



Prairie Fire Performance Dogs

3/4/2026

Welcome to our 5th preliminary meeting!

Meeting Agenda

- Remind about club dues, CoE, and Bylaws
- Bylaw adjustment
- Open Committees
- Introduce IT Support
- Introduce Breed Spotlight
- Upcoming events
- Set next meeting



BUT FIRST – BRAGS!



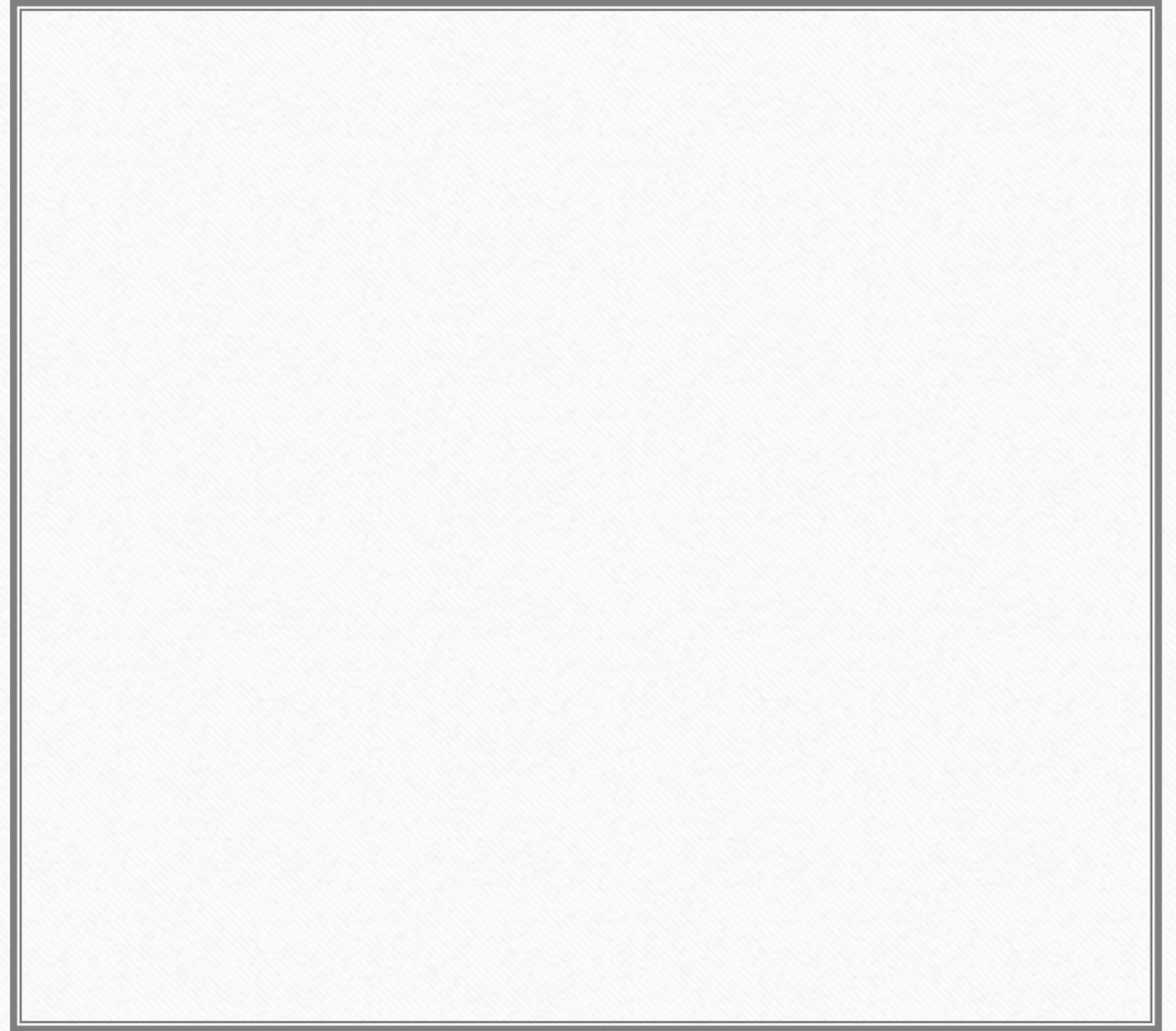
Check out what our awesome members
accomplished with their dogs in

February 2026!



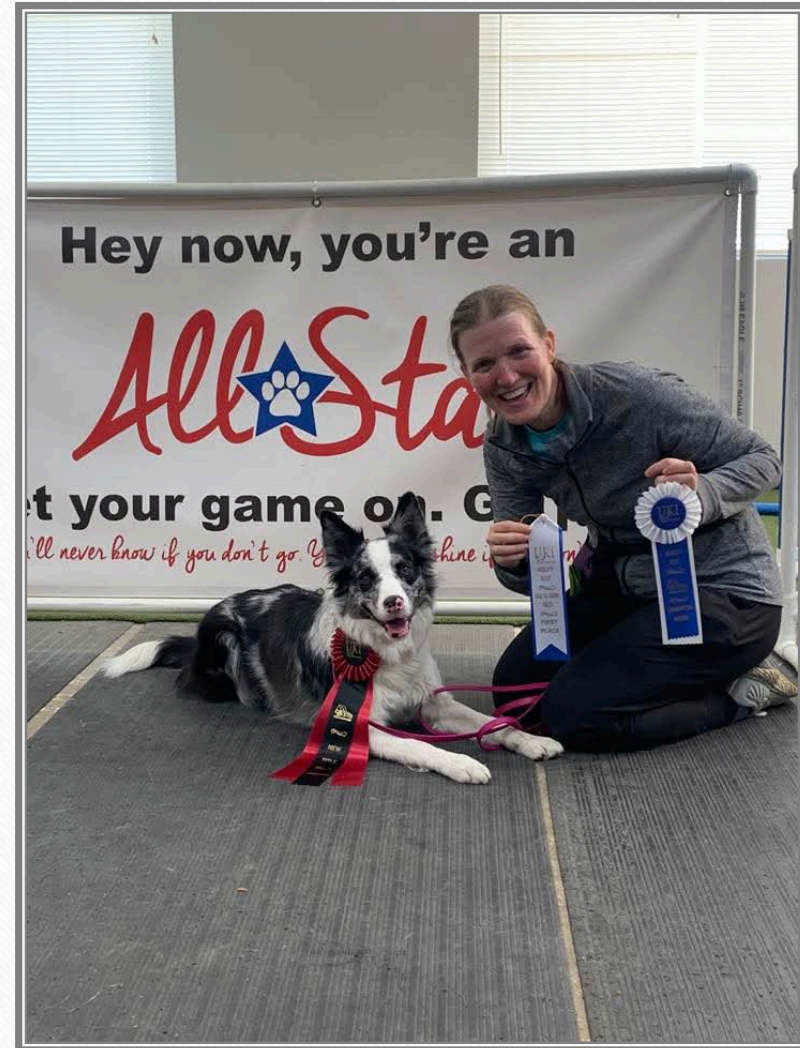
WE HAVE A TV STAR!

