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Please check the January 2017 Roster posted on the dfwtrackers Yahoo Group under files - Club Information - Roster - Jan 2017 and verify that your contact information is correct. Please let Cindi Todd at lacimw@sbcglobal.net know if corrections are needed.

**FIVE new Tracking Titles!!!!**

Karen Yates and Tina TDX  
Gillian Salling and Yancy TD  
Gillian Salling and Zephyr TD  
Jean-Maria Higginbotham and Davy TD, TDU

**Karen Yates and Tina TDX** by Karen Yates

On January 8, Tina earned her TDX Title, at the new STA test site at Anderson TX, under judges Jeff Shaver and Kathleen Milford, on a track laid by Natalie Wiest. Tina is now Mellowrose Rollin' On the River, TDX, WC, L1C, L1E. Owners and Breeders Karen and Rick Yates, trained and handled by Karen.

Tina and Karen worked hard for an hour, covering rugged ground, hog wallows, cow patties, tall grass, short grass, often escorted by Mr. Incredible, the Llama. They decided NOT to go through the squeeze chute into the cattle pen or go for a swim in the tank. They did do a thorough inspection of a lot of ground, which finally led them to *the glove*. Ms. Angus Cow was awarded an Honorary TDX. She found the glove too.

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**Tracks**



DFW TRACKING CLUB

**Next Meeting  
Saturday, June 24, 2017**

**1:00 p.m.**

at the home of

**Charlene Dunn**

**8425 Whistling Duck**

**Ft. Worth, TX 76118**

**817.846.5222**

The Club will provide the meat. Please bring a side dish to share.

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# *President's Message*

First of all, congratulations to all of our club members with new titles! We have so many folks to tell their stories that I'll hold my article on the TDX/TD until the June *Tracks*.

It's been such an unusual year so far - weather-wise. Marian and I taught the first session of classes without a single day of sleet, ice fog or snow as we've had in previous years. We had four beginners and four intermediate dogs and lots of wind. Charlene is the lead on the second session of classes that is just getting going, with assistance from Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Pam Joyce and Cindi Todd.

In January we held our VST test, followed by our combined TD/TDX test in March. Thanks to all who worked to make these events possible!

Once again, it's time to turn from our tracking activities to our Club activities. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to carry on the business of the Club! If you're interested in serving on the Board of Directors, or on the Nominating Committee to find those willing to serve, please contact me or any other current Board member and let us know! Our By-Laws call for a Nominating Committee to be appointed in April to come up with a slate of candidates to be named in June. If we have any contested offices, we need to hold elections in August, and whether we have elections or not, the new officers and directors take office in August.

One important topic that will be discussed at the June meeting is our implementation of the Test Worker Option, as specified in the AKC's *Tracking Regulations* Chapter 1 Section 17d. In general, the Test Worker Option allows the Club to set aside a certain number of tracks at any test that are to be filled from entries designated as "test worker entries". The Club has to decide how we will determine which entries can go into that initial draw. Any entries in the Test Worker Draw that are not drawn into the test go back into the regular draw with the rest of the entries. The objective is to allow a certain number of people who work our tests to be drawn into a test. Come join us at the meeting for additional discussion!

As always, summer is coming rapidly. Remember that your dogs will suffer from the heat before you will. They have to breathe to cool down as well as get oxygen and, by the way, follow a scent. Have fun but be careful!

Sarah

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## Tracking Classes

Spring classes are off to a great start. Anyone who comes by may think we are a GSD specialty class, but we have a wonderful array of dogs including a Rhodesian Ridgeback, 2 Labs, Border Collie, Bloodhound, Boxer, Goldendoodle, couple of Cockers, an Aussie, and 3 German Shepherds.



Our beginners are coming along nicely and should be a fine fit for fall intermediate classes, our intermediates: one is titled, two are already certified to enter tests, and the other three should be ready soon, and our advanced class is spending equal time on hard surface and obstacles and should be ready for either a VST or TDX whichever comes first.

