

*Rene Sutton and Sir Duncan*

*OTCH*

# *K-9 Kapers*

*MAR/APR 2019*  
*Beth Widdows, Editor*

## SPORTSMEN'S EVENTS

*Seminar: H. Hernandez May 19, 2019*

*Rally & Obedience Trials: Oct 25-27*

*Matches: See Web Site*

*Obedience Trials: Oct 25-27, 2019*

*Agility Trials: May 31, June 1-2, 2019*

*Nose Work Trials:*

*-Apr 20-21, 2019 (AKC) (4/19 6PM for setup)*

*-Jul 27-28, 2019 (AKC) (7/26 6PM for setup)*



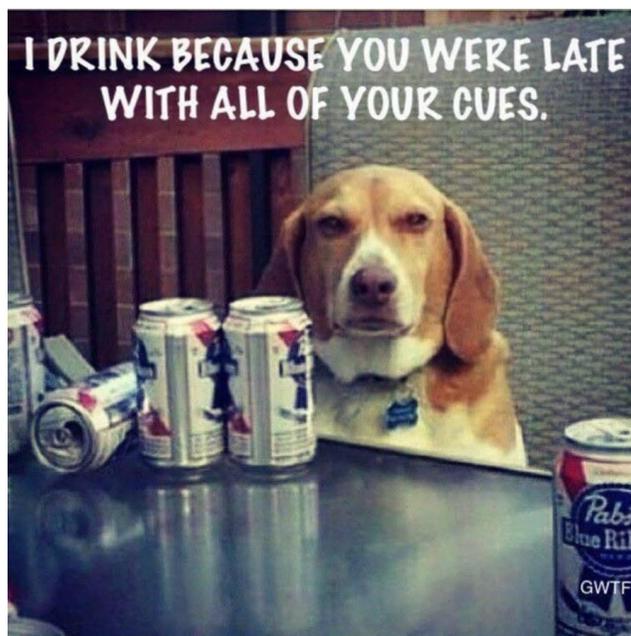
*Building will be closed for rentals:*

- Jul 13, 14, 2019

*Building will be closed for mat cleaning:*

- April 28, May 26, June 30, July 21, August 25, Sept 22, October 20, Nov 17, and Dec. 17.

*4-H Classes: Fridays @ 5:30pm*



## COMPETITION RESULTS

Names	Location/Date	Score/place/leg	TITLE
Sutton/Sir Duncan	AKC Obedience		
	3/23/19 Companion Utility B	198.5 1st place	OTCH
	3/24/19 Companion Open B	196 3rd place	
3/24/19 Companion Utility B	197 3rd place		
Wellsandt/River	AKC Obedience		
	Toledo K.C. 4/13-14, 2019 Grad Open	192.5/2/1 193.5/1/2	
Widdows/Emily Anne	AKC Rally		
	SDTC/Mar 22, 2019 Advanced	100/3/3 97/4/4	RA
Widdows/Jake	AKC Agility SDTC Mar 2, 2019	Novice Standard	
	AKC Scent Work	Novice Buried	SBN
	<i>(Found the scent in 5 seconds! This happened 2 days after his cancer diagnosis and 2 weeks before he passed; Jake just wouldn't give in! He earned a C-WAGS obedience ribbon 4 days before he passed. I had been told six months and Jake wanted to play the games so I let him.)</i>		
Winkles, Ty	<i>Ty earned his MACH 10 this past weekend at the Siberian Husky agility trial. He ran 11 times and won 10 firsts.</i>		

*Ty earned his 100th Master FAST leg at Midland MI on March 30, which gives him the CENTURY FAST TITLE. The maximum points you can points an amazing 72 challenge and earning a*



*earn in FAST is 80 points and in 100 times he earned the 80 times! Ty loves doing FAST which involves sending to a distance minimum of 60 points to Q.*

*Submitted by Carol Silverman via Mildred Krnacik*

*Your dog gets absolutely nothing out of being competitive for you. Not a darn thing. Of course dogs are bred for specific jobs, or they're bred to be athletic to a certain degree.*

*They have no idea how much money is added to the pot. They have no idea that this is a qualifier. They have no idea that this is the World.*

