is bothering her and her sits were not her friend, but she Q'd in Utility B and Open B and although her scores reflected her work, the ribbons were green.

**Vince** finished GN & BN.

Vince was a wee bit wild, but Q'd both runs on Friday and Sunday and he behaved reasonably well in public.

I appreciate their efforts and the local obedience community.

We have the best peeps!



## Upcoming UKC Shows / [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com)

### Washington

**March 29 – 30, 2025**

Lilac City Dog Training Club, Nine Mile Falls / Nose Work

**June 6-8, 2025**

Lilac City Dog Training Club, Spokane / Obedience & Rally

**August 1 – 3, 2025**

UKC Western Classic, Longview, WA / Obedience, Rally, Agility

**October 18-19, 2025**

Lilac City Dog Training Club, Spokane Valley / Nose Work

### Oregon

**May 2 -4, 2025**

Canine Action Pack Cornelius, OR / Obedience & Rally

November 14-16, 2025

Canine Action Pack Cornelius, OR / Obedience & Rally

### California

**March 14 – 16, 2025**

High Desert Dog Sports, Phelan, CA / Obedience, Rally

**April 4-6, 2025**

NorCal K9 Events, Red Bluff / Obedience & Rally

### Wyoming

**May 17-18, 2025**

Rocky Mountain Dog Stars, Sheridan, WY, Nose Work

### Utah

**Apr 19-20, 2025**

Utah Nose Work Club, West Jordan, UT, Nose Work

### **Details at [ukcdogs.com](http://ukcdogs.com)**

United Kennel Club (UKC) is an international dog registry celebrating bonds, rewarding ability, and preserving the value of a pedigree. <http://www.ukcdogs.com/>

### **Upcoming Events: Portland Dog Obedience Club**

**Next fundraising PDOC Obedience Fun Match**  
at Brigand's Hideout is scheduled for March 23, 2025.



**Portland Dog Obedience Club presents:  
Sunday, March 23, 2025 Obedience Fun Match!**

Location: Brigand's HideOut: 9802 NE 156<sup>th</sup> St, Battle Ground WA 98604

Pre-entry only. Use a separate entry form for each dog. **ENTRIES CLOSE March 16, 2025**

**Mail (USPS) entries with check made out to "PDOC" to:  
Joan Armstrong, 14307 NE 257<sup>th</sup> St, Battle Ground, WA 98604  
\$15 for the first run and \$10 for additional runs for the same dog.**

Match will start at 10 a.m. and run until we are done.

There will be three obedience rings indoors on dirt.

Run order and other information will be emailed out to entrants the week prior to the match.

Note, this is a fundraiser so there will be no refunds.

Sorry, no rally ring this year.

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**Your Name:**

**e-mail:**

**Best Phone:**

**Dog's Call Name:**

**Circle the Obedience class(es) desired:**    **Beginner Novice**    **Novice**    **Open**    **Utility**

**Obedience Jump Height:**

**\$15 for the first run and \$10 for additional runs for the same dog.**

**By signing this entry form, the exhibitor agrees to the following.**

I hereby release the Portland Dog Training Club, the owners of Brigands Hideout, other animal owners, property owners, instructors, spectators, and/or any other participants from any and all liability for accidents, injuries and/or damages to me, my dog or property caused by participation in any activities including the period of time immediately prior to and/or immediately after the conclusion thereof so long as the animals are located on the premises designated for the activity. I understand that by participation, I am a joint venture participant and assume all liability for injury to my dog, my property or myself occasioned by this participation. This waiver shall be effective from the date of signing.

**SIGNATURE:**

**DATE:**

## Offering Competition Classes in Rally and Obedience

### Dog Days Dog Training

We have openings. For more information [www.dogdaysnw.com](http://www.dogdaysnw.com)

#### **BEGINNER NOVICE and NOVICE**

instructor Beth Fabel - 360-989-4803 or EMAIL BETH

Tuition is \$150 for a 6-week session

6-week sessions, with continuing sessions building on the prior skills.

Prerequisite: Foundations for Performance or consent of instructor.

Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Dee Pigman  
Dog Days Dog Training  
503.807.1212  
[deepigman@comcast.net](mailto:deepigman@comcast.net)  
[www.dogdaysnw.com](http://www.dogdaysnw.com)

#### **BEGINNER NOVICE, NOVICE, OPEN, UTILITY**

**Instructor Dee Pigman** - 503-807-1212

(phone or text) or EMAIL DEE

**Tuition is \$150 for a 6-week session**

6-week sessions, with continuing sessions building on the prior skills.

Prerequisite: Foundations for Performance or consent of instructor.

- **Beginner Novice and Novice: Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.**
- **Open/Utility: Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.**

**Rally has openings**



**Marcie** finished her UKC CD at the Canine Action Pack trials February 2-4.

She's now UCD UBN URO1 Aratone Royal Marsala CD BN RI FIT-S.

On to Open!

Submitted By: Jan Lewis





## **absoluteDOGS's Post**     January 31, 2025

**"I sometimes find myself thinking about how my dog pulled me through. Not in any big, dramatic way, but in the quiet moments when life just felt too heavy. He didn't need answers or advice to offer; he was just there, beside me, every single day. When I was worn out and ready to throw in the towel, he'd give me that little nudge, his eyes saying, "You're okay. We've got this." And somehow, that was enough to keep going. He never cared about the mistakes I made or judged me for falling short. He simply showed up, steady and loyal in a way you don't always see in people. There are days I wonder where I'd be without him—probably lost in my own chaos, tangled up in thoughts I can't control. But he's here, keeping me grounded in the simplest way. And that's how he saved me, one day at a time, just by being there, exactly when I needed someone the most."**



**R.M. Drake - Dog People**  
**Artist: Pascal Campion Art**  
**Pairing by Whispers from the Heart**

# Obedience Run Through Class with Laurie Rubin

A monthly Obedience Run Through Class takes place at Penny Harvey's training building in Sandy, Oregon. Dog and handler teams run through the exercises offered at obedience trials. The time can be used for any level of obedience and/or for problem solving specific exercises. Handler choice whether to ask for feedback or simply have the exercises called as in a trial. This class is run by Laurie Rubin.

No March run throughs. Instead, there will be a March 1-2 Sherwood Dog Training Club members match.

**Next month's class, Saturday,** April 12, \$15 via PayPal for each slot of up to 15 minutes or \$16 via mailed check.

Time slots can be reserved by clicking on the following link to fill out your entry information on a Google Form [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScaGXnAZK8V-nC63Si5V8S8z5ynh1ZsnvELks0\\_y-8eJfg7mg/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScaGXnAZK8V-nC63Si5V8S8z5ynh1ZsnvELks0_y-8eJfg7mg/viewform?usp=header) **AND** sending \$15/time slot via PayPal <https://www.paypal.com/> to Laurie Rubin. After logging in to PayPal and clicking "**Send**," search for Laurie Rubin or earthlaurie@sonic.net. My link has a photo of a red merle Aussie. In the box that asks "What's this For?," please type your name and "April 2025 Run Through Class." Zelle \$15 payments accepted, too. If you prefer to mail a check for \$16/time slot, be sure to also fill out your entry information on the Google Form linked above. Payments are non-refundable unless the class fills before I receive your entry. In that case, I will notify you and refund your payment.

**These classes have been filling. Your payment must be received for your entry to count.**

The Thursday before the class, the schedule and driving directions will be e-mailed to those who've reserved a slot.

**Future class date:** Sunday, May 4.

Laurie Rubin  
9618 Silver Star Ave.  
Vancouver, WA 98664  
earthlaurie@sonic.net



Raeside cartoons

January 10 · 🌐



## Rally Judges – Do You Know the Signs? 301, 302, and 303



By AKC Companion Events Department on February 11, 2025

**In school, how did you learn what you needed to know when reading a book or article?** Did you underline and/or highlight the important sentences, did you create an outline and take notes, and/or did you make flashcards that listed the important terms, concepts, and definitions? Chances are, you used a combination of these and other study practices when learning new material. We're asking each of you to think carefully about how you learn and the study skills that worked for you in the past, and then use those same skills to go through the material in the Rally Regulation book. You can't Google or YouTube your way into learning how to judge or maintain good judging skills. ***You have to read – and, more importantly, truly study - the Regulation Book.*** Focus on what you don't know. Underline, highlight, create an outline, take notes, make flashcards, and use any other memory and study aids in your toolbox to help you understand and memorize the material that you are not familiar with or have a hard time remembering!