# *Active Members Report*

*As noted in the DFWTC Standing Rules:*

## **Membership**

**Regular members must participate in three (3) Club activities a year, one of which must be a Club meeting.**

- a) Teach a class
- b) Assist with teaching a class
- c) Serve as tracklayer for matches and/or tests
- d) Serve as chief tracklayer for matches and/or tests
- e) Serve as club photographer at matches and/or tests
- f) Editor for the club newsletter
- g) Hospitality (bring food for matches and/or tests, pick judges up from airport, etc.)
- h) Serve as an officer
- i) Attend a club function

A club function may include, but is not limited to, hosting a club meeting or event. Class instructors or assistants who taught a class session will be credited with two (2) activities. Substitute instructors who substitute for one (1) class will be credited with one (1) activity. The Secretary shall keep a record of all activities of regular members, taken from club meeting minutes, classes, and events. The activities of members will be published in the 1st quarter newsletter, if regular membership is not met, the member will automatically be made an associate member. New members will be given a full year of membership to fulfill regular member status, based on the club's fiscal calendar year.

### Active Members Based on 2016 Activities

The following members have met the requirement of participating in at least 3 activities, including at least 1 Club meeting, in 2016.

Carson Albright*	Jean-Maria Higginbotham
Marian Beck-Edwards	Laurel Hoevker
Marla Bull	Pam Joyce
Carla Coggins	Peggy Kirkland
Charlene Dunn	George Loucks*
Tracy Freeling	Cindy Morrow
John Galbraith*	Susan Norvell
Pandora Galbraith*	Cindi Todd
Sarah Helber	

\* first year of membership

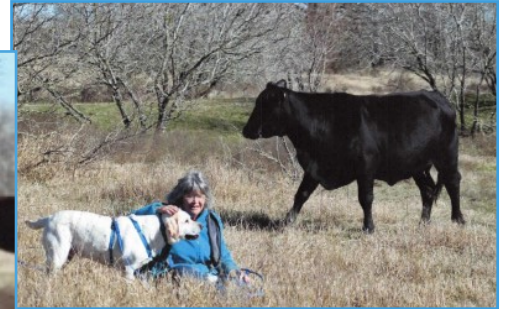


## Karen Yates and Tina TDX .... and Ms. Angus Cow *continued from page 1*



Look what we have!

Karen and Tina with the Judges



Karen and Ms. Angus Cow approve

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### **TWO TDs!!!!** by Gillian Salling

Instead of this being a “Tale of Two Cities”, it is a “Tale of Two TDs”! This is the first time I have had two of my GSDs draw tracks at the same test. I have entered two before but only one ever drew a track. So now the pressure was really on! It was compounded for me because I had health problems which basically meant that I was not able to track last spring at all so I had a lot of work to do making up for that last fall. The week before the test, after I found that both my girls had got in the test, I was concerned when I saw the weather forecast for the test weekend. It forecast that a cold front was due to come through on the Saturday. I knew what that meant for dogs’ tracking abilities because I was judging a test in Houston many years ago when that same thing happened and all the dogs failed that day after the front. The other judge said that was because of the front. I imagine that is because of the drastic change in barometric pressure, wind direction and speed, temperature, humidity and possibly also overnight rain. But we were lucky in that it was a weak front that didn’t dramatically alter the weather.

When we had the draw I found out I had track #1 and #3, so at least not one right after the other. My first one was with my Yancy von Fernheim. This was to be Yancy’s first attempt at getting a TD. My biggest concern with her was that she pulls so hard I was afraid I might stumble and actually fall because there were holes in the terrain and I knew there was prickly pear out there to avoid. But at least with Yancy, when she pulls me nearly off my feet I have no choice but to follow! The turns were scary as I tried to handle the tracking line without getting all tied up but I counted the turns and started getting excited as we did the fourth turn. And then the line went slack and Yancy lay down at that treasured glove!! What a wonderful feeling that is! She completed the track in 5 minutes, so like Forrest Gump said, “We were running!”



