

# Sherwood Dog Training Club

AKC License Club

## January 2025 Newsletter



### Sherwood Dog Training Club

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

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 January 8<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=VGdKeGhtM3l0T3F0dnJoVEUxRjZoQT09&omn=88960853045>

**Meeting ID: 251 789 0074**

**Passcode: 0Avc7r**

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



**Sherwood Dog Training Club Membership dues are due January of each year.**

**Go to the Club's website** on the **Membership Information page**  
at <https://www.sherwooddtc.org/membership>

To see the various ways, you can pay your dues.

**Contact the Treasurer**, Jill Faulmann, [cloudco@mac.com](mailto:cloudco@mac.com), if you have questions,  
or **do not plan staying a club member.**

### **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

Each Year Sherwood Dog Training Club makes a donation to one or more entities that we feel is deserving of some funds.

Please submit a business, private group or other organization you would like to be considered for this year's donation(s)

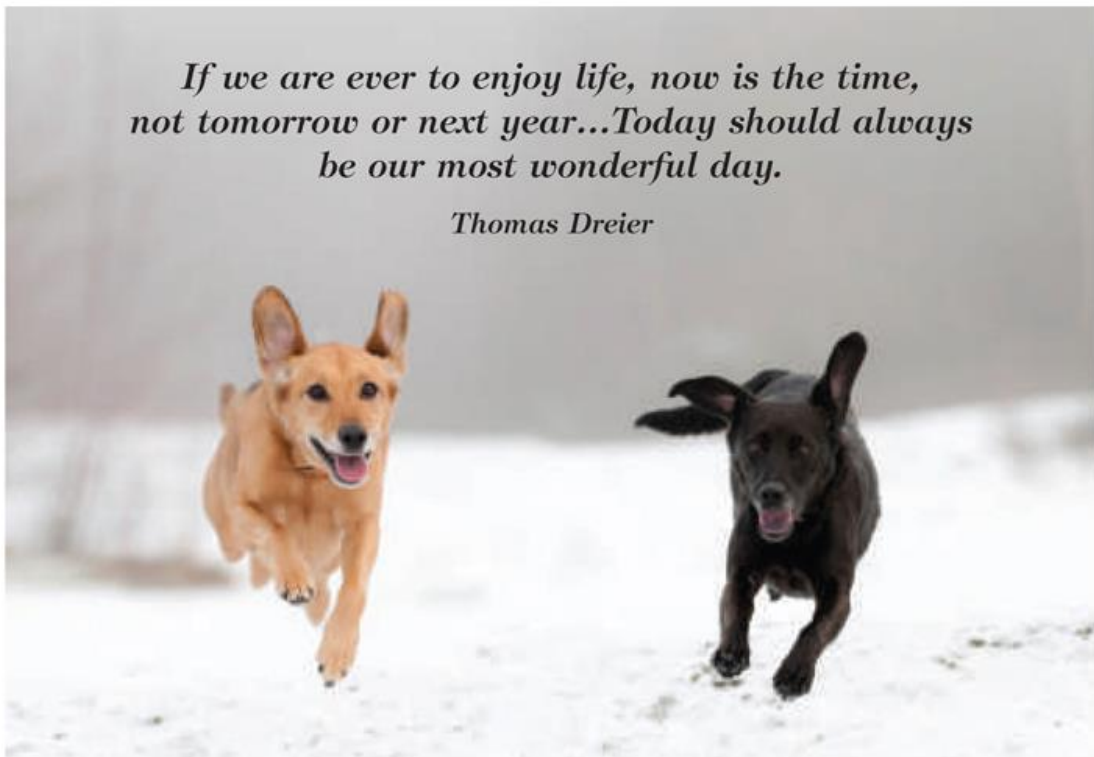
Email Jill Faulmann, [cloudco@mac.com](mailto:cloudco@mac.com).

The submitted information will be decided by the SDTC Board.



*If we are ever to enjoy life, now is the time,  
not tomorrow or next year...Today should always  
be our most wonderful day.*

*Thomas Dreier*



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/>

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

### Washington

**February 28, 2025 - March 2, 2025**

United Nose Work Tri-Cities, Richland, WA

**August 1 – 3, 2025**

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

### Oregon

**January 31 – February 2, 2025**

Canine Action Pack Cornelius, OR / Obedience & Rally

**May 2 -4, 2025**

Canine Action Pack Cornelius, OR / Obedience & Rally

### California

**March 14 – 16, 2025**

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

### Utah

**January 26, 2025**

Utah Nose work Club Farmington, 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**

#### **PDOC tracking tests:**

**TD/TDX:** February 9, 2025, Johnston Dairy, Camas WA

**TDU:** March 30, 2025, WSU Vancouver, WA

**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 fort 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.

### **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.**

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

**Rally has openings**



Revel and I earned our UDX!

