



ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

MEMBER INFORMATION

Our indoor training is on going Wednesday nights and Thursday all day. We hope that everyone is taking advantage of what is offered. The cost is \$8.00 per class. Just as a reminder, the Advanced Beginner Novice Class starts at 5:45pm the Novice Class starts at 6:30pm and the Show Ready Novice class starts at 7:30pm. These classes are on Wednesday nights. Times change on meeting nights the second Wednesday of the month and are as follows.... Advanced Beginner Novice Class starts at 5:30pm the Novice Class starts at 6:15pm and the Show Ready Novice class starts after the meeting. Thursday classes include Novice as well as Open and Utility in the morning. Please check the website for times. We offer Rally classes, as well as Open at 6:00 and Utility at 7:00 on Thursday evening. Check the website to see which Rally classes Linda will be offering and the times. You can also email her at kenlin@rcn.com Special classes will be offered from time to time so check our website, the newsletter and best yet, attend our meetings the second Wednesday of every month. If you have a question which class you should be in, ask any of your trainers. If you are interested in the more advanced classes, again, check with your trainer to make sure that you and your dog are ready. It is a good idea to check your email or the website when bad weather is forecast. Training maybe cancelled for everyone's safety.

Krista Stayer is still accepting baskets and containers that she can use to fill for our trials and other events. She is also accepting donations of items that she can use to fill them. I won a nice wine container with two small bottles of wine and two wine glasses filled with Hersey Kisses at our Christmas party. Anyone who has won one of her baskets knows how nice they are.

Krista also wants to remind people to be aware of coyotes in the area. Yes, they are here and it is their mating season. Be careful when putting small dogs and cats out at night as they would make a nice meal for a coyote. She has seen them in her woods and her mother has seen them in the Quakertown area. I have a friend who saw them on her property on the Fifth Street Mountain above Emmaus.

Be sure to check out Dog Match Shows.com for information and to apply for match shows in the area. There are usually several listed every month but if you would like to enter do not wait too long as many of them fill rather quickly. Phyllis is planning on having several match shows throughout the year so be sure to check our website, emails and the newsletter for more information.

THANK YOU

A special thanks to everyone who offered to steward at the Canine Learning Experience obedience and rally trials. Our own Gail James, Head Steward and the Lehigh Valley Kennel are grateful for all the support our club gives to them. They also give us a nice donation. Stewarding is one of the best ways to learn about what and what not to do in the ring as well as understand what the exercises are and what judges are looking for. Any of our new members who are interested in entering trials can learn so much by stewarding and I have found that judges are more than willing to answer questions you may have. A special thanks to some of our newer members who offered to steward and I know learned a lot. There is an article in our first newsletter which was in October last year.

And thanks to Debbie and Chuck Achenzie and Dusty and Bill Springer for manning the ADTC booth at CLE as well as the volunteers who came out to assist them. We are given the booth by the LV Kennel club without charge and it is a great way for the public to learn what we have to offer. Barb Katz's Pug, Hugo, made a great impression to the public as to what ADTC does. He demonstrated his obedience skills which was a great way to show what you can do with your dog. Great job Hugo!!

***BLOGS AND WESTMINSTER ***

Again we also urge members to check out Betsy Scapicchio and Linda Brennans' Blogs on the Top Dog website. Betsy and Linda presented the seminar "Are We Having Fun Yet" for our club in November. These blogs have lots of wonderful information in them and are free for the reading. In case you did not get a chance to check out the Westminster Obedience Championship on February 11. Linda Brennan and her Labrador, Heart, won the Championship for the fourth time, beating I believe 13 other entries. She and Heart were demonstrating at our seminar in November. They not only had to perform different exercises in both Open and Utility but later in the day they came back to do a freestyle obedience performance incorporating many of the different exercises in it. This was also judged. Linda and Heart's performance is on the Westminster website and others. So be sure to check it out.

AWARDS BANQUET

The Awards Banquet is being held on April 12, 2019 at the Brass Rail on Lehigh Street in Allentown. The flyer is on the website as well as sent to the membership. It is a time for fun and fellowship as well as good food. And most importantly, to congratulate those members who worked hard with their dogs to achieve AKC titles in 2018. A special thank you goes to both Judy Lasso and Pat Gombocz for tabulating the awards and ordering the beautiful plaques and engraved plates to go on the plaques as well as certificates. Even if you did not earn a title last year, who knows, you may earn one in 2019. If you have any questions as to what is needed, check the AKC obedience rulebook and your trainer for what events are covered by ADTC. Since we are an AKC sponsored club we only recognize AKC events for the awards program.

