



ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

***MEMBER INFORMATION ***

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year for all of us and our dogs will be healthy and happy. Hopefully everyone has made a resolution to teach our dogs some new exercises especially those who were at the ARE WE HAVING FUN YET seminar. Some of the trainers will be teaching many of the things that those who attended learned. It is a long winter and the weather at times will not be good, but there are plenty of things you can do with your dog in your home which needs very little space. And do not forget that many of the area dog clubs will be having match shows every month or every other month. You can check them out at DOG MATCH SHOWS.COM. Do consider taking advantage of these match shows which are within a reasonable drive. They are a great way to find out what it is like in a ring type situation and to get your dog used to being in the ring. Talk to your trainer for more information.

Remember to check the website and also your email for training information. Since January, February and March often times have bad weather, classes may have to be cancelled.

Please make sure that you send in your membership renewal which is due by January 1, 2019. Donations for the Trophy Fund were due December 31, 2018. The Awards Banquet form was due December 31, 2018.

Thank You to the “retiring” members of the 2018 Board of Directors for their service. They are Debbie Achenzie, President, Anne Wheeler, Vice President, Linda Krasley, Recording Secretary, and Directors, Karen Belmont, Jacqui Hartranft, and Joanne Summers.

Welcome to the 2019 Board of Directors

Executive Board:

Chuck Achenzie, President,

Lois Linker, Vice President,

Carol McCarthy, Recording Secretary

Barb Katz, Treasurer,

Edie Rysdyk, Corresponding Secretary,

Phyllis Broderick, Training Director

Directors: Cris Courdoff, Barb Grotzinger, Anna Guglielmo, Deb Moyer Petrusjanz, and Krista Strayer,

Krista Strayer, who makes our beautiful raffle baskets, is asking members, if they have no use for the baskets and containers they have won, as well as some items they cannot use, to please return them to her to reuse for other raffles. She would rather not have to buy baskets or containers to fill. She does such a beautiful job and thank you Krista for doing this. She will also take donations for the raffle baskets throughout the year.

Many thanks go to Bill and Dusty Springer for heading the Club Christmas Party. I am not sure who all were involved with the planning but everyone had a great time and had great food.

We would not be able to do many of the things that we do as a Club without the help of many members volunteering to serve on the board, take charge of the Christmas Party and Awards night, head the Point Show in May and the match show in September (we still need someone for that) volunteer to serve as stewards when asked and many other things that keep this Club running. So please consider volunteering when the call goes out.

We are urging and encouraging members who might like to write something for the Newsletter, to please consider it. If so, please talk to Debbie Achenzie or Jacqui Hartranft. We are usually at training and meeting nights. We would love to have input from other members. Hopefully someone else will admit how their dog embarrassed them in the ring. If not, we will try something else. We are lucky to have several judges in our membership. Would any of you who are judges, whether Rally or Obedience, like to write some thing on what judges are looking for and how to prevent losing points. Or perhaps someone would just like to write something about their dog and how much he or she has meant to them. There are lots of things and it is YOUR newsletter.

SEMINAR

I want to remind anyone who attended the ARE WE HAVING FUN SEMINAR that Betsy and Linda have written many blogs which are available for all to read. You can find them on Barking Dog Videos. There are a lot of training ideas and information for you to take advantage of.

WHO IS NEW

This is not only for new members but also for those who have a new dog or puppy.

December New Member:

Carolyn Zimmerman and her Aussie and Jack Russell



Congratulations go to Jackie Woehrle for becoming a Lifetime Member of ADTC. She has been a member for 30 consecutive years. This entitles her to no longer having to pay her yearly dues.

TRAINING INFORMATION

The Training Committee is planning a four week Beginner Novice class starting on January 10 and running from 7:30 to 8:30. It will be taught by Debbie Moyer Petrusjanz who will go over all the aspects of Beginner Novice. Even if you feel your dog is not ready to enter a trial, it is a worthwhile course so you have a better understanding of what is required. The cost is \$60 for the course and it may well be the best \$60 you have ever spent. A lot of what you learn will help you not only in Beginner Novice but also Novice and the other venues.

