

HAPPY TAILS

Fall 2019

Upcoming Dates

2019

Nov 14	Annual Meeting
Dec 13-15	AKC National Championship & Agility Invit. (Orlando)

2020

Jan 15	Newsletter Deadline
Mar 27-29	AKC National Agility Champ (Perry, GA)
Apr 15	Newsletter Deadline
Jun 27-28	AKC National Obedience Champ (Wilmington, OH)
Jul 15	Newsletter Deadline

**Annual Meeting
Thursday
Nov 14
7pm EST**

**ALL MEMBERS
WELCOME!**

Teleconference instructions on members only webpage

Non-board members will have listening privileges only. If time allows, at the end of the meeting, the floor will be open for Q & A from the membership



President's Message

Happy Fall!

DSFCA is growing by leaps and bounds. Our membership has doubled this year. As our ranks swell, we are fast becoming a dynamic community of members with diverse interests, skill sets, opinions and ideas. Many are involved in a variety of outside activities with their dogs (in addition to the one job all Farmdogs excel at - companionship and snuggling!). Some of these activities are competitive, some simple non-competitive fun, some therapeutic, some educational. Some members are professionally involved in dogs - we have veterinarians, trainers, groomers and kennel owners on board - all willing to share their unique insights and perspectives. I'd urge you all to exchange ideas and learn from each other, keeping an open mind and willingness to turn your own thinking on its ear occasionally. The richness and strength of a community comes from its diversity within a unified

framework and, boy, do we have that!

As the breed's popularity grows, our club will need to position itself as THE resource for all things DSF. This will be vital in order to protect the Danish-Swedish Farmdog as its popularity surges. While we will continue to focus on providing our existing members with new content, ideas, educational opportunities and experiences, we will also need to prioritize outreach to those just beginning their DSF exploration. We will need to showcase the depth and breadth of knowledge our members have, our inclusiveness, our ethics. In short, DSFCA must become the stamp of quality, associated with an ethical, educated, warm and welcoming community.

Welcoming Newcomers

Our Facebook Chat page is very active - a meeting place for club members and approved or invited newcomers. Newcomers who often have their first contact with DSFCA

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through our FB Chat page. It has become something of a Community Center! Come join us, share your photos, videos, and stories. Connect with a vibrant, friendly community of DSF lovers. Once you find your way around and feel at home, reach out to visitors and new members.

1. Greet them warmly, welcome them to our group, offer to be a guide as they explore the DSF world, but careful not to preach
2. Find out what interests them and help connect them with another member who may have similar interests (Kids? FlyBall? City living? Cats? Hiking? Etc)

3. Invite them to ask the group questions, share photos and ideas

4. Suggest they consider joining DSFCA to enjoy and further support the community. Explain how their membership will help build a structure that supports and educates in all things Danish-Swedish Farmdogs.

We have so much to gain from keeping our community diversified and engaged. Enjoy each other, teach each other, support and respect each other. DSFCA is a special club, full of special people and their very special dogs!

Alison Smith, DSFCA President

Education - Nose Work

Ever notice that when you take your Farmdog for a walk, his or her nose seldom rises more than a couple of inches off the grass, and he or she often stops to sniff more thoroughly? Dogs experience the world as much through their noses as through their eyes, perhaps more so. That's no accident. Dogs have a special "vomeronasal" scent-detecting organ in their noses, that people lack. Dogs also have roughly 50 times as many olfactory sensors in their noses as people – 300 million to people's 6 million. Even more impressive, dogs can smell separately with each nostril, smell in 3D that way, and find things by scent.

Dogs are so good at this that there's a dog sport just for sniffing, called scent work or nose work, inspired by working detection dogs. The AKC and the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) recognize it, and organize scent work contests called trials. We and our Farmdog, George (officially "Paradox George"), who came from Alison Smith's Paradox Family Dogs in Massachusetts, took some scent work classes with our local AKC chapter, and then entered an AKC trial and a NACSW Odor Recognition Test (ORT). If your dog turns out to be interested in this activity, it can be a lot of fun!

If George is any indication, a motivated Farmdog can be quite good at this. George surprised us by doing very well in the novice class at his first AKC scent work trial. He brought home several first, second and third place ribbons. He also passed all three elements of his NACSW Odor Recognition Test (ORT), and is now eligible to compete as a novice in NACSW scent trials.

How does training start? Cut a Q-tip in half, and put one or two drops of a scented oil on it, typically birch for beginners (more advanced dogs also use anise, clove, or cypress). Put that in a small metal box with a few holes in the top. Set out three open shoeboxes, put the scent container into one of them, and get several treats in hand. Let your dog, on leash, approach and sniff the boxes. If your dog focuses on the box with the scent sample, praise and reward, pairing the scent with the treat by delivering several treats right next to the scent sample. Repeat this, and your dog will get the idea that finding the scent means getting a treat.