Submitted by: Elaine Ableidinger



**Two-Day SDTC Obedience Members Match Mar. 1-2, 2025**  
**Heated Building, Single Ring--Matted and Gated**

**Saturday--Open & Utility    Sunday--Novice, Beginner Novice & Grad Novice**

Match location: Penny Harvey's training building, 18830 SE McQuaw Rd., Sandy OR 97055

All runs \$10 (\$11 if using PayPal on SDTC website) for 10 minutes. Initial maximum of 2 entries per member. Pre-payment required for runs to be scheduled. If match doesn't fill by 2/1/25, you will have the opportunity to add runs, using a separate copy of this entry form. For each entry, club members are expected to either help with clean up or to steward or "judge" for one or more runs. Entries close 2/19/25 or when match fills. Run order and other information will be emailed out to entrants by 2/26/25. Make checks out to SDTC and mail with this entry form to Holly Thau, 2743 Fairway St., Woodburn, OR 97071. Or pay by PayPal and email entry form to [htraindogs@gmail.com](mailto:htraindogs@gmail.com).

Questions? Holly [htraindogs@gmail.com](mailto:htraindogs@gmail.com) or Laurie [earthlaurie@sonic.net](mailto:earthlaurie@sonic.net).

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

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

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

First class requested \_\_\_\_\_ Dog name \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday entry-- if Utility, Open or Grad Open.    Sunday entry-- if Novice, Grad Novice or Beginner Novice.

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

Second class requested \_\_\_\_\_ Dog name \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday entry-- if Utility, Open or Grad Open.    Sunday entry-- if Novice, Grad Novice or Beginner Novice.

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

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ or Amount paid via 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 Penny Harvey Training Building, 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 \_\_\_\_\_



## Sally Wells Training Opportunity

Sally has room in her 11:30-1pm Tuesday **Ring Prep class** at Trainers to the Rescue in Cornelius, Oregon.

**You taught the dog the skills**, this class helps with the in between and the before and after parts of a trial. We may also do some distraction work, but that is not the core of the class. Class has a rolling enrollment (start whenever) with \$220 for a 6-week block or \$50 to drop in (need to check with me first to make sure there is room).

**For more information contact Sally Wells: [sallyw61@yahoo.com](mailto:sallyw61@yahoo.com)**



Sparkle earned her Novice title in October. Eight weeks later, sporting three first place wins she earned her Open title at Clark County Kennel Club in December.

Submitted by: Penny Harvey



# 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.

**This month's class, Sunday, January 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/1FAIpQLSe01VyeelIs5nfoBApN97mhDE9\\_amWSBBrM-a9ruRKQCcRAIg/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe01VyeelIs5nfoBApN97mhDE9_amWSBBrM-a9ruRKQCcRAIg/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 "January 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.

**Next class, Sunday, February 16.**

**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/1FAIpQLSfw8nwaX5ddmhZhI5h9u9Fu6XaEu\\_KtE3HGAnqTg8yfX3Khg/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfw8nwaX5ddmhZhI5h9u9Fu6XaEu_KtE3HGAnqTg8yfX3Khg/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 "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.

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

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

**Thanks to Sherwood Dog Training Club for their TD test.  
Sunday, December 1, 2024 Carlton Oregon.**

It takes a HUGE team to put together a tracking event.

So, special thanks to **Trial Chair**, Nikki Berthold- Illias

**Trial Secretary**, Sally Wells,

**Grounds chair** and doer of many things Cindy Leung

Dave Vesley who started out as **Chief Tracklayer**, morphed into **Hospitality Chair** then at last minute filled in as **co-judge** when one of the judges had to fly out of state for family emergency

Claudia Weiss **Chief Tracklayer** (also known as herding cats),

Richard McIntosh for providing the ATV and acting as driver. The fields are very big and having a driver for judges and tracklayers was super helpful plus a big safety issue in case of emergency. As a bonus, Richard brought a portable fire pit which was very popular in the chilly, damp, foggy weather.

Kudos to the volunteer tracklayers most of whom are not club members but are interested in tracking. Tracklaying is a great way to learn about the sport but it is a two-day commitment and every club is grateful for the volunteers i every event but especially in tracking.

**Judges** Kyla Smay and fill in judge Dave Vesely for our judge who had a family emergency.



Very chilly with lots of fog, but no rain.

