

**ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
February 13, 2019**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 by President Chuck Achenzie.

Minutes

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on January 9, 2019. No corrections or additions were noted and Lois Linker moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Jacqui Hartranft seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Barb Katz presented the Treasurer's Report (see attached).

As no corrections or additions were noted, Donna Barto moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Wilma Brucker seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

Corresponding Secretary Edie Rysdyk reported that she was contacted by the Bil-Jac Food Company (see attached). They offered to send samples of their food along with coupons for the membership to try. If you and your dog like the food you can use the coupon to purchase their food. Edie said she will pass out the samples to anybody who wants one after the meeting.

PA Federation of Dog Clubs

Delegate Edie Rysdyk reported that the Federation monitors legislation affecting dog sports among other things (see attached).

President's Report

President Achenzie introduced the 2019 Board of Directors who were at the meeting.

President Chuck Achenzie
Vice President Lois Linker
Treasurer Barb Katz

Recording Secretary Carol McCarthy
Corresponding Secretary Edie Rysdyk
Board Member Krista Strayer

Membership

Debbie Achenzie reported as follows:

There were four first readings:

Orpha Poupore, Belgium Sheepdog - (Present)
Erika Seibert, Pointer Mix - (Present)
Kay Sivel, Chinese Crested - (Present)
Linda Duda, Labradoodle - (Present)

There were two second readings:

Jose A. Datis, Jr., Vizsla
Carol Hahn, German Shorthair Pointer

Rose Mitman moved to accept Jose A. Datis, Jr. and Carol Hahn as new members. Edie Rysdyk seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Debbie will update the membership list with these additions and make it available. The club ended up losing just 14 members from 2018. All renewals are in and the renewal period has ended.

Training

Dusty Springer read the Training Director's report as Phyllis Broderick was absent (see attached).

Joanne Summers announced there will be a mini seminar on March 20, 2019, recapping what was learned at the recent Top Dog seminar. There will be four instructors and demonstrations on where and how points are lost in the ring.

Committees

Banquet

Donna Barto asked everybody to attend the Awards Banquet. There is information posted on the website and flyers are available on training nights. Judy Lasso announced that last year somebody took home Phyllis Broderick's awards and they are now missing. Phyllis would like to get her awards back.

Website

Lois Linker reported everything on the website is up to date. A banquet registration form has been posted. There is also a link to the trial secretary's page where you can get premium lists for the mid-Atlantic area.

Publicity

Dusty Springer reported on recent publicity (see attached).

Lois Linker noted that the club booth at the Canine Learning Experience was a great success. She has been getting inquiries from people who attended and visited the booth.

Newsletter

Jacqui Hartranft reported that members can send in their achievements along with a photo and it will be published. The deadline for the next newsletter will be either February 25 or February 26, after the next Board of Directors meeting.

Finance

Joanne Summers reported she will present the finance committee report at the next Board of Director's meeting.

Trophies

Lois Linker reported that there is not enough money available to buy toys for all the dogs in all the classes at the point show. She suggested that if anybody has any new toys they would like to donate that would be very helpful. Members can bring in new toys to the next two general membership meetings.

Awards and Title Recognition

Judy Lasso reported everything is ready to go.

Raffle

Krista Strayer reported that wine and gift cards make excellent raffle prizes. Check expiration dates before you donate any treats. Krista is going to solicit some privately owned pet shops and some veterinary practices for donations. If you bring something to training and Krista is not there you can leave your donation behind the curtain across from the park office.

Canine Learning Experience

President Achenzie thanked Dusty and Bill Springer for all their expertise in the setting up and running of the ADTC booth at the Canine Learning Experience on February 2, 2019. President Achenzie also thanked the ADTC members who stopped by the booth and those who helped man the booth and talk to the public about the club.

