



# BARKS AND BYTES

JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our June newsletter. There is great news to share....

## **ADTC Classes will resume Wednesday and Thursday, June 10th & 11th.**

We hope everyone has been able to keep up with their training. Plus, there are all the great videos from trainers which are free and on line. It is a great way to keep bonding with your dog and dogs love doing things with their owners. Please continue to send us pictures or just notes on what you have been doing. Everyone loves seeing pictures of dogs climbing trees, helping in the office, guarding the toilet paper and all the many things they like to do with us. It helps keep everyone in touch with each other.

There have been changes and adjustments made as to how we will be doing training once we start up again. These changes are necessary and will not last forever. Thankfully we are moving forward as a club and getting back to training.

## **\*TRAINING INFORMATION\* from Phyllis**

Dear Members,

ADTC Classes will resume Wednesday and Thursday, June 10th & 11th.

So far pre entry and payment for classes received are as follows:

### **Wednesday:**

Carol McCarthy:

Advanced Beginner/Novice 5:30 to 6:30pm

1. Linda Duda
2. Sharon Merkel
3. David Kennedy

Beginner Utility - 6:45 to 7:45pm

- 1 Linda Eldon
2. Kathy Pugh

Phyllis:

Open 5:30 to 6:30pm

1. Bill Springer
2. Dusty Springer
- 3.. Barbara Katz
4. Linda Eldon
5. Steve Markowitz (Riley)

Show Ready Novice 6:45 to 7:45pm

1. Sharon Merkel
2. Mary Minnich
3. Judy Lasso
4. Steve Markowitz

**Thursday:** Dusty Springer:Novice (Dusty will provide the names and times in a separate email)

1. Irene Chan
2. Orpha Popura
3. Jim Blatnik
4. Pat Wotring
5. Carol Knipe
6. Sandra Kornog
7. Sally Campbell
8. Ann Solt.
9. Ann Solt

This class will be divided into two groups. Look for an email from Dusty for your individual times.

There is still time to sign up for your preferred class. Sign ups close Saturday, June 6th.

Welcome back.  
Phyllis

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When we resume training there will be some rules and regulations.

When you arrive, please maintain your distancing.

Bring your own treats, water and water bowls. No sharing.

Wednesdays - 5:30 to 6:30pm - Advanced Beginner/Novice Carol McCarthy Instructor

6:45 to 7:45pm - Beginner Utility Carol McCarthy Instructor

5:30 to 6:30pm - Open Phyllis Broderick Instructor

6:45 to 7:45pm - Show Ready Novice/Novice Phyllis Broderick Instructor

**For the above classes, please register with Phyllis [phyllisbrod@comcast.net](mailto:phyllisbrod@comcast.net)**

Thursdays - 10:00am to 11:00am - Novice Dusty Springer Instructor

**For the above class, please register with Phyllis [phyllisbrod@comcast.net](mailto:phyllisbrod@comcast.net)**

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9:00am to 10:00am - Utility Anna Guglielmo Instructor

10:15am to 11:15am - Open Anna Guglielmo Instructor

**For the above class, please register with Anna [annamr06@verizon.net](mailto:annamr06@verizon.net)**

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When you heel you will be required to wear masks, keeping your 6ft distance.

Stand For Exam - Your instructor will walk around your dog, but will not touch your dog.

Recalls - You will be able to take off your mask.

Figure 8's - Will be done one at a time with cones for posts.

Stays - Will be 10 feet apart.

When your class is over, please either go directly to your car or exercise your dog away from the training area.

There will be a 15 minute break between classes so we don't have an overlap of people going away and coming for classes.

If you arrive before your time, please exercise your dog away from the training area. Once your dog has been exercised, please put your dog back in the car and please stay in your automobile until the earlier class has either gotten into their car or have cleared the training area. You can also stay a distance away until the training area is clear of the first class.

**REMINDER: PRE ENTRY, PRE PAY ONLY.**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT PRE ENTERED, YOU CANNOT TRAIN AS CLASSES ARE LIMITED FOR SAFETY REASONS.**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED, THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER/**

Note: All of the shows in the Tri State area have been cancelled including Princeton DTC, Morris Hills and the cluster in September at Macungie Park.

