



## ALLEN TOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

### **\*MEMBER INFORMATION\***

Our outdoor training is ongoing in spite of all the rainy weather. Rather than holding several levels of Novice classes on Wednesday night, we are combining all the novice classes until the attendance shows a need to divide the class as we did indoors in the winter. Wednesday Open and Utility classes will continue on as scheduled. Phyllis is looking for someone who might be willing to set up rally signs when Debbie Petrusjanz cannot be there. Please contact her for more information if you are interested in doing that. Anna's Open and Utility classes on Thursday mornings will continue throughout the summer unless it gets too hot or the weather is rainy. Anna asks that anyone in her classes check their emails by 7:00 am in the event of bad weather. Anna will not be holding class on July 18th. or any days the park has other events on the grounds. Dusty's Novice classes on Thursday morning will continue as usual.

Always be sure to check emails regarding Wednesday and Thursday training if bad weather is predicted.

You can also check the club website for other training information.

It was announced at the last general meeting that the training committee is planning another Match Show at Linker's building in Slatington some time in September. Please keep it in mind as more information will be coming later.

Remember meeting nights are the second Wednesday of each month. We urge everyone to attend meetings and learn about what is going on as well as have an opportunity to voice your opinion. REMEMBER IT IS YOUR CLUB. We are also looking for any comments or articles from members to put in the newsletter. It is your newsletter and Debbie and Jacqui would love to have more input from members.

### **\*52<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL AKC OBEDIENCE AND 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AKC RALLY TRIAL\***

As we reported in the May newsletter, the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual AKC Obedience and 15<sup>th</sup> Annual AKC Rally Trial was very successful. Lois Linker has had knee surgery so we do not have a full report at this time. However, Chuck reported at the meeting on June 12 that the show itself made \$1,023.52 and the raffle baskets made \$385. It was reported this was the first time that this trial has ever showed a profit!! We also had 50 more entries than last year.

Lois reported that the date has been reserved for Colmar for next year. It was also reported that the Berks County Dog Training Club has also reserved the Friday before our trial for their obedience trial. I talked to the president of the Club when I participated in their trial and she also told me that. So that will make three great trials put on by three obedience clubs within a week of each other. So every one who is interested in entering in a trial, think about this for next year! These will all be around the same time as this year.

Both Lois and Phyllis agreed to handle the show next year. THANK YOU BOTH AGAIN FOR TAKING ON THIS HUGE RESPONSIBILITY!! And remember it takes a lot of volunteers to put this on so even if you might not be interested in entering we are always looking for volunteers. The show cannot go on without all of you.



#### **\*TRAINING INFORMATION\***

Here is the updated training information. Please be sure to check your emails as changes may have to be made for weather, meeting nights and activities at the park.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

6:00 to 7:00pm All levels of Novice will remain combined until further notice. Dusty Springer is the instructor

5:45 to 6:45pm Utility

7:00 to 8:00pm Open

6:00pm Rally Run Thrus

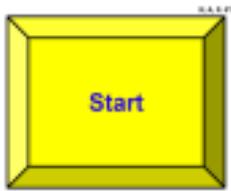
#### THURSDAY MORNING

10:00 to 11:00am Novice training with Dusty **\*class time changed from 11:00 to 12:0 in an attempt to avoid some of the summer heat.**

9:00 to 10:00am Utility training with Anna

10:15 to 11:15pm Open training with Anna **\*class times moved up ½ hour for the summer months**

