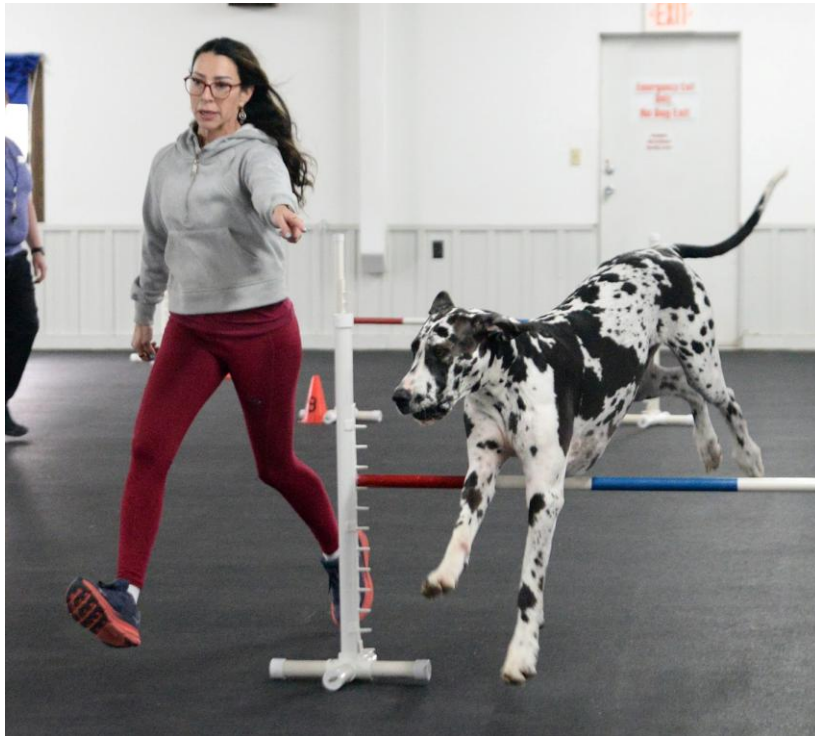




WAGS *and* TALES

April 2026



2026 Novice Agility Trial

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 03/28 Canine First Aid & CPR class
- 04/02 Monthly Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 04/11 AKC Trick Dog Testing
- 04/11 Canine Good Citizen testing
- 04/18 Beth Knotts Agility Seminar – seminar is full
- 05/07 Monthly Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm

In the Newsletter:

- 2 Minutes: March Membership Meeting
- 3 Minutes: March Board Meeting,
- 4 New Membership
- 4-6 Notices
- 7 Agility Event Photos
- 8 Volunteer Information

May News Deadline

Please submit articles

By **April 15** to

WDCNewsEditor@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – March 5th, 2026

Meeting Begin 7:00pm

Motion to accept minutes Len

Began meeting with Journey Together Service Dog - Director of Training. Discussed their program with the club

President Report: No Report

Secretary Report:

- Announce transition to SignUp for floor rentals beginning in April. Will have instructions on how to use it for the membership at the April meeting.

- Announced the 50/50 would have the club's portion be given to Deb Krsnich to help with her expenses of getting Birdie to Slovakia for the FCI IGP-FH World Championship

- Received from AKC the closeout for the Rally trial and was sent to the Rally Show Chair

- Apologized for the lapse of not having the voicemail set up but it is now set up and working

Treasurer Report:

- Profit was reviewed

- Thanked the instructors and assistants because being able to have classes is huge for profit for the club

- A reminder for reimbursements for expenses to please try to have anything that is for the club to be on a separate transaction so that it is easier for bookkeeping

- Audit spots for the Agility Trial for April 18

Committees

Annual Banquet - Jackie Kobierecki - June 11th - If you have a dog that qualified for a title in AKC or another organization the perpetual forms are on the table or website and need to be submitted before March 31 so the Plaques can be engraved in time for the Annual Banquet.