NEW AND EXCITING SHOW READY CLASS

Starting January 10th 7:30 to 8:30p

4 Week Show Ready Beginner Novice

Taught by Debra Moyer Petrusjanz

Getting ready to show in Beginner Novice? Let Debra take you thru the steps for a successful experience.

Class will consist of going over the rules and regulations for showing in Beginner Novice which includes knowing heel position, hand positions, transitions from one exercise to another. When you can effectively give a legal second command. Which exercises allow a second command.

Class size limited to 10 teams.

Cost: \$60 Members = \$100 Public

Check Payable to ADTC

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

Breed: _____ Call Name: _____

Send to:

Phyllis Broderick

262 Brass Castle Rd

Oxford, N.J. 07863-3142

FMI: Tel: 908-453-2511 Amount\$ _____

Email: phyllisbrod@comcast.net

Eddie still has copies of the Obedience rule book and the Rally rule book. If she is out of them, you can order them from the AKC. I have found that the rules can be found in several places, under general rules and information, rules for the actual venue you are planning on entering and rules under the judge's part. Confusing, YES IT IS!

*** MATCH SHOW***

I hope that many took advantage of the ADTC Match Show held on December 26th. and 27th. Match shows are a great way to find out how ready for the ring you are or if you are ready to start showing, things to work on while in a ring type situation or just plain play with your dog to show him being in the ring can be fun. Please feel free to speak to your trainer to see how to enter a trial and if your trainer feels your dog is ready. It takes a good deal of time to prepare yourself and your dog to enter and participate in an obedience trial. Please read the rules which at times can seem confusing but your trainer will help you or any of our experienced members. We are all here to help.

Our first indoor Match Show is over. Having stewarded on December 26, Wednesday night for the Rally part with Deb Moyer as judge, I can state that everything went well and all who participated learned a lot and had a good time. I participated with Abbey in Utility and Open and Cooper in Open on Thursday, December 27 and everything was running well. I understand that almost all slots were filled and all had a good experience working their dogs under ring conditions. It was well run thanks to our judges and stewards, including Phyllis and Lois who got it up and running.

A THANK YOU FROM PHYLLIS

The Rally and Obedience Match Shows were so successful. Thank you for all who judged and stewarded. Could not have done this match without you. Special Thank You to Lois Ann Linker for putting it all together. You did an outstanding job.

We made a profit of \$417.00, which is so much more than if we had club training both days.

Pondering another match show a month before our trial, which would be in April. Day and date to be determined. Next match will have Dog Match Show doing all the work and taking all entries, which will bring in extra money as all entries will be \$10, no discount for second entries.

Once again, thanks everyone who participated and helped out.

Phyllis

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

What is an Obedience Title? Submitted by Candy Hopkins

What is an obedience title, really? Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores -- a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it; a way to honor the dog, and an ultimate memorial. It will remain, in record and in memory, for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard. And though the dog itself doesn't know or care that its achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent, adaptable and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed. And...a title says that you loved your dog; that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog, that you believed in it enough to give it another chance when it failed, and that in the end, your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; and that in a world filled with disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved and loved greatly in return.

So, when that dear, short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind -- the best you can give to a deserving friend, and it speaks volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name or before. An obedience title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received, and permanently recorded.

By Sandy Mowery

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Many thanks to Debbie and Chuck Achenzie and Dusty and Bill Springer for chairing the Canine Learning Experience in February which is sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club. They will need volunteers to come and help with the ADTC Booth. Well behaved dogs are welcome.