The 3 day Binghamton shows in July have been cancelled as the college has cancelled them.

Lackawanna Kennel Club has cancelled their shows but I believe Williamsport DTC has not as yet.

It is also hard for clubs to put on the trials, lots of members who are needed to steward are not comfortable wearing a mask for 8 hours. The AKC 's Suggested Best Practices for the Well-Being of Dog Sport Participants for Obedience and Rally (see more information below) for clubs holding shows makes it very difficult.

Thanks for your cooperation and patience. Stay well, Phyllis

## ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB

### Outdoor Registration Form

Outdoor classes will start as soon as the Pennsylvania Governor relaxes the law on social gatherings and it is legal to have classes once again.

In order to keep everyone safe classes will be held as follows:

1. Classes will be by Pre entry only and the class size limit is 6 participants to a class by pre payment only
2. Cost: \$48.00 for a 6 week session.
3. All participants must wear face masks, gloves are Optional.

CLASSES: (Please check one)

WEDNESDAY:

\_\_\_\_\_ Carol McCarthy's Advanced Beginner/Novice 5:30 to 6:30pm

\_\_\_\_\_ Carol's Beginner Utility Class 6:45 to 7:45pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Phyllis Broderick's Open Class 5:30 to 6:30pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Phyllis' Show Ready Novice/Novice 6:45 to 7:45pm.

THURSDAY:

\_\_\_\_\_ Dusty Springer's Novice Class 10:00 to 11:00pm.

Note: If there are more than 6 signed up for a class, additional classes will be scheduled to accommodate everyone.

Make checks payable ADTC and send to:

Phyllis Broderick

262 Brass Castle Rd.

Oxford, New Jersey 07863-3142

FMI: Tel: 908-453-2511 Email: [phyllisbrod@comcast.net](mailto:phyllisbrod@comcast.net)



## AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

### Obedience & Rally May 12, 2020

#### Suggested Best Practices for the Well-Being of Dog Sport Participants

The AKC supports each club's informed decision to reschedule, postpone or cancel their respective events, as well as supporting clubs ready to hold events in locations that are open and permit gatherings. As events resume across the country, people need to feel safe while enjoying their dog activities. The AKC urges clubs to take appropriate precautions for the benefit of their participants. Events need to be held in a manner that emphasizes the safety of participants and event officials over efficiency.

The following is a list of suggested best practices that may be helpful when planning or attending an event. Event locations, facilities and dates will differ. With a situation that is continually evolving, it is up to the clubs to determine the guidelines that best fit their event. In order to inform participants, specific guidelines established by the club should be published in the premium, club website and posted on signage/flyers at their event.

#### General Practices

1. Clubs, officials and participants are required to follow state, local and facility guidelines that apply to the area and site where the event is held.
2. Practice social distancing consistent with current guidelines. Avoid congregating to the extent possible.
3. Consider wearing masks when in close proximity to others. Clubs should provide masks if desired for officials, judges and volunteers.
4. Consider wearing disposable or washable gloves.
5. Have plenty of hand sanitizers placed for people to use.
6. Wash hands as frequently as possible. Have disinfecting spray at bathroom facilities for people to spray door handles (or anything else they touch).
7. If you utilize portable toilets, please ask for a hand washing station to be delivered as well.
8. Avoid shaking hands or hugging.
9. Avoid touching dogs that are not your responsibility.
10. Avoid common use pens/pencils – bring your own.
11. Disinfect surfaces in common use areas as often as possible (tables, chairs, doorknobs, etc.) Clubs and facilities may consider not providing chairs.
12. Meals – No potlucks. Avoid or stagger group lunches/dinners if possible. It is recommended that clubs supply boxed lunches for judges and volunteers. Hospitality areas should avoid

community items such as salt and pepper shakers, condiments, creamers, etc. Participants should consider bringing their own lunches/drinks.

13. Parking areas – Park with increased distance between vehicles if possible. This is especially critical if handlers are required to crate from their vehicles.

## Event Planning

### 1. Limiting Entries

- Clubs may choose to limit trials based on the number of handlers allowed in the event space. For example, 50 people (handlers, volunteers, judges, event committee) and entries not to exceed 100 for the trial.
- If possible, schedule in shifts to reduce congregating.
- Outdoor events where people can spread out may be able to accommodate larger entries.