Yancy

Since the next dog also passed, things were looking good as I got ready for track #3 with my Zephyr von Fernheim. This was actually Zephyr’s second attempt at a TD because she was in the TTCOC test in Fort Worth two weeks earlier. The problem she had there was that she found a really scrumptious mouse on the first leg of her track! And apparently that mouse smell was a lot more enticing than the track smell! So she was not able to get her mind back on to tracking human scent. So I was a bit concerned about the possibility of not only mice but also rabbits out on the grasslands because the vegetation was much longer. Zephyr is a fairly

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fast tracker but usually a bit more methodical than Yancy and much easier to handle since she doesn't pull so much. So again I was counting the turns and hoping for no critters and after the fourth turn I was feeling quite confident and then, as with Yancy, the line went slack and she lay down at that wonderful yellow glove!! So I was ecstatic! One is wonderful but two passes on the same day are even that much better! She completed the track in 7 minutes so I didn't have to move quite as fast as I did with Yancy!



This was also the first time I had entered a dog for the TDX at the same test as I had entered others for a TD. I now know not to do that again!! My Uschi von Fernheim TD had been in her crate in my truck for 6 hours and had only got out once in that time period and barked at my other two every time they got in and out. On top of that she was pregnant and apparently not feeling like tracking and even threw up when we got home. But she never really got going on her track so I'm sorry she wasted everybody's time. Getting a TDX on top of two TDs would have been a bit too much to ask! And those TDs were my 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> TDs!!

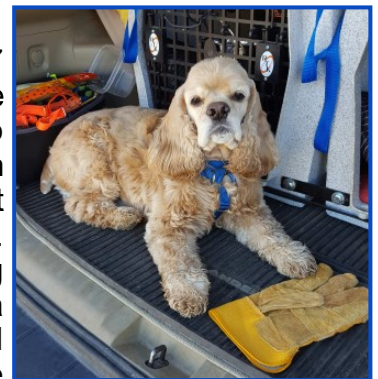
I would like to thank the DFW Tracking Club for the professional way that everyone did their part as I know it takes a lot of work and coordination to put on a test like this. Thanks to the judges, Charlene Dunn and Stephanie Gonyeau, for their work. And a special thanks to my tracklayers, Laurel Hoevker, who told me that the track she laid for Yancy was the first one she had laid at a test, and also to Cindi Todd, whom I already knew from previous tests. Guess what, Laurel? Now you have proven that you can, you will have to lay tracks at future tests!!



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## Davy TD, TDU by Jean-Maria Higginbotham

On a cold clear day in Sullivan, MO, Gateway Tracking Club hosted a 7 TD, 7 VST test. The day before, the area had snow which melted to provide a heavy frost on the tracking fields. We had perfect tracking weather. No wind, cold 25 degree temps with damp fields. 1<sup>st</sup> TD dog passed and then the 2<sup>nd</sup> TD dog passed. Davy was the 3<sup>rd</sup> and last TD of the day. His first leg was along the side of the field bordered by the interstate service road. Davy quickly sniffed the article and headed down the leg. We kept going and going and going. After what seemed like way too far, Davy showed a loss of scent indicating he overshot the turn. I backed two steps and waited for Davy to work. He checked to the right (not possible due to service road), then circled left, found the track and never left the track again. That long first leg was 160 yds. Davy motored right through the rest of the turns to his glove and gave me a down at the glove to earn his TD.



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## Davy TD, TDU *continued from page 5*

Two weeks later, in Tulsa, OK, Indian Nations Tracking Club hosted a TDU/VST test. Davy drew the second TDU track. First TDU dog passed and then it was our turn. Davy trotted right up to his start, sniffed the bandana and headed down the leg. He made a left turn, crossed the 2 lane street and followed the scent down the hill into the large field. Davy soon made a right turn and stopped at a white sock. We haven't worked many intermediate articles so I wasn't sure how he would handle his re-start. I praised him and asked him to find me another. Back to work he went as I stowed the sock in my pack.

After the intermediate article, we got sucked into a corner area of the field. Davy was working to get back to the track as I watched him carefully to know when to follow him. There was a line of houses that backed up to the field. Most had chain link fences and we soon had multiple dogs barking and charging the fences at him. Davy stopped, stared for a minute, I said "leave it", he looked at me, then back at the two loudest dogs. Two more "leave it" commands and a "go find" and he turned away from the barking dogs and went back to work. Soon Davy began pulling more confidently as we moved out of the field towards a parking lot, Davy motored right across the parking lot at an angle, approached a side walk beside a building. He went all the way up to the entry door so I waited while he sniffed it. Then he came back, picked up the track in the grass by the building and ran straight to his glove to earn his TDU title.



