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Muncie Obedience Training Club

MUNCIE OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB TURNS 80

The Muncie Obedience Training Club turns 80 in September 2026. Eighty years ago local dog enthusiasts organized and incorporated the Muncie Obedience Training Club, Inc. as a 501c7 not-for-profit hobby club to conduct dog training classes in the Muncie vicinity and hold American Kennel Club Obedience trials on September 16, 1946.

By 1946 the AKC had been holding Obedience trials for 13 years. Obedience was a sport where purebred dogs were judged not on their conformation but on their ability to perform tasks with their owner derived from military and police dog work but modified for the average pet dog owner. Following WWII many Obedience training clubs began across the country. Obedience was a sport that most dog owners could do with pet quality purebred dogs.

A lot has changed in 80 years! Today the Muncie Obedience Training Club is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that protects and promotes the interests of all dogs by educating owners in dog care and training, combats cruelty to dogs, and holds classes and events in the Muncie vicinity on care, training, and enjoyment of dogs, encourages sportsmanship and participation in amateur companion dog sports events under AKC rules and for therapy dog work and other canine service.

MOTC now offers puppy, basic obedience, competition Obedience, Rally, Scent Work, Trick Dog, and other classes for area dog owners to enjoy training and

working with their dogs and holds trials in Obedience, Rally, Scent Work, and FastCAT for those who want to participate in those sports.

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80 YEARS OF LOGOS

A logo is a symbol of an organization. People who may know nothing else about your organization develop impressions about it from its logo. If you want your organization to be seen as fun and friendly, serious and dignified, exciting and forward thinking; you want your logo to exemplify that. You also want your logo to be useable in a variety of situations: how does it look on an address label, a billboard, a coffee mug, in color, in black and white, in reverse (white and black)



The earliest logo for MOTC that I am aware of was in use in 1994. It was a heraldic shield with Obedience jumps, a dumbbell, a leash and choke collar across the top and Muncie Obedience Training Club Inc. in the bottom with the initial letters solid while the rest were open.

The logo was used in blue and white, white and blue, and black and white. It was used in white and blue reverse on a large curtain that hid exhibitors for the out of sight sit and down stays in the Obedience Open class at that time. It's a nice logo and looks nice on letterhead, unfortunately it is very intricate and because of that does not reduce well for address labels or clickers.

Around 2003, to create a friendlier and less intimidating image as more members became involved in Agility and Rally a dog, Muncey, was added to the shield logo as a bearer. Muncey was used with out the shield with "Muncie Obedience Training Club" beside him when a smaller logo was needed such as address labels and clickers. Muncey was also used alone for some club signage such as raffle signs. The full logo was used in blue and white, white and blue reverse, and black and white.

By 2011 in an attempt to present a more all-dog friendly image, the shield was abandoned completely. A new logo with 3 silhouettes of general dog types from large to small in front of a blue background topped with MOTC with Muncie Obedience Training Club spelled out at the bottom was adopted. It was used in blue-black-and-white and without the blue background in black and white. When reduced for address labels and clickers the club name was removed from the bottom and Muncie Obedience Training Club was placed its right.

Around 2019 the current logo was adopted to present a more dynamic, active image. The silhouette of a walking human accompanied by a dog is in front of a large MOTC with the humans head centered in the O. Muncie Obedience Training Club is spelled out at the bottom. The log is used in black-blue-and-white and black and white. It reduces well and presents a clean image useable for all dog sports and activities.

Since its birth in 1946 the Muncie Obedience Training Club has used different logos to represent itself to the public. As the club has grown, embracing more dog sports in addition to Obedience, it has modified its logo to present itself as an organization that values training for all dogs and wants to make that training available to all dog owners. We also like blue.

EDITORIAL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

BK GRICE

At the Saturday March 21 1 pm Members Meeting, the nominating committee will present its recommended slate for the 2026-2027 Board of Directors and the floor will be opened for further nominations to the board. If you have not liked decisions the board has made, I urge you to run for the board. Nominate yourself or if you will not be able to attend then have someone else nominate you and give them a letter saying you accept the nomination and will serve if elected. Our Board of Directors members are elected and then decide immediately after the June meeting who will take what office: president, vice president, treasurer, recording secretary, corresponding secretary.

In my view the board should include representatives of all sports we hold trials for, those who instruct Family Pet classes, and have both men and women members. MOTC's stated purpose includes teaching responsible dog ownership, encouraging participation in canine companion sports, and preventing cruelty to dogs. I think boards with that mix represent the club best and help it fulfill its purposes.

HOW TO CONTACT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Welcome to our newest MOTC members!

Stephanie Woodson

Amie Stanley

Melissa Carmany

Jacquie Powers

SUSAN PENNY YOUNG, FROM COMPETITION DOG OBEDIENCE FACEBOOK GROUP, with permission

AKC is bemoaning the drop in performance entries (see the bottom of this post)

AKC has added so many more events that, naturally, it's pulling entries from each other. Did you know that you can earn 54 (maybe it's 57) titles in scent work? Imagine how much money that takes. In rally, once a dog is going for their champion title, they must enter three classes on the same day. That's easily \$95 or more a trial. At my club's 3 day cluster, that's \$285 for one dog in one sport over the weekend.

Most of these events are not down by drastic margins. Some of the breed-specific events are down, but I would put that back on the parent clubs to find a solution.

They mention making Beginner Novice Obedience and Novice Obedience more user friendly. My suggestion for beginner novice is a 1-minute sit-stay with the owner at the end of the leash (not a group stay). Right now, it's a sit-stay, and the handler walks around the ring, which is actually rather difficult for a green dog, harder than the Novice group stay. Preferred Novice and Regular Novice are the same class, except Novice has a group stay and Preferred has the sit stay, walk around the ring. Get rid of the Novice sit stay and just do the stay, walk around the ring. No need for Preferred Novice.