Agility - Mike Hansen - Thanked all of the volunteers who helped with the Novice Agility Trial that just took place at the club. As a reminder for any members who have access to the agility equipment closet things need to be put back so that the room stays organized. There are pictures to show where things go and if you are unsure where things go. Only members who have completed Obstacle Proofing have access to the agility closet not during classes.

Wall Plaques - Peggy Stevens - Anyone who's dogs received AKC titles in the previous year are eligible to have your dog added to the wall plaques based on AKC title. The phone number on the form is a landline number - 920-896-2835 is Peggy's cell if you want to get in touch with her via text. Extending the deadline to April 30.

Training for Family Dog Program - Charlene Johnson - Looking for volunteers to help with vacuuming the floors after class on Monday and Tuesdays. This would be from roughly from 8:30pm to 9:00pm and this would count toward volunteer hours.

Yard Passes - Karla Smith - Reminder that new yard passes are needed, old ones will expire in May. Yard pass forms can be found on the website and filled out mailed to Karla with self-addressed envelope and she will mail them back to you if you can't attend a membership meeting. Reminder that the yard use is only for members and the yard passes help us be able to verify that the vehicles parked by the yard

CGC & Trick Dog Testing - Shari Lloyd - April 11 - looking for volunteers to be able to run the event. The event goes from 8:00 to Noon.

K9 Closet - Cindy Veit - Display was up at the meeting with samples of what is available.

First Aid - Len Hoehne - March 28 will be First Aid & CPR at WDC. Members the cost is \$35 and non-members is \$45. In order to be able to hold the class Len needs to be able to have 10 participants to hold the event.

Rally Trial - Jackie Kobierecki - thanked all the volunteered for helping to be able to put on a successful event.

Senior Dog Day - Jackie Kobierecki - Thanked everyone who came to attend and help host the event. The event was beyond successful for those who attended.

Reminder that we will continue to collect pet food through the month of March for Helping Paws Pet Pantry. Food can be put in the office.

AKC Legislation - Deb Krsnich

Noted that the Post Crescent had an article regarding fines for leash law violations. Reminding people that when off property a dog must be on a leash not longer than 8 feet and e-collars are not a substitute.

- Pennsylvania law "reclassifies pets as family members instead of property" is how the headline reads".

Pennsylvania House bill 97 amends state law to treat pets as "cherished family members" rather than mere property during divorce proceedings. IT PASSED ON HOUSE FLOOR SEPT 29, 2025, HAS NOT PASSED THE SENATE YET

- A Connecticut committee is considering a bill (March 4) that in part would establish a working group to study and develop recommendations regarding the state's animal population control program. The AKC is concerned with the proposed composition of the working group and encourages the bill be amended to ensure balanced workgroup membership.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 12th, 2026

Call to Order: 6:37pm

Attendance: Jackie, Margie, Gabby, Marianne, Kayla F, Barb, and Kayla B

President Report: No Report

Vice President Report: No Report

Secretary Report:

- Thank you was read to the board
- Asked board members to go over calendars through 2030 to review potential open weekends for a rental to move to a new date
- Clumber Spaniel Club asked us to post about their all-breed events that are being held with their National in Rothschild at the end of April.
- Reviewed the Collie Club Rental for their deposit return
- Need to adjust Competition Obedience Drop-in time to be over by 1:00pm to give time for Orchid Club Rental on April 3
- Gave out the upcoming rental key fobs to board members
- Discussed some adjustments to the signup calendar for room rentals there will be one calendar for both rooms clearly labeled
- Discussed ribbon revamp options for some of our events

Treasurer Report:

- Audit committee report was presented. **Motion to Approve:** Jackie 2nd: Barb - **Motion Approved**
- Mad Dog Cost of Goods for WDC branded items was shown to board
- Barrier Camera Quote came in at half of previous quote - Passing on upgrading the cameras at this time
- Parking lot quote was given for doing the front parking lot and sealing cracks. Moving forward to present to the membership.
- Building rentals when the building has done their walk through and it is determined either the full amount or partial reimbursement form needs to be filled out and sent to Gabby
- WDC's insurance agent brought to Gabby's attention that anyone renting the building should also be getting an umbrella on top of the liability insurance for next year. Otherwise, we should add a hold harmless clause in the contract.
- We need to hire a lawyer to review the contract and solidify the decisions.
- The board is going to do an inventory on what is all in the building and the garage for insurance purposes.
- Gabby would like the instructors in the incentive program to receive a certificate to cover the cost of the incentive.

