

Dog-On-It News

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Of Central Florida (USDAA)
Of Greater Orlando (AKC)

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for information!
It's all here!



Easter Egg!

The game Snooker is named and modeled after the billiard game! You have to sink a red ball, and then you can sink a ball with any number 2 - 7 for that number of points. Once all red balls are used, then you have to sink the balls 2 – 7 in order. In agility, you have to jump a “red” jump for 1 point, then any obstacle numbered 2 – 7, then another red and another obstacle, then repeat a third time (and sometimes a fourth!), and finally finishing with obstacles 2 – 7 before time runs out. It might look like 1 - 4 – 1 – 6 – 1 – 4 – 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Happy Easter!

We hope all your runs are EGGcellent!



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**March 13 – 15, 2026
USDAA Agility Trial**

Our March USDAA trial was small but mighty! Since the originally contracted judge, Meagan Skelton, was from out of town, she graciously agreed to step aside and allow local judges Oksana Syrkin and Rita Browning to use her courses and judge the trial. Congrats to all that had great runs!



March 27-29, 2026

AKC Agility Trial

Featuring the Bunny Cup ISC Tournament



Annette Smith and Cheri-Tyre Roberts did a fantastic job judging for our third annual March trial and Bunny Cup Tournament! It was a gorgeous weekend filled with bunny ears, Easter eggs and AGILITY!!

2026 Bunny Cup Results

ISC 1		
8 inch		
First	GeeGee	Debbie Hartzell
12 inch		
First	LoLo	Debbie Hartzell
16 inch		
First	Fen	Sarah Duke
Second	Allie	Lori Nealy
Third	Motown	Susan Bekaert

ISC 2		
8 inch		
First	GeeGee	Debbie Hartzell
12 inch		
First	Sushi	Jane Plamondon
Second	Ty	Dave May
Third	Little	Sarah Duke
16 inch		
First	Fen	Sarah Duke
20 inch		
First	Reef	Monica Watson



Barb Davis seminars!

Thanks to Joanie Taugher for all her work setting up and managing the very successful seminar with our very own DOI member and World Team competitor Barb Davis! Barb Davis has won 9 National Agility championships across 3 different venues. She has been selected for 11 agility world teams and multiple European Open Teams, competing with 5 Shelties and 2 Border Collies. Her dogs have earned 7 ADCH (Agility Dog Champion) titles and 50 MACH (Master Agility Champion) titles.

Here is Joanie's summary of the three-day event!

Our recent seminar with Barb Davis, held Friday through Sunday, April 3rd–5th, was a tremendous success. Of the 28 available working spots, 22 were filled by club members—and a few enthusiastic participants even signed up for more than one session!

Throughout the weekend, Barb created an engaging and supportive learning environment, with plenty of Q&A. She took the time to clearly explain each concept, often demonstrating while handling dogs so participants could better understand both the “what” and the “why” behind each technique.



Friday morning focused on aligning agility cues for clarity. Barb emphasized that our motion and body language are our most important cues, followed by verbal commands. In the **afternoon session**, we applied these concepts to skill-building coursework, experimenting with different approaches to discover what works best for each handler and dog.

On **Saturday morning**, the focus shifted to setting lines for success. We learned how to clearly communicate intended paths to our dogs, give verbal cues early, and use motion effectively to guide them.

During the **afternoon**, we explored backside skills and distance work. Barb introduced proven training techniques for sending dogs to backside jumps, along with demonstrations and hands-on practice of German turns, serpentines, and blind crosses.

Sunday morning was dedicated to young and green dogs. The emphasis was on building motivation, confidence, and clarity using simple sequences of jumps and tunnels. We practiced giving early cues and handling dogs smoothly as they exited tunnels and moved to the next obstacle.

In the **afternoon session**, we worked on developing weave and tunnel skills. Barb stressed the importance of meeting each dog at their current skill level and creating appropriate challenges to build success. She highlighted that weave training should be kept short, noting that most issues occur at the entry and exit. We also learned how effective “2x2” training can be for strengthening weave performance.

Tunnel work included building strong distance sends, teaching tunnel discrimination cues, and introducing tunnel bypass cues—both visual and verbal. Barb showed how to communicate with the dog before entry, during the tunnel, and upon exit to maintain clarity and flow.

The feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive. Barb’s ability to break down complex behaviors into small, manageable steps made her teaching accessible to all levels. With over 40 years of experience analyzing dog behavior, she shared training methods that are both practical and highly effective for dogs and handlers alike.

We are currently working on scheduling another seminar with Barb in December or January. Be sure to watch future newsletters for details—you won’t want to miss it!



I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to David May, Susan Bekaert, and Pam Vojtas for their help with setup and their support throughout the planning of the seminar. I’d also like to thank Jill Potter and Nancy Moore for assisting with breakdown at the end of the weekend. It truly takes a village to make these seminars happen, and I sincerely appreciate all the help and teamwork that made this event such a success.