**7 entries for 6 tracks with 3 passes.**

**Track #2**, BC Tymac Troubadour RE PT **new TD** owned by Carolyn Wray and handled by Kari Kerr (not in photo)

**Track #4**, 16-month-old Alaskan Malamute Mountain Home 's Eos **new TD** owned by Judy Stromquist and Sue Hanna

**Track #5** BC Pippa **new TD** owned by Katharina Maraglia.

The other entries were Basset Hound, two All Americans and the Alternate who did not get to run was a Labrador

Submitted by Carolyn Wray





### **Greetings to my obedience friends, pals, buddies, and competitors.**

Most of you probably know that Dart, my Sheltie, has a major fear problem. We have taken him to a behaviorist to the tune of several thousand dollars. I now have lots of tools for dealing with his fears and he is on a drug that helps. The basic fear issue remains. This means his career in obedience is over, and we can't play this game anymore.

Some of you will suggest a new puppy and if I was even ten years younger, I'd agree. At the ripe old age of 77, though, I think the time for me to raise a performance puppy has come and gone. I **do** remember how much work it is. (My memory has not gotten that rusty, yet.)

I just want to thank all of you who have coached, helped, advised, commiserated and supported me during all my years of dog obedience. Sixty-one years of dog obedience has not been a bad run!

Many, many thanks to all of you.

Mary Crichton

PS: I'm still available to steward!



## Desire, Dopamine and Deeper Bonds

We each spend time with our dogs. Feeding, grooming, vet trips, toys and training. How we meet a dog's basic physical needs is the beginning of a relationship. But just as we have a hierarchy of needs so do dogs. Linda Michaels describes "The Hierarchy of Dog Needs (HDN)" as a fresh adaptation of renowned psychologist Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs (human) that emphasizes strengths, positivity, free will/choice, and a belief in the wholeness of animal nature. Dogs thrive with choice and joy, just as we do.

There are many ways to look at increasing joy. Susan Garret of Say Yes Dog Training uses the acronym D.A.S.H (Desire, Accuracy, Speed and Habitat) to describe the goals in the training process. . The "D" is for DESIRE both yours to train and your dog's to work with you. Think of yourself sitting in class. If the teacher is clever and cheerful you are engaged and learning is faster and more fun. Likewise, if your dog is engaged by both you and the work (games), he will have more focus for your training and you will be able to accomplish more in every session

One of the resources we can use to increase desire and joy is food. There are many strategies to keep food a useful reward. A couple are changing the food value, and the way and where it is presented. Zazzie Todd PHD spoke at Berner University (a 2-day training event at each National Specialty) a couple years ago. One of the studies she quoted from 2018 showed that dogs will run faster for sausage versus a piece of dry toast. A higher value reward does matter to them. In addition, protein has been linked to higher levels of dopamine and norepinephrine, which are brain chemicals that play a role in mood, motivation and concentration

What are ways to increase dopamine therefore the Desire to train with you? Think of how your dog responds when you get out a leash? Does he dance with joy and bark with excitement? Hopefully. Think about how you can get your dog to respond with that joy to other events. As Janice Gunn (a notable trainer from Canada) says, "Get them excited about being with you, then you can have them excited to work with you. Dogs are excited to chase squirrels. Be a squirrel." It has been shown repeatedly that dogs trained with play and rewards are more playful and explore more. Another way to increase joy is to give them a choice. Most dogs love to make decisions. If your dog can safely be off-leash, take advantage of letting your dog be a dog. Some of the choices your dog can make are where to run, what to smell and for how long.

Choice is still available while walking on leash. It may be as simple as let them choose the route. Extensive sniffing can be a wonderful release for dogs. Have you sniffed what they sniffed? Let them teach you. Mimic their behavior. Playing with your dog develops social cohesion, and confidence in you. It can also be a tremendous outlet for built up tension or frustration.

You can create good feelings by having your Berner sit in front of you. Ask them to "watch" and look into their eyes. Do you feel your heart melt? That is the oxytocin response. In a recent study scientists found that after 30 minutes of time playing and looking into each other's eyes, both male and female dogs experienced a 130% rise in oxytocin levels, and both male and female owners a 300% increase. Oxytocin has been called the "cuddle chemical" or the "trust hormone". It is a bonding hormone. Scientists theorize that oxytocin interacts with dopamine to create "good feelings." The good news is that deepening the bond with your dog can be as easy as staring into each other's eyes.

Happy Training,  
Marjorie Geiger, marggeiger@yahoo.com



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December 24, 2024

## Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N1)

*This information is updated as events warrant.*

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is a disease that is highly contagious and often deadly in poultry, caused by highly pathogenic avian influenza A (H5) and A (H7) viruses; it is also known as bird or avian flu. HPAI viruses can be transmitted by wild birds to domestic poultry and other bird and animal species. Although bird flu viruses do not normally infect humans, human infections have occurred. It is important to note that “highly pathogenic” refers to severe impact in birds, not necessarily in humans. HPAI has been detected in livestock in multiple states. This continues to be a developing situation and more information will be shared by federal and state partners as it becomes available.