2. One Trial Over Two Days – In order to reduce the number of participants on site at one time, clubs may hold their trial over two days.

3. Two Trials in One Day – If more than one trial is offered per day, to minimize the gathering of people, clubs should consider holding concurrent events rather than consecutive events.

### 4. Scheduling

- Consider scheduling participants in specific time blocks within a class in order to reduce crowds. The Trial Secretary can assign a specific number of dogs/armbands to a time block and publish in the judging program. For example: Dogs 101-120: 9:00a.m.-10:00a.m.
- Consider establishing smaller walk through groups to allow for social distancing.
- Participants can provide cell phone numbers for the event secretary to call or text to determine if someone is absent. Likewise, the Trial Secretary could provide a cell phone number for participants to report they will be absent. This prevents waiting and may streamline the event.
- Clubs may state in the premium that when an exhibitor is done for the day, they should leave the building in order to minimize congregating.

### 5. Event Set-up

- For indoor trials, open the exterior doors for better air flow if possible. Where possible, encourage one-way traffic flow with marked entrance and exits.
- Have a separate table for questions located at least six feet away from the Trial Secretary table.

### 6. Crating

- Consider crating outside weather permitting. If the club is planning to have participants crate from their vehicles, the club may need to supply indoor crating if requested due to a participant's health needs.

- Crating should be at least six feet apart, except for “family” groups of exhibitors and dogs. If space is limited, clubs may want to request participants to not arrive earlier than 30 minutes prior to their start time. Clubs may choose a specific time for the next group of participants to move in or note they must wait until the previous group has left in order to reduce congregating.

### Event Practices

1. Social Distancing Requirements – A minimum of six foot distances around the ring(s), crating, volunteer, and Judges’ and Trial Secretary areas should be established. Recommend marking spacing to identify safe distancing requirements.

- Judge’s Table – Judges may have the table at one end of the ring and the gate openings at the other end. The judge and the stewards should maintain required distancing.
- Timer – Set up an area where only the person timing is allowed. The timer should handle the stop watches with gloves.
- Check-in – A separate table should be set up to allow exhibitors, one at a time, to check themselves in on the board with their own pen and pick up their armbands. This eliminates the interaction between trial workers and participants.

### 2. Ring Procedure Modifications

- Judges, stewards and exhibitors should maintain the mandated required distancing throughout the event.
- Suggest a chair (or two, one for the in-ring exhibitor and one for the next exhibitor) be placed inside the ring for all classes. The exhibitor will be responsible for placing the leash on the chair when entering the ring and prior to starting the course.
- Once the course is complete, the exhibitor will be responsible for getting the leash. A steward may disinfect the chair between exhibitors. A second chair, for the next exhibitor, will allow for more efficient ring management.
- Ribbons/Awards may be placed on a pick-up table versus handed out. The judge may announce the awards and exhibitors may pick up the awards that were laid out on a table for the class.
- Judges, exhibitors and stewards may wear masks inside the ring.
- Judges should sanitize their ruler after measuring any dogs.
- Stewards should wear gloves or sanitize their hands between handling paperwork.

### **Obedience Specific**

- Rather than use stewards for the Figure 8 exercise, the club may use upright posts, tall pylons, or chairs as posts. The same object should be used for both posts and all exhibitors.
- Judges may wear gloves or use hand sanitizer between examination exercises. If a judge chooses to use gloves, a new pair of gloves will be used for each dog.

- Examinations – Ensure social distancing requirements are met during examination exercises. For the Utility Moving Stand for Examination, the judge should approach the dog at a slight angle to ensure distancing requirements from handler to judge are maintained.
- Novice Group Exercise – The distance requirement should be modified to 8 feet between dogs and rows to ensure social distancing guidelines are met.
- Directed Retrieve Exercise - Consider providing a grabber for the Steward to pick up the gloves. Wipe down grabber between exhibitors.
- Scent Discrimination Exercise – The steward responsible for placing the articles may wear gloves or use hand sanitizer. Tongs, when used, should be wiped down between dogs.