Point Shows and Match Shows

Point Show

Lois Linker reported she is ordering the ribbons on Thursday to take advantage of an available 10% discount. The premium list will be finished by the end of the week and will be sent to Chris Brooks. The opening date for entries is March 18, 2019. Lois also noted she has been getting inquiries about the show and that many are happy the show is going indoors.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Gail James thanked all the members who stewarded at the Canine Learning Experience.

President Achenzie announced the next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in Wegmans on Tilghman Street and that members are welcome to attend. The next general meeting will be held on March 13, 2019.

General Business

President Achenzie reminded the membership that the staples number is 610-439-2800 and that there are some club magnets available for \$5.00 each.

Brag

Several members stepped up to announce their latest brags.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the general membership, Donna Barto moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Rose Mitman and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McCarthy
Recording Secretary

January 2019 Treasurer's Report (Feb. Meeting)

Income	
Club Training - Wednesdays	\$769.00
Club Training - Thursdays	\$805.00
Open (evening)	\$170.00
Utility (evening)	\$48.00
Rally Run-Thrus	\$80.00
Open class (Anna)	\$210.25
Utility class (Anna)	\$160.00
Ring Rentals	\$260.00
Point Show Trophies (2019)	\$500.00
Dues	\$2,260.00
Rally Class	\$360.00
Match Show Income	\$26.00
Brag Box	\$54.00
Interest	\$0.91
Total Income	\$5,703.16
Expenses	
Phyllis Broderick - open/utility	\$270.00
Verizon	\$31.78
Beverly Springer - club training - Thursdays	\$180.00
Macungie Park (re-issue of December)	\$1,300.00
Barbara Katz - supplies	\$7.00
Barbara Katz - tax forms	\$38.14
Barbara Katz - stamps + postage	\$57.21
Lois Linker - Point Show - AKC	\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$1,984.13
Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2018	\$51,174.05
Checking Account Balance as of January 31, 2019	\$55,814.08
Assets	
Key Bank Checking Account	\$55,814.08
Vanguard Money Market	\$6,924.19
Total Assets	\$62,738.27

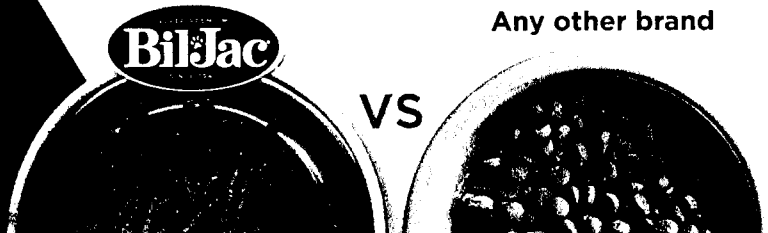
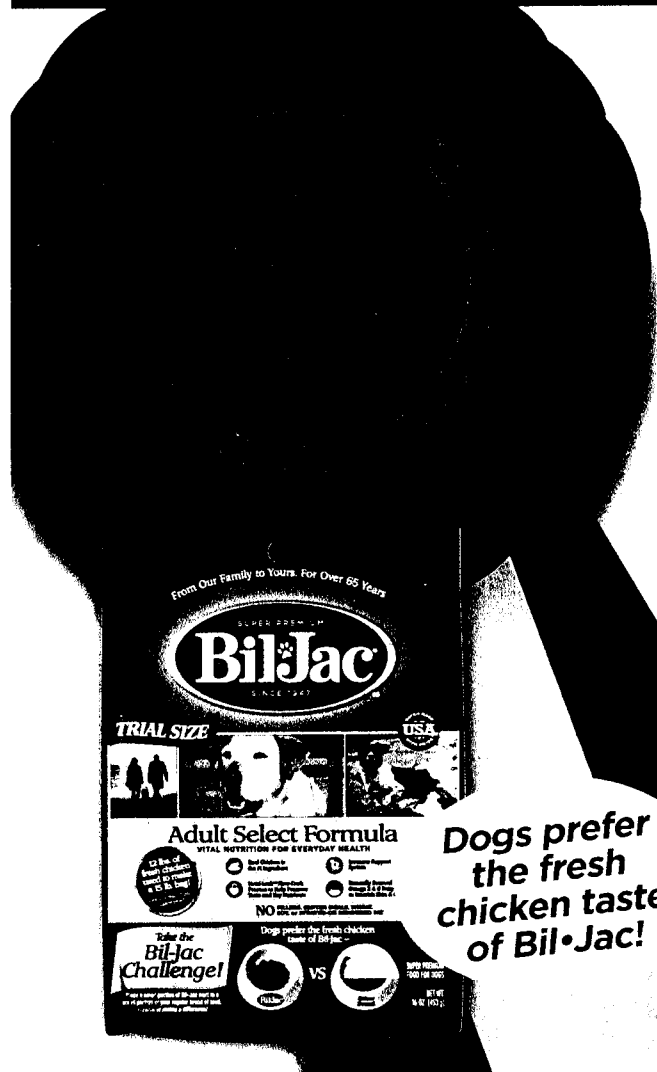