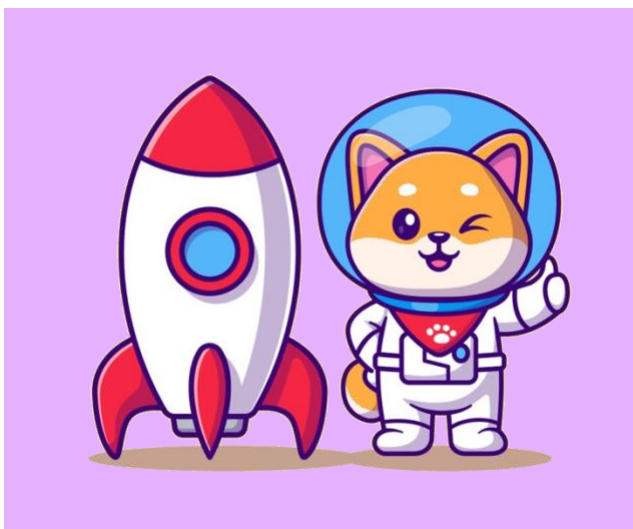
DACOF Team Preview

DACOF is quickly approaching and our teams are set to blast off with our Space theme this year!

The 2026 competition will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 27 & 28, 2026 at the Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee, Florida.

If you're on a team – best of luck! If not – consider going to the show and cheering on DOI!

Thanks to DOI DACOF Captains Deb Aheimer and Kelly Weaver for working hard to make this year the best yet!



NAME	DOG NAME	BREED	JUMP HEIGHT	TEAM
Mindy Rohr	Keon	Giant Schnauzer	20" P	DYNAMOS
Jill Potter	Kylo	Border Collie	20" P	DYNAMOS
Jynifer Brooks	Fiain	All-American	16" P	DYNAMOS
OPEN				
Jynifer Brooks	Rainbow	American Cocker Spaniel	8" P	DYNAMOS
Jeff Mackey	Willow	Cardigan Welsh Corgi	8" P	DYNAMOS
Martin Lance Holden	Zeke	Border Collie	16" P	DYNAMOS
EXCELLENT				
Kelly Weaver	Leia	Border Collie	20" R	DYNAMOS
Barb Davis	Brewsky	Border Collie	20" R	DYNAMOS
Joe Mullins	Marvel	Dachshund	8" R	DYNAMOS
Elizabeth Dott	Valor	Border Collie	20" R	DYNAMOS
NAME DOG NAME BREED JUMP HEIGHT TEAM				
Debra Aheimer	Jeorjie Girl	English Cocker Spaniel	12" P	DAZZLERS
Jane Saunders	Jo	Papillon	4" P	DAZZLERS
Cassie Armstrong	Stella	Dalmatian	20" R	DAZZLERS
OPEN				
Joanie Taugher	Mariner	Mini Poodle	12" R	DAZZLERS
Elizabeth Dott	Rebel	Border Collie	16" P	DAZZLERS
Nancy Moore	Toffee	Mini Poodle	12" P	DAZZLERS
EXCELLENT				
Brooke Salyer	Hazel	Pomeranian	8" R	DAZZLERS
Debra Aheimer	Johnny	English Cocker Spaniel	16" R	DAZZLERS
Barb Davis	Cappuccino	All-American	20" R	DAZZLERS
Christine Ponzo	Nitro	Dachshund	8" R	DAZZLERS
NAME DOG NAME BREED JUMP HEIGHT TEAM				
Jacki Belote	Jax	Cocker Spaniel	12" R	DYNAMITE
Diana Mackey	Bailey	Cardigan Welsh Corgi	8" P	DYNAMITE
OPEN				
Brooke Salyer	Pepper	Pomeranian	4" P	DYNAMITE
Dave Proe	Douge	Australian Shepherd	20" R	DYNAMITE
EXCELLENT				
Becky Fry	Scout	Pembroke Welsh Corgi	8" P	DYNAMITE
Lynn Proe	Rio	Australian Shepherd	20" R	DYNAMITE
Christine Ponzo	Willow	Dachshund	4" P	DYNAMITE

INTRODUCING – THE PUPKIN CUP!

Our September AKC Agility Trial will be adding an ISC tournament similar to our March Bunny Cup! The PUPkin Cup will award Qualifying Pins and Medals in a two-run Level 1 or Level 2 ISC event. Make plans now to join us for the fun, September 25 – 27, 2026 at our Zellwood field!



Our next events are:

July 24 – 26, 2026

AKC Scent Work at Daytona Obedience Club

Interested in Scent Work? There is plenty of time to train your dog and enter!!

We will need member help preparing for and running the trial, so consider volunteering! Reach out to Diane Lewis K9diane@gmail.com.