#### Policies that Have Been Temporarily Suspended/Modified

1. Event Application Late Fees – Event application late fees are waived through the end of October. This provides clubs more flexibility in planning or rescheduling their events.
2. For events cancelled in 2020, AKC will apply Event Application fees to the club's next event of the same type.
3. Judges - The judge's assignment limitations of 30 days within 100 miles is waived until December 30.
4. Closing Date - Clubs are allowed, at their option, to have a closing date seven days prior to the event through December 30, 2020. This will provide clubs and exhibitors greater flexibility to decide what to do.
5. Obedience Figure 8 Exercise – Upright posts, tall pylons or chairs may be used in place of people in the figure 8 exercise through December 30, 2020.
6. Obedience Novice Group Exercise – The distance between dogs is modified to 8 feet (currently 6 feet) through December 30, 2020.

Participants are expected to follow state, local government, facility and event guidelines. Clubs should be prepared to enforce the guidelines that apply to their event.

These Suggested Best Practices may be periodically updated. Please check the AKC Rally ([www.akc.org/sports/rally/](http://www.akc.org/sports/rally/)) or the AKC Obedience ([www.akc.org/sports/obedience/](http://www.akc.org/sports/obedience/)) websites for the most up-to-date version.

CDC - How to Protect Yourself and Others:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

For questions or additional suggestions, please contact the Club Companion Events Department at Companion Events.

**Stay Safe – Enjoy Your Dogs**

## **\*RALLY CLASSES\***

Linda Krasley has four more weeks to go in her Rally Novice class when everything was closed down. At this point we still do not know when classes will resume but she is planning on having a Masters class when the Novice class is finished. It will be a limited class but if she gets enough people who are interested she will consider a second one. If anyone is interested in the Rally Masters Class please get in touch with her at [kenlin@rcn.com](mailto:kenlin@rcn.com).

## **\*AWARDS PROGRAM AND TITLE RECOGNITION\***

As you are aware our annual Awards Dinner and Title Recognition has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus. Once we are able to meet, a program will be scheduled to honor those receiving awards along with refreshments. So for now like everything else, this is on hold.

## **\*MEMBERSHIP\***

This is not only for new members but for those who have gotten a new dog or puppy. Feel free to send us pictures.

### **Update From Paula Hradkowsky ...New Puppies**

Dear ADTC Members and Friends,

Many of you know that a tragedy struck my family in April 2019 when due to an accident our house caught on fire and was a total loss after living there 35 years. My husband Alex and I survived, but we lost 5 of our beloved four-footed companions that many of you knew: Bliss, Cheer, Charis, Audrey, Tony and Newton. Zoom, who was almost 18, crossed the Rainbow Bridge a few days later. I don't possess the writing skills to convey the depth of pain and loss. For a long time I wished that I had died in the fire instead of my babies. This is a sorrow that will be a companion for a long, long time.

Now, we had 5 surviving dogs and no place to live. God wonderfully provided us a rental house only ¾ mile from our burned home by softening the hearts of our very anti-pet landlords! Like everyone else in ADTC I have been able to give the landlords an example of responsible dog ownership.

The community reached out to us in many touching ways, including ADTC members contacting us to offer crates, leashes, etc. as needed, as well as cards of encouragement. All this meant a lot.

A couple Manchester Terrier breeders reached out to me to let me know they had moved my name to the top of their puppy seeker lists and that I would have a puppy when I was ready. Manchesters are rare, and it is not unusual to wait 1-3 years for a puppy.

I received a call from one of these breeders telling me a breeding had taken place in January! Four little Black and Tans came into the world on March 18th. Although the timing wasn't the best due to our moving back into our house in early June, I wasn't about to pass up these bundles

of joy. On May 14th I flew to Houston to bring back two little girls who weighed 3 lbs. and 3.5 lbs. The bloodlines of these little snippets are very inter-related to mine when I was breeding. In fact, the sire of the litter is a half-brother to Tonic! This was especially meaningful to me at this time.