LEHIGH VALLEY KENNEL CLUB

2019 CANINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

February 2 and 3, 2019

Allentown Agri-Plex, 302 N 17th St., Allentown PA

Admission \$8 ~ Children under 12 Free ~ Free Parking

Health Clinic ~ OFA Eye Exam

All visits Saturday & Sunday by appointment only

Contact Fran Jarvis from 1pm—8pm at 610.867.7796

40+ Breed Clubs to visit, meet & greet

Vendors galore



Saturday, February 2

George Frothingham, Emcee

Obedience & Rally Trials (AKC Sanctioned) 9am—4pm

9:00— 10:00	Let's Play "Show Dog" with you and your dog (All non-aggressive dogs are welcome)
10:00—11:00	Dream Weavers & their Agility Dogs
11:00—11:30	Certified Canine Massage Therapist, (Ronnie Yaskin)
11:30—12:00	Introduction—Agility Playground for you & your dog, <i>Playground open all day</i>
12:00—12:45	Obedience & Rally "how to" train
12:45—1:30	Watch Dream Weavers run the course
1:30—2:15	Parade of Breeds, see more than 50 breeds
2:15—2:30	Booth Competition Awards Presented
2:30—3:00	Passion for Paws training demo, (Michele Rhoades)
3:00—4:00	Dream Weavers and their amazing Agility dogs

Sunday, February 3

Puppy Sweepstakes & All Breed Match Show 9am—4pm

Free Show Handling Class 9am—9:55am

FMI: Dominic DiBalsi, 267.994.0598 or giddyupsiberians@yahoo.com or www.LehighValleyKennelClub.com

We will also need someone or some “ones” to take over the match show which is in September. This is an important money making event for us as well as a chance for exhibitors to train their dogs in a ring and judge set up. See any board member for more information.

WHAT IS THIS

This month we have an article written by Judy Skorup on FAST CAT, what it is and if it is something you and your dog would like to try. Judy has been participating in this with her Great Pyrenees, Emma. She and Emma also are working on getting the Rally Advanced Excellent. Emma also earned her Companion Dog title last year.

What is Fast CAT?

Fast CAT is one of the newer AKC Performance titles a dog may earn. Your dog needs to be healthy and have sufficient prey drive to chase plastic bags attached to a moving rope line. If your dog likes to chase balls, animals or any other thing, he/she probably has sufficient prey drive. The dog is timed electronically for his 100 yard dash off lead in a fenced in area. Trials are held outdoors in the spring and fall, usually on weekends. Dogs under 12 inches at the withers receive a handicap of 2, dogs over 12 inches and under 18 inches have a handicap of 1.5 and dogs over 18 inches at the withers must run fast because they have no handicap. Your dog's time is converted to mph by a little division and then multiplication including his handicap number.

Examples:

Dog #1 who is 14” at the withers runs 100 yds. in 9.2 seconds

$204.545 \div 9.2 \times 1.5 \text{ handicap} =$

$22.23 \times 1.5 = 33.34 \text{ mph (and points towards a title)}$

Dog #2 who is 22” at the withers runs 100 yds. in 8.4 seconds

$204.545 \div 8.4 \times 1 \text{ handicap} =$

$24.35 \times 1 = 24.35 \text{ mph (and points)}$

The mph equals points towards the titles: 150 points are needed for the BCat title; 500 points are needed for the DCat title and 1000 points for Fast CAT. For example: If your dog runs 25 mph in each of 6 trials, he has earned 150 points and his BCat title.

What makes this event so attractive?

1. No canine training required
2. No canine grooming required.
3. No canine learned skills required.
4. No human dress up clothes required.
5. The normal entry fee is less than most Obedience and Rally fees.
6. Six trials the same weekend at the same location may allow your dog to earn the AKC title BCat.
7. Often, you can show up and enter your dog the day of the trial, for an additional \$5 fee.
8. 80-90 entries are permitted for each trial.

9. All dog breeds and mixes are eligible to compete.
10. The only gear needed is two leashes - one on the dog at the starting line and another to put on the dog at the finish line.
11. Bonus: If you wait at the finish line for your dog, you can call your dog and practice a fast recall!
12. Most dogs are very happy to run in this event, especially in the cooler weather.
13. After your dog has qualified in three trials, the AKC takes your mph average from the three runs and posts it on their website under Fast CAT: Top Twenty Fastest Dogs by Breed with your dog's registered name. Some breeds only have a few dogs listed, others may have 40 or 50 dogs listed.
14. For each qualifying run, you receive a light blue ribbon. Titles winners receive a light blue rosette.