## Magic Mint Chocolate Bark

Originally from Susan Norvell, updated and shared by Charlene Dunn

### Ingredients

2 10 oz packages Nestle Toll House Dark Chocolate & Mint Morsels  
1/3 cup coarsely chopped oven roasted or toasted almonds

### Directions

Preheat oven to 325. Line small baking sheet with foil or parchment paper.  
Pour morsels onto prepared baking sheet. Arrange morsels so they are touching each other in a single layer (roughly a 9x11 rectangle).  
Bake for 1 to 3 minutes or until morsels are shiny. Morsels will retain their shape. Remove from oven to wire rack. With tip of butter knife or wooden pick, immediately swirl morsels to create a swirled pattern.  
Sprinkle with nuts. Hold baking sheet 3 inches above counter and drop to settle nuts into melted morsels.  
Refrigerate for 1 hour until firm. Break into pieces. Store in air tight container in refrigerator.

Variation: Substitute broken pretzel pieces or another nut of choice for almonds.

**Remember the Recipe Rules:** The recipes shared here are original creations or favorite recipes. Please do not bring one of these dishes to a DFWTC covered dish event as the person who submitted the recipe may very well be planning to bring it. Thank you!

## UPCOMING TESTS

April 23: TD, TDX, TDU  
Houston, TX - closes April 13  
Marsha McCaddon  
macbuzz2@yahoo.com

April 23: VST  
Golden, CO - closes April 5  
Martha Rosner  
martharosner@gmail.com

May 7: TD, TDX  
Catoosa, OK - closes April 26  
Jane Wittstock  
intcinfo@juno.com

May 21: VST  
Golden, CO - closes May 3  
Martha Rosner  
matharosner@gmail.com

May 21: TD, TDX  
Sullivan, MO - closes May 3  
Linda McSherry  
koiradals@att.net

June 5: TD, TDX  
Gray Summit, MO - closes May 17  
Lucy C Sappenfield  
wymars@msn.com

June 18: VST  
Greeley, CO - closes June 7  
Karen Bever  
karen.bever@colorado.edu

July 12: TD, TDX, VST  
Gray Summit, MO - closes June 21  
Lynn Kaemmerer  
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

October 8: VST  
Golden, CO - closes September 20  
Martha Rosner  
martharosner@gmail.com

October 15: VST, TDU  
Golden, CO - closes October 3  
Lynn Kaemmerer  
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

October 22: TD, TDX  
Littleton, CO - closes October 12  
Jill Pelis  
billysgirlblue@hotmail.com

October 29: TD, VST  
Sullivan, OK - closes October 19  
Sandi Thompson  
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# DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

## For Approval

### Minutes of the March 12, 2017, DFW Tracking Club Meeting

LBJ National Grasslands, Unit 49, Decatur, Texas 76234

Prior to the meeting Sarah Helber presented gifts to our TD/TDX judges, Charlene Dunn and Stephanie Gonyeau. Awards for the TD Test had been given to the four passing teams before the TDX draw earlier in the day. There were no TDX passes.

Judge Stephanie Gonyeau complimented the club on a well-run test. She said we were a great group of people working well together; we should give ourselves a pat on the back and keep up the good work. She thanked Charlene for hosting her for the weekend.

Sarah Helber, President, called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

In attendance were Carson Albright, Carla Coggins, Charlene Dunn (Treasurer), John Galbraith, Pandora Galbraith, Sarah Helber (President), Laurel Hoevker (Secretary), Pam Joyce (Board Member), George Loucks, Pat McGowan, Cindy Morrow, and Benita Zapata. Stephanie Gonyeau was our guest.