Seminars need to be added to the annual budget

Membership:

Second Meeting:

Sara Flater - Goldendoodle

Becky Kauth - Airedale

Heidi Leder - German Shepherd

Dawn Linski - English Springer Spaniel

Leah Schommer - German Shepherd

Motion to Approve: Jackie 2nd: Marianne - **Motion is approved**

New Business

- Requests for Nosework Seminar -
 - approved for Jackie to start planning a seminar
 - Kayla F is looking into conformation seminar- A request was made get their money returned for class due to returning the dog -
 - Was determined by the board for them to receive a prorated rate for the remaining classes
- Agility Act Trial** - Mike Hansen
- Act Event in December 12 and looking for a late summer date
 - Would like to raise the cost per run from \$15 to \$20
- Adjourn at 8:07 pm

Motion to end Barb 2nd Marianne

Next Board Meeting will be April 16 at 6:30

NOTICE

Margie and the Board Members will never email asking for money or gift cards. If you receive an email like this it is spam. Never click any links or respond.

Membership First Meeting

Alba, Danielle & Blake Baxter
Lab & Lab/Pit mix

Eckes, James & Rebecca
Belgian Malinois, St Bernard/Great
Pyrenees mix

Finley, Lynne Christine
Chihuahua mix & Black Mouth Cur
mix

Foxenberg, Shay & Robert
Finnish Lapphund

Pelkey, Natalie
2 Mutts

Pischke, Cindy & Pete
Golden Retriever

Randall, Stephen & Becky, Josh,
Grace
Cockapoo

Risley, John
Shepherd/Lab mix & small hound
mix

Wallace, Diana
Mini American Shepherd & a
mixed dog

Williams, Mallory & Angie Masaro
mixed breed

Membership Second Meeting

Flater, Sara
Goldendoodle

Kauth, Becky
Airedale

Leder, Heidi
German Shepherd

Linski, Dawn
English Springer Spaniel

Schommer, Leah
German Shepherd

Member Meeting Minutes continued:

**Membership - Barb Hoffman
First Meeting:**

- Danielle Alba & Blake Baxter - Lab &
Lab/Pit mix

- James & Rebecca Eckes - Belgian
Malinois, St Bernard/Great Pyrenees
mix

- Lynne Finley - Chihuahua mix &
Black Mouth Cur mix

- Shay & Robert Foxenberg -Finnish
Lapphund

- Natalie Pelkey - 2 Mutts

- Cindy & Pete Pischke - Golden
Retriever

- Stephen, Becky, Josh, & Grace
Randall - Cockapoo

- John Risley - Shepherd/Lab mix &
small hound mix

- Diana Wallace Mini American -
Shepherd & a mixed dog

- Mallory Williams & Angie Masaro -
mixed breed

Second Meeting:

- Sara Flater - Goldendoodle

- Becky Kauth - Airedale

- Heidi Leder - German Shepherd

- Dawn Linski - English Springer
Spaniel

- Leah Schommer - German Shepherd
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50/50 Raffle

Cry & Brag

Board Meeting is March 12

Motion to adjourn meeting: Deb
Krsnich 2nd by Karla Smith - All in
favor

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14pm

Next Membership Meeting is April
2nd at 7:00pm

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Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog Testing

The Canine Good Citizen testing will be held on April 11, 2026, from 9 am – 12 pm at the dog club. Trick testing will be held at the same time.

We still need volunteers for this, so please let me know if you are available. You can volunteer and test your dog that same day too. No skills required, we will train you - it's very easy.

