



Prairie Fire... Our Brand New Dog Club!

1/7/2026

Welcome to our 3rd official meeting!



Meeting Agenda

- Discuss the board elections
- Discuss the fundraiser @ Top City Dogs
- Discuss the fundraiser @ Camo Cross Dog Training
- Discuss Weight Pull Try-it Day
- Set next meeting.



BUT FIRST – BRAGS!



Check out what our awesome members
accomplished with their dogs in
December 2025!



AGILITY

- Nicki Dobson and Pixel (Berger Picard) competed at the National AKC Agility Invitational in Orlando, FL and earned their breed club medallion for the best run for the whole breed!



WEIGHT PULL

Cheryl Rauh and Oscar (American Pit Bull Terrier) earned his Pro1 title in UPF Weight Pull on December 20th!

He took 2nd place in the 50-60lb weight class and pulled 2800 lbs!

SCENTWORK

- Juli Jurgens and Kaiser earned their first two Excellent Handler Discrimination (HD) Qs
- Julie also JUDGED her very first two AKC Scentwork classes (HD Novice & Advanced)
Way to go Julie!



CONFORMATION

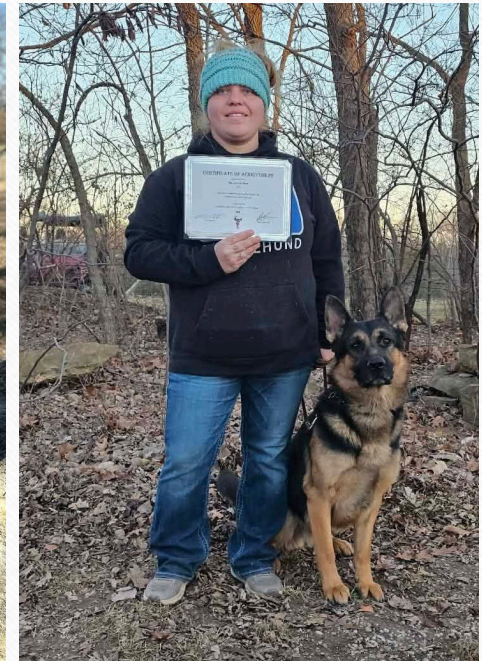
- Nicki Dobson and Lux (Berger Picard) showed in AKC Conformation in Orlando, FL and Lux won two majors!



IGP

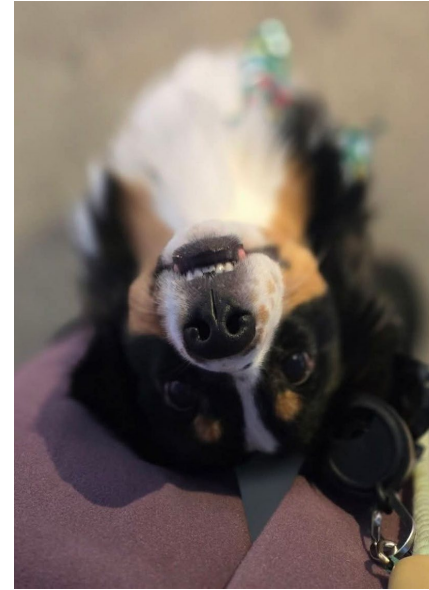
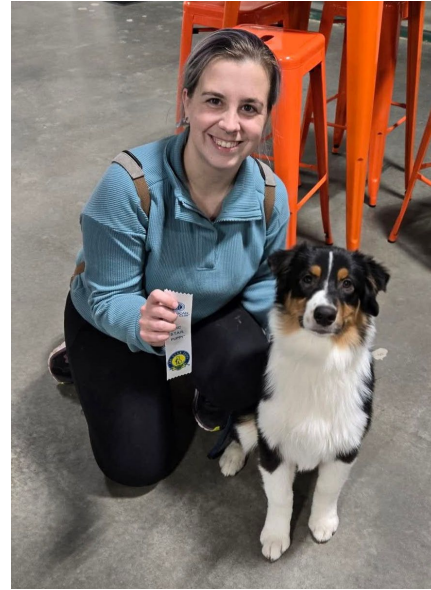
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- Cathy Clark and Viper (German Shepherd) earned her IGP1 title with scores of 92-73-90 for a combined title total of 255! She won the High Tracking award and the High Protection award for the trial.
 - Breanna Bartlett and Siren (German Shepherd) also earned her IGP1 title with scores of 89-88-88 for a combined title total of 263 which earned her High in Trial!
 - Siren also earned her STP1 Article Indication title with a score of 98!
 - Nichelle Palmateer and Ozzy (German Shepherd) earned her BH certificate with passing scores for both the Obedience routine and the Temperament Test/Traffic portion of the exam.
 - Khelsea Loh and Ego (German Shepherd) also earned his BH certificate with passing scores for both the Obedience routine and the Temperament Test/Traffic portion, with the latter being a HUGE accomplishment for him specifically.

