

# Sherwood Dog Training Club

*AKC License Club*

## April 2025 Newsletter



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.

### Sherwood Dog Training Club

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**Website:**

<https://www.sherwooddtc.org/>



**We will have Zoom SDTC Meeting April 2nd @ 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=82909773524>**

**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, 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/>



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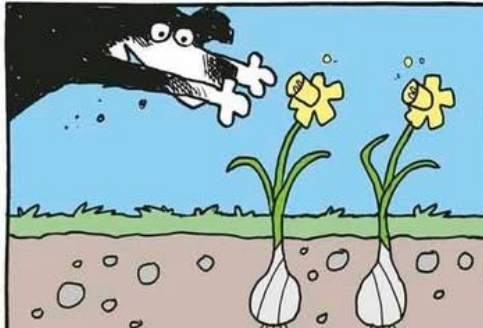
### Rally Trial Dates:



## Rally Premium List and Online Enry Form available.



I'VE STILL  
GOT A BRUISE  
FROM THE LAST  
TIME HE  
TURNED UP.



YOU MAY CALL  
IT SQUASHING.  
I CALL IT FLOWER  
ARRANGING.

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

### Washington

- May 2-4, 2025** United Nose work Tri-cities, Richland / Nose work
- May 10-11, 2025** Puget Sound K9's, Auburn / 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
- August 23-24, 2025** Lilac City Dog Training Club, Spokane / Nose work
- 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

- 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

### Colorado

- Jul 25-27, 2025** High Plains Kennel Club, Kiowa / Obedience, Rally

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

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## Obedience Run Through Class

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.

**This month's class, Saturday, April 12, is full. Please email Laurie if you would like to be put on the waiting list.**

**Next class, Sunday, May 4. \$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/1FAIpQLSdQA5Dahjdg8H9CLQz0CpZ\\_VewzBlx\\_Z0XyGYuJ3mMNUtdMpg/viewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQA5Dahjdg8H9CLQz0CpZ_VewzBlx_Z0XyGYuJ3mMNUtdMpg/viewform?usp=sharing) **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 "February 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 dates: June 22, July 13.

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I'm very proud of Dylan, He finished his Utility Title a PDOC with a first place, then attended an ASCA Trial where he finished his CDX in the morning and moved up to get his first Utility leg in the afternoon, both with first place and HIT other breed on 3-29-25.

A great day for team Dylan, Thanks for all the support the dog community has given me in the last few months, it is deeply appreciated it.

Joan Hughes and Dylan



### It's March Madness Time!

Designed by Kathy Keats, [TheAgilityCoach.ca](http://TheAgilityCoach.ca), these exercises are full of tricky weave entries and exits designed to create some March mayhem.

Here are Kathy's comments about the drills:

The exercises are set up so that the second half of the sequence is a mirror image of the first half. Use the same handling technique throughout one repetition of the sequence so you practice the handling skill equally on both sides.

For example, if you do a front cross before the weave entry in the first half of the exercise, do another front cross before the weave entry in the second half of the exercise.

Try each exercise twice, and use a different handling technique in the second repetition so you can prepare for different approaches on course.

(Note: This exercise is to push you to a higher skill level, and is not necessarily how you would handle the sequence in a trial environment.)

For example, when you work the first sequence, shown in Exercise 1, follow this routine:

**Repetition 1:** Use a front cross between jump #3 and the #4 weave poles so that the dog enters the poles on your left and a front cross between jump #7 and the #8 weave poles so the dog enters the poles on your right (this works the mirror image of the skill).

**Repetition 2:** Do the sequence again and keep your dog on your right from #3 to #4 and then drive to the #5 jump and do a rear cross. As you come around to the mirror image second half, use the same type of handling. Keep your dog on your left going to the #8 poles and then drive to #9 and do a rear cross to go to #10.

Try other types of handling for the entries and exits to the poles so no judge can drive you mad with their course designs! The more you challenge yourself, the easier trials will seem.