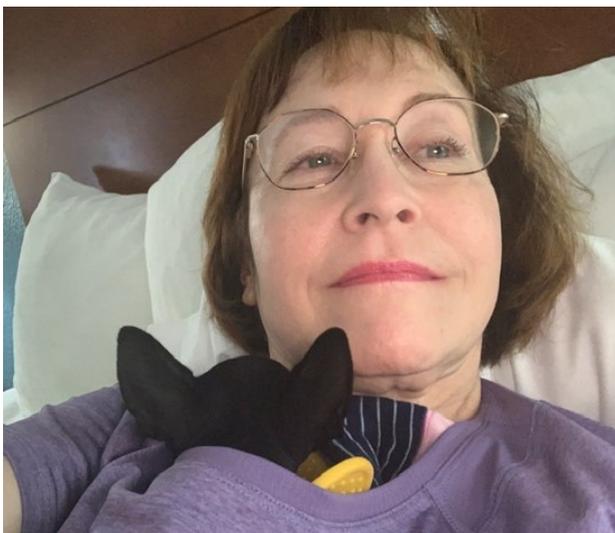
These little girls brought with them a lot of joy and laughter, and I hope to get them into a dog class soon (Barbara, where are you?) So you also can be enchanted by their love of life attitude.

Since I'm no longer breeding I chose names that reflected my breeding past:

Maggical I Had a Dream, call name Reverie

Maggical I Have Run My Race, call name Shine

I look forward to the time when we can be together again experiencing the canine camaraderie, and when I can introduce you to Reverie and Shine. Paula Hradkowsky



## **\*MARCH MEMBER OF THE MONTH\***

Mollie is a 2 ½ year old Bernese Mountain Dog. In the past year and a half Mollie has achieved her CD, BN, RA, RE and CGC despite my inexperience. With any luck this year we hope to achieve our Graduate Novice obedience, RAE rally and AKC Farm Dog Certification. Mollie is first and foremost a farm and companion dog for us and our grandchildren. Her main job is to chase the deer and foxes from our property and to be my husband's faithful companion on his daily three-mile walks. She meets and greets everyone in the neighborhood along the way.

My background is in showing horses and endurance riding (100 miles in one day). So I thought how hard could it possibly be to train a 70 pound dog? Ha!!! (My first mistake of many along the way.) But Mollie has been forgiving of my ignorance and always patient with me. When I ask something new of her, she gives me that confused questioning look as if to say "I have no idea of what you want, but I'll try."

Since I started this incredible journey, I now have more questions than answers, and I am in awe of all that the experienced members have accomplished with their companions. Someday I may even understand what all those letters after a dog's name mean.

My advice to anyone new to dog training would be "ask questions of not only our instructors but other experienced members." Their generosity in sharing their knowledge and encouragement has helped me immeasurably.

Thank you to all that have encouraged and believed in us. That is what our club is all about.



## ADTC Member of the Month Nomination Form

Any member of ADTC is eligible for recognition as a Member of the Month. To nominate someone please complete the following form and return it to Dusty Springer. Forms may be submitted by mailing them to Dusty Springer at 1242 W. Minor St., Emmaus, PA 18049 or by emailing them to [bohooch@yahoo.com](mailto:bohooch@yahoo.com)

First and last name of nominee:

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Why is this ADTC Member being nominated? (For example, this person has helped me to train my dog; when I was a new member, this person made me feel welcome; this person has served ADTC in numerous capacities for many years, etc.)

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Date nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

If readily available, Nominee's contact information:

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Please note: The nominee will be contacted within a week after this form has been received. However, inclusion of the nominee's article in the newsletter is dependent on how quickly he or she responds to the request for information and a picture. Also, a nominee may choose to decline to participate in this program. Thank you.

**\*SUNSHINE\***

“In one way, it has been blessing to have to stay home during the pandemic. Skylar has been fighting pancreatitis for a year and her digestive issues have been getting worse and worse over the last 2 months and she has required so much extra attention. She has been treated at Metropolitan Veterinary Clinic in Norristown and on her visit on the 14<sup>th</sup> the vet felt we had run out of alternatives to help her. On Monday Skylar told me that she could not go on, so I had Dr. Debbie Ellinger come to the house and Skylar left me while laying in my lap on the loveseat on the back porch.