According to the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), HPAI detections are higher in the fall and spring because wild birds spreading the virus are migrating to their seasonal homes. Since May 2022, several commercial poultry flocks and multiple backyard flocks have been affected in Oregon. On October 30, 2024, the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) confirmed HPAI in at least one pig on a small Crook County farm. The pig co-mingled with HPAI-affected chickens and ducks.

On November 15, 2024, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed a case of highly pathogenic avian influenza in a person linked to a outbreak affecting birds at a commercial poultry operation in Clackamas County. The individual experienced only mild illness and has fully recovered.

## Infected Pet Food Leads to Pet Cat Death in Oregon

On December 24, 2024, ODA [announced](#) that Morasch Meat’s Northwest Naturals brand 2 lb. Turkey Recipe raw & frozen pet food tested positive for a H5N1 strain of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus. Testing conducted by the USDA NVSL and the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (ODVL) at Oregon State University confirmed a house cat in Washington County contracted H5N1 and died after consuming the raw frozen pet food. Tests confirmed a genetic match between the virus in the raw and frozen pet food and the infected cat.

“We are confident that this cat contracted H5N1 by eating the Northwest Naturals raw and frozen pet food,” said ODA State Veterinarian Dr. Ryan Scholz. “This cat was strictly an indoor cat; it was not exposed to the virus in its environment, and results from the genome sequencing confirmed that the virus recovered from the raw pet food and infected cat were exact matches to each other.”

**Morasch Meats, a Portland, Oregon-based company,** is voluntarily recalling its Northwest Naturals brand 2 lb Feline Turkey Recipe raw and frozen pet food. The recalled product is packaged in 2-pound plastic bags with “Best if used by” dates of 05/21/26 B10 and 06/23/2026 B1. The product was sold nationwide through distributors in AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IL, MD, MI, MN, PA, RI and WA in the United States, and British Columbia in Canada. Pet owners are urged to immediately check their supplies and dispose of the product. For additional information or questions, customers may contact Troy Merriman of Morasch Meats of Portland at 503-257-9821 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm PST, Monday through Friday.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and local public health officials are monitoring household members who had contact with the cat for flu symptoms. To date, no human cases of HPAI have been linked to this incident, and the risk of HPAI transmission to humans remains low in Oregon. Since 2022, OHA has partnered with ODA through a One Health approach to investigate human exposures to animal outbreaks of avian influenza.

To avoid the spread of disease, including HPAI, state, and federal experts strongly encourage people and their pets to:

- Avoid consuming raw or undercooked meat products
- Avoid consuming raw dairy
- Limit contact with sick or dead animals
- Wash your hands after handling raw animal products or contact with sick/dead animals
- Report sick or dead birds to ODA at 503-986-4711
- Keep pets or poultry away from wild waterfowl

Felines, including both domestic and wild cats, such as tigers, mountain lions, lynx, etc., are particularly sensitive to HPAI and care should be taken to not expose these animals to the virus.

There have been several recent investigations indicating transmission of HPAI to cats through food, most often unpasteurized milk or raw or undercooked meats. Cats should not be fed any products from affected farms that have not been thoroughly cooked or pasteurized to kill the virus. Cats should also be kept from hunting and consuming wild birds.

The CDC reported in a July 2024 paper that domestic cats fed unpasteurized milk on a dairy farm with sick cows displayed neurologic signs and died from systemic influenza infections. Researchers in South Korea also documented several cases of HPAI in 2023 at two cat shelters where the animals were fed raw food made from duck meat. The USDA maintains a testing program for detections of HPAI in wild mammals that includes feral and domestic cats.

Dogs can also contract HPAI, though they currently appear to be less susceptible to the virus than cats. It is also a best practice to limit dog exposure to HPAI following the same recommendations as for cats. Veterinarians, including members of the OVMA and the American Veterinary Medical Association, recommend that you seek veterinary care if your cat or dog appears to have any of the following symptoms of illness:

- Fever
- Lethargy
- Low appetite
- Reddened or inflamed eyes
- Discharge from the eyes and nose
- Difficulty breathing

- Neurologic signs, like tremors, seizures, incoordination, or blindness

## **Biosecurity Actions for Bird and Livestock Owners**

Actions bird and livestock owners can take to help stop the spread of the virus, include:

- Preventing exposure of domestic poultry and livestock to wildlife, especially wild waterfowl
- Limiting the co-mingling of different species of livestock, especially poultry and pigs
- Wash your hands before and after handling your flock
- Cleaning vehicles, tools, or equipment
- Limiting unnecessary visitors
- Sanitizing shoes in clean foot baths
- Changing clothes upon contact with birds

## **How to Report Illness or Death**

Death or illness among domestic birds and livestock should be reported to Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). Please report by calling 503-986-4711 (Alt phone 1-800-347-7028).