Contact Shari Lloyd(skl555@gmail.com) with any questions.

Please Bring Donations to the April Meeting

During the April member meeting we will still be collecting dog and cat food donations for the Helping Paws Pet Pantry. Here are items she mentioned would be helpful.

Purina Dog Chow
Purina Puppy Chow
Purina Cat Chow
Purina Kitten Chow
Purina brand cat and dog treats
Milk Bones

Beanz At the AKCC Championship



This year's AKC Championship held in Orlando in December was all about performance. Ch. Mach 3 Sleepy creeks cup of joe UD MXS SXJ MXF T2B TKA FTI aka "Beanz" owned, shown, bred and trained by Candy Janke competed at the obedience classic in the Utility level.

The classic is a challenging venue, lots of people and dogs, its loud, you have long days so it's hard to train for. You can't manage the environment so things can happen and you're out it can be that fast.

Beanz was his happy playful self; all 3 rounds went well and at the end of the day we were tied for 7th. Which means a runoff, so, to add to a long weekend we had another challenge. But he was not going to let me down and won the runoff so finished in 7th!

Thanks to everyone that called, followed and cheered us on we really appreciate it.

Candace Janke

Traveling Trophy Competitive Awards will be presented at our annual WDC membership banquet held in June. These are for WDC members who competed at AKC dog shows between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025, and submit an application. Rules and information about these awards can be found on the WDC website. Look under: Membership – Forms – Traveling Trophy Awards Information. Note: There is more than one page to look at so scroll down to see it all.

Conformation Awards Include:

WDC Owner-Handled Dog of the Year
Mary Strange Award
WDC Traveling Conformation Achievement Award
WDC High Scoring Conformation Award
Lowell Tracy Recognition of Excellence Award

Obedience Awards Include:

Judy Falck Memorial Traveling Obedience Award
Pursuit of Excellence Award

Dog Sport Awards Include:

Hank Performance Versatility Award
WDC Agility Dog of the Year Award – Regular
WDC Agility Dog of the Year Award -- Preferred

Note: I need the name, location & date of AKC shows and the award or score your dog received.

Application deadline: first class mail postmarked by May 01, 2026, or email received by midnight May 05, 2026, to blsteidl@centurylink.net

Questions? Email: blsteidl@centurylink.net or call: 920-867-4245.

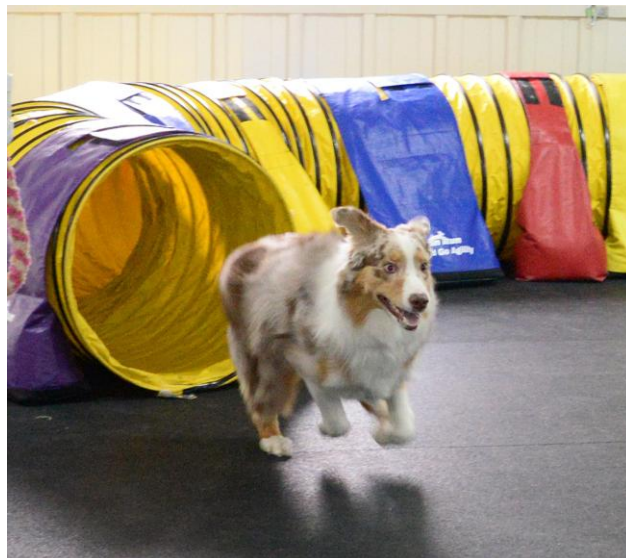
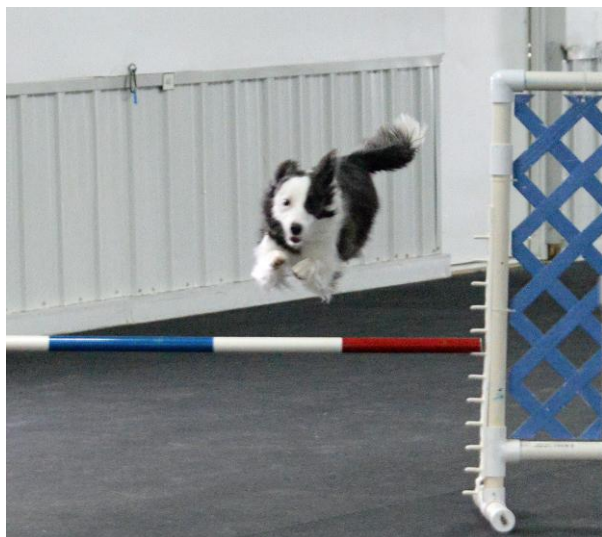
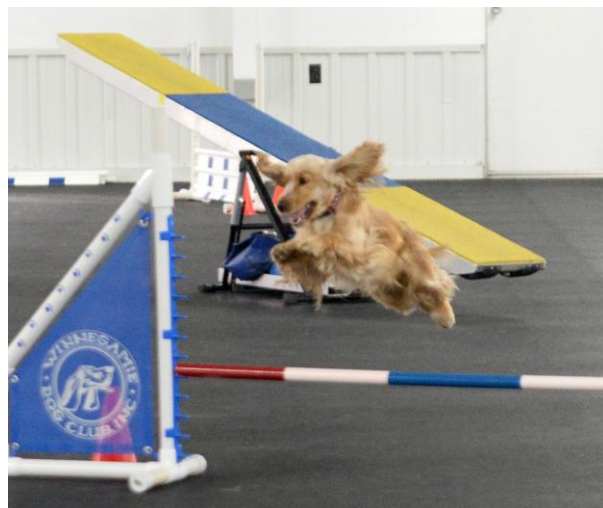
Link to the WDC website: <https://winnegamiedogclub.com/membership/forms/>