September 25 – 27, 2026

AKC Agility and ISC PUPkin Tournament

Zellwood field

Judges: Brian Brane and Bonnie McDonald

October 3 -4, 2026

USDAA Agility Trial

Zellwood Field



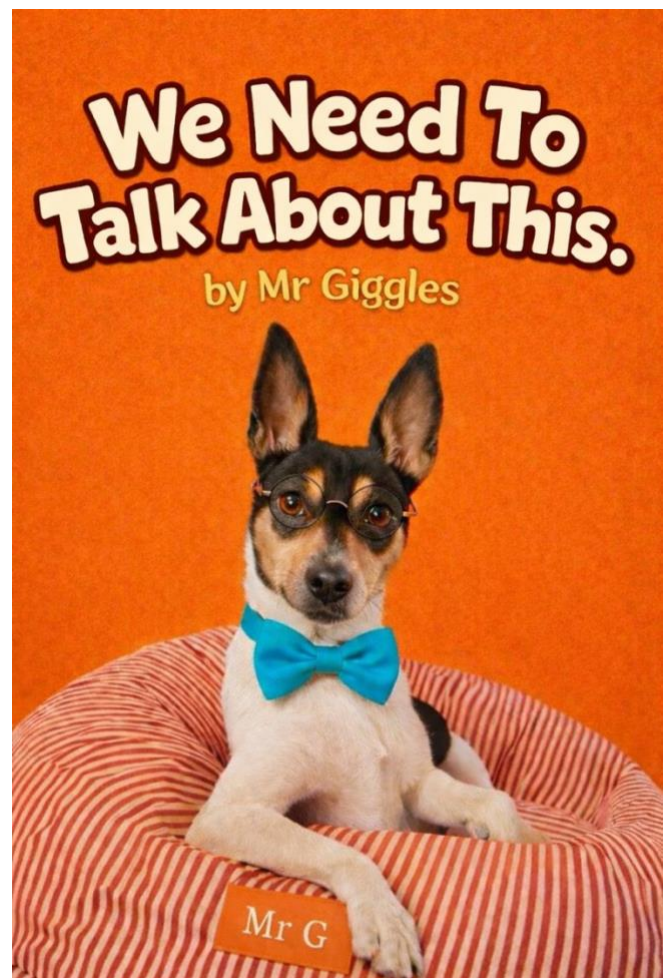
AUTHOR! AUTHOR!

We have a dog author in the group!

Christi Kinman and her dog Mr. Giggles are now **PUBLISHED!**

Mr. Giggles has **A LOT** of opinions about humans, and Christi has collected them into this entertaining book written from his perspective!

The book is available on Amazon – follow this link to order your copy!
<http://bit.ly/4tQSokX>



Jynifer Brooks' cocker spaniel **RAINBOW** played in her first Bunny Cup tournament and won 3rd place in Jumpers.

She also earned all 3 of her **AKC OPEN PREFERRED TITLES (OAP, OFP, AND OJP)** at our March Dog-On-It agility trials.

For funzies after our agility runs, we visited with our friends Dewayne and Susan Graves to her **FARM DOG CERTIFICATION (FDC)**.

4 TITLES IN ONE WEEKEND!



Lisa Gardner and her dog **TRICKY** entered their very first scent work competition and went 3 for 4 in Novice Containers, earning their first Scent Work Title - **SCN!**

Tricky also earned her **CANINE GOOD CITIZENSHIP (CGC) TITLE AND NOVICE TRICK DOG TITLE** at our March trial!

Jynifer Brooks' cocker spaniel **SHAMROCK** was 5 for 6 in her Advanced Scent Work entries earning her **ADVANCED CONTAINER ELITE TITLE** and winning **HIGH IN TRIAL!**



Harmony Hardy's dog **DANABLUE** earned her **STARTERS STANDARD USDA A TITLE** at our March USDA A show!



Diane Alexander and **CUTTY** Q'd in 5 out of 6 runs at the Orlando Dog Training Club scent work trial with a 2nd, 3rd & 4th place as well as two 5ths! Cutty earned two titles – **NOVICE BURIED (SBN) AND NOVICE INTERIOR (SIN)**.



Jackie Belote and **JAX** got their **CANINE GOOD CITIZENSHIP TITLE** at our March trial!

Huge congratulations to Lauren and Bitsy in AKC's Agility League!

This talented duo took **1ST PLACE THIS ROUND IN THE REGULAR FRESHMEN DIVISION**. With 4 of 6 rounds complete this season, Bitsy is currently ranked an amazing **#2**

SMALL DOG!

Their team, Feisty Florida Fledglings, is also soaring high — currently 4th in the nation out of 26 teams!



What makes this even more special is Bitsy's journey. She's naturally a very shy girl, but with Lauren's patient partnership and encouragement, Bitsy has truly flourished in confidence. After undergoing TPLO surgery early last year, she made a fabulous recovery and has come back stronger than ever.

This little girl has made huge strides (pun intended!) in so many ways, and she's an absolute joy to watch flying around a course.

Way to go, Lauren and Bitsy — we're cheering you on for the rest of the season!

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See You In May!