The minutes of the January 15, 2017, meeting were approved as published on the dfwtrackers Yahoo Group

#### President's Report

Sarah thanked all who helped make the TD/TDU Test a success  
Special thanks were given to John and Pandora Galbraith for making the new cross-track flags and to Pam Joyce for a superb job as a first-time Chief Track Layer

#### Secretary's Report

None

#### Treasurer's Report

The Report was passed around for review  
Sarah mentioned that we need to file our 990-N for 2016 by May 15

#### Committee Reports

None

#### Unfinished Business

March 12, 2017, TD/TDX Test is complete

#### Spring Tracking Classes

Charlene Dunn is lead instructor  
Classes began March 4 at Park Hill Park, Grand Prairie, and will conclude April 29

#### November 12, 2017, TDU/VST Test

Judges' contracts have been received from Jane Jonas and Jean Hilbig  
Application to AKC must be made by June 29  
Sarah will get contracts for the test sites  
Committee and Chief Track Layer are needed  
A new location is needed for the test headquarters  
John Galbraith will contact the firehouse and see if we can use that location for both our November and January tests

#### Test Worker Option

Jean-Maria Higginbotham suggested that "Test Worker Certificates" be offered to visiting judges as well as workers (the suggestion was brought up by Charlene Dunn in Jean-Maria's absence)  
Charlene will check to see if this is permitted  
Charlene will draw up an example for review

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# DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

For Approval ~ continued

(Test Worker Option continued from page 7)

Club must decide

Who would qualify for a certificate

Suggested 1/2 certificate for 1 day as test volunteer

How long would the certificate remain valid

## New Business

Nominating Committee needed

Per the DFWTC Bylaws:

Article IV, Section 4. Nominations. No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated. During the month of April, the board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and an alternate, not more than one of whom may be a member of the board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen and alternate of their selection. The board shall name a chairman for the committee and it shall be such person's duty to call a committee meeting, which shall be held on or before the end of April.

Suggested committee members

Pandora Galbraith

George Loucks

Tracy Freeling

Alternate???

## January 2018 VST

Charlene is Test Chair/Secretary

Judges needed

Committee needed

Application to AKC is due August 31, 2017

## Advanced Tracking Seminar

Charlene would be the instructor

Seminar to cover the final portion of "A Step in the Right Direction" by Charlene Dunn

Possible locations

Susan Norvall's home and land

Webb Community Park

Pavilions can be rented

Have electric

Restrooms available

Natural habitation – short vegetation – multiple surfaces

Possible dates

2 days in December

Registration

Cost: \$120 for working spot, \$60 for Auditors

6 working spots

Dog and handler must have completed a Beginner Tracking

Class or have equivalent training

Must have needed stamina

Unlimited Auditing spots

A copy of "A Step in the Right Direction" and food provided

Volunteers are needed

To be finalized at the June meeting

The motion was made by Pat McGowan and seconded by Pam Joyce that the next meeting of the DFWTC be held on June 24, 2017, at the home of Charlene Dunn. The motion passed.

Lunch will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow

The club will supply the meat

Members will bring a dish to pass

There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by Laurel Hoevker

The motion was seconded by Charlene Dunn and passed

The meeting concluded at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Hoevker

Secretary

## MORE UPCOMING TESTS

November 5: TD, TDX  
Houston, TX - closes October 26  
Glenda Robbins  
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November 5:TD  
Littleton, OK - closes October 26  
Diane Thomson  
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

November 5: TD  
Smithville, MO - closes October 26  
Mary Vick  
m.vick@sbcglobal.net

November 18: TDX  
Littleton, Co - closes November 8  
Lynn Kaemmerer  
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

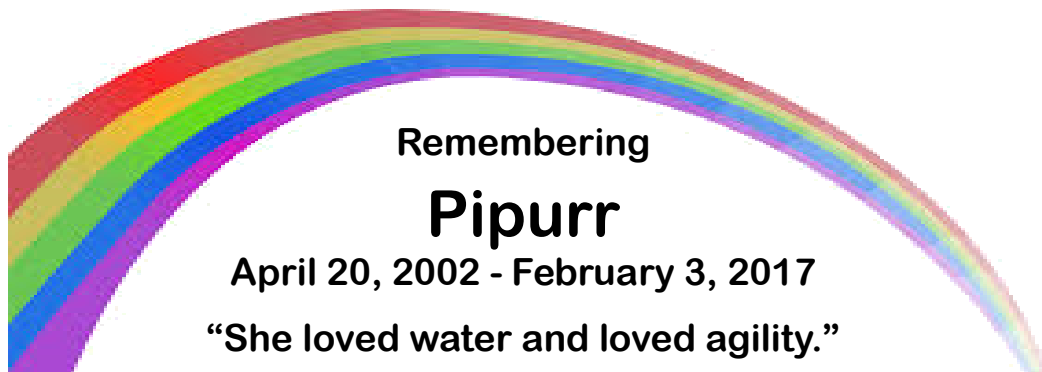
November 19: TD, TDU, TDX  
Fort Worth, TX - closes November 9  
Judy Jackson  
jjblitzt@hotmail.com