Most Fast CAT trials are over for the fall, but will be offered again starting in early May. Quite a few are offered in nearby New Jersey and Maryland. While some Fast CAT trials are offered separately, you may also see a Coursing Ability Trial being offered at the same location in a different section of the park on the same weekend. Why not check out a trial and see if your dog wants to join in the fun to run?

ACHIEVEMENTS

There have been several obedience trials the last month. Many members competed and titles have been earned. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. Send in your achievements, no matter how small or large, we and especially our trainers, love hearing how well their students are doing.

Cris Courduff reported...

After almost 14 years with my beloved Kaiser, I wasn't sure I could connect with another German Shepherd. Well, I was wrong. I will never forget the times I shared with Kaiser, but time does heal. And, to not get another dog would have been wrong for me. Ruger and I are having a good time. Socializing with people and canines helps to keep me strong mentally and physically. Especially, physically!!! Our brags for our efforts are as follows:

OBEDIENCE: BN, CGC, CD, Temp. Cert. -

RALLY: RN, RA, RE, RAE, RM.

TRICKS: TKN, TKI & TKA.

(With scores from top to bottom, but **no** N/Q's, sorry AKC) 😞



AGILITY: Nov. Standard & Nov. Jumpers

(Agility is another story, with **LOTS** and **LOTS** of N/Q's !!!! AKC is smiling.) 😊



Looking forward to many more years with ADTC, Orchard Hills T. C., DVGSDC, and

Lenape Tracking Club

Cris Courduff & Ruger

EZBROOKS Hot Shot Ruger (3-1/2 yrs.)

Debbie Achenzie reported that Freddy earned his Rally Intermediate Title at The South Jersey Kennel Club Rally Trial on December 6th. with a score of 100 and a First Place.

Freddy also earned his 1st leg in Novice B Obedience at the same show. Then on Saturday December 8th Freddy earned his 2nd Novice B leg at the Valley Forge Kennel Club Trial. Just one more leg and then it is on to OPEN.

Freddy and Debbie also received an email stating**Congratulations; your dog has met the eligibility requirements to enter the 6th AKC Rally® National Championship being held in Tulsa, OK, on Friday, March 15, 2019!** We can not attend but it certainly is an honor to be included.



Anne Wheeler reported that Noah earned his Versatility title at the Valley Forge Kennel Club obedience trial in December. He qualified both days to finish the title. He also earned his second Utility A leg at the same trial. Congratulations to Anne and Noah!!



MY DOG DID THAT IN THE RING!

Sandi Berry has a funny and embarrassing stunt that her Scottish Terrier, Finn, did in the ring. I am sure that no one else in this Club or maybe any Club ever had a dog that did this. This definitely tops what I wrote about what Poppy did in last month's newsletter.

Finn always loved to be outside in their yard looking for critters, mainly voles and moles as well as mice. He loved to dig them up and bring them on the porch for all to see what a great terrier and hunter he was. He was very fast and had no problem finding them and killing them much to the dismay of Sandi and her family. But he did a good job of keeping the yard free of these critters. She took him to classes with the Club for Rally as well as obedience training. At a dog show, quite a few years ago, she entered him in novice obedience. She did not remember which one it was or even where but when you read the rest of the story you will understand why. They were in the heel free part of novice when she suddenly realized that he was no longer with her. The judge also had a strange look on her face. When Sandi turned around to see what Finn was doing, as she thought he was lagging on the heel free portion. She was horrified to see him carrying a vole or a mole over to her to show her his prize. The judge just stood there with the same strange look on her face and probably glad he did not take it to her. Needless to say, Sandi and Finn were excused from the ring. Sandi often wondered how many times the judge talked about and also laughed about the little white terrier who caught the critter in her ring.

I asked Sandi to send me this picture to put in the newsletter along with her embarrassing moment. You can see from the picture what a little imp he was.



Happy New Year from Cooper



He just loves the bed he won at our Christmas Party. It is too small but don't tell him!