Smiles & best wishes -- Laura Steidl, Traveling Trophy Committee Chair

NOTICE

For the March & April 50/50 raffles, the club portion will be donated to Deb Krsnich to help with expenses of transporting her German Shepherd Dog Birdie to the FCI IGP-FH World Championship being held in Slovakia on April 7-12, 2026. She is competing with 8-year-old German Shepherd Dog named Wa'kohSesko' von Lindesfarne. Her name means "peacock" in the Oneida language, so her call name is Birdie

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED

Contact: Jackie Kobierecki
920-739-8626
nursejlk@gmail.com

CLASS HELP NEEDED

More help is needed with teaching and assisting. It's a fun way to share your knowledge with students and help them train their dogs to its full potential. A private training session will be held. We are also in need of assistants to help with the training equipment during classes: this is keeping track of payments, receipts, and fittings of collars, etc. during classes. Vacuuming after Obedience classes is also needed. This takes about 30-45 minutes each day. Hours are flexible. If interested in helping, contact the Director of Training,
WinnegamieDogClubTraining@gmail.com

HELP NEEDED VACUUMING

We are in need of someone to vacuum after classes (at 8:30pm) on Monday and Tuesday evenings or early in the morning before classes (8:00am-9:00am) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
Please contact Marianne Laird (royalelaird@yahoo.com) or 414-303-1195 if you can help.

NURSING HOME VISITS

Contacts:

Barb Protogere-Sprangers
baproto@aol.com
920-850-7237

Fawn Tauber
fawndan@gmail.com
920-419-7336

Prerequisites:

- Must be an approved member.
- Your dog must be at least one year old and have earned its Canine Good Citizen certificate.
- Dogs need to be approved by Fawn Tauber (contact Fawn to schedule an evaluation)
- One of the nursing homes does require the handler to present their vaccination card, showing 3 Covid vaccinations.

Procedure for Submitting Member Volunteer Hours Reports

As you earn volunteer hours, please complete the "Volunteer Hours Report Form" and submit it to the Hours Recorder in one of three ways:

- Scan and email the form to: crystals214@yahoo.com
- Drop off the completed form in the club office
- Mail it to the Hours Recorder (address on form)

Hard copies of the form are available in the club office. It can also be downloaded from the website under the Membership tab (listed in both the Forms and Volunteer sections).