- Clint (belonging to Brooke McCrory) starred in a commercial for Purina One dog food! How cool is that?!



AGILITY

- Taryn and Roxy
(Border
Collie/Papillon)
earned two qualifying
scores in Beginner
Speedstakes and
earned their very first
UKI Agility title!



AKC FETCH

& VIRTUAL HOME MANNERS

- Ashleigh with Rikka (Border Collie) and Sango (Mudi) earned their AKC Fetch Novice titles!
- Also, Ashleigh and Tohru (Mudi) earned their Virtual Home Manners puppy award!
- Allison and Alfie (Boston Terrier) also earned their AKC Fetch Novice title!



BARN HUNT

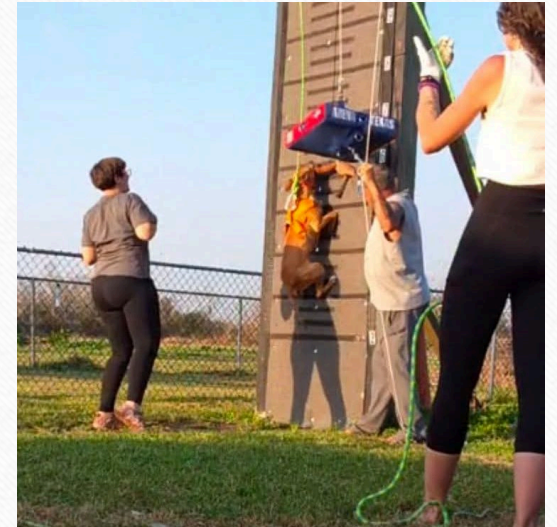
- Allison and Arbus (Boston Terrier) won 3 High in Trials and earned over 200 points in NASDA Trailing & Locating II and Urban Locating II
- Duncan the German Shepherd (Mary) finally gathered his confidence to go through the tiny (to him) tunnels in Barn Hunt! He was struggling with this, so this a big win! Great job!



WEIGHT PULL

& more

- Cheryl with Oscar (American Staffordshire Terrier), Luci (APBT mix), and June (American Pitbull Terrier) all competed at the UPF Texas Polar Pull
- Oscar did two weight pulls and a mill race and got a new personal best on the race!
- Luci did one weight pull, a lure chase, and a wall climb – climbing five feet!
- June did two weight pulls in addition to competing for triple crown (slat mill, lure chase, wall climb). She got 3rd place on the mill, 4th place on the triple crown, and a 7ft climb on the wall!





SCENT WORK

- Lauri and Dawson (Rough Collie) completed their Level 2 Scent Work Class at Camo Cross Dog Training and just entered their first trial! Congrats and good luck!



RALLY

- Lauri and Desilou (German Shepherd) finished their Intro to Rally class at Camo Cross Dog Training!

FLYBALL

- Lauri and Desilou (German Shepherd) also attended the Flyball seminar hosted at Camo Cross in February and did great!
- Kali and Stitch (Malinois/Pomeranian mix) went too!





A NEW CERTIFIED THERAPY DOG TEAM!

- Maisy and Blaze (Border Collie) earned their Therapy Dog certification through Pet Partners! Way to go team!

Onward to other club business...

FINAL Reminder

Club dues + Bylaw/CoE Signatures were due in February!

Members still at this point shall include a \$20 late fee to their regular dues.

If these three things are not completed before April 1st you will no longer be a member of Prairie Fire Performance Dogs!





Club Dues



- PayPal: @PrairieFireUKC
- Cash: Give to Treasurer, Kalix Schmitt
- Check: Mail to → PO Box #161
645 Vermont St
Lawrence, KS 66044

ANNUAL CLUB DUES ARE:

- Single: 1 Adult - \$30.00
- Household: 2 Adults - \$40.00
- Junior (Under 18): \$0.00

**If paying now until April 1st, include your \$20 late fee
with your regular payment amount.**

Minor Bylaws Adjustment

- We had a majority-positive reaction to the rolling out of the CoE and Bylaws, but some members had some concerns about verbiage.
- One of the primary concerns has to do with Bylaws Article XXI Section 1 that discusses alcohol and firearms on the premises of events.
- As it is currently written, our club would not be able to host events at locations that have alcohol on the premises, even if it isn't being utilized for our event. (ie. Stormont Vale Events Center that has permanent bars)
- Additionally, the verbiage for firearms would cause a bylaw infraction should law enforcement/security officers need to be on the premises for any reason.

Minor Bylaws Adjustment

Current verbiage reads:

“Absolutely no acholic beverages, firearms, or illegal drugs shall be permitted on the club grounds or in buildings during any licensed UKC event.”

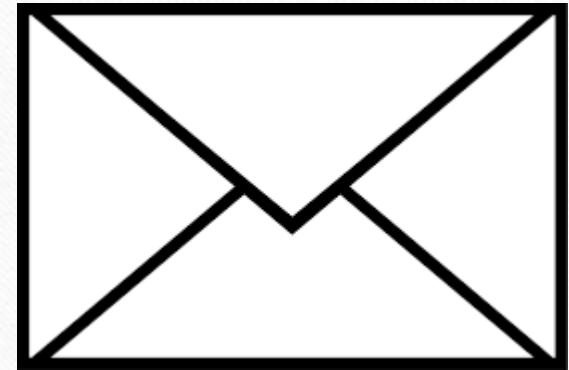


Proposed revision reads:

“There will be no consumption of acholic beverages, possession of firearms (except for actively working LE/security personnel), or illegal drugs on the club grounds or buildings during any licensed UKC event.”

Minor Bylaws Adjustment

- An email will go out to the membership to inform/remind of the change.
- If any member has additional questions or concerns about this change, please respond to that email.
- As long as majority approves this change, this is what will be on the final proposal when submitting to UKC. And on that note...



Its Time to Become Official!