I hope you enjoy these as you get ready for spring trialing.  
Monica Percival, Owner

**Editor Note:** The examples are on the following pages

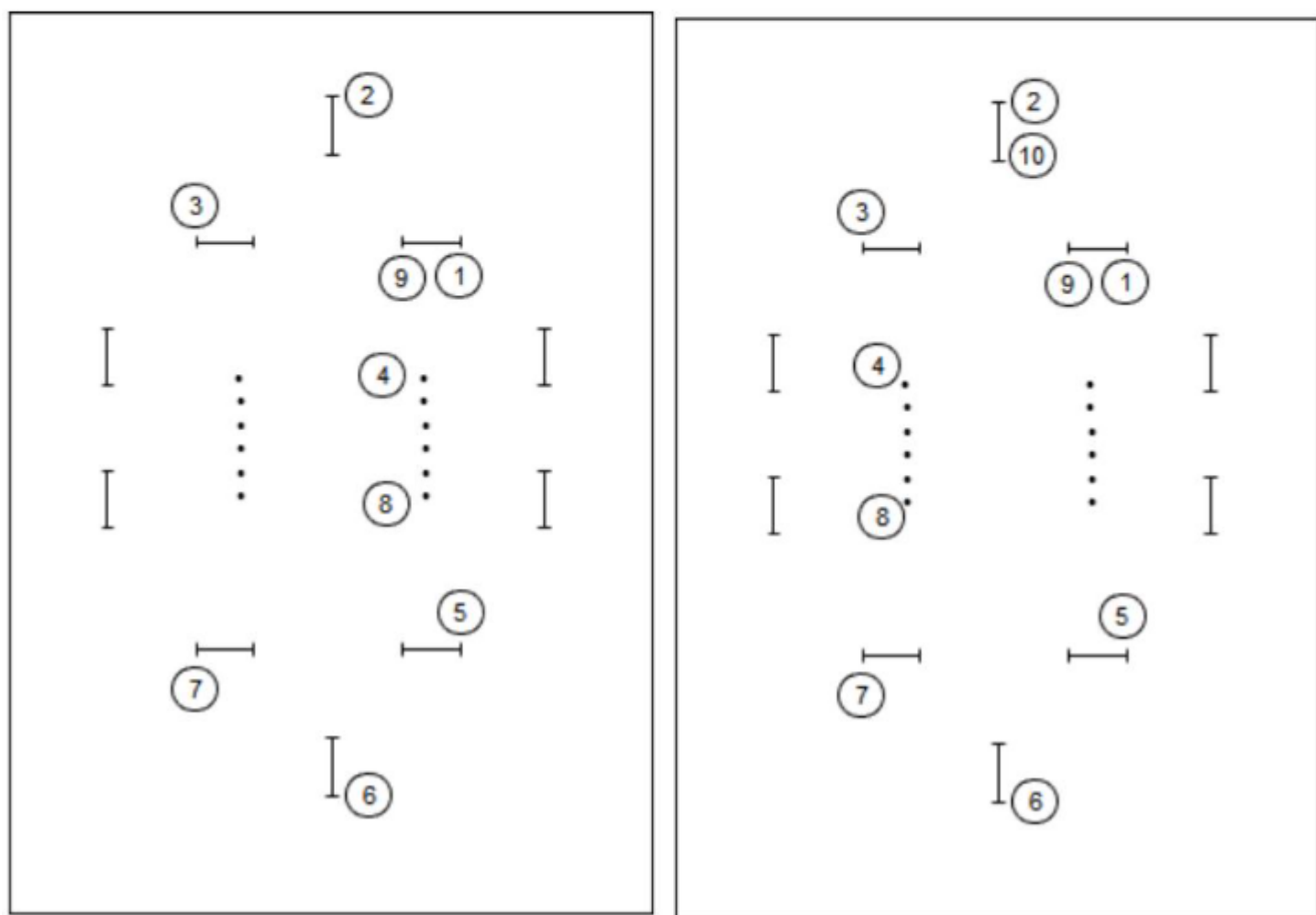


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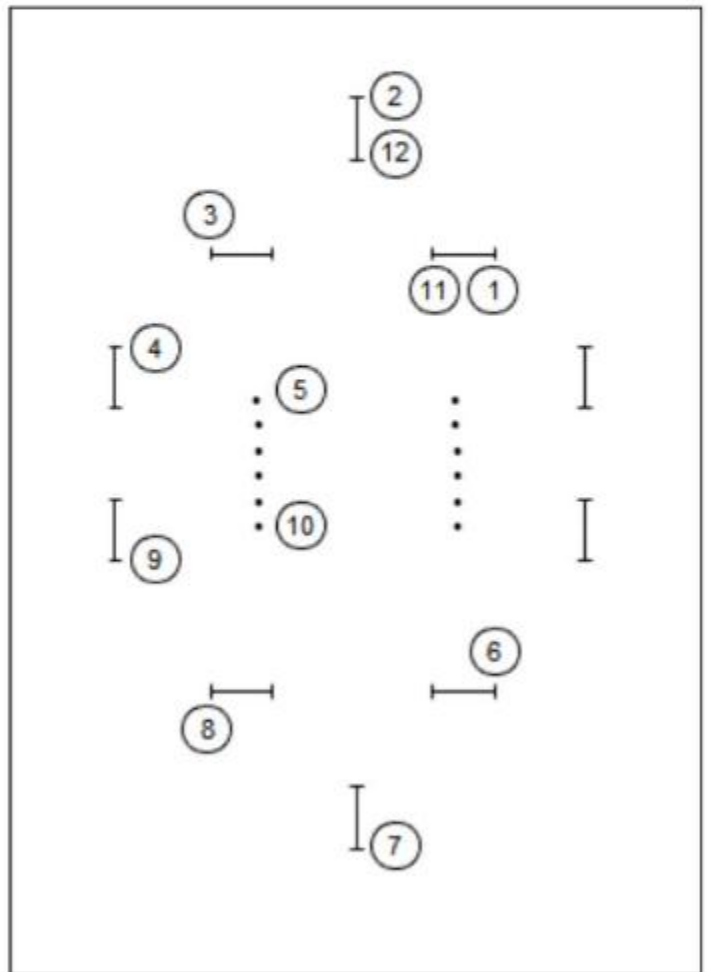