Members can check their hours completed to date status on the website in the Membership / Volunteer section. The document name is "Volunteer Hours Log". Updates will be posted at least once a month.

Any questions or comments, please contact Crystal Dequaine at crystals214@yahoo.com.

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TEST

SPONSORED BY
WINNEGAMIE DOG CLUB, INC.
HELD AT THE TRAINING CENTER

Saturday,
April 11, 2026
9:00 AM – Noon
Entry Fee: \$10.00
(No pre-registration)

*It takes about 15-20 minutes to complete
all 10 test exercises so please arrive*

The purpose of the Canine good Citizen Test is to ensure that our favorite companion, the dog, can be a respected member of the community because it is trained and conditioned to act mannerly in the home, in public places and in the presence of other dogs. The program embraces both purebred and mixed-breed dogs, as the anti-canine sentiment does not discriminate between the purebred and the non-purebred.

Canine Good Citizen training is fun and useful. Through it, you and your dog will establish a closer bond and your dog will have the added benefit of knowing how to please you. This test of your dog's manners and training is not a competition and does not require that you and your dog perform with precision.

The Canine Good Citizen program is based on the concept that all dogs should have enough basic training to be under control at home and in public.

The American Kennel club urges all dog owners to participate in this program, thereby assuring that our beloved dogs will always be welcomed and respected members of the community.

All dogs who pass the ten items on the CGC test earn a certificate from the AKC.

Dogs should wear well-fitting buckle or slip collars made of either leather, fabric or chain. Harnesses are also allowed.

Special training collars, such as pinch collars or Gentle Leaders, are not acceptable.

DEMONSTRATING CONFIDENCE AND CONTROL, THE DOG AND HANDLER MUST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THESE 10 STEPS.

TEST EXERCISES

1. Accepting a friendly stranger
2. Sitting politely for petting
3. Appearance and grooming
4. Out for a walk
(walking on a loose leash)
5. Walking through a crowd
6. Sit and down on command/
staying in place
7. Coming when called
8. Reaction to another dog
9. Reaction to distractions
10. Supervised separation

For more details on individual exercises, visit <https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/>



2026 WDC YARD PERMITS AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY

A 2026 Yard Permit is required to use the club's front and back fenced yards.

- **Starting in 2026, Yard Passes are now Stickers with the WDC logo.** Please affix the sticker to the front window—either lower left or lower right. If you bike or walk to the club, carry the permit with you.
- Household memberships may have two FREE permits. Individual memberships may have one FREE permit. Additional permits are \$1.00 each. If you get a new license plate number, you will need to get a new permit. The permits will change yearly. ALL CLUB MEMBERS MUST HAVE PERMITS BY MAY 1.
- To obtain a yard permit, complete the application below and
 - bring it with you to the membership meeting, where Karla Smith will be on hand to distribute yard permits.
 - Or mail the completed application with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Karla Smith, 1005 Ardmore Tr, Oshkosh, WI 54904
- We need your help – please help enforce the yard-use policy! Look at the cars for the people using the fenced yards. If someone using the yard doesn't have a yard permit, please courteously ask him or her if they are WDC members. If they are not members, tell them the yards are for MEMBERS ONLY and tell them how they can become WDC members. If someone is abusing the posted rules, give the license plate number and complaint to any board member.
- Feedback/concerns/suggestions, contact Karla Smith (WDCYardPass@gmail.com) or any board member.

2026 YARD PERMIT ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Type of Membership:

Household (includes 2 free yard permits)

License Plate Numbers: 1st Plate _____ 2nd Plate _____

Individual (Includes 1 free yard permit)

License Plate Number: _____

ADDITIONAL YARD PERMITS (\$1.00/yard pass. Make check out to **WDC**):

Number of extra Permits: _____ License Plate Numbers: _____

Bring completed application to a monthly membership meeting or mail with a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** to: Karla Smith, 1005 Ardmore Trl, Oshkosh, WI 54904



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