CH MACH2 Ka-Ron’s The Sky’s The Limit CD RN MXS MJG XF, MPD, CL3

“Skylar” 6/19/05 – 5/18/20 What a fabulous journey; rest in peace little girl. Barb Artim”



**\*FYI\***

For those interested in Scent Work, Melanie Kerber is starting an Introduction to Scent Work class on June 15 to July 20 starting 12:30pm. This class not offered very often and Melanie has taught several Scent Work classes with our club over the years. You can reach Melanie at [www.kerberdogtraining.com](http://www.kerberdogtraining.com) for more information.

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**Southern Loon Retrievers**

My name is Zach Miller, I'm a resident of Alburtis, PA, reason for the email, I wanted to reach out to facilities such as yours to get the word out that if any customer is interested in having their pure bred Labrador retriever(s) Professionally trained, my Kennel has 2 open spots, we offer a formal Gun-Dog course for waterfowl hunting. We are professionally and nationally certified and we are also a service disabled veteran owned small business. If interested contact...

Zach Miller Founder/Lead Trainer Southern Loon Retrievers  
[www.southernloonretriever.com](http://www.southernloonretriever.com) 570-225-8519

**\*LOOKING AHEAD\***

Phyllis Broderick has scheduled a seminar with Connie Cleveland on November 21 and 22 at the building in Macungie. The cost will be \$325 for a working spot for the two days. There will be 20 working spots available and the deadline for members to apply is July 1. If you would like to audit, the cost will be \$175 for the two days or \$100 for a day. There is no limit for those wanting to audit. After that date, the remaining working spots and auditing will be open to the public. If you are interested in a working spot, be sure to get your reservation in as soon as possible. Connie is one of the nation's top trainers and she can be found on the internet where she has great training videos. Most are on YouTube and are free for you to watch and learn. Please see the flyer that is enclosed.

Gail James has just reported on the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club, Pocono Kennel Club and Berks County Kennel Club in the Blue Mountain Cluster which is normally held the second weekend in September has been cancelled. So there will be no obedience/rally or conformation. She is hoping to book the same judges for next year. This is definitely a bad year for those of us looking for qualifications and points.

In case members are not yet aware, the Obedience/Rally at the big Bloomsburg trials have been cancelled this year. Since the Obedience trials are a NOC (National Obedience Championship) qualifier for 2021, it is not known how it will affect those who are eligible. As you may remember the NOC and RNC trials which were scheduled for the end of June in Wilmington, Ohio has been postponed until December, taking the place of the AKC Obedience Classic which is cancelled for this year.

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB

Presents a Two Day Workshop with CONNIE CLEVELAND

Saturday & Sunday, November 21 & 22, 2020

Macungie Memorial Park Building, Macungie PA

Saturday's Topics:

Connie will start the workshop by discussing How Dogs Learn – the dog training principles that guide us. She will then work with each working team on the exercise or problem of their choice. Novice and Open problems discussed.

Sunday's Topics: Open and Utility

Details:

The workshop will run from 9am to 5pm Saturday; 8:30am to 4:30pm Sunday. Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks and Beverages provided.

Working participants limited to 20 teams who must work both days.

Unlimited Auditors.

The fee is \$325 for Working Spots, 2 days only.

Auditors – Two days \$175, One day \$100

No refunds after September 30, 2020

For More Information, contact Kathy Pugh at 973-477-9895

Or email: [kwpugh@centurylink.net](mailto:kwpugh@centurylink.net)

\_\_\_\_\_ Working Spot Two Days Only

Auditors: Two Days Sat & Sun: \_\_\_\_\_ One Day: Sat: \_\_\_\_\_ Sun: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to ADTC and send to Kathy Pugh, 454 West Hill Rd, Glen Gardner NJ 08826. You can also sign up on DogMatchShows.com



Connie is an internationally recognized dog trainer who offers training seminars to competitive dog trainers and instructors around the country and overseas. Her own experience includes: 11 Obedience Trial Champions (OTCH), 2 Field Champions (FC), 5 Amateur Field Champions (AFC), a UDT Maltese and a CDX Shih-Tzu.

As important as Connie's achievements in training her own dogs is her passion for teaching others. Connie taught classes to more than 100 students each week for over 30 years. She is the author of a DVD series, "How Dogs Learn, The Connie Cleveland Method", a book entitled "Dogs Are Problem Solvers, Handlers Should Be". Currently she coaches students online through her web site, [www.ObedienceRoad.com](http://www.ObedienceRoad.com) where all levels of instruction can be found. Connie is a regular contributor to Front & Finish and The Golden Retriever News.