Big congrats to these teams, many of which were competing for their very first dog sport title ever!



MORE COOL STUFF!

- Payton Day and Marv (Terrier Mix) earned their Trick Dog Novice, CGCA, and CGCU!
- Pamela Walsh and Midas (Rottweiler) earned their CGCA
- Sarah Gravino and Westley (Australian Shepherd) completed their AKC S.T.A.R. puppy!
 - and Winry (Australian Shepherd) spent hours at a loud, busy, public holiday event and remained calm, happy, and engaged! This is a huge accomplishment for her!



CONGRATS EVERYONE!

Did you post about your brags in the Facebook group but didn't make the slideshow? It's most likely because you're not on our membership roster! Please be sure to officially join Prairie Fire if you'd like to be included!

BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

- Nominations closed on December 24th, 2025
- Those individuals who were running for multiple positions just to ensure they were filled were able to pull their names from the “extras” and run for just the positions they truly wanted.
- The withdrawal of names left quite a few folks running unopposed, so we are excited to introduce....





YOUR NEW CLUB PRESIDENT Kali Mitchin

- Kali has been involved in canine sports and dog clubs for nearly 10 years. She competes in many venues with her German Shepherds and has titles in Rally, Trick Dog, Obedience, Scentwork, FastCAT, Dock Diving, IGP, and American Schutzhund. She is the founder and head trainer of Stormchaser Schutzhund Club where she currently fills all respective board roles and serves as primary coach for all new trainers. She was also the previous president of Tornado Alley Hundesport, owns the local dog training and boarding company Top City Dogs, and serves as the current club committee head for UKC Coursing/DASH.



YOUR NEW CLUB SECRETARY Maisy Barton

- Maisy has participated in dog clubs for the past 8 years and had been involved with 4-H, the Prarieland Visiting Animals Association, and the Topeka Kennel Club. She has served as secretary for the first two organizations and the rally and scentwork trial chair for the latter. She is also the Captain of the Topeka Disc League and serves on the education/event board for PVAA. She trains and competes in rally, obedience, scentwork, disc, trick dog, dock diving, agility and herding with her six dogs of varying breeds. Maisy would bring her experience and energy to her role as club secretary and is excited to play a part in bringing more dog events to the area.



YOUR NEW CLUB TREASURER Kalix Schmitt

- Kalix has been involved in dog sports and shows for two years. She has recently started competing in Rally with her German Shepherd and Beauceron, but plans to expand to also compete in IGP, scent/nosework, obedience, and Conformation. Kalix is very tech-savvy and has a lot of experience with computer programs and payment methods, including PayPal. She works an open, flexible schedule that allows her to work as many hours as necessary to fulfill her duties as treasurer, while also attending every meeting and event the club hosts. She strives to be an easy and open-minded person to talk to and is very open to constructive feedback. Kalix says, "Ensuring that the club has enough money for events and that the payment method of choice is as accessible as possible is important, and I want to do everything in my power to make these things happen."

SO WHATS LEFT TO VOTE ON THEN?