However if you have been successful in other events like UKC, CDSP, ASCA and CynoSport and others, you are welcome to list your success in the newsletter and at our meetings. The menu is listed on the flyer. The deadline is March 30. And Cooper said that if there is a raffle and there will be, he can use another one of those little beds which he loves so much!

2019 Awards Banquet

April 12, 2019

6:00 pm Appetizers

6:30 pm Dinner

LOCATION:

Brass Rail

Lehigh Street

Allentown

ADTC



Family Style Dinner

Appetizer Trays

Soup / Salad / Rolls

Pot Roast / Fried Crab Patties

Dutchess Potatoes / Gravy

Creamed Cabbage / Vegetable Medley

Dessert

Soda / Coffee / Tea

Cash Bar

\$25.00 per person

RESERVATIONS DUE BY: MARCH 30, 2019

Checks payable to: ADTC, Inc. TO: Sue Iobst, 5162 S. Mountain Dr., Emmaus, PA 18049



Name: _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ # Attending _____



WHO IS NEW

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

February New Members

Orpha Poupore and her Belgium Sheepdog

Erika Seibert with her Pointer Mix

Kay Sivel with her Chinese Crested

Linda Duda with her Labradoodle



TRAINING INFORMATION

A reminder to check out the website for training information. Some information is listed under MEMBER INFORMATION at the beginning of this newsletter. Also be sure to check your email if the weather looks to be bad as classes may be cancelled. Debbie sends out an email each week to list the training and times.

WHAT IS THIS

This month I would like to list some of the letters you see behind some of our dogs' names. Especially since so many of our members either earned titles or legs at Canine Learning and our Awards Banquet is coming up in April. Titles listed right after the name are AKC titles which the team has earned. Letters listed before the name can be for titles earned in other venues like UKC, CDSP, CYNO Sport Rally and others. AKC usually does not recognize those other titles but some of the other venues may. It is best to check their rules before entering any of their trials also to see if you should enter in either A or B. I will list a few of the more common titles as it can get lengthy. The first is a CD (Companion Dog) which is the Novice title, earned by qualifying three times under two different judges at three different trials. The next is CDX (Companion Dog Excellent), which is an Open title, again qualifying three times under two different judges at three different trials. UD is the Utility Dog title which you also need to qualify three times under two different judges at three different trials. After earning a UD you can go on to earn a UDX in which you need to qualify in both Open and Utility at the same trial ten times. Once you have your UDX, you earn an Obedience Master title in which you must have scores above 190 and earn points. Rather than go into a long explanation as to the points, do check out the AKC rule book or go online to see what is required. And then the hardest of all is the OTCH which stands for Obedience Trial Champion. It is a difficult title to earn also using a point system and so many High in Trials or First Places. Again it is best to check the rule book to understand how many points are needed among other requirements.

Rally is similar. RN stands for Rally Novice which would be added behind the dog's name once earned. Same as in obedience, you must qualify three times under two different judges to earn these titles. RI is Rally Intermediate which is a newer venue and is a go between Rally Novice and Rally Advanced. You perform all the exercises on lead. The signs used are the Advanced Signs but there is no jump due to the leash. RA is Rally Advanced which is off lead and stricter rules as to what you can and cannot do. Finally there is Rally Excellent, RE, again with increased difficulty. You can also earn a RAE title which you have to qualify ten times in both Advanced and Excellent at the same trial. Finally there is the Masters which is on points given for the first four places. Do check the rulebook for how the points are awarded.

This is just a quick run through of what some of the letters mean behind the dog's name. There are other titles as well but for now we will just do these. Agility is also recognized and they also have their array of titles as well. If anyone would like to write something up on agility titles I would be glad to put it in the newsletter. Debbie and I would love to have it.

ACHIEVEMENTS

We have a nice list of members and their dogs who have earned their titles so far this year. You need to qualify three times under two different judges so some members may have gotten legs last year. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!! EARNING A TITLE IS NOT AN EASY THING TO DO AND ALL OF YOU ARE TO BE PROUD OF WHAT YOU AND YOUR BEST FRIEND ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER.

Several members earned their **Companion Dog** titles at Canine Learning in February. They are Debbie Achenzie and Freddy who finished in grand style with a First Place.

Freddy BN, CD, RN, RI and TKA, UCD and RO1



Barb Katz and Alvin did a great job between helping at the Club booth and competing. And Rose Mitman and Jett who worked hard to finish their title.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!