To report the death of wild birds, don't hesitate to contact the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Please do not collect or handle the birds; instead, call 1-866-968-2600 or email [Wildlife.Health@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:Wildlife.Health@odfw.oregon.gov).

## **Food Safety**

It's important to note that when properly prepared and cooked, HPAI does not affect meat or egg products, and these food items remain safe. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) also recommends choosing pasteurized milk and dairy products to protect your health.

## **Oregon to Test Milk for H5N1**

The ODA, with significant input from Oregon's dairy industry and processors, is launching a milk testing and monitoring program. Oregon is one of six states to begin testing milk for H5N1 Avian Influenza. The program aims to protect farms, farmworkers, and communities from H5N1 avian influenza. Select processors will begin collecting raw (unpasteurized) milk samples this week, and more processors will join the program in the next few weeks. It's estimated that by January 2025 more than 75 percent of Oregon's milk will be under surveillance. To date, Oregon has not confirmed H5N1 in dairy cattle or milk.

On December 6, 2024, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the start of its National Milk Testing Strategy (NMTS), naming Oregon as one of six states included in its first round of states to begin periodic testing of raw or unpasteurized milk. Oregon's dairy industry and processors agreed to go a step further and collect samples weekly. The Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (OVDL) at Oregon State University (OSU) will test the milk samples and share the results with USDA.

## Testing Required for Interstate Movement of Cattle

The USDA announced a [federal movement order](#) in response to the ongoing outbreak of HPAI in dairy cattle. The federal order requires pre-movement testing of all lactating dairy cattle, prior to interstate movement.

## Emergency Import Requirements

The ODA enacted emergency import requirements for cattle being imported into the State of Oregon from any state with cattle currently affected by HPAI/BIAV. In addition to existing import requirements, these emergency import requirements include:

- No cattle exposed to, infected with, or suspected to be carrying HPAI/BIAV may be imported into Oregon.
- Non-lactating dairy cattle require:
  - A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) completed no more than 7 days prior to importation into Oregon; and
  - A valid Import Permit issued by ODA.
- Lactating dairy cattle require:
  - A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) completed no more than 7 days prior to importation into Oregon; and
  - A valid Import Permit issued by ODA; and
  - A negative individual or laboratory-pooled PCR test for influenza A, conducted on milk samples collected no more than 7 days prior to importation into Oregon.

The full rule is available online through the Oregon Secretary of State's website. [View Oregon Administrative Rule 603-011-5007](#).

## Signs in Dairy Cattle

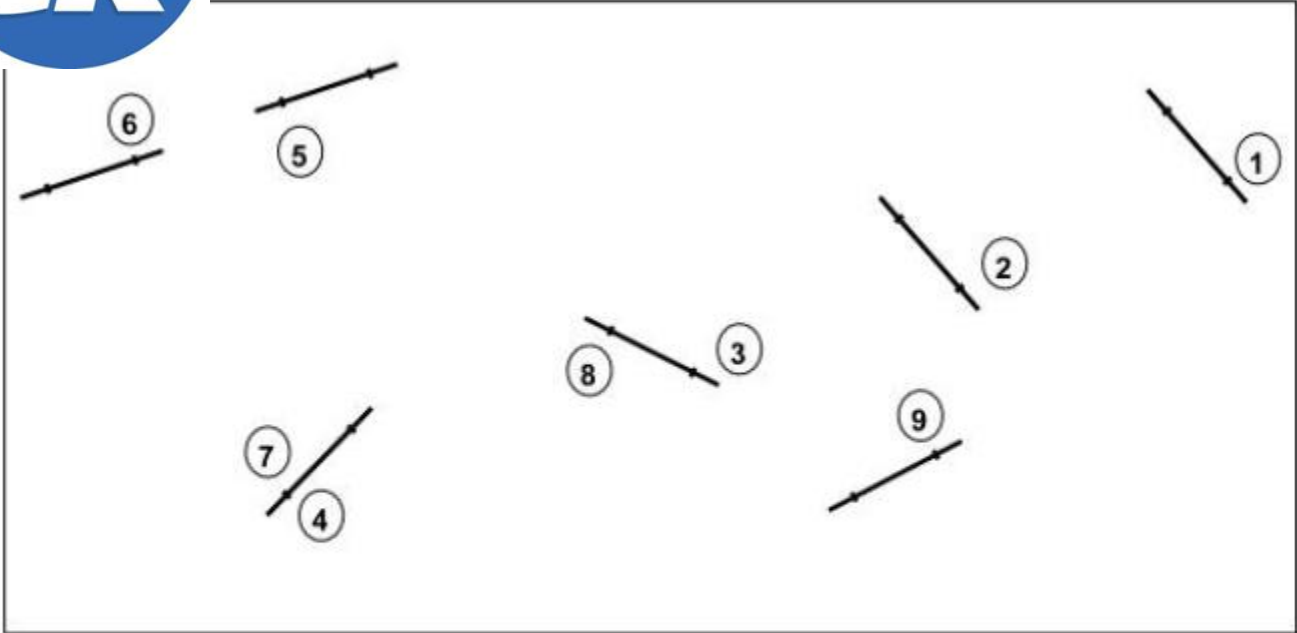
On affected farms, on average, 10-20% of cattle are reported as being clinically affected, with no associated mortality. Affected cattle generally recover in 2-3 weeks. The primary symptoms reported in clinically affected dairy cattle include:

- Rapid onset illness, specifically among older, lactating cows
- Decreased herd-level milk production
- Acute, sudden drop in production
- Decrease in feed consumption
- Abnormally dry feces
- Fever
- Thicker, more concentrated, colostrum-like milk



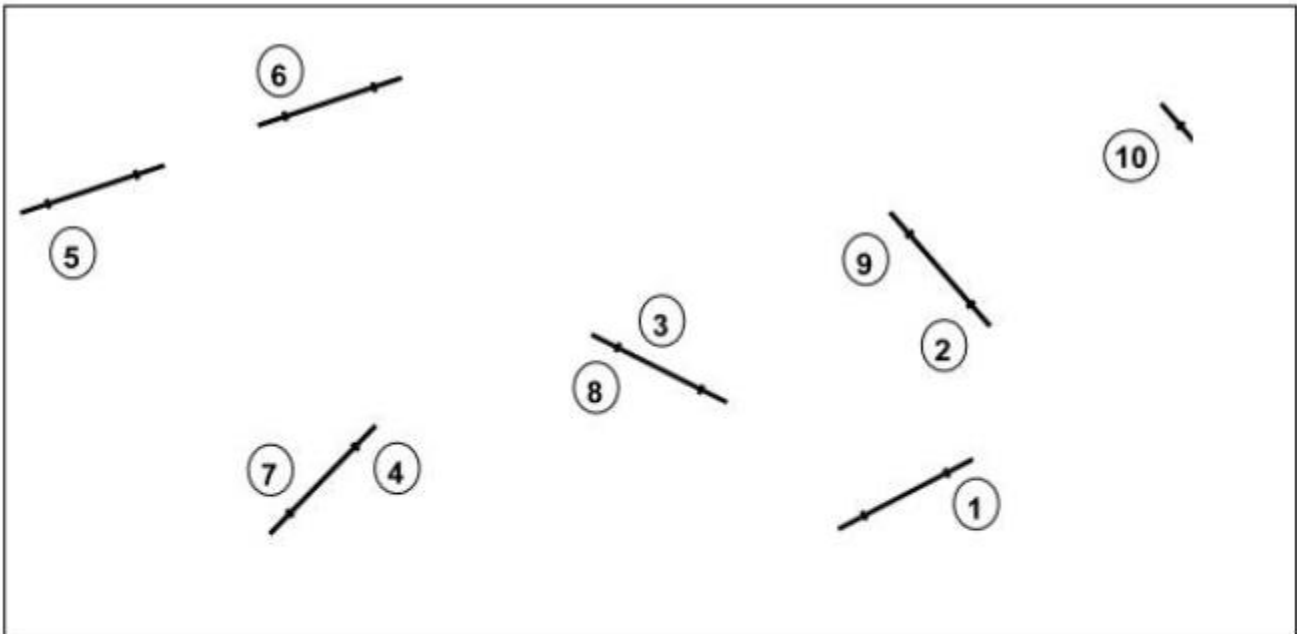


This exercise is as great for classes and backyard practice in 2024 (AND 2025) as it was when Bud Houston shared it in 1995 in what would become Clean Run Magazine.