November 26: VST  
Houston, TX - closes November 16  
Sally Elkins  
sallyjelkins@aol.com

December 3: TD, TDX  
Bellvue, CO - closes November 20  
Karen Bever  
Karen.bever@colorado.edu

December 3: TD, TDX  
Smithville, MO - closes November 22  
Jan Winner  
tracknhounds@aol.com



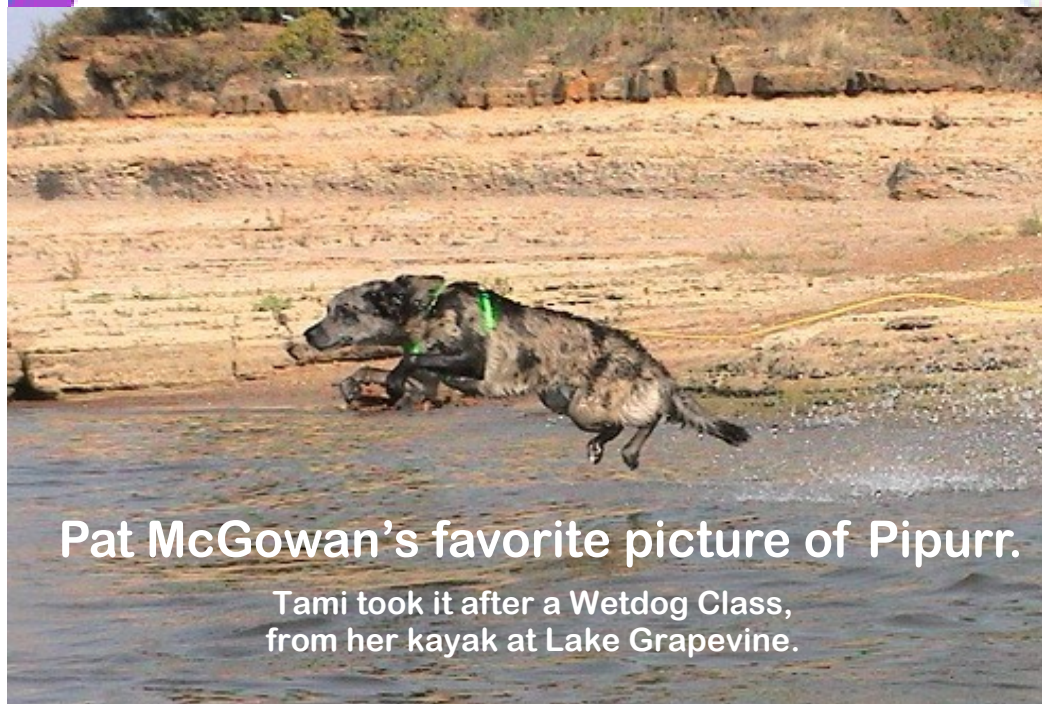


Remembering

# Pipurr

April 20, 2002 - February 3, 2017

“She loved water and loved agility.”



Pat McGowan’s favorite picture of Pipurr.

Tami took it after a Wetdog Class,  
from her kayak at Lake Grapevine.



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DFW Tracking Club was founded in the summer of 2005 by members of the tracking community who wished to offer tests, teach classes, and serve the tracking needs in the DFW area.

The mission of the DFW Tracking Club is to provide a need to the tracking community for tracking tests, tracking classes, and tracking education.

DFW Tracking Club has instructors who can service all levels of tracking from the novice to the advanced tracker. Our classes are structured to teach dogs and their humans to track for an AKC tracking test.

DFW Tracking Club is an AKC recognized club, and a 501( c ) tax exempt organization.

For more information about the DFW Tracking Club, check out our website at <http://www.dfwtc.org> or email the club secretary at [info@dfwtc.org](mailto:info@dfwtc.org)