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Heavy Handed Government Mandate to Solve Perceived Problem

Victoria's Bill Seek to End Commercial Breeding

In 2008, reasonable new kennel standards were passed by the Legislature that were supported by the PA Federation of Dog Clubs (PFDC), among other organizations. However, the Legislature left certain standards for commercial kennels to the regulatory process. In 2009, organizations such as the Humane Society of the US (HSUS), ASPCA, PA Federated Humane Societies and others, pushed to clean up "puppy mills" in Pennsylvania using regulations mandating strict engineering standards for commercial kennels. These regulations got down to the level of specifying air exchange rate, water absorption rate for flooring, light level, etc. The number of comments received by the PA Regulatory Review Commission for and against these standards set a record for proposed regulations in the Commonwealth. The PA Federation of Dog Clubs (PFDC) worked with Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council, National Animal Interest Alliance, American Kennel Club and others to oppose these strict engineering regulatory proposals, favoring performance-based standards. After some give and take, including amendments to The Dog Law (P.L. 784, No.225) commercial kennel regulations, based on engineering standards, were passed in 2009. As a result of these changes, the number of commercial kennels dropped from 312 in 2009 and today they remain well below the historical highs at 84 in 2017 based on reports from Dog Law Enforcement in the PA Department of Agriculture.

Unfortunately, some of the same large, national, radical animal groups who pushed the 2009 reforms live off donations generated by emotional ad campaigns and still need a villain to drive fundraising. "Puppy Mills" fit the bill. This term however is a legally undefinable pejorative that means something different to each person who utters it. To the leaders of the radical groups pushing to close Pennsylvania "puppy mills" anyone who produces even a single litter of puppies fits their definition. That includes the responsible breeders in the Commonwealth, so based on social media commentary on pages supporting Victoria's Bill, we know their ultimate goal includes the hobby breeders who make up the canine organizations under the PA Federation of Dog Clubs.

If the current proposal being circulated in the PA Legislature, known as Victoria's Law, is passed, it would mandate that all animals offered in pet stores in PA be sourced from rescues or shelters. Advocates of Victoria's Bill intend this to put all commercial kennels out of business, including those that invested thousands in upgrading their facilities to meet the previously mentioned 2008 and 2009 amendments to The Dog Law and kennel regulation reforms. The reality maybe different given how few brick & mortar pet stores offer puppies, kittens, rabbits etc. Most of their sales are done over the internet now.

Some substandard commercial kennels that never upgraded facilities and operate without a license have noticed that rescues and shelters are not heavily regulated or inspected. Some of those groups have fraudulently rebranded themselves as rescues and now collect a sizable "adoption fee" instead. This fraud will only get worse should Victoria's Bill become Law.