Vice President:

- Kelli Bausch
- Kloie Street

Director at Large:

- Cathy Clark
- Kassandra Andrews
- Kloie Street
- Laura McGowan



Biographies with photos of all that are running are both on Facebook and within the voting email you should have received!

VOTING – CHECK YOUR EMAIL!

- This meeting is your reminder that if you haven't voted yet you have until midnight TOMORROW to do so!
- You must be an official club member to vote. If you already are and did not receive the voting email please let Kelli Bausch know.
- Shout out and thank you to Jennifer Anthony for volunteering to tally and record the official votes to ensure fairness and transparency.





Full BoD Winners Announcement will be Friday!

- In these next few weeks your newly elected board will be working hard to:
 - solidify the official club name
 - complete the club's Constitution and By-laws
 - create the club's Code of Ethics
 - set up an official club email
 - set up an official club bank account
 - set up a public facing social media page
 - and so on and so on!
- We aim to have all of this complete by February 1st



Speaking of events...

- UKC Club Fundraiser at Top City Dogs!
- I'm sure you've all heard of barrel racing...



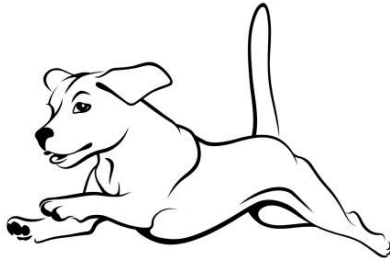
Lets do it with DOGS!

- Barrel racing for dogs (little rider not mandatory, however hilarious) is a fun and easy thing to teach a dog and many dog sports (agility, IGP, obedience, etc.) already include training for similar behaviors.

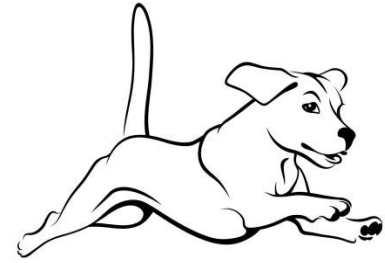
WINNER WILL RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE!

- On November 7th, 2026 TCD will put on a barrel racing competition for our dogs and will split the entry fee profits with the winning dog 50/50!
- The other half of the entry fee profit will go directly to our UKC Club Account.
- From now until then start practicing with your dogs! You can use traffic cones in your yard, trees, bushes, or even the actual barrels we will be using (they're cheap and easy to find on FB Marketplace)
- We have MANY MONTHS to prepare for this and get good and competitive!





MORE INFO



- Competition entry fee \$30.00 (day-of entries only)
- Owners may enter as many times as they want. If they feel their dog didn't run as quickly as they usually do, they knocked a barrel over that cost them time, etc. they are welcome to enter again for another \$30.00 and reattempt as many times as they want to.
- Each dog that successfully completes a run will receive a flat ribbon to commemorate their run, and there will be a photo booth set up for keepsake photos!
- The dog with the fastest overall time will receive 50% of the money earned via the entry fees, a custom rosette, and bragging rights until next year when we do this again!

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Since this isn't any particular organization's event we need to write a rulebook from scratch. This will take some time, but we will finish and distribute it within the next few months.
- Until then – **START PRACTICING & TELL YOUR FRIENDS!**
- A video of what a full run should look like will be created and shared soon.





SATURDAY MARCH 21st 2026

More events...SPOT Testing
+ Gear Garage Sale at Camo
Cross Dog Training (At the
Farm)!



SATURDAY
MARCH 21st 2026

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SOCIALIZED PET OBEDIENCE TEST™



- Watch the Video: <https://youtu.be/NiNkJlNO3A8>



Requirements



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- Dogs can be any age, but UKC recommends at least 6 months old.
 - Females in season can test, they just must go last after all other dogs are finished.
 - Equipment you need to bring: A collar or a back clip harness (no front clip), and a 4'-6' leash.