*And DESPITE us... DESPITE our nerves, our flaws, our incorrect cues, our huge emotions, they get the job done to their very best ability. Even when we fail them by letting our emotions get in the way, they come back and they try again. For US. Let that sink in. If only we could all be so understanding.*

*To think of an animal that is forgiving and flexible enough to put up with the repetition of practice, the intense nerves of the handler, the stress of hauling and they will still meet you at the end of their lead ready to go is MIND BLOWING.*

*If you haven't done so lately. Thank your dog*

*If you're successful, thank the dogs that put you there and made you. Thank the dogs that gave everything they had for you simply because you ASKED them to.*

*If you're still on the journey to success, thank the dogs that made you fall in love with your sport and who have helped give you the confidence to want to learn more and be better.*

*We can never stop learning as dog men and dog women, and by continuing our education. Every dog in our future will be better off.*

*Next time you head to the club, leave your ego at the door and thank your dog!"*

## Sportsmen's Dog Training Club of Detroit History----- PART 2

*Taken from the Silver Anniversary Yearbook dated 1943-1968. No credit is given for the writing but the Silver Anniversary Committee was made up by Charlotte Coviak, Mildred Darcey, Fred and Ruth Schwalk and June I. Parker with Mira Jilbert, Editor*

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In 1947, Mr. R. H. Lee was elected president and we moved our quarters to Anniversary Hall at Grand Blvd and Joseph Campau. Most of the dogs in training at that time were Dobermans, Shepherds, Boxers and some of the larger breeds, but in the minutes of a 1947 meeting we find that "a discussion took place as to the worthwhileness of being connected with toys", and approval of all-breed shows was the happy result of this discussion.

This was realized in our sponsorship of the obedience match at the Progressive Dog Club Show in 1947, the first all-breed show to be held in Detroit. With thirty-seven entries at this show, we realized a profit of 25 cents per dog, or a total profit on the show of \$9.25.

In 1948, with Carl Sine again President, we did some moving around. We trained for a short time at Northern High School, where an added bonus was that we attracted interest on the part of some of the students, and then to the Murray Body union hall at Clay and Russell, where we remained for the next few years.

Our club was continuing to create public interest in our sport through demonstrations at schools, industrial plants and clubs, and through unsolicited publicity in the Detroit News which brought an enthusiastic response from a public which indicated a definite desire to engage in obedience training.

In 1949 we participated in the Detroit Kennel Club show, where we gave a series of obedience demonstrations, and we again sponsored the obedience trial at the Progressive Dog Club show. Also, in 1949, a Downriver branch of our club was organized in the Wyandotte area, for members living in the western part of Detroit. Thirty-three members signed up and this enthusiastic group immediately started to plan a show of their own. Their membership grew quickly, and they put on many demonstrations at the downriver industrial plants which led to further increase in their membership as people in the audiences became interested.

In 1949 the American Kennel Club clarified its records, and it was found that since we held two licensed shows in 1944 and 1946, we were authorized to give licensed trials in the future.

Late in 1949 we held a sanctioned trial, again at the Pontchartrain Kennels and again in cooperation with the Doberman Sportsmen's Club. There were fifty dogs entered in this show and the high score in Novice B was earned by a nine-year-old girl with a Boxer.

1950 was an outstanding year in our history. Through a series of minstrel shows, raffles, bingo, dances and demonstrations, we built up a fund for the purchase of Seeing Eye Dogs for the blind. At the Detroit Kennel Club show in March of 1950, a check was presented to the Leader Dog League for the purchase of a dog for a blind person. We immediately started another fund, and a second dog was purchased and presented at the Progressive fall show to a young lady named Lena Sylvester, who planned to do social work.

In 1950 we applied to the State of Michigan for incorporation as a non-profit corporation to:

- (1) Promote the training of all breeds of dogs in obedience, and
- (2) Promote obedience trials at dog shows in Michigan by offering trophies whenever possible and encouraging entries at such shows.

In 1950 our first annual banquet was held at the Normandy restaurant on Woodward Avenue at Ten Mile Road.

In 1950 we discussed with Southern Michigan Training Club the merits of holding a combined trial, but this farseeing thought did not become a reality until many years later in 1966.

In 1950 our first issue of a club bulletin was prepared and distributed by Virginia Pieters as a volunteer editor.