**\*UPCOMING CLASSES\***



**UPCOMING RALLY CLASSES**



Rally Advanced/Excellent Class beginning 7/11/19 for 7 weeks

From 6:00 to 7:00

Macungie Memorial Park

\$160 non-members and \$80 ADTC Members

Drop-in fees also taken

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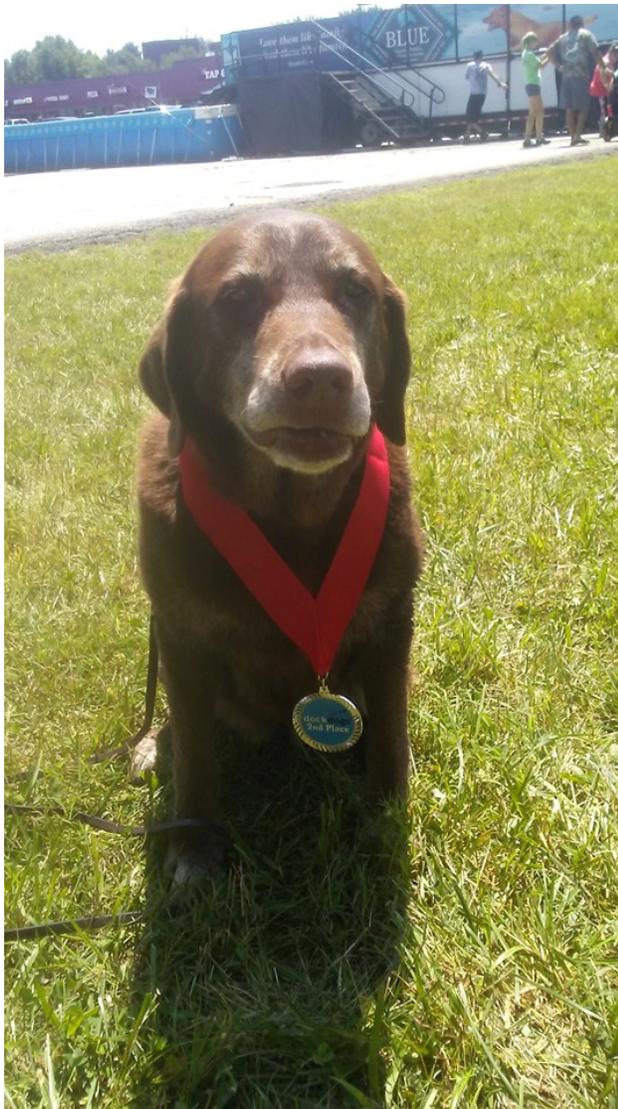
Contact Linda Krasley at [kenlin@rcn.com](mailto:kenlin@rcn.com) if interested

**\*ACHIEVEMENTS\***

LIZ LONG AND TREI had so many achievements last month that we missed two more. Trei earned his CDSP Open title and then on May 11 at the Allentown Dog Training Club Trial he earned his AKC Rally Novice title.

JODI DELABAR AND REESE were at the Keystone Dock Diving Dog competition at Steel Stacks on June 6. Although Reese did not wind up with a ribbon she did jump 14 feet and 9 inches. Pretty darn good for an 11 year old Labrador girl. They certainly should have given a ribbon for those senior girls (dogs) who still like to have fun!!

Then on June 23 Jodi and Reese were at the Dock Dogs at PV Palooza in Pennsville, NJ. Reese was awarded a second place for her jump. WAY TO GO REESE! YOU KEEP RIGHT ON DIVING!



LINDA ELTON AND MOLLY completed their CD Title at the Bryn Mawr Kennel Club Show at Ludwig's Corner on June 15<sup>th</sup>. CONGRATULATIONS!!

PHYLLIS AND DUSTY'S CGC AND TRICK DOG CLASS graduated on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Macungie Park. The class had 5 students and all 5 passed their CGC and Novice Trick Dog tests. So nice that everyone earned their CGC and TKN Titles.

Students included club members ....

Debbie Achenzie and her All-American Mix, Ginger

Sandra Cornog and her Cavalier, Tootie.

Jim Blatnik and his Lab, Delta

Alanna Gerhardt and her GSD, Lottie Da

Kurt Haus and his Bedlington Terrier, Zander

CONGRATULATIONS on a job well done!!

LINDA KRASLEY'S RALLY NOVICE CLASS graduated on June 27. It was a fun class! The Novice Signs were explained and several courses were set up for the students to try. The dogs enjoy it because you can talk to them and it is something you and your dog can do together. Everyone who attended had a great time learning together.



We urge members to let us know when you and your best friend have an Achievement. You all work hard and it is nice to be acknowledged for all your hard work. I know when I started on this journey with Emmett; I had no idea where it would take me, nor what hard work it was. If Emmett was still with me, I know he would agree but it was something he loved to do and he loved doing it with me.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

### **\*CARD SHOWER AND SUNSHINE\***

Many, many thanks to one of our members, Trish Schadler at K-9 Kampus for caring for Clydette's, Calvin and Brody, while Dick was in the hospital. However, Dick recently fell and broke his hip and now can no longer care for them. They must stay together as they are bonded. Right now they are being fostered in a home by a friend who has Crested herself but they need a home of their own. If you know anyone who might be interested in them, please let Dusty Springer or Debbie Achenzie know.

Dick would love to have cards so he knows he is not forgotten. His address is 4950 Buckeye Road, Emmaus, PA 18049. Update on Dick. He is now recuperating at home but he still is unable to drive. At this point, we are still looking for a new home for Brody and Calvin as Dick is not able to care for them. Please pass the word around and hopefully we can find a forever home for them soon.

Lois Linker had knee surgery and is recuperating. I am sure she would love cards to let her know that people are thinking of her. Her address is PO Box 70, Slatington, PA 18080. Feel better soon, Lois!!

### **\*WHO IS NEW\***

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

New Member for June.....

Jonathan Kuykendall and his Chihuahua mix, Eddie



### **\*THANK YOU\***

Many thanks to several of our members and their dogs who set up and manned our booth at Paws on the Canal in Northampton on Sunday June 2. There was a lot of interest and everyone loved our ambassador dogs, Freddy, Ginger, Cosmo, Pete and Sam. Those humans from the club who did all the work of setting up and tearing down are Debbie and Chuck Achenzie, Tracy Boardl, Bill and Dusty Springer. Again thank you all for doing this.