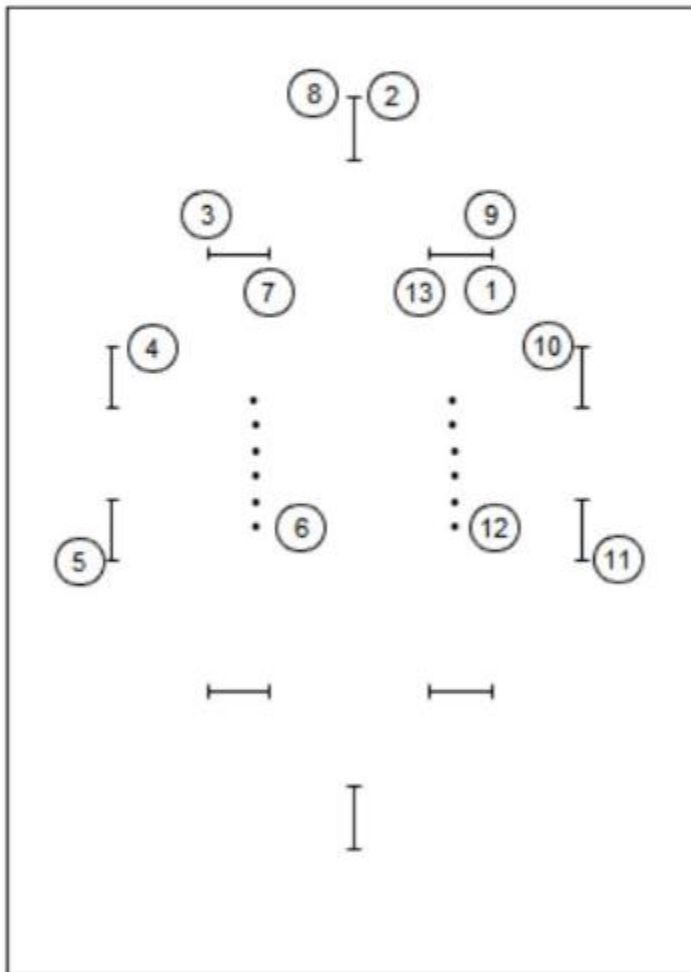
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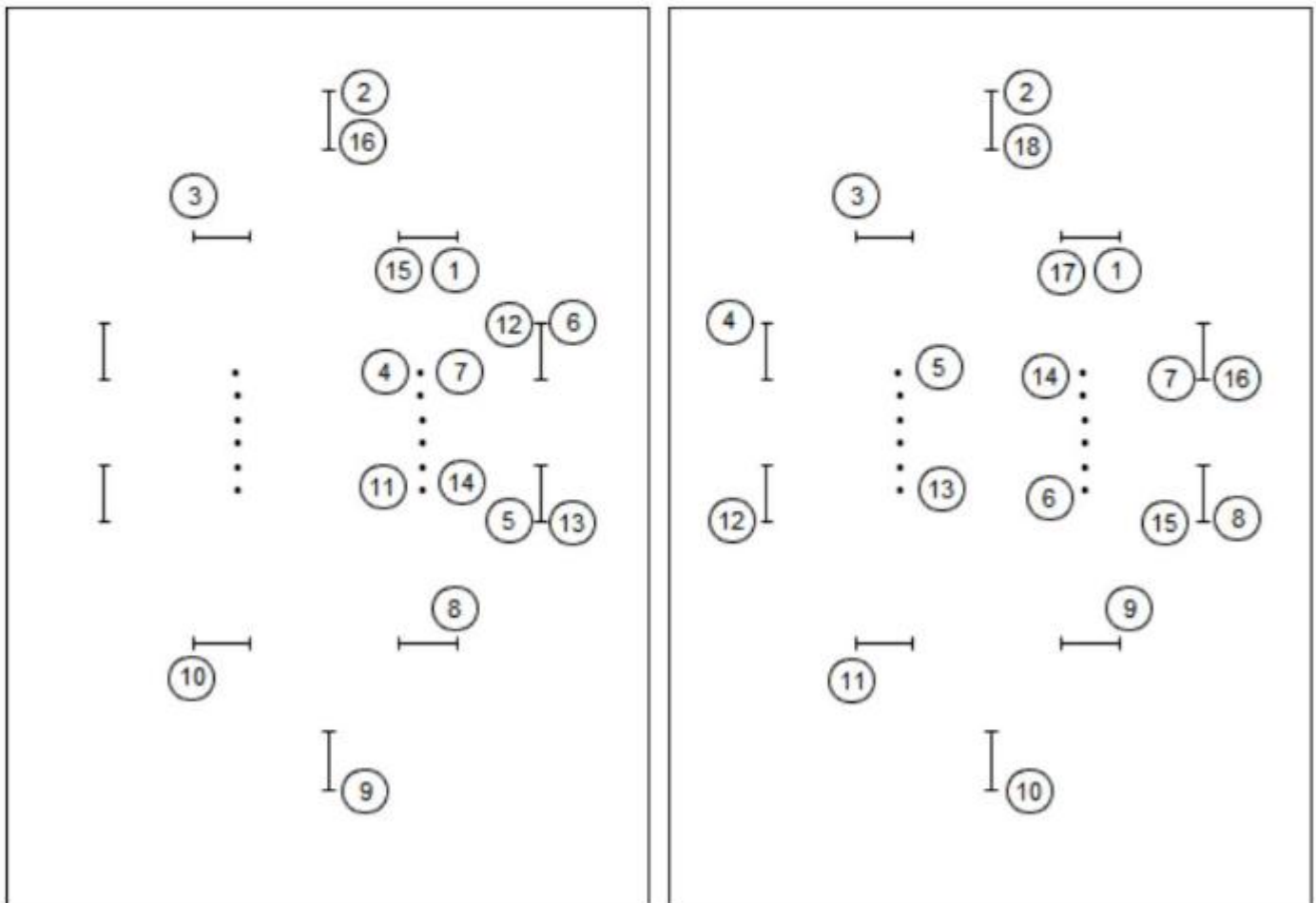
## Exercise 1 and 2