The dog isn't the only one learning. The handler (that's

you) has to be reasonably sure before calling "Alert!", the signal to the instructor or competition judge that your dog has found the scent. You must learn to recognize how the individual dog indicates that he or she has detected the scent and identified its location. Some dogs make an almost imperceptible nod and then look at you, or touch the target with their paw. George now lies down next to the target.

As training advances and shifts into trials, dogs and handlers tackle increasing challenges. The dog has to choose among twelve identical cardboard boxes, all of them closed and unvented. The dog has to find a scent sample left on the seat of a chair, and there are several chairs. The dog has to choose from among six ventilated plastic boxes filled with soil, only one of which has a scent sample buried under the dirt. The dog has to find two samples from among dozens of cardboard boxes or coffee cans. The dog has to find a scent sample stuck in the grass outdoors.

We, and George, have been having fun, and growing skills as a team, through this activity. Getting involved is not a heavy lift – in our experience, equipment and supplies are affordable, and readily available through online specialty vendors (try a Google search for "canine nosework suppliers") or Amazon (try searching for "canine nosework supplies"). Check into whether there is an AKC or NACSW affiliate chapter in your area offering nosework classes or trials. You and your Farmdog might just discover an enjoyable new activity!

Peter Shawhan



Paradox Bounty Hunter “Hunter” owned by Frances Loccisano Nuzzi

HUNTER’S HOOPS!!

As much as Hunter is an energetic, fun loving, very playful dog (and he is), he is so loving and in harmony with people and their feelings.

We started taking Hunter every Sunday to The Esplanade Senior Living where my mother-in-law lived. He loved to go and would get so excited in the car when we drove closer and closer to the residence. In fact, over time, he would stop in the middle of the hall and “announce” he arrived. Everyone knew his bark and came out to greet him.

I decided to go out and buy a hoola hoop and teach him how to jump through the hoop. Frank and I would bring him to the facility and have him jump hoops for the residents. The coordinator of the residence started to put him in the facility schedule as “Hunter’s Hoops”. All the residents would gather in the large parlor and Hunter would jump hoops, fetch balls, play “Find It” (we would always hide the item next to a residents wheelchair). We would hand out treats and he would go around to every resident and get his treat.

My mother in law has since moved to the Woodcliff Lake Rehab and Nursing Home. We thought if we brought him to the home, the beds and wheelchairs would distract him – but NOOOO!! He went on his merry way and got to know the people there. Now Frank takes him to the home and Hunter does his thing. The residents gather in the large dining room, people in wheelchairs and in portable

beds come downstairs and watch the little show. Hunter goes up to the residents and makes them pet him and feed him treats. He doesn’t bark (although sometimes he gets excited and barks), he just enjoys being with everyone. They even allow him in the dining room to sit in a corner and just greet the residents as they come in.

Hunter knows that even though these beautiful elderly people are incapacitated in some way, we should show them love – all we have to do is sit and listen and make them smile.



Club Reports

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Membership Report

74
members

Welcome new members:
Peter & Joanne Shawhan
Ken Brooke
Martha Tubman

Registration Report

152

3 generation pedigree
Danish-Swedish
Farmdogs
registered with AKC



Funny story turned friendly reminder:

A DSF owner recently arrived at the final morning of a trial to find an untouched dog biscuit (not hers), pill capsule, and powder in her dog's closed wire crate. At this particular venue, there was no thought of malice as it was a private building not open to the public and locked at night, but everyone was curious as to how it happened. Surveillance video showed it was a pesky mouse gathering his treasures and attempting to make a nest in the crate.

Unfortunately not all circumstances turn out like this. It has been reported at various events throughout the country that ill-intentioned instances have occurred, such as poisoning water left out or releasing dogs from crates.

It is important to remain diligent and aware of your surroundings at any event. Check your dog's crate before you put them in it each morning. Empty any bowls of water and refill with fresh water. Don't leave valuables sitting out. And apparently don't leave food out that can entice rodents.