When it comes to Rally Signs, what do you need to know about each sign? If you answered, "the principal parts," YAY!

Make sure you know and understand the principal and non-principal parts of each of the signs on each of your courses. To improve your memory, create a cheat sheet for each course (a concise set of notes or information that can be used for quick reference.)

This quick reference guide is what we create for our Rally National event judges. It allows them to look up signs on their course quickly and can be used to assist with scoring. Here is an example:

1. <b>360° Left Turn</b> - While heeling, <b><u>the dog and handler make a tight 360° turn to the left.</u></b>
12. <b>Call Front – Finish Left – Forward</b> –While heeling, <b><u>the handler stops forward motion</u></b> and calls the dog to front. The handler may take several steps backward. <b><u>The dog must come and sit</u></b> in front. <b><u>Without the handler moving their feet, the dog must finish to the left.</u></b> As the dog clears the handler's path, the handler will heel forward before the dog returns to heel position. (Stationary)
3. <b>Stop and Down</b> – While heeling, <b><u>the handler stops forward motion and the dog downs</u></b> in heel position. <b><u>The dog must stay down until the handler moves forward.</u></b> (Stationary)

**On to the signs mentioned in the headline of this post...** There seems to be some confusion about Master signs 301-303. Per the Regulations:

**Sign 301 - The dog must finish** to the right or left. As the dog clears the handler's path, **the handler will move** to the newly established line, **turn right** and heel forward before the dog returns to heel position.

**Sign 302 - The dog must finish** to the right or left. As the dog clears the handler's path, **the handler will move** to the newly established line, **turn left** and heel forward before the dog returns to heel position.

*Signs 301 and 302 are written the same except for the direction of the turn. With both signs, the handler will move to the newly established line and turn in the direction indicated. No required number of steps is stated; therefore, the number of steps that a handler takes to move or get to the newly established line is not to be judged.*

**Sign 303 - The dog must finish** to the right or left. As the dog clears the handler's path, **the handler will make an about turn** and heel forward before the dog returns to heel position.



*303 is written differently and therefore it is to be performed, judged, and scored differently than 301 and 302. If the handler walks forward before turning, this would be penalized as a handler error. How many points off would depend on how many steps the handler took before turning. A step or two, probably a point of two; three steps or more, probably a 3-point penalty and upwards to an IP. Be reasonable and consistent from one team to the next. The handler must make an about turn to avoid an IP penalty.*

Now, the description for each of these three signs also states that after the turn, the handler is to "heel forward before the dog returns to heel position." THIS part of the description is not bold and underlined, but it is still required to avoid penalties.

Remember, in general, all bold and underlined words are the principal parts of the sign. If the dog or handler do not perform the principal parts as stated in the Regulations, this is to be scored as an IP (unless they retry where allowed and the sign is performed accordingly).

We hope this helps.

As always, thank you for all the good you do out there - it is very much appreciated!

### **The Companion Events Team**

Submitted By: Carolyn Wray

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY





## Obedience Road with Connie Cleveland

December 4, 2024 · 🌐

**Video Link** <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?ref=saved&v=550510704475401>

Matches are valuable, but often scarce - let's make the most of every opportunity! In today's video, I discuss strategies to use match time effectively, whether you're prepping for a show or tackling an issue that only seems to happen in the ring.

Here's a quick preview:

**If Your Match is the Night Before a Show:** Focus on building confidence rather than testing. Avoid the "will he do it?" mindset; simplify exercises and reinforce your dog's skills to ensure you both go into tomorrow's show feeling prepared.