## Exercise 3 and 4



## Exercise 5 and 6





Turning a dog off of wanting to work, or diminishing their enjoyment, is rarely intentional but almost always has serious consequences—it's never normal for a dog to quit.

Even if he doesn't quit but shows signs of stress, such as: sniffing, coming back to you, picks at grass, goes halfhearted around the sheep, gets very wide or other, it's important to recognize your dog is telling you something is wrong.

Paramount to your dog reaching his or her potential is understanding your role is not to get your dog to work; it's to get your dog to WANT to work.

While there are some Border Collies that genuinely never turn on to working and some dogs are inherently keener than others, I can't tell you how often we hear, "the dog was never keen enough", when in fact, it was the handler's execution and method of training that caused the issue.

The excuse of "he's too immature" especially with dogs 2.5 years or older, can be a copout for the wrong training approach.

Many dogs have come to us as "not good enough to train" and with the right method, have gone on to flourish in their work, including trial success.

If your dog has experienced diminished joy for working, the first step is to give yourself grace; you don't know what you don't know.

The next step is to become educated. It may be as straight forward as you or a trainer tried to go too fast too soon, didn't include enough balance point, used discipline before you cultivated desire, tried to force your dog, made the work too difficult, corrected a pup before he was truly working or even unintentionally, trained for an agenda rather than your dog's needs.

It could be more complicated, such as an excitable dog that underneath has a soft nature, a type of eye that you don't understand, a temperament issues you inadvertently exacerbated, or other.

There is no simple fix.  
You can't recreate initial enthusiasm.

But in many instances, there are exercises, techniques, philosophical and mindset adjustments that can make an enormous difference—doing everything you can to help your dog enjoy his work is the best first step you can make.



Having a pet is a constant reminder that while the world rushes past, there is always someone waiting patiently – someone who doesn't care about deadlines or mistakes, but simply lives for the quiet moments beside you, where love is felt more than spoken.



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## Scent Articles: What is Your Dog Really Looking For?

Jan 22, 2025

Video Link : <https://www.obedienceroad.com/blog/scent-articles-handlers-odor>



Let's discuss some scenarios that force the dog to look for the handler's odor, not the most heavily scented article in the pile.

When performing Scent Articles, you want your dog looking for the article with *your* scent. However, for a dog sharing your home, your scent is ubiquitous which makes it very difficult for the dog to understand that your odor is important on this exercise.

To identify your odor as the target, carefully clean and handle the articles so all of the articles do not have your scent on them. In Scent Discrimination, articles in the pile with residual odor force the dog to look for the most odor, not the handler's odor. This can cause problems because it requires the dog to check every article several times before he can confidently make a decision.

Can you imagine a detection trainer having 9 containers, and putting the explosive odor in one container on day one, and then not washing that container, but putting the explosive odor in a different container the next day? We know dogs have incredible noses, and a good detection dog would alert on the container from day one because of residual odor. We would be impressed at his "nose," and ability to find a "trace" amount.

It is certainly possible to teach a dog to look for the most odor, or the "hot scent." I do not choose to teach the exercise that way because it leads to more problems than necessary.

Watch the video for some scenarios that force the dog to look for the handler's odor, not the most heavily scented article in the pile.

## AT PUPPY SCHOOL...

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1. A FEW MINUTES INTO THE JOURNEY START PANTING.
2. WIPE NOSES AND SALIVA ON WINDOWS.
3. WHIMPER EXCITEDLY.
4. AS CAR GETS CLOSER TO PARK YELP LOUDLY AND LEAP ABOUT.
5. AS SOON AS YOU GET OUT OF CAR PEE IMMEDIATELY.



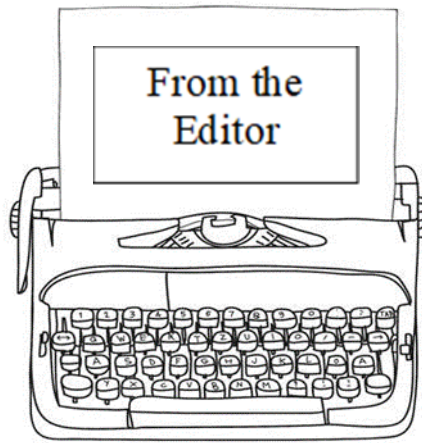
MR LEIBOWITZ SUMMARISES HIS  
CAR JOURNEYS LESSON WITH  
A FEW BULLET POINTS

FACEBOOK.COM/OFF THE LEASH DAILY DOG CARTOONS

**No amount of time  
can erase the memory  
of a good dog.**

*I ♥ Dogs*





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- **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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