Braggs

- **Bullet**, owned by Debbie Ogg of California, finished his UKI International Agility Championship title.
- **Chesca**, owned by Renee Foster of Minnesota, earned her UKC Conformation Championship.
- **Coolibah Kennels**, owned by Aimee Kincaid of Florida, had the first litter of Danish-Swedish Farmdogs bred and whelped in Florida. They were born August 12. One is in California and loved by Christy Gaither and her family and will do conformation and agility. One is in Wyoming, loved by Mary Flanderka and her family. He will be doing agility and conformation. One is quite nearby Aimee, in Kissimmee, FL, loved by Deb Neufeld and her husband and will do obedience, rally and conformation. The last will be adored by Carol Munder and John Martini and will live part of the year in Key West and part of the year in France where her truffle hunting skills will hopefully prove deft!
- **Connor**, owned by Cynthia Heyman of Utah, earned his Certificate of Merit title.
- **Helga**, owned by Leslie Karnes of Wisconsin, earned her Certificate of Merit title.
- **Jack**, owned by Sam-e Marion of Virginia, earned his NJC title (NADAC agility).
- **Jordi Jo**, owned by Bebe Mabry of Iowa, earned her Master Agility Jumpers title.
- **Lady**, owned by Betty Van Dellen of Florida, earned her AKC Novice Trick Dog title and her Starter Novice obedience title in Companion Dog Sports with 2 first places and a second place.
- **Mae**, owned by Monica Turner McPherson of Wyoming, earned two Best of Opposite Sex awards and 2 legs towards her Beginner Novice A title with scores of 185 and 190.5.
- **Moxie**, owned by Carey Segebart of Iowa, earned his first Premier Jumpers legs with 1st places and is officially qualified for the 2020 AKC National Agility Championship. He also earned his Rally Advanced title, Master Agility Bronze title, Certificate of Merit 3, and 2 more Best In Open Shows.
- **Po**, owned by Barbara Reinhard of Colorado, earned his Novice Standard, Novice Jumpers, Open Standard and Open Jumpers agility titles as well as his Trick Dog Novice and Intermediate titles.
- **Trudy**, owned by Bebe Mabry and Carey Segebart of Iowa, earned her Master Agility Championship and her Novice FAST titles.
- **Winstrides' DSF**, featuring breeders Bebe Mabry and Carey Segebart of Iowa, have been recognized as Breeders of Merit by AKC, a first for the breed.



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DSF RECORDS

Certificate of Merit Recipients

1. Stolta Ebbas Oliana Olwen (Olga) - Marty Greer
2. Stolta Ebbas Einride of Sweden (Jet) - Cynthia Heyman
3. Gullvivebackens Cajsa Dot Matrix (Dottie) - Jen Giacchi
4. Flora's Winnemucca Nevada Gertrude (Trudy) - Bebe Mabry and Carey Segebart
5. Valhalla's Pistol (Pistol) - B Coleman
6. Flora's Make a Joyful Noise (Tabitha) - Elaine Alston
7. Woppers Magic Moment (Moxie) - Carey Segebart/Bebe Mabry
8. Winstrides' Truly Great Expectations (Pip) - Dorothy Herman
9. Winstrides' True To Flora (Jordi Jo) - Bebe Mabry and Carey Segebart
10. Winstrides' True To Target (Bullet) - Debbie Ogg
11. Quicksilver's Charmed Glass of Ice Wine (Tchotchke) - Aimee Kincaid
12. Adens Jazzinga Jens (Jens) - Marty Greer
13. Double G's Olga's Helsing (Helga) - Leslie Karnes
14. Stolta Ebbas Njord Noatun (Connor) - Cynthia Heyman

Best In Open Show Winners

1. Flora's Winnemucca Nevada Gertrude (Trudy) - Bebe Mabry/Carey Segebart
2. Gartnervejens Ingi Af Rind (Pixel) - Jill Heczko
3. Gullvivebackens Cajsa Dot Matrix (Dottie) - Jen Giacchi
4. Winstrides' Truly Great Expectations (Pip) - Dorothy Herman
5. Winstrides' True to Flora (Jordi) - Bebe Mabry/Carey Segebart
6. Woppers Magic Moment (Moxie)- Carey Segebart/Bebe Mabry
7. Flora's Make a Joyful Noise (Tabatha) - Elaine Alston
8. Stolta Ebbas Njord Noatun (Connor) - Cynthia Heyman
9. Kennel of My Dreams Vindaloo's Oona (Oona) - Brita Lemmon
10. Quicksilver's Charmed Glass of Ice Wine (Tchotchke) - Aimee Kincaid
11. Winstrides' Mae the Road Rise Up Av Nordst (Mae) - Monica McPherson
12. Quicksilver Extra Special - Elaine Alston

Master Agility Champions

1. Stolta Ebbas Einride of Sweden (Jet) - Cynthia Heyman
2. Stolta Ebbas Njord Noatun (Connor) - Cynthia Heyman
3. Winstrides' True To Target (Bullet) - Debbie Ogg
4. Flora's Winnemucca Nevada Gertrude (Trudy) - Bebe Mabry & Carey Segebart
5. Gullvivebackens Cajsa Dot Matrix (Dottie) - Jen Giacchi

AKC Agility Invitational Medallion Recipients

1. Gullvivebackens Cajsa Dot Matrix (Dottie) - Jen Giacchi
2. Flora's Winnemucca Nevada Gertrude (Trudy) - Bebe Mabry and Carey Segebart

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