Report of AKC Delegate Committee Meetings December 2025:

- Companion Events: Subcommittee to look at beginner novice and companion dogs in an effort to make these events friendlier and welcoming. Entries are down. Looking at preferred novice title. - Subcommittee looking at ways to show how Obedience can be helpful in other aspects of the sport. The goal is to show those who come to the sport, for instance Scent Work, Fast CAT®, how Obedience training can help with their dog's behavior.
- As of June 20, 2025, the Sports & Events department at AKC showed a loss of nearly \$2.2M. For years, the surplus revenue from Registration has defrayed the expense gap between what Sports and Events generates and what they spend to keep going. IT is a large part of the expense with the cost of proper IT personnel to fill the gaps. This is the need to increase fees for entries.
- Doug Ljungren reported the following 2025 July YTD
Entries by Sport:

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| ◆ Conformation down – (4.8%) | ◆ Herding down – (9.4%) |
| ◆ Agility down – (1.7%) | ◆ Lure Coursing – down (9.2%) |
| ◆ Scent Work up 13.0% | ◆ AKC Temperament Test – up 6.7% |
| ◆ Fast CAT®– up 0.4% | ◆ Farm Dog Certified – up- 4.0% |
| ◆ Rally – up 1.9% | ◆ Earthdog down – (25.7%) |
| ◆ Field Trials down – (2.4%) | ◆ Tracking down –(0.3%) |
| ◆ Obedience down – (2.4%) | ◆ Total Entries – all AKC Events – down (2.0%) |
| ◆ Hunting Tests down – (2.7%) | ◆ Total Events – up 1.0% |
| ◆ Fetch down – (31.9%) | |

Volunteer Opportunities!

- ⇒ March 14-15 Scent Work Trials, Pendleton Heights HS, contact Mary Kay Schroeder bayswater-pwd@comcast.net
- ⇒ April 24-26 Obedience Trials, MOTC Clubhouse, contact Gayle Fahl 765.914.7196
- ⇒ May 8-10 FastCAT Trials, K9 Splash Zone Brookville OH, contact Rick Dalessandro ardalessandro@aol.com
- ⇒ Additional volunteers for Director of Family Pet Director position, contact Jeann Crowcroft gjcrowcroft@aol.com
- ⇒ Additional volunteers to instruct and/or assist with S.T.A.R. Puppy classes (must be CGC evaluator to instruct) and Basic Obedience Family Pet classes, contact Kendra Ervin, kendra2104@comcast.net
- ⇒ Volunteer to take over as webmaster of our website, contact Jeann Crowcroft gjcrowcroft@aol.com

Reminder that volunteer hours are recorded in the members section of our website
munciedogtraining.com

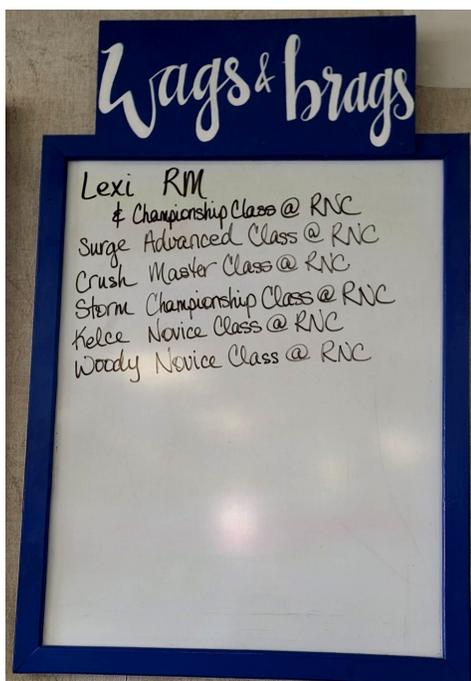


MOTC CALENDAR

- Board meeting—Sunday Feb. 22, 10:30 am
- Member meeting—Saturday March 21 1 pm
- S.T.A.R. Puppy classes
 - Monday March 16 6:30 pm
 - Saturday March 21 9 am
- Basic Obedience classes
 - Monday March 16 7:45 pm
 - Saturday March 21 10:30 am
- Wednesday morning Obedience—New session March 11
- Tuesday night Obedience
- Rally class Thursday March 12
- Scent Work class Wed March 11
- FastCAT May 8-10
- Friday Night Training
- Thursday Conformation
- March SW trials March 14-15 Pendleton HS
- April Obed trials 24-25-26
- May Rally trials 15-16-17
- May NL deadline April 30

BRAGS & WAGS

Chris Ashmore-Good's Lexi, Great Dane, finished her Rally Master title at Dayton DTC in January. Here Lexi is thanking judge Katie Maess for her final RM leg.



Added to our brag board are several members' dogs who qualified for the Rally National Championship. Missing from the board is Lisa Petty's Oakley.

All members are reminded that they may write their brag on the brag board in dry-erase marker. The board is periodically erased and we start anew.

Friday Night Training slots are available most Friday nights 6:30-9 pm by reservation. Slots are 30 min. and free for MOTC members.

Request a slot by emailing tincricket@gmail.com by Thursday midnight.

To see openings, visit muncieobediencetrainingclub.blogspot.com



Muncie Obedience Training Club is a 501c3 non-profit organization that has been part of the Muncie, Indiana community since 1946.

Our mission is to teach responsible dog ownership, encourage participation in amateur canine companion sports, and encourage humane treatment of animals.

We do this by holding classes, seminars, and amateur dog sports trials in Obedience, Rally, Scent Work, and FastCAT through the volunteer efforts of our members.