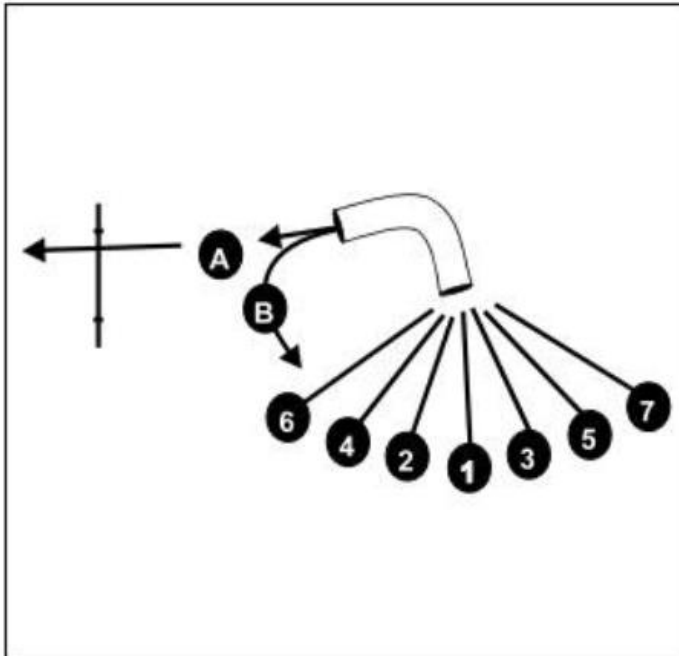


### Jumpers Renumbered

We set up the jumping exercise, pictured above and below. We started the class with the course was numbered as above. Then, half-way through the class we renumbered the exercise as pictured below. The challenges aren't significantly different.



This exercise, shared in 1995 by the late Bud Houston, is still an excellent training option for today, although you might want to soften that tunnel curve a bit.



### A.D.D. Tunnel Exercise

The purpose of this exercise is two-fold:

1. Make the dog 'understand the job' in tunnel performance; and
2. Teach the dog to be aware of the handlers signal when performing a sequence.

The numbers outside the tunnel indicate the handlers position and approach path to the tunnel. From each of these positions the handler will send the dog to the tunnel then, alternately A) send over the jump; and B) call the dog back.

The handler does not have to stay at the numbered approach path after committing the dog to the tunnel. It's a good idea for the handler to meet the dog, coming out of the tunnel, to give the next instruction.



Never underestimate the power  
of a sloppy kiss and a wet nose,  
on a bad day

## Serendipity Corner's Facebook Post December 6, 2024

Sometimes a dog comes into your life at just the right time, slipping into the cracks without you even realizing it. They don't announce themselves as saviors or miracles—they're simply there, slowly weaving their way into your routine, your thoughts, your feelings, and your heart. You don't see it then, but they're quietly pulling you out of places you thought you'd never escape.

It's only years later, when you're looking back, that the clarity hits you. You remember the nights when the world felt too heavy, and they sat beside you—steady and unshaken—keeping you tethered. You see how they filled your days with the kind of simple, unfiltered joy you had long forgotten existed. They didn't fix everything, but they gave you a reason to keep going—and sometimes, that's enough. Sometimes, that's all you need.

And maybe that's the beauty of it. They don't try to save you; they just do. In their own gentle way, they become the thing you didn't know you needed. And long after they're gone, you realize it wasn't just luck that they came when they did—it was love, pure and profound, walking into your life when you needed it most. Walking into your life and changing it, as if it was meant to mend and heal everything.

Thank you to **R.M. Drake** 🐾 from the book *Dog People*  
Artist Credit: Barlow & Browning



If at first you don't  
succeed, have a nap, find  
a snack then try again.



### **AKC STAR Puppy**

The AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy program will become an official AKC title in January 2025. This means that dogs who are registered or enrolled with AKC may have AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy listed on their title records. AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy was launched in 2008 to get puppies and their owners off to a great start. S.T.A.R. stands for Socialization, Training, Activity, and a Responsible owner. The program requires that owners attend a 6-weeks long basic training class with their puppies. At the conclusion of the class, there is a 20-item test including owner and puppy behaviors and good manners skills. Dogs can participate in AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy up to one year of age, and all puppies who pass the test can receive a certificate and gold AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy medal.

Get your puppy's first official training title in an AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy class near you. For more information, click [here](#).

[https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/akc-star-puppy/?sc\\_src=email\\_1510022&sc\\_lid=91731192&sc\\_uid=l7a6o6McqF&sc\\_lid=157431&sc\\_eh=75ab3cbce05a9efb1&utm\\_campaign=20241204-to-the-core&utm\\_source=emarsys&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=here](https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/akc-star-puppy/?sc_src=email_1510022&sc_lid=91731192&sc_uid=l7a6o6McqF&sc_lid=157431&sc_eh=75ab3cbce05a9efb1&utm_campaign=20241204-to-the-core&utm_source=emarsys&utm_medium=email&utm_term=here)



Recommended from Carolyn Wray.