The PFDC advocates for tougher enforcement of The Dog Law and kennel regulations. To do this, individual dog license fees and kennel license fees will have to rise. These fees have not changed since 1992 and are well below the national average for similar license fees. During the same 2009-2010 legislative session, money was taken out of the Dog Law Restricted Account (DLRA) and moved to the General Fund to balance the budget. Money put into the DLRA comes from individual dog licenses, kennel licenses and fines for violations of The Dog Law. That money is meant to fund the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement, including those who inspect the kennels to enforce The Dog Law and kennel regulations.

During the Ridge Administration the PA Federation of Dog Clubs proudly helped pass the PA Puppy Lemon Law. We have been working with Attorneys General since then to upgrade the Law by increasing time frames to find health problems in puppies and increased reporting times to inform the seller. Consumers will continue to have the option of getting veterinary costs covered up to the purchase price of the pet. We believe this is a much more effective way to address health quality issues coming from licensed PA kennels. Senator Kim Ward is sponsoring these upgrades this session.

The PA Federation of Dog Clubs does not believe the radical groups pushing to "clean up PA puppy mills" will ever be satisfied. The need for Victoria's Law is dubious given the very few brick & mortar stores still selling pets and the fact that stronger enforcement would be far more effective. Solving a perceived problem with a heavy-handed government mandate like this only encourages similar "solutions" going forward.

Darin Cox,

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 44

Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY KILLION, DINNIMAN, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BARTOLOTTA,
BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, COLLETT, COSTA, FARNESE, FONTANA, KEARNEY,
LANGERHOLC, LAUGHLIN, LEACH, MUTH, PHILLIPS-HILL, SABATINA,
SANTARSIERO, SCAVELLO, STEFANO, STREET, TARTAGLIONE, K. WARD,
WHITE, YAW AND YUDICHAK, FEBRUARY 5, 2019

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for transfer and sale of
3 animals.'

4 This act may referred to as Victoria's Law.

5 The General Assembly finds that:

6 (1) A significant number of puppies, kittens and rabbits
7 sold at pet stores come from large-scale, commercial breeding
8 facilities, puppy mills, kitten mills and rabbit mills, where
9 the health and welfare of the animals are not adequately
10 addressed.

11 (2) According to The Humane Society of the United
12 States, it is estimated that 10,000 puppy mills produce more
13 than 2,400,000 puppies each year in the United States and
14 that most pet store dogs, cats and rabbits come from puppy
15 mills, kitten mills and rabbit mills.

16 (3) The documented abuses endemic to puppy mills, kitten
17 mills and rabbit mills include overbreeding, inbreeding,

1 minimal to nonexistent veterinary care, lack of adequate and
2 nutritious food and water, shelter, lack of socialization,
3 lack of adequate space and lack of adequate exercise.

4 (4) The inhumane conditions in puppy mills, kitten mills
5 and rabbit mills lead to health and behavioral issues in the
6 animals bred in those facilities, and many consumers are
7 unaware of these conditions and issues when they purchase
8 animals from pet stores, due to both a lack of education on
9 the subject matter and misleading tactics of some pet stores.

10 (5) These health and behavioral issues, which may not
11 present themselves until some time after the purchase of the
12 animals, can impose exorbitant financial and emotional costs
13 on consumers.

14 (6) Current Federal and State regulations do not
15 properly address the sale in pet stores of dogs, cats and
16 rabbits bred at puppy mills, kitten mills and rabbit mills.

17 (7) Restricting the retail sale of puppies and kittens
18 to only those that are sourced from animal shelters or rescue
19 organizations will likely reduce the demand for puppies and
20 kittens bred in puppy mills and kitten mills and will likely
21 increase demand for animals from animal shelters or rescue
22 organizations.

23 (8) Due in large part to pet overpopulation, thousands
24 of dogs, cats and rabbits are euthanized annually in animal
25 shelters across this Commonwealth.

26 (9) Restricting the retail sale of puppies, kittens and
27 rabbits to only those that are sourced from animal shelters
28 or rescue organizations will likely reduce pet overpopulation
29 and the burden placed on agencies and local taxpayers.