**If You Are Addressing Problems That Only Happen In the Ring:** For challenges that only appear in trial settings, use the match to mimic a show environment. Note minor errors but let them go until you reach the specific exercise that needs attention. This way, you create an environment where the problem will most likely occur, allowing you to address it in the ring.

With a little planning, each match can be a powerful training tool!



**Suzanne  
Clothier**  
Relationship Centered Training™



<https://suzanneclothier.com/article/green-eggs-ham-dog-training/>

## **Green Eggs & Ham & Dog Training?**

For most dog owners, Dr. Seuss's classic tale Green Eggs & Ham seems an odd place to look for inspiration. But as a Greek mathematician soaking in his tub found out centuries ago, inspiration can be found in the most unlikely places.

Trying to make it perfectly clear that he absolutely hates green eggs and ham, Sam I Am's friend describes where and how he still would refuse to taste this dish:

- \* in a house
- \* with a mouse
- \* in a box
- \* with a fox
- \* with a goat
- \* on a boat and so on. . .

Looked at from a slightly different viewpoint, Green Eggs & Ham might also be an accurate reflection of how many dogs view responding to a command. Here's a little spoof on what a dog might say:

I do not always heed commands  
My dear but often silly man  
I might not sit if near a goat  
How could I lay down on a boat?  
Perhaps I'd lay down in the house  
But not if I have seen a mouse  
Don't tell me "heel" when I've smelled fox  
Or found the biscuits in the box  
I'd find it odd to hear words said  
If you were standing on your head  
And wonder if "stay" means "do come here"  
If you said it to me from a chair  
I cannot always just obey  
Whatever silly words you say  
'Cause if I'm staring at the cat  
I will not hear you – that is that!

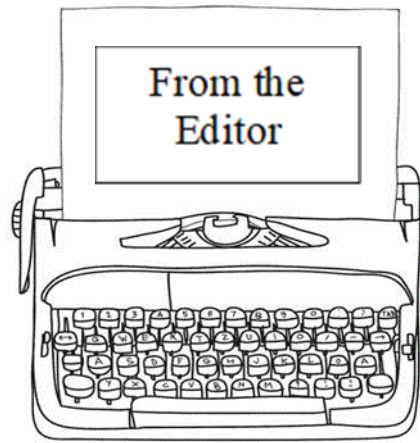
It is easy to forget that we, just like our dogs, are creatures of habit. And while this is sometimes a good and helpful thing, it can also backfire – especially in a training situation. If we are using our bodies and/or voices in certain habitual ways while giving a command, the dog may depend upon ALL of those clues, even if we are not aware of them.

One simple and fun approach to improve your dog's response to your commands – no matter what's going on around him! – is to borrow ideas from Green Eggs & Ham. Ask your dog to sit here and there or everywhere! While you're in a chair, while you do your hair, at the store or on the shore. For each skill your dog has, try to find new and interesting ways and places for him to practice. Be patient – this may be news to him! Step back as needed to helping and rewarding, and take note of how much your dog may be leaning on in the cues you've provided unawares.

Very often, when we think a dog 'knows' something, we forget that this knowledge may be very contextual – he only knows it at home or in familiar settings, or when you're standing in a certain way. Take the time to lay down on some grass, stare up at the clouds, and put your dog through his paces. It's an eye opener to realize how patterned we are – and thus how patterned our dogs can become.







## **SDTC Newsletter Advertising Policy**

- **Advertisements for rehoming k9 equipment, etc. are always welcome.**
- **Training programs and classes offered by members will be posted with a link to a website for members only [possibly under a column specifically designated for that purpose].**
- **Advertising of puppies/litters will not be accepted**

**We are looking for articles from our membership.**

- **Do you have a brag or accomplishment?**
- **Have you written an article that the membership could benefit from?**
- **Know of an upcoming event? Example: Obedience trial, Scent trial, Specialty, Health clinic..... etc.**



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**Please be safe.**

**There are phishing emails using my name. Darlene Brushwein  
Check where emails come from.**

**Never open links from emails you do not recognize or seem weird.**