- PFPD will apply to become a real, recognized, official UKC club next month - April 2026! 😊
- This is why we need all of our club members finalized and verified with dues paid and bylaws/CoEs signed before then. We need to submit our official roster as part of our application!
- Once we become official, our committees will begin planning their first fun matches that will move PFPD into provisional statuses for each individual sport.



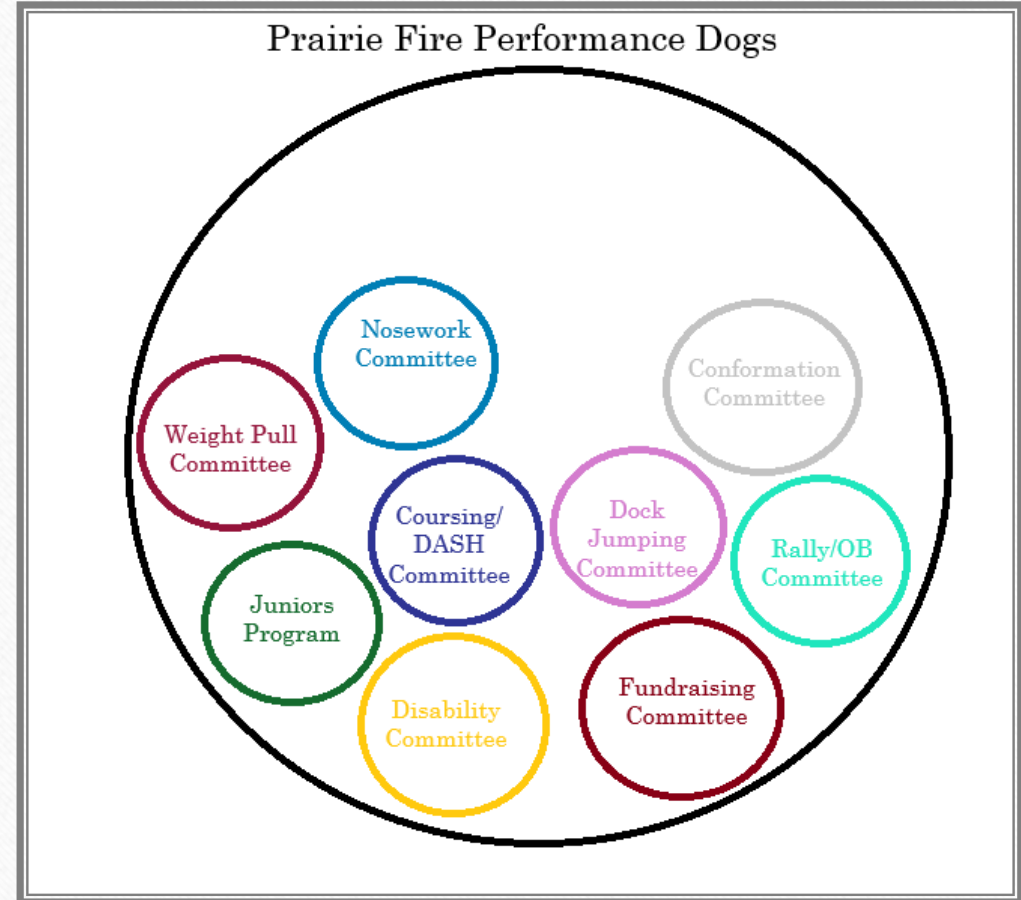


Which Means Its
Committee Time!

What do Committees Do?

- Our Committees act as small clubs within our overarching big club.
- Each committee has an experienced Committee Head to organize the roster, schedule and lead meetings, spearhead event planning, assign jobs, etc.
- Committees hold their own meetings separate from regular club meetings to accomplish these things.

You do not need to be a part of the actual committee to participate in/volunteer for events put on by that committee!





Committee Requirements



- **Members of any committee MUST use Discord for official communications.**
- Committee members must be able to attend 75% of their committee meetings and events **in-person**.
 - Committee Heads may choose to utilize Zoom if they desire, but they are not required to do so and attendance via Zoom will not count towards that 75% mandatory attendance.
 - PFPD needs **hands on volunteers with boots on the ground** to make all of these cool events happen! Being on a committee will require extra work and commitment above being just a regular PFPD member.
 - We **want** your help and things will move a lot faster with active committees, but please make sure you're ready for the additional commitment if you sign up! 😊



Available Committees

- **UKC Nosework** (Kelli Bausch)
- **UKC Rally/Obedience** (Maisy Barton)
- **UKC Precision Coursing/DASH** (Kali Mitchin)
- **UKC Weight Pull** (Sammy Hellums)
- **UKC Dock Jumping** (Breana Bartlett)
- **UKC Conformation** (Kassandra Andrews)
- **Juniors Program Committee** (Shuu Oberdorf)
- **Fundraising Committee** (Kali Mitchin)
- **Disability Access Committee** (Anne Walker)
- **IT Support Group** (Committee Head Pending...)



How to Join a Committee



- On Discord, each available committee has three channels.
- Two are PRIVATE, where only rostered members of that committee can view and comment.
 - 🔒 Private channels will have a little lock next to the channel name.
- One is PUBLIC, where any club member can view and comment.
 - The public channel is for requesting to join that committee **and** if anyone who is not officially on that committee has questions specifically for that committee. 😊

How to Join a Committee Cont.

- To join, enter the public “questions” channel for your chosen committee and write something like this.



- Your committee head will respond, assign you your roles, and then you will need to manually turn on notifications for your committee’s channels.

Welcome to #coursing-questions!

This is the start of the #coursing-questions channel.