And in 1950, with the authorization of the American Kennel Club to hold licensed trials and sanctioned matches, we held a sanctioned show at the Michigan State Fairgrounds on July 30<sup>th</sup>, with fifty-five dogs entered. Judges were Grant and Marguerite Perkins, and included were Novice A and B, Open A and B, Utility and a class that was called "Graduation Class". High in trial at this match was Fred Schwalk and a Doberman, Tova 1<sup>st</sup>, with 199.5 in Open B.

Meanwhile, at the Downriver Branch, attendance continued to grow, and they moved from a union hall on Dix Road to a dance hall called Strassers Woods. They gave a 'pet show' for children during the summer which included a children's handling trophy, and late in 1950 Fred Schwalk, as the Training Director, visited the branch to institute CDX training.

In 1950, after starting out as almost a one-breed club, we now had nineteen different breeds in training.

We continued our activity to sponsor guide dogs for the blind, and many of our members volunteered to raise puppies until they were old enough for Guide Dog Training.

A contest was held for the best suggestion to increase membership, and a \$25 war bond was won by Mrs. Rose Gsoettner for her suggestion that each member bring in one new trainee each month.

Sportsmen's joined with other clubs in 1951 to form the Michigan Federation of Dog Clubs, with the purpose of working together for the betterment of purebred dogs, to help build clubs and individual standings and to work for more effective canine legislation in the State of Michigan.

In 1951 an engraved gavel was presented to our long-time president Carl Sine along with a box of cigars, on his birthday, and since then a gavel, but not the cigars, has been presented to each president.

1952 was another eventful year. For the first time, the club presented a trophy to each dog completing a degree, and a trophy was awarded to the members whose dogs had the highest average score during the year in Novice and in Open, in attaining a degree. This was the start of our annual competition for the highest scoring dogs in our membership.

We were still adding to our fund to sponsor Guide Dogs, but sometimes our activities did not earn enough to pay the costs. A dance scheduled at Strassers Woods was not quite a financial success, and the parent club and the Downriver branch split the loss fifty-fifty. However, a bingo game not longer afterward did realize a profit and in 1952 \$200 was given to the Student Fund of the Leader Dog League and \$300 to their Building Fund.

Finally, in 1952, after early years of holding obedience matches in conjunction with other clubs at breed and all-breed shows, we gave our first AKC licensed trial at the Michigan State Fairgrounds. Fred Schwalk served as Trial Chairman, and our first trial was superintended by Joseph McCarthy, with proceeds donated to the Veterans Hospital in Dearborn. We drew 160 entries, from Detroit and its suburbs, with two from Wisconsin, one from Kentucky, twenty-seven from Ohio, fifteen from Illinois and six from Indiana.... eighty-four dogs, 58% qualified at this first trial.

In October 1952, our minutes record that Fred Schwalk and his Doberman, El Tovarre Von Schwalk, earned perfect scores two successive days in Ontario, mentioning that this was the fourth perfect score in our history.

At the close of 1952, winners of our first annual obedience contest were named, and they were Joseph Baker and his Water Spaniel, Mistress Bridget, with an average score of 194.1 in Novice work and Dr. William Fuller, and his Doberman, Tyrant of Pontchartrain, with 195.5 in Open. A special award was given to Dexter Goulston for outstanding achievement in finishing a Companion Dog degree in three straight shows, then completing Companion Dog Excellent degree in three more straight shows.

Sportsmen's parent club and the Downriver branch were holding quarterly sanctioned matches between the two groups, and an invitation was issued to breed clubs in the Detroit area to send ten or more members per club for six months training at a fee of \$18.00 per person.

In May of 1953, member Dexter Goulston achieved a perfect score at the Ann Arbor Trial with his Collie, Lady Caroline, but since there were two other perfect scores that day and only two placings covered, and since he lost a runoff, he did not receive even a trophy for his exceptional feat.

Our second annual all-breed trial, superintended by A. Wilson Bow, was a complete success. For the first time we were completely on our own, with no help from any other club. We received excellent publicity, and there were many out of town exhibitors among the 168 entries. Judges were Robert Noltie, Loy Green and Roland Horton, and the club was quite content with a financial loss of \$343.72.

Late in 1953 we initiated an additional training class at the VFW hall on Vester Avenue in Ferndale, taking over the quarters and also the trainees of the disbanding Midwest Collie Club training class.