30 (10) Across the United States, thousands of independent

1 pet stores and large chains operate in collaboration with
2 local animal shelters and rescue organizations to offer space
3 and support for showcasing adoptable homeless pets on their
4 premises utilizing a business model focused on the sale of
5 pet services and supplies rather than the sale of
6 commercially bred dogs, cats or rabbits.

7 (11) The provisions of 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 Subch. C will
8 not impact a consumer's ability to obtain a dog, cat or
9 rabbit of the consumer's choice directly from a breed-
10 specific rescue organization or animal shelter or from a
11 breeder where the consumer can see directly the conditions in
12 which the dogs, cats or rabbits are bred.

13 (12) It is in the best interests of the Commonwealth to
14 adopt reasonable regulations to reduce costs to the
15 Commonwealth and its residents, protect the residents of the
16 Commonwealth who may purchase dogs, cats or rabbits from a
17 pet store or other business establishment, help prevent
18 inhumane breeding conditions, promote community awareness of
19 animal welfare and foster a more humane environment in this
20 Commonwealth.

21 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
22 hereby enacts as follows:

23 Section 1. Chapter 55 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
24 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

25 SUBCHAPTER C

26 TRANSFER AND SALE OF ANIMALS

- 27 Sec.
- 28 5571. Definitions.
- 29 5572. Advertising information.
- 30 5573. Sales by pet shop-kennels.

1 § 5571. Definitions.

2 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter
3 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
4 context clearly indicates otherwise:

5 "Animal care facility." An animal control center or animal
6 shelter, maintained by or under contract with a State, county or
7 municipality, the mission or practice of which is to protect the
8 welfare of animals and the placement of animals in permanent
9 homes or animal rescue organizations.

10 "Animal control officer." As defined in section 102 of the
11 Dog Law.

12 "Animal rescue organization." A not-for-profit organization
13 that has tax-exempt status under section 501(c) (3) of the
14 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. §
15 501(c) (3)), the primary mission or practice of which is the
16 rescue of animals and the placement of those animals in
17 permanent homes. The term does not include the following:

18 (1) An entity that is a breeder or broker.

19 (2) An entity that is affiliated with or housed on the
20 premises of a breeder or broker.

21 (3) An entity that obtains dogs from a breeder or broker
22 in exchange for payment or compensation or resells dogs
23 obtained from a breeder or broker and provides payment or
24 compensation to the breeder or broker.

25 "Breeder." A person that maintains dogs, cats or rabbits for
26 the purpose of breeding and selling their offspring.

27 "Broker." A person that transfers dogs, cats or rabbits for
28 resale by another person.

29 "Cat." As defined in section 102 of the Dog Law.

30 "Dog." As defined in section 102 of the Dog Law.

1 "Dog Law." The act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225),
2 known as the Dog Law.

3 "Humane society police officer." As defined in section 102
4 of the Dog Law.

5 "Offer for sale." To sell, offer for sale or adoption,
6 barter, auction, give away or otherwise transfer a dog, cat or
7 rabbit.

8 "Pet shop-kennel." A kennel or person that acquires and
9 sells dogs, cats or rabbits for the purpose of resale, whether
10 as owner, agent or consignee, and sells or offers to sell the
11 dogs, cats or rabbits on a retail basis.

12 "Police officer." As defined in section 102 of the Dog Law.

13 "State dog warden." As defined in section 102 of the Dog
14 Law.

15 § 5572. Advertising information.

16 (a) Requirement.--An individual required to possess a
17 Federal, State or local license shall prominently include that
18 individual's name and address as registered with the licensing
19 agency and each applicable Federal, State or local license
20 number in the text of an advertisement offer for the sale of a
21 dog through a newspaper, posting, the mail, an Internet website
22 or another form of media.

23 (b) Penalty.--An individual who violates subsection (a)
24 shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$100 for each
25 advertisement offer.

26 § 5573. Sales by pet shop-kennels.