 [Edit channel](#)

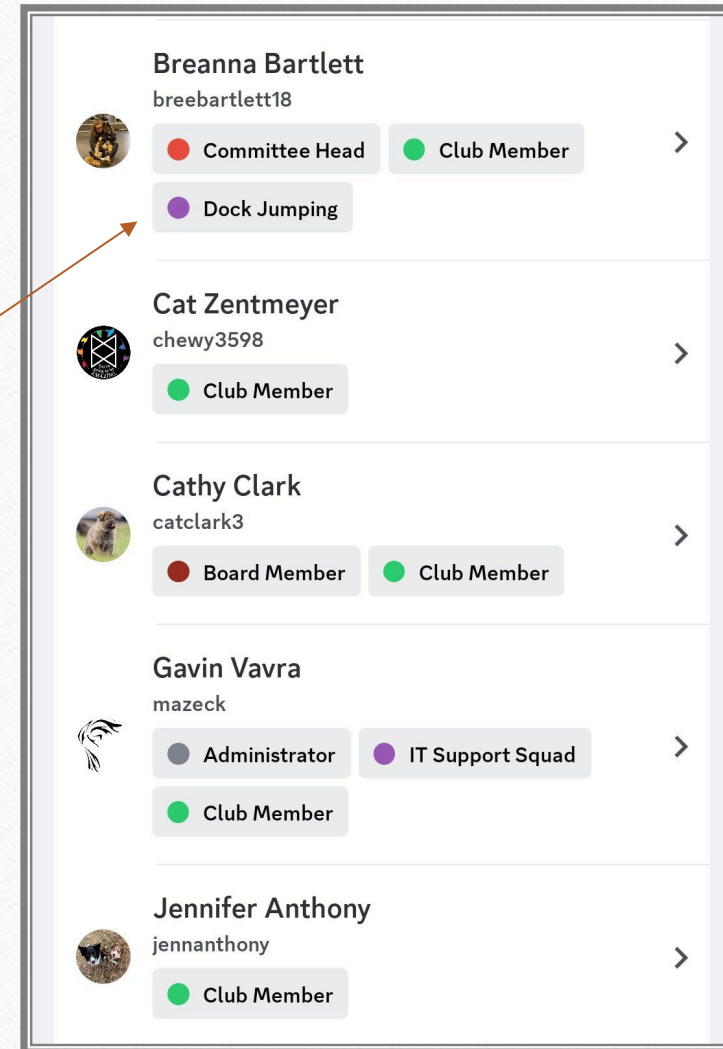


Kali Mitchin 9:34 AM

Hello! I would like to join the Coursing committee! 😊

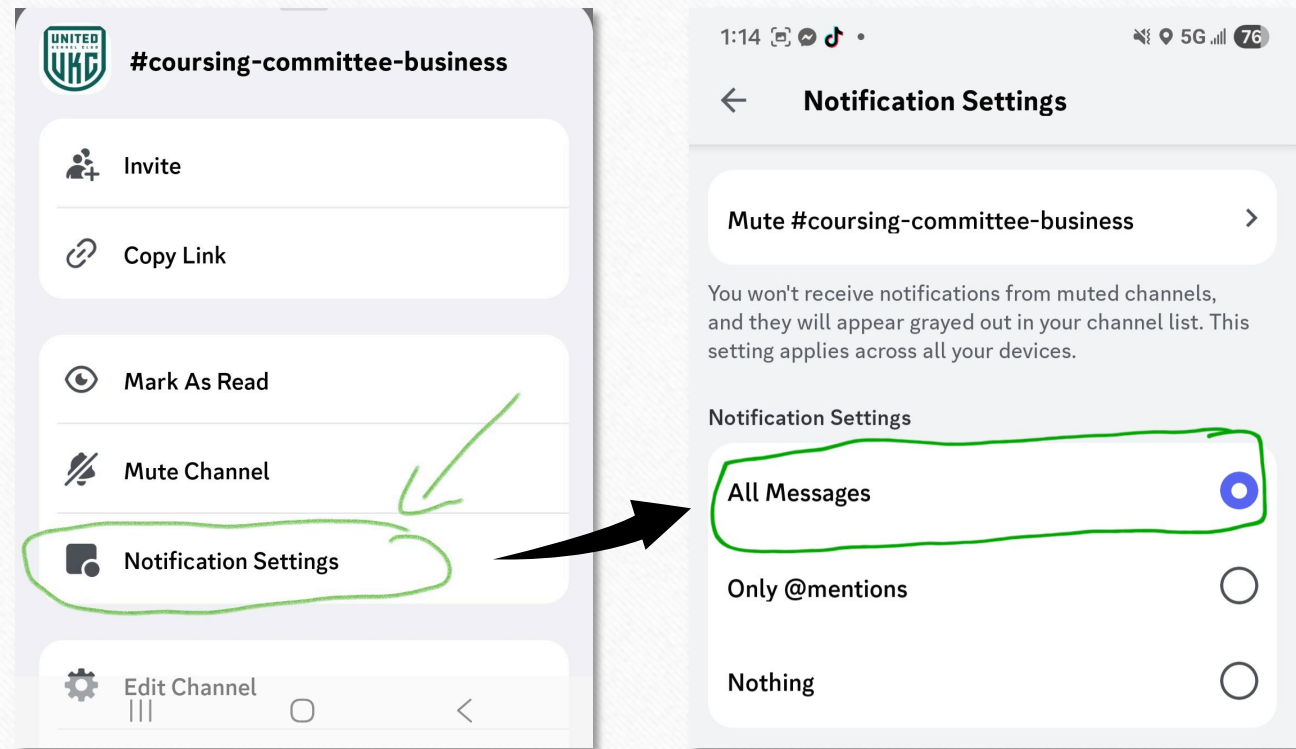
Badges & Channel Notifications

- Once your roles are assigned you will get a cool badge next to your name showing what committee(s) you are a part of.
- Once you have your badge you will be able to go into the relevant committee channels.
- You must **MANUALLY** turn on notifications for your channels, otherwise you will not be alerted when your fellow committee members are chatting!



Channel Notifications Cont.

- To turn on notifications, click and hold on the channel.
- Click “notification settings”
- Click “all messages”
- You must do this for EVERY channel that you want automatic notifications on.



IT Support Squad

- If you are an experienced Discord user and would like to help us moderate the server and make yourself available to our members who may need help, please join the IT Support Squad.
- You folks will have your own three channels just the same as the other committees, two private and one public.
- Please post in in the “it-support-questions” channel to join and we will assign you your roles



Club Finances



A Quick Overview



- Thanks to our first round of membership dues, the TCD FastCAT Season Pass Fundraiser, and the opening of the SPOT test entries we gained **+\$1485.00** in funds in February 2026!
- This month we spent money on...
 - 2/3/2026 **-\$98** to USPS to rent our PO Box. This amount will be due every 6 months.
 - 2/6/2026 **-\$100** reimbursed to Kelli Bausch for fronting her personal money to establish our bank account with Denison.
 - 2/17/2026 **-\$485** Commissioned our new club logo from Art by Dezzoi
 - All month **-\$59.39** PayPal Fees (These will be claimed on our taxes)
- The balance on the account on March 1st 2026 is **+\$744.07** 😊
 - We still have a few members who need to pay their dues, the FastCAT fundraiser is ongoing, plus our SPOT test and Garage Sale is coming in March too! Lets keep this nest egg growing so we can plan some official events - they are *expensive* ya'll!