Jackie Mill also reported that Gizmo finished his Beginner Novice title on January 17th. at the Sand and Sea Kennel Club trials.
At Canine Learning Gizmo qualified in Beginner Novice with a third place. Way to go Jackie and Gizmo.



Steve Markowitz and Riley made their debut in Beginner Novice A and earned a leg with a first place!! **CONGRATULATIONS to both of you!**

And not to forget long time member Sharon Merkel and Great Pyrenees, Kylee for a fourth place finish in Beginner Novice B. **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Sharon Merkel and Allee also earned a second leg in Open A with a First Place at Canine Learning. One more to go for a CDX!

Great day at the show at Canine Learning. Kylee and Allee brought home the bacon for sure.



Sharon was surprised to receive this Achiever Dog Award from the AKC...
So looks like Kylee is an "Achiever Dog" according to the AKC. I'll take it.



Then in RALLY we had members who earned legs. Starting with Rally Novice A, Jackie and Gizmo earned a leg. I believe it was the first time in the Rally ring. In Rally Novice B Sharon and Callie earned a leg as well. In Rally Advanced we had three club members who also did well and earned legs. They are Jody Delabar and Hershey, Irwin Linker and Casey and Sharon Merkel and Allie.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU WHO EARNED TITLES OR LEGS AT CANINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

AND LAST BUT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST OF ALL IS Terry Papineau and Gunny who earned their Utility Dog title in three straight trials. Anyone who has competed in Utility knows how difficult that is. SO A SPECIAL CONGRATULATION TO YOU BOTH ON THIS ACHIEVEMENT.

Please let us know if we have missed anyone, and we will be sure to put it in the next newsletter. We can only put it in if you make us aware of it. It is so nice to let our members and especially the newer members know that with hard work and training, titles can be won and have fun in the process. Pictures are always welcome. Those who earned titles last year will be honored at our Awards Banquet so plan to attend. It is a night of good food, fun and fellowship honoring those who have achieved titles for their dogs.

MY DOG DID THAT IN THE RING

On January 27 th, we drove 2+ hours to a small Rally show near York, PA. We had an afternoon trial, supposed to start at 12:30 pm. But, upon arriving at 11:45 am, I found they were just beginning the AM Advanced Rally class! The pm trial began late about 2:15 pm! Emma entered the ring in Excellent B about 3:10 pm after waiting in a very warm room most of that time. It was a nice flowing course and Emma walked out of the ring with a 99/100! With six 100's and five 99's, we did not capture any placement rosettes there. Emma spent some time out in the van with the windows open to cool down and rest in relative quiet. I exercised her around 4:30 pm on the grassy sloping area around the parking lot. Earlier the ground had been frozen and solid underfoot. Now, the ground was softer and a bit squishy underfoot. My new white sneaker slipped on the wet and muddy grass, my leg went out from under me and I fell into the soft ground sliding forward down the slope. No injuries thanks to the soft ground ... but mud from my right elbow all the way to my hand and mud from the right side of my backside, down from the hip to my ankle and onto my no longer white sneaker! Of course I was wearing a lavender wool V neck sweater and off white slacks! Got up, went inside, put Emma in her crate, washed my hand and rinsed the sleeve of my sweater to remove most of the mud. My slacks were a muddy mess and I did not dare sit down on anything. (Of course I am #4 to go into the Advanced ring and dog #2 is already in the ring.) Several handlers asked if I was OK and one remarked that now I looked like my dog - since Emma has the tan/gray spot on her back and at the base of her tail! I responded that it wasn't planned. By that time we were due in the ring. I grabbed Emma, gave her a last treat and walked over to the entrance. We walked into the ring and the judge's mouth just dropped. I remarked that it was muddy outside and lined Emma up. The judge said Forward and off we went. Emma did not care that Mom was a muddy mess, did everything I asked of her in Advanced and we left the ring with a score of 100/100! I do not recommend this as a way to lower your stress about competing, but I wasn't feeling nervous about the course at all. With seven dogs earning a score of 100 in the class and Emma's time not fast at all, we came home with mud, a green qualifying ribbon and leg #8 towards our RAE.

There are more Rally trials in our near future. I am thinking I should take along a big towel and pack a pair of jeans just in case! Oh, yes, we did get all of the mud out of my white slacks and the lavender wool sweater. The next day I was a little sore in the areas that hit the ground first, but all was manageable.

Judy Skorup

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“When the man waked he asked, ‘What is Wild Dog doing here?’ And the woman said “His name is not Wild Dog any more, but First Friend because he will be our friend for always and always and always.”

Rudyard Kipling (The Jungle Book) Taken from the Puppy Up Foundation Newsletter supporting canine cancer research.