## **\*BEYOND THE OBEDIENCE RING\***

Normally this column is for something regarding what our dogs have done or things we can do with them and it still is. There is no limit to what you can put in this column. However this time, this is not something dog-related but certainly is something that everyone would be interested in as well as thankful for. We are still looking for members to highlight what their dogs are doing and how they are helping out like helping in the office or garden and guarding toilet paper among other things.

### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO STEVE AND ANN MARIE MARKOWITZ**

Everyone who comes to club training fairly often knows Steve and his two Labradors, Riley and Barkley. But what you may not know about Steve is that he is the owner of Allen Organ in Macungie. While watching our local news a few weeks ago, there was a segment on Steve and Allen Organ and what he and his company are doing to help out with the Covid-19 Virus. There was also a nice article on the front page of the May 26<sup>th</sup> MORNING CALL newspaper. I asked him to give me some information on what Allen Organ was doing to help out. When I asked him if he minded if I put something in the newsletter about it, he said, "Sure, you may share the info in the next newsletter." Here's the story:

There are two divisions to Allen Organ Company, one that produces organs and the other producing electronic subassemblies for third-party companies called Allen Integrated Assemblies (AIA). When the PA lockdown order came out, we had to stop producing organs with only two-hours' notice, beginning that Friday. We informed our AIA customers of the lockdown forced our plant to be closed. Some of these companies informed us that the assemblies we produce for them are used in their products that are considered "life-sustaining". With this information we went to the PA government and ask for a waiver that would allow us to produce these life-sustaining products. A week later we received the waver and for the past five weeks have been producing the assemblies. These assemblies, for example, may begoing to oxygen flow equipment or equipment that produces personal protective equipment (PPE).

About 35 Allen employees have been working for five weeks producing these crucial assemblies. They volunteered to do this work understanding its importance. It is an honor to work with them.

So, a very special thank you to Steve, Ann Marie and the employees of Allen Organ who are helping our country in the fight against the Covid-19 virus. With wonderful people and companies like this, we will defeat it and become stronger in the end. People like this make our country great and not let an invisible "bug" defeat us.

**\*HEALTH TOPIC...FROM THE AKC COMMUNICATES NEWSLETTER\***

Blue-Green Algae and Dogs: Symptoms and Prevention

By Miranda Carney May 26, 2020

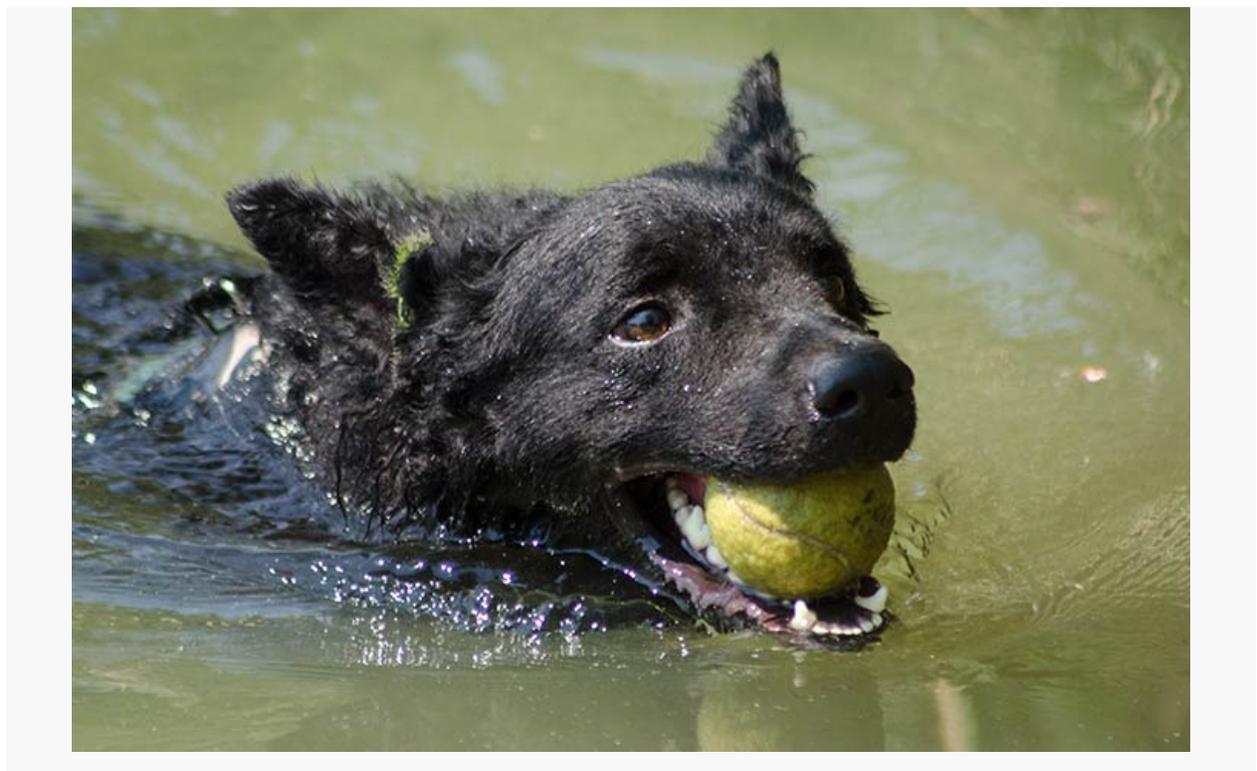
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Key Points