Onto the More Fun Stuff...



April 2026: Breed Spotlight Presenter Is...

Ashleigh Hamilton

presenting

LABRADOR
RETRIEVERS

Meet the Member

My name is Laura and I have been involved with the Labrador breed for 32 years.

- I have had four previous rescue Labs that are no longer with me.
- I currently have four registered Labs and their names are CH Finn (12), Arlo (10), CH Fergus (8) and Tristan (3)
- We compete in Conformation, Scent Work, Rally, Field Trials, and AKC Fetch.
- My favorite things about the breed are their love for people, their intelligence and willingness to learn, and their unique personalities.



Breed Origin & History

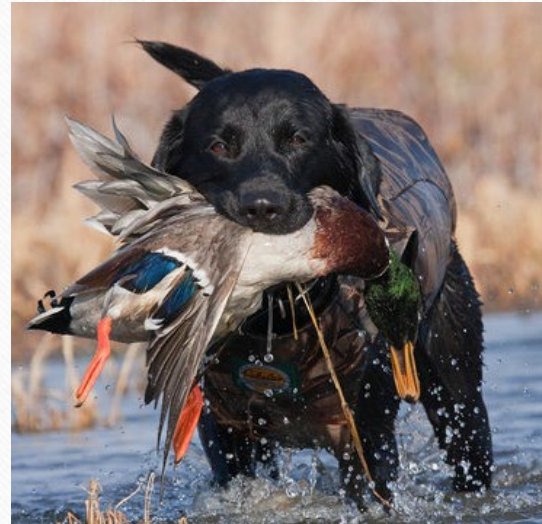
Labrador Retrievers were first noticed in Newfoundland (not Labrador!) in the late 1800s and descended from St. John's Water Dog

The original purpose of the breed was aiding fishermen by jumping from boats to retrieve fish and filling other roles

The modern role that the breed plays is mainly for companionship, but they are still prized hunting dogs, retrievers, police dogs, service dogs, and therapy dogs.

Some cool facts about the breed are:

- Most popular AKC breed for 31 years
- Come in 3 colors – Black, Yellow, and Chocolate
 - NEVER silver – these are mixed breeds!
- Their “Otter Tail” acts as a rudder for them in water



The Breed Standard – Physical

“The Labrador was designed in particular for retrieving ducks and geese, which requires the development of a powerful body with a strong neck and tail that makes a good rudder. He must have a coat that prevents the cold from reaching the skin and a mentality that will induce him to stick to the job at hand.” – Dorothy Howe, The Labrador Retriever



The Breed Standard – Physical

Important traits: Friendly expression with a large, wide skull with ample jaw.

Faults: Awkward gait, missing molars, shyness/aggression, lack of balanced structure, short/long/thin tail.

Disqualifications: Deviation from height in standard, nose pink/lacking pigment, eye rims without pigment, docking or altering the natural carriage of the tail, any other color or combination of colors other than black, yellow, or chocolate.



Laura's CH Fergus with his first Major win! ↑

The Breed Standard – Temperament

“True Labrador Retriever temperament is as much a hallmark of the breed as the “otter” tail. The ideal disposition is one of a kindly, outgoing, tractable nature; eager to please and non-aggressive towards man or animal.

The Labrador has much that appeals to people; his gentle ways, intelligence and adaptability make him an ideal dog.

Aggressiveness towards humans or other animals, or any evidence of shyness in and an adult should be severely penalized.”

-The Labrador Retriever Club



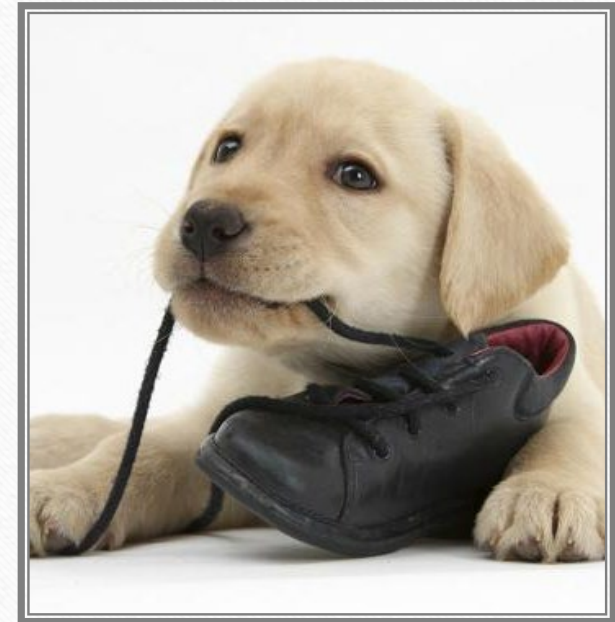


Breed Health: Common Concerns

- Hip Dysplasia
- Allergies
- Exercise-Induced Collapse (EIC)
- Ear Infections
- Cancer

Other Things to Know

- Labs are fun havers and very sweet, but be careful when choosing a pup. They are not all the great family dogs of legend!
- I am not sure that a Lab can be “fully trained” to not destroy things. I believe it is in their nature and that the best approach is to manage them. (ie. Crates, put chewable items out of reach, etc)
- True field-bred dogs can be dangerous around people with mobility issues or children due to their high energy. They have the ability to:
 - Knock you over (ie. Break bones)
 - Be destructive. Most lab puppies will chew anything they can find and should be crated/contained if not being actively supervised.
 - Steal food and often ingest what they chew on.