27 (a) Offense defined.--No pet shop-kennel may offer for sale
28 a live dog, cat or rabbit unless the dog, cat or rabbit was
29 obtained from or displayed in cooperation with:

30 (1) an animal care facility; or

1 (2) an animal rescue organization.

2 (b) Recordkeeping and posting.--

3 (1) A pet shop-kennel shall maintain records sufficient
4 to document the source of each dog, cat or rabbit the pet
5 shop-kennel acquires, for at least two years following the
6 date of acquisition.

7 (2) A pet shop-kennel shall post, in a conspicuous
8 location on the cage or enclosure of each animal, a
9 notification listing the name of the animal care facility or
10 animal rescue organization from which a dog, cat or rabbit
11 was obtained.

12 (3) Records under paragraph (1) shall be:

13 (i) Made available immediately upon request to a
14 humane society police officer, police officer, State dog
15 warden, employee of the Department of Agriculture or
16 animal control officer.

17 (ii) Submitted annually to the Department of
18 Agriculture.

19 (c) Penalties.--Notwithstanding sections 901 and 903 of the
20 Dog Law, a pet shop-kennel operator that violates this section
21 shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$500. Each animal offered
22 for sale in violation of this section shall constitute a
23 separate violation.

24 (d) Construction.--Nothing in this section shall be
25 construed to prevent a political subdivision from adopting and
26 enforcing ordinances or regulations consistent with this
27 section.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 180 days.

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB
TRAINING DIRECTOR REPORT
February 13, 2019

All Wednesday and Thursday club obedience training running a scheduled.

Linda Krasley's Thursday Excellent class finishing up. The next 6 week class offered will be Masters, followed by Novice.

Linda's runthru's resume Thursday, Feb. 14th 7:15 – 8:15pm.

Puppy Class started Thurs. February 7th and it runs from 8:15 to 9:00pm. Terry Papineau Head Trainer with Anne Wheeler assisting.

February 7th Dusty started her Thursday 4 week CGC/Tricks class. The class runs from 8:30 to 9:30pm. Three weeks of classes and testing on the 4th week.

Joanne Summers is working on conducting a mini seminar, date to be determined.

A beginner novice class is scheduled for the middle of March.

Outdoor club training will resume May 1st. Linda Krasley is unable to do run thru's on Wednesdays. Working on either getting another person to do the run thru or change the day to Thursday. The problem with Thursday is that most members come Wednesdays as they can do obedience and rally at the same time. Will bring it to the Board for consultation.

There will be a Training Committee meeting. It will be scheduled for Tuesday, March 5th as that is the date that most instructors can make it.

Match Show

Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 27th. Lois and Link Linker have generously offered their building for the match show. Advantage, will not have to pay for a building rental. Will have to look into our insurance policy to make sure we are covered at another location.

Cons – It's a distance from Macungie and there are no bathroom facilities. Lois has offered her house bathroom for all entered.

Advantage: We can set up two rings, start at 9am and be finished by 4 or 5pm.

Dog Match Shows will take the entries at a cost of \$10 per entry. They add \$2.25 to the cost for handling. We, as a club, get the full \$10.

Will discuss it at the February Board meeting for a resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Broderick

ADTC Publicity Report for February 2019

This year's booth at the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club's January show was set up by Deb and Chuck Achenzie and Dusty and Bill Springer and attended throughout the day by a variety of club members. Thanks to everyone who helped out and especially to those who participated in an impromptu obedience demonstration. Many business cards and brochures were distributed to visitors to the booth. A special thank you goes out to Hugo Katz who literally "worked his tail to the bone" as our canine ambassador for the day.

In conjunction with the banquet committee the publicity committee has contacted Weis Market in Emmaus, Giant Food Stores in Emmaus, Yocco's, and Home Depot with written requests for raffle prize donations. The requests included ADTC business cards and brochures. All businesses approached have responded with a donation. A hand written thank you note containing an ADTC business card has been mailed to each.

Yours for better barkers,

Sara Schrum and Dusty Springer
ADTC Publicity Co-chairs