At the end of 1953, the winners of our second year's competition for club awards were Astrid Haas and her Poodle, Caprice, with an average score of 197.5 in Novice, and A. J. Comstock and his Schipperke, Cappy, with 195.1 in Open Work.

We will continue this article in the next issue starting with 1954.

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off leash heeling with distractions.



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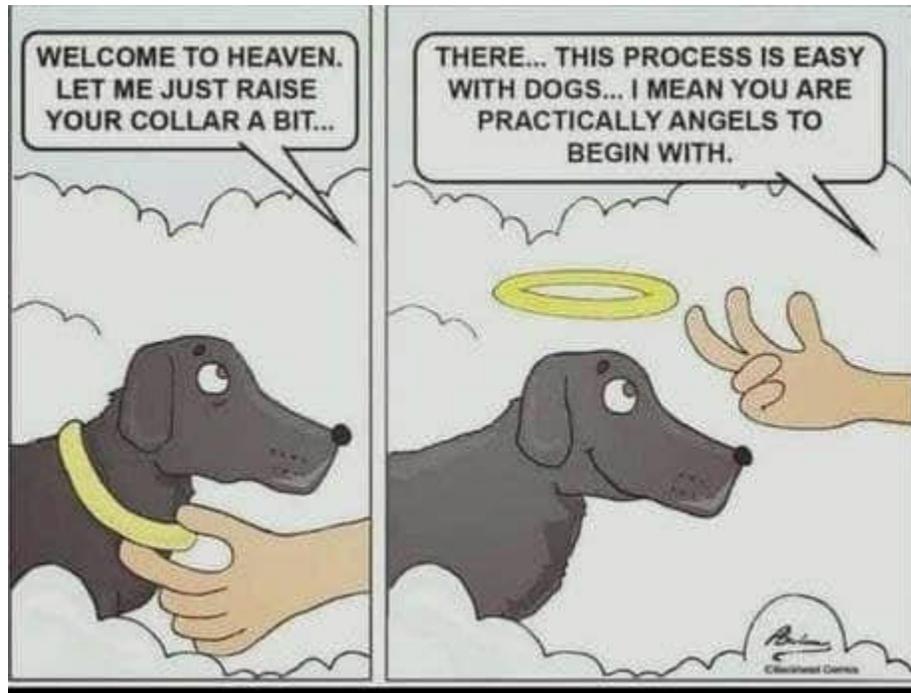
# Is It Time? Making End of Life Decisions for Pets

By TARA PARKER-POPE MARCH 19, 2019

Pet caregivers can use this Quality of Life Scale to determine whether to continue supportive care for an aging or sick pet or whether euthanasia is a more compassionate option. Move the slider to reflect your pet's score in each category, using a scale of 0 (very poor) to 10 (best). Your score should be based on the pet's quality of life on its own or with whatever level of supportive care works for you. (Link to the slider is: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/03/19/well/family/19petgoodbye-quiz.html>)

On a scale of zero to 10, with zero being very poor and 10 being best, a pet owner is asked to rate the following:

- **Hurt:** Is the pet's pain successfully managed? Is it breathing with ease or distress?
- **Hunger:** Is the pet eating enough? Does hand-feeding help?
- **Hydration:** Is the patient dehydrated?
- **Hygiene:** Is the pet able to stay clean? Is it suffering from bed sores?
- **Happiness:** Does the pet express joy and interest?
- **Mobility:** Can the patient get up without assistance? Is it stumbling?
- **More:** Does your pet have more good days than bad? Is a healthy human-animal bond still possible?





**WHAT TO DO IF YOU ENCOUNTER A COYOTE  
WHILE WALKING YOUR DOG**

**Leash** your dog.  
Pick up  
and carry  
small dogs.

**Report** overly brazen coyotes.  
Notify your local  
Animal Care  
and Control or  
Humane Society.

**Stand** tall and assertive.  
Maintain eye contact.  
**Scare** the coyote  
away by yelling,  
stomping, waving your  
arms, or shaking a jacket.  
Then calmly walk out of the area.

*\*If it is pupping season (February-July) you may be near a den. Instead of hazing, calmly walk away without turning your back on the coyote.*



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I DON'T KNOW MAN, I JUST ...

WHAT IF I NEVER FIND  
OUT WHO'S A GOOD BOY

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