Meet Your Local Labradors

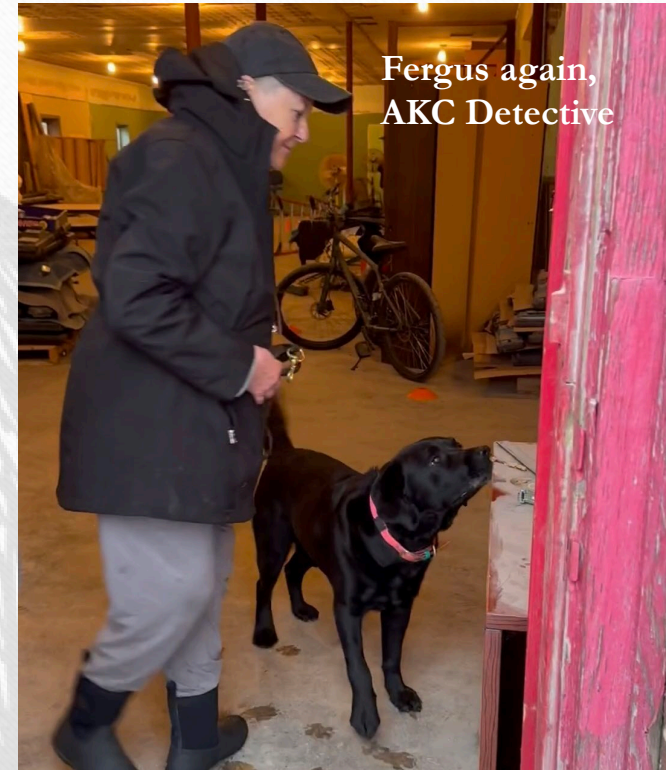
This is Fergus! He is an 8 year old black Labrador Retriever and has titles in AKC Rally (Advanced), Junior Hunter, AKC Scent Work (Master + x3 Detective Qs), and his Canine Good Citizen.



Fergus doing an AKC Detective search



Arlo doing an AKC Excellent Exterior search. He surprised himself AND me by finding his first high hide!



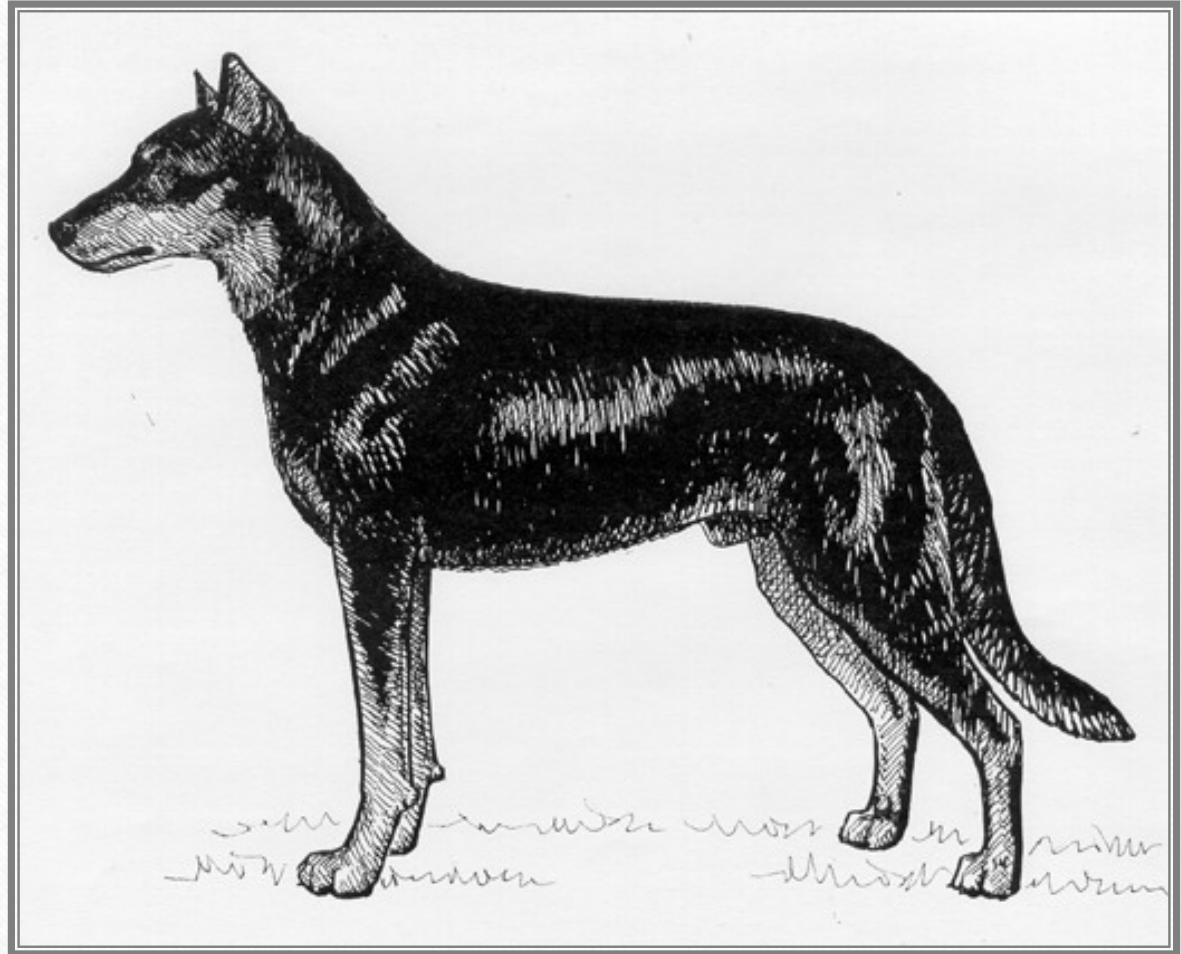
Fergus again, AKC Detective



Next Months Breed Spotlight is....

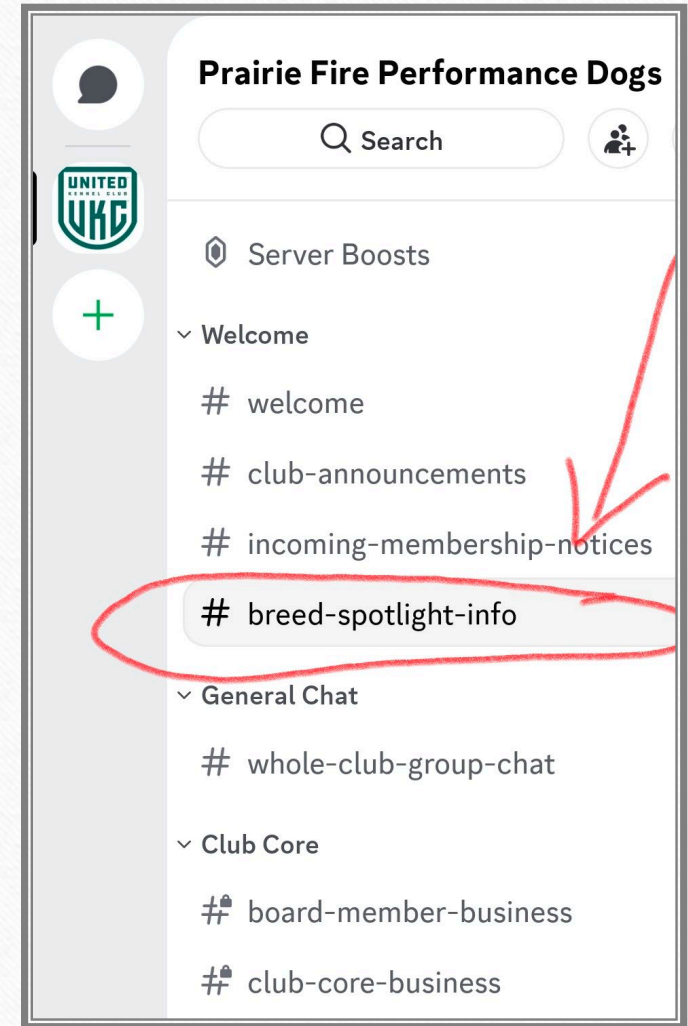
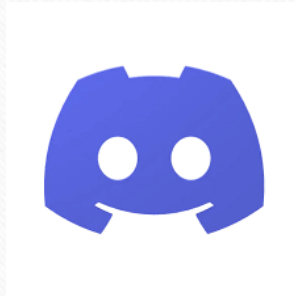
MAY 2026: Breed Spotlight