### **\*SPECIAL THANKS FOR SOME SPECIAL PEOPLE\***

In a world where we are all hurrying being involved in our own lives, wants and needs, it is nice that there are some people who take the time to go beyond themselves and help others in need. As was written in other columns regarding Clydette Lobach's sudden death and her husband Dick, coping with his own health issues, and their two Chinese Cresteds, Calvin and Brody. Calvin was a top notch AKC Rally and CynoSport Rally dog and Clydette was training Brody in Nose work until her sudden death. Several of our members went out of their way in order to help Dick, first to keep the boys with him and then to find a place for them to stay while he had back surgery and could go home. As was reported the other week, Dick fell and broke his hip while at home. So, at this point the boys again needed to find another place to stay and possibly another home. Fortunately, they are now safe in a home with a family who is fostering them.

We want to thank these special people. There may be others along the way that also helped so please let us know so we can also publicly thank you. First, we want to thank Trish Schadler and K-9 Kampus who took the boys and gave them a comfortable place to stay while Dick had his back surgery and was able to come home. And then special thanks to Dusty and Bill Springer and Deb Achenzie for all that they did to help the boys and Dick in this emergency. They spent time calling rescues trying to get the boys listed plus contacting people in the Chinese Crested community. Dusty and Bill also spent time going to Dick's home to care for the boys. And finally thanks to a lovely couple (although not ADTC members but members of the wide dog loving community) who love the breed and knew Clydette, who offered to foster the boys. These members of the Allentown Dog Training Club and others came together to help out two little dogs. I know that Clydette is smiling and thanking us. **MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!!!**

Calvin and Brody are still looking for a permanent home and if anyone knows of someone who might want two well-behaved little dogs, please contact Dusty Springer or Debbie Achenzie. They are bonded and must stay together.



## **\*UPCOMING SHOWS\***

Since there are quite a few trials coming up and many of our newer members may not be aware of them. There are shows listed on InfoDog which you can check by state. Also Jim Rau is the superintendent for many of our local trials especially if they are breed and obedience/rally. The AKC website also has a listing of upcoming shows by date and also location. Many of the breed specialty shows also take all breeds in obedience/rally so do not overlook them. And do not forget to try a Match Show. It is a great way to prepare for the point shows. Find them on Dog Match Shows.com. I am listing just a few of the many upcoming shows. If anyone knows of other obedience/rally trials which members might be interested in, please let us know and we can list them.

Mountain Laurel Cluster in Bloomsburg, July 25 to 28. Obedience and Rally July 26 to July 28.

Penn Ridge Kennel Club and Harrisburg Kennel Club in Harrisburg, August 9 to August 11. Obedience and Rally as well as breed.

Morris Hill Dog Training Club in Flanders, NJ August 31 and September 1.

Blue Mountain Cluster in Macungie. Pocono Mountain KC has Rally AM and PM each day, September 12 and 13.

Lehigh Valley KC, Obedience and Rally, September 14.

Berks County KC, Obedience and Rally, September 15. These three have breed judging.

Valley Forge KC, at Chester County Dog Training Club, two days of Rally, AM and PM trials, September 27 and 28.

Hatboro KC in Wrightstown both AM and PM Rally classes and obedience on October 4.

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Watchung, October 6 in Bethlehem at the Best Western/LV Hotel, Rally and Obedience which I was told are open to other working breeds.

Williamsport DTC in Muncy, October 11 to 13. Offering both obedience and Rally.

These are just a few of the many trials within driving distance to most of our homes.

## **\*FOOD FOR THOUGHT\***

Submitted by Joanne Summers...

### Canine HEART Disease & FDA

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has released a list of pet food brands that they say could cause congestive heart failure in dogs.

In July 2018, the FDA [first alerted the public](#) about an investigation that found a possible link between dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) and dogs eating certain types of pet food.

Canine DCM is described as the disease of a dog's heart muscle, which can often result in congestive heart failure.

Breeds that are typically affected are large and giant breed dogs, [according to the FDA](#).

However, many of the 524 cases of DCM reported to the FDA have included smaller breeds of dogs, suggesting a lack of a genetic connection.

In many cases, food linked to DCM was in dry form and contained ingredients including peas, lentils, potatoes, and sweet potatoes. Many others were grain-free.

The following [dog food brands were named the most in reported DCM cases](#), according to the FDA:

- Acana: 67
- Zignature: 64
- Taste of the Wild: 53
- 4Health: 32
- Earthborn Holistic: 32
- Blue Buffalo: 31
- Nature's Domain: 29
- Fromm: 24
- Merrick: 16
- California Natural: 15
- Natural Balance: 15
- Orijen: 12
- Nature's Variety: 11
- NutriSource: 10
- Nutro: 10
- Rachael Ray Nutrish: 10

The FDA is urging pet owners to work with their veterinarians, who have the ability to consult a board-certified veterinary nutritionist, to obtain the most appropriate dietary advice.

Happy July 4th