Requirements



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- Your dog does not need to be registered with UKC to take the SPOT test

HOWEVER

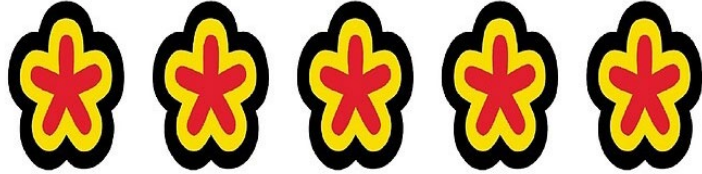
- UKC offers a discount if the owner registers at the same time as submitting their SPOT results.
- We would highly recommend registering your dogs with UKC if you want to participate in future events with Prairie Fire!

The More Evaluators the Better!

- If you are interested in becoming a SPOT evaluator (very similar to AKC CGC) to help put on this and future events please visit the UKC website for more information or see me later (online or in person) and I will make sure you get it.
 - I also have blank application forms with me here at the meeting here.



GARAGE SALE



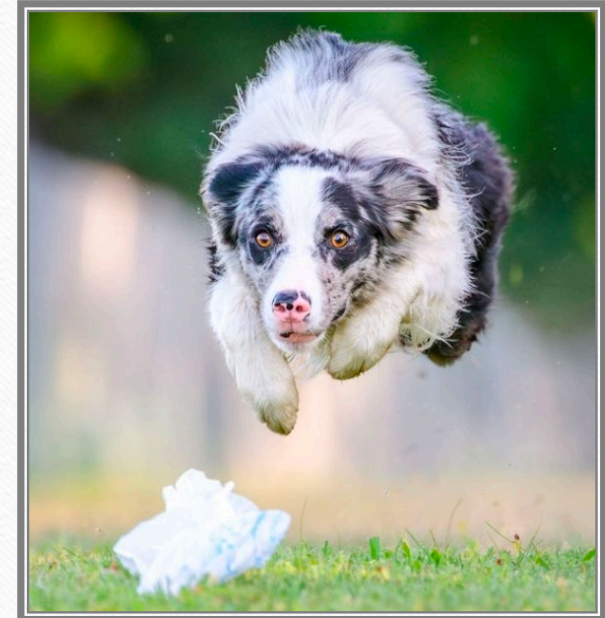
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Do you have unused dog equipment laying around? Want to score some cool new stuff?

- Donate it to our garage sale!
- 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.
- Donations can also be brought to the February and March Prairie Fire meetings.
- Pickup for donations can also be arranged, just reach out to us and we'll figure it out.

Top City Dogs FastCAT Season Pass Raffle

- Tickets for the ONLY Season Pass for the 2026 FastCAT Fun Run Season will also be available for sale at this event!
 - \$10 per ticket, 100% of proceeds from the raffle will go directly to Prairie Fire!
- The drawing will be done on TCD FastCAT Opening Day, Saturday April 11th 2026



SPOT Testing + Garage Sale Event Details

Saturday March 21st 2026

Camo Cross Dog Training (At the Farm)

12268 Q Rd Hoyt, KS 66440

Time: TBA



WEIGHT PULL TRY-IT THIS WEEKEND

- Our Weight Pull Committee Head – Sammy Hellums – is hosting a FREE Try-it day THIS SATURDAY!
- 3494 KOA Rd Grantville, KS 66429 (Top City Dogs)
 - 2:00 pm, park in the back like where we park for FastCAT/Disc
- Just bring yourself and your dogs, Sammy will teach you the rest!



NEXT CLUB MEETING

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4th 2026

- Location: Topeka Public Library (Anton Room) - 1515 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604
 - Zoom call available!
- Time: 7:30 pm
- Agenda:
 - Begin collecting official club dues, distribute Constitution and By-Laws & Code of Ethics for all members to sign. Talk about new joining procedure.
 - Announce new collateral positions – Social Media Manager, Fundraising Chair, Disability Liaison, Juniors Program Lead Mentor
 - Introduce Breed Spotlight at meetings
 - Introduce Official Club Discord Channel
 - Introduce Official Club Facebook Group/Pages.





Questions?

Lets hear them!