There will be no breed
spotlight in May so we
can keep the meeting
short and leave more
time for the potluck
and sport try-its!
Breed Spotlight will be
back in June!



Want to Present Your Breed?

Post in the appropriate Discord channel and we will add your info to the draw pool!



Breed Spotlight Tracking

Each breed can only be presented once every 24 months

March 2026 – Labrador Retrievers (Laura McGowan)	September 2026 -	March 2027 -	September 2027 -
April 2026 – Beaucerons (Kalix Schmitt)	October 2026 -	April 2027 -	October 2027 -
May 2026 -	November 2026 -	May 2027 -	November 2027 -
June 2026 -	December 2026 -	June 2027 -	December 2027 -
July 2026 -	January 2027 -	July 2027-	January 2027 -
August 2026 -	February 2027 -	August 2027 -	February 2027 -

Upcoming Events

Topeka Kennel Club AKC Scent Work Trial

- This is not a PFPD/UKC event, however the Topeka Kennel Club is having a Scent Work trial next weekend, March 13th-15th 2026.
- Many of our PFPD members are competing at this trial with their dogs – **GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!** <3
- Volunteers are always needed to host any kind of event. If you would like to help out, learn about Scent Work, and support our members who are competing with their dogs at this trial please reach out to the volunteer coordinator for the trial, [Kloie Street](#).
- All experience levels, including none, are welcome and strongly encouraged! They will teach you what to do. 😊



Only 17 Days Away!

- Entries for the SPOT test are currently **OPEN**.
- They will **CLOSE** March 15th, or when we reach 40 total entries - whichever happens first.
- The cost to take the exam is \$20, paid to PFPD.
- The cost to submit your results and receive your official title and certificate from UKC is \$20 – paid to UKC when you submit your form results.
- If you choose to register your dog with UKC at the same time as submitting your results, UKC provides a \$5.00 discount on the registration fee.



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SPOT
SOCIALIZED PET OBEDIENCE TEST™

Entries open
02/15-03/15
(or 40 entries)

AND
DOG GEAR GARAGE SALE

\$20/EXAM!!

**2 GREAT WAYS
TO SUPPORT
THE CLUB IN
ONE DAY!**

**SATURDAY
MARCH 21ST**

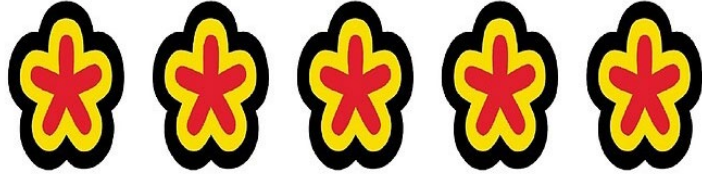
CCDT AT THE FARM
HOYT, KS

We Need Volunteers!

- On Friday March 20th 2026 help us organize and price the donation items for the garage sale
- We also need help setting up the SPOT testing stations
- Volunteers will get [EARLY ACCESS](#) to purchase items from the Garage Sale!
- Snacks will also be provided 😊



GARAGE SALE



EVENT IS SATURDAY
MARCH 21st 2026

Donations Still Needed!

- We still need donation items – but we also need pet owners to come BUY these items!
- Make sure you tell your friends/family/co-workers to come check this out!
- Donations can be dropped off at Camo Cross Dog Training or Top City Dogs – just reach out to us and let us know when you're coming.

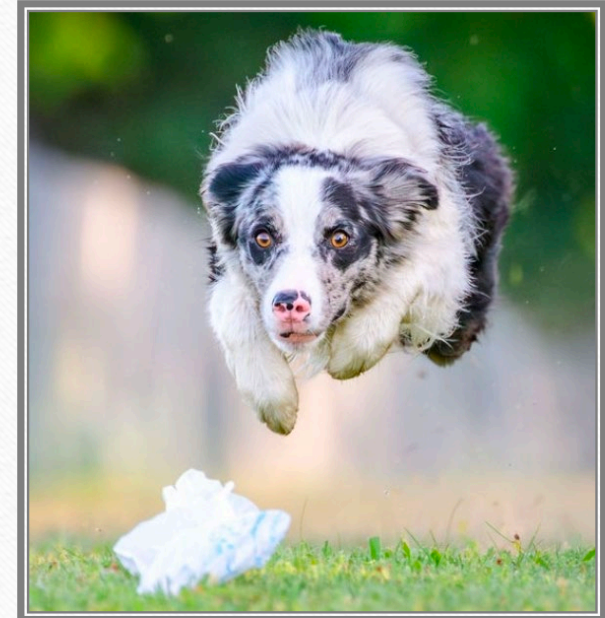
What Happens if my Items Don't Sell?

- If you donate items to the PFPD Garage Sale and they do not sell, you are welcome to reclaim them and take them back home with you.
- **All items MUST be reclaimed and picked up from CCDT before March 28th 2026**
- Any items left over will be donated to The Street Dog Coalition, a local non-profit that provides supplies and veterinary care assistance to Topeka's unhoused population who have pets in their care.



Top City Dogs FastCAT Season Pass Raffle

- Tickets are **AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW!!!**
 - \$10 per ticket, 100% of proceeds from the raffle will go directly to Prairie Fire! (PayPal @PrairieFireUKC)
- The drawing will be done on TCD FastCAT Opening Day, Saturday April 11th 2026
- **Please tell your friends** and help us get the word out! Some lucky dog is going to be having a LOT of fun this season! There are only 46 entries so far!