Mr. Kincaid has a series of videos that explain the various obedience exercises. I am including one on the broad jump.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3\\_bWgrHcxqo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_bWgrHcxqo)

Ken Kincaid retired as the president and CEO of Kincaid Performance Solutions, LLC. Ken's first career was that of firefighter and fire officer. He spent twenty-five years serving the citizens of Florida finally retiring as an Assistant Chief. Ken founded a consulting firm which has grown into Kincaid Performance Solutions.

Ken has trained dogs obedience for many years and has been showing in AKC Obedience since 2005. His first obedience show dog, OTCh Boomerangs Copperhead Jake UDX OM2 RE took Ken from Novice A to OTCh and the National Obedience Invationals in Long Beach CA and Orlando FL. Jake also achieved an OTCh 3 in the Australian Shepherd Club of America. Ken and his wife Aimee (also a judge) have been raising and showing dogs for many years and have shown Australian Shepherds, a Toy Fox Terrier and Danish Swedish Farmdogs in Obedience and Conformation. In fact, at this writing, they just whelped their fifth litter of Danish Swedish Farmdogs.

Ken continues to show and his current dog (Captain) received it's CD in three trials including a High in Trial and a run-off for High in Trial. Captain currently has a CDX.

Both he and his wife are obedience judges who teach obedience and handling. Ken and Aimee have a training facility in Orlando. Their **Successful Handler in Obedience** Seminar has been taught all around the country and has been very well received.

Ken has been judging since 2010 and has judged for AKC since 2012.

Ken tells us, "I love judging because it's so much fun. Watching handlers meet their goals with their dogs is awesome. I like to think I'm at least a small part of that process. I also enjoy the people I meet. Dog people are great to be around and I get to see great folks and great dogs all over the country.

My judging philosophy encompasses fairness, consistency and handler friendliness. I try to constantly hone my craft as a judge to improve those elements. I have had the great pleasure of being judged by many great judges. I look to these individuals as well as AKC judge's education and the regulations to continually mold my judging persona.

AKC Obedience is a storied sport and we follow in the footsteps of outstanding handlers, judges and officials. I recognize that every picture that I take with a handler becomes part of their personal history and that of AKC. It has been my honor to have had the opportunity to judge at the AKC Classic as well as the National Obedience Championship.

Ken's passion for the sport and experience in audio and video production has created an opportunity to help Companion Events with on-line training videos, judge's education support and production with AKC TV of the RNC and NOC. Ken has produced a video series to assist handler in obedience which takes the handler from Novice to Utility. It can be found at <https://studio.youtube.com/playlist/PL-EYocfGQA22z9CVta15HJKAE8lumbhZm/videos>.

Ken has a Master's Degree in Communications, a Bachelor's in Management and an Associate's in Fire Technology. He has successfully completed the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program and returned to the National Emergency Training Center as an instructor.



On the Road with Connie Cleveland Facebook Post December 4, 2024

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.

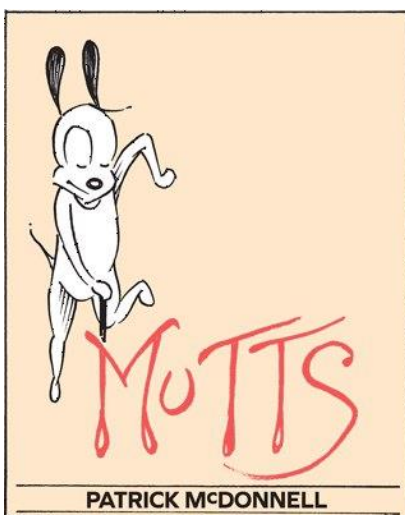
Here's a quick preview:

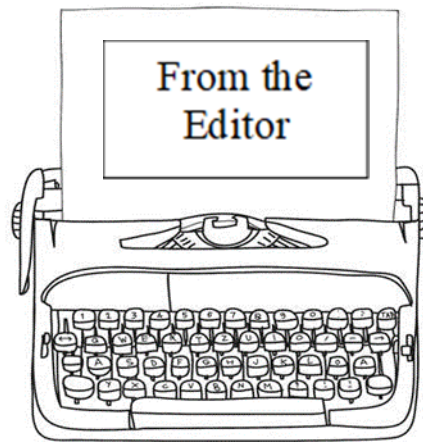
**If Your Match is the Night Before a Show: Focus on building confidence rather than testing. Avoid the "will he, do it?" mindset; simplify exercises and reinforce your dog's skills to ensure you both go into tomorrow's show feeling prepared.**

**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!

<https://www.obedienceroad.com/blog/matches> Link to the video





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**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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