RAFFLE BASKETS WISH LIST

Thank you to all who have donated in the past. We are collecting items for the May 18th show at K9 Learning Center in Colmar. Because we are hoping to draw a larger crowd from a more diverse area, we would really like these to shine. Below is a list of items that we would like to include. Please remember, all donations should be new, unused items. If you are donating treats, please check expiration dates.

Pretty much anything dog (treats, toys, beds, grooming products, etc....)

Cash (This would help buy supplemental items like filler, ribbon, wrap and items to complete baskets in a way that makes them cohesive in theme.)

Gift Cards (\$10 or larger) to restaurants, pet stores, Visa or Master Card

Wine/Beer

Candy

Supplies for other types of pets. Nothing says we can't do a cat, bird or fish basket too

Give items to Krista Stayer. She is usually at training on Wednesday nights. You may also leave items in the storage area to the left of the entryway or text her at 484-358-5264 to let her know they are there.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Show N Go All Breed/Mixed Breeds Obedience & Rally Match

**Saturday March 9, 2019
K9 Jym, Colmar, PA
\$10 per entry**

Hi Everyone,

As promised below is the [link](#) to enter our match for March 9, 2019.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48abaa2aa75-2019>

**When you open the [link](#) you will have to scroll down to find all of the rings. Ring 1 is for Novice, Ring 2 is for Rally and Beginner Novice, Ring 3 is for Open, Ring 4 is for Open, Ring 5 is Utility and Ring 6 is for Utility. Please contact me if you have any issues or problems at svare@comcast.net.
Looking forward to seeing you all again this year.**

Karen



Save the Date--

Allentown Dog Training Club's

52nd Annual AKC Obedience and 15th Annual AKC Rally Trial

Open to pure and mixed breed dogs

When: [Saturday, May 18, 2019](#)

Where: [K9 JM 252 Bethlehem Pike, Colmar, PA 18915](#)

Entries Open March 18, 2019 at 8AM

All entries must be received by May 1, 2019 at 6PM

More detailed information, premiums, and entry forms available on

www.showentries.info

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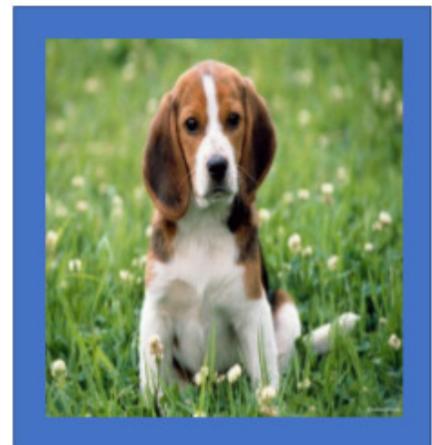


Dr. Morgan Agnew, VMD, DACT graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in 2013. Following graduation, she spent two years at Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in the ambulatory department, spending a majority of her time managing pregnant mares, foals and yearlings.

In July of 2017, she completed a two year residency in reproduction at the University of Pennsylvania and became board certified in theriogenology.



Dr. Roy Madigan DVM is a 2001 graduate of the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine. He has been serving the Spring Branch/Bulverde community (a suburb of San Antonio, TX) for over 15 years now; focusing on small animal companion animals, specifically allergic skin diseases and reproduction. He spends some time each year pursuing his love for marine mammals in various locations around the world. Currently, he is working internationally on a canine and human treatment for chronic Chagas disease. Dr Madigan loves to scuba dive, cook, and stay active with running.



On behalf of the Great Dane Club of Lehigh Valley, we want to thank everyone who participated in the survey of what topics were of interest to them.

Caitlyn & Cody's Diner. 1907 John Fries Hwy. Quakertown PA 18951. (215)-536-8888
DIRECTIONS: From the intersection of Routes 309 and 663, head towards the PA turnpike entrance. The diner is across the street from the Quakertown entrance/exit of the PA Turnpike (between two hotels).

First Dog Training Club presents Forrest Micke



**A Training Weekend w/Forrest Micke
May 4 & 5, 2019 from 9AM - 5PM
Limited Auditing Spots Available
Don't Miss OUT!**

"Forrest's dog work is PHENOMENAL to say the least. His canine training knowledge and experience, combined with his enthusiasm is motivating. I feel there is a lot we can learn from Forrest and that is why I asked him to come to First Dog." Joe Rivers

See video of Forrest training: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUAAvEXWZOU>

This upcoming presentation will focus on core obedience.

Topics will include:

- 'A Simple Game' - a