TCD Takeover Try-It Day!

Regular Club Meeting – Potluck

Try-it Day - Group Walk

Wednesday May 6th 2026

- We will have a very short club meeting to touch base on must-know info, but this day will be primarily geared towards getting to know each other, eating delicious food, and spending a beautiful evening with our dogs!
- There will be **NO ZOOM OPTION** for this meeting – you must come in person! ☺
- A temporary channel is up in Discord for Potluck signup.

Top City Dogs – 3494 KOA Rd Grantville, KS 66429

Wednesday May 6th 2026

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm



incoming-membership-notice

breed-spotlight-info

trick-of-the-month

potluck-signup

~ General Chat

whole-club-group-chat

TCD Takeover Try-It Day!

Agenda

- 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Meeting and Potluck
- 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm – Scent Work, Disc, Weight Pull, and Barn Hunt “Try-its”
- 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm – Sunset group walk on the TCD trails
- 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm - FastCAT Try-its (track should have lights!)

This event is FREE for all rostered PFPD members! Non-members are welcome, but will pay \$25 per dog participating.



Containermainia Fundraiser at CCDT!

Saturday May 9th 2026

Scent Work teams, mark your calendars and get ready for a super unique container challenge that will elevate your skills, benefit PFPD, and may have you leaving with your own pockets a bit heavier! ;)

- Two 50 container searches – two opportunities to win!
- \$15 entry per search
- Teams will be judged on a point system, meaning that a false alert will NOT NQ your team. Just keep going!



Containermainia Fundraiser at CCDT!

- There will be no distraction boxes.
- Unknown number of hides.
- Odors will be Birch, Anise, and Clove.
- 4 minute time limit per search.
- Payback will be available to the highest scoring teams!



Containermainia Fundraiser at CCDT!

Teams will EARN:

- 1 point for each successful hide they locate.
- BONUS points for completing the entire search and calling all hides.

Teams will LOSE:

- ½ point for each false alert called
- ½ point for each re-call on a container already alerted on
- 1 full point for smashing containers to the point of needing replacement

Teams will NQ for:

- Pottying in the search area

Containermainia Fundraiser at CCDT!

- Camo Cross Dog Training (At the Farm)
 - 12268 Q Rd Hoyt, KS 66640
- Saturday May 9th 2026
- 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
- More info to come as the date gets closer!



Not into Scent Work with your dog? *We need volunteers!*



PetTech First Aid and CPR Seminar

2 Separate Class Dates!

August 29th & 30th 2026

- While ***this isn't a PFPD event**, this is an excellent local opportunity to learn important skills and gain a very useful certification!
- Register at www.pettech.pro/jessicad or scan below.
- Cost for course and certification is \$125



**First Aid
Review for
Pet Lovers &
Caregivers**



*All income generated from this event goes directly to the PetTech instructor for her travel and materials. This is not a PFPD Fundraiser.



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*Get Trained in Pet
First Aid & CPR for
Dogs & Cats*

*Space is limited.
Register today!*

Materials included!

REGISTER AT: WWW.PETTECH.PRO/JESSICAD

**Saturday, Aug. 29th or
Sunday, Aug. 30th**

**at Top City Dogs - Training &
Boarding from 9:00am-2:00pm**

Training includes:

- Pet CPR (3 Styles)
- Evaluating Emergency Situations
- Choking Management
- Bleeding Management
- Snout-to-Tail™ Assessments
- Hands-on Training





November 7th 2026

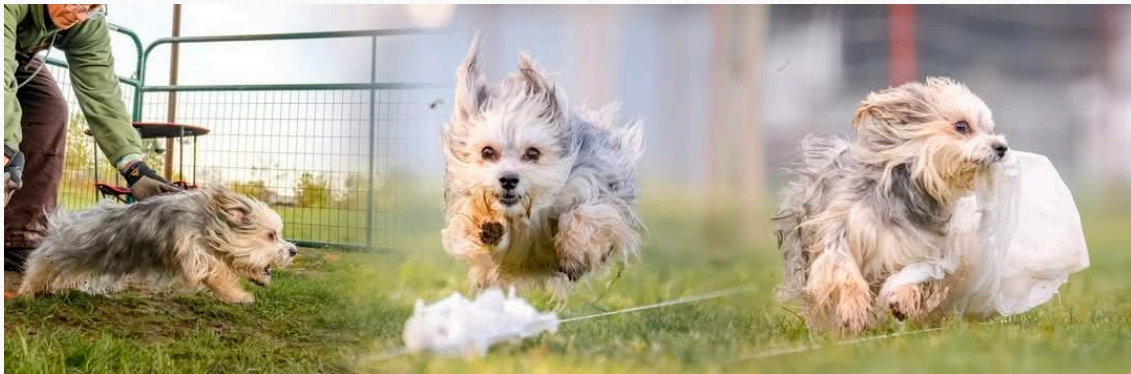
- Barrel racing competition for dogs
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive CASH PRIZES
- More info will come out closer to the event, but start practicing now!

In-Person Door Raffle Time!



- Big thanks and shout out to local dog sport photographer Allison Shore/Oddpaw Studio, for supporting PFPD with your donation to our in-person meeting raffle!
- Our winners today will leave with a gift certificate good to use towards any events she is shooting in 2026!

Please Like/Follow her
Facebook page to support
her and see future events!



Open your phone camera and
point it here!



November Annual Meeting Raffle

a.k.a the **BIG** one!

Starting this month , each time a fully rostered PFPD member attends a meeting – in person or on Zoom – they get an entry into our annual meeting attendance raffle!

One lucky member will win a basket full of ALL of things from all of these great local places!

The more active you are with the club, the higher your chances to win!

Additional info about the November Annual Meeting will surface later.



NEXT CLUB MEETING

WEDNESDAY April 1st 2026

- Location: Top City Dogs – 3494 KOA Rd Grantville, KS 66429
 - Zoom call available!
- Time: 7:30 pm
- Agenda:
 - Final push for TCD FastCAT Raffle Fundraiser, touch base with the newly formed committees, talk about juniors program and onboarding juniors, and more!

Reminder for CLUB CORE: There is a meeting for JUST the Club Core (Board/Committee Heads/Collaterals) also on April 1st prior to the regular meeting. Mark your calendars! **Only Club Core members** should be at TCD at 5:30 pm

Questions?
Lets Hear Them!