Blue-green algae are toxic and deadly when consumed in high concentrations

Dogs are more vulnerable to blue-green algae poisoning because of their likelihood to play

This bacteria is often found in non-flowing freshwater during hot seasons



Last summer, the news shocked dog owners across social media: three dogs died after playing in a pond in Wilmington, North Carolina, while another died after a swim in Lake Allatoona, Georgia, and three different dogs died after playing in a lake in Austin. What led to the deaths of all seven dogs? Likely, liver failure was brought on by ingesting water contaminated with toxic blue-green algae.

This summer, blue-green algae are back. In May 2020, a dog in Minneapolis died from swimming in a lake with blue-green algae. While many dog owners are getting outdoors to beat [COVID-19 cabin fever](#), there are safety precautions to be aware of before allowing your dog to swim.

**\*STAYING CONNECTED...THIS IS WHAT I HAVE BEEN DOING\***

This is the place to send us pictures, suggestions among many other things. as to what members are doing to keep themselves and dogs busy during this time.

Please take the time to watch the following video Judy submitted for her Elite Performer Title. Countless hours of training and bonding were needed for a performance like this. It is very creative and so well done!!

**From Judy Lasso...**

I just submitted Piper's video to get his Elite Performer title. Here is the link on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HA7kCf7CBeI&t=17s>

**From Jacqui Hartranft...**

Abbey, Cooper and I are keeping up with our training. We go to different parks in the area and use the parking lot lines for heeling. Great for those of us who cannot walk in a straight line. I also take my jumps and a few gates for Open and Utility work. Both of them also enjoy helping with gardening, going for walks and rides or just enjoy chasing squirrels from our bird feeder. A friend of mine has seen some scarlet tanagers and Baltimore Oriels at special feeders she puts out for them. Has anyone seen them in your yard?

Cooper helping my husband Phil working at our pond.



Abbey and Cooper getting their “green vitamins”.



**From Debbie Achenzie...**

Freddy and Ginger are not working much obedience these days, however they are staying in shape with frequent hikes and even a 50 Yard Dash Race. Ginger clearly wins this time. Well actually every time, it's her long legs!



**From Donna Barto and Sue Iobst....**

Sue and I were adhering to social distance. The buddies were not. Building memories! Donna

Chip "ALL ALONE ON PICTURE ROCK"



Chip "NO LONGER ALL ALONE ON PICTURE ROCK" but with Quid and Frankee



**From Deb Moyer Petrusjanz...**

Annie has a Ball doing Agility, literally she has a ball. Great training tool for her.



Annie told Taz he was being a Good Boy by keeping his social distancing. I think it's because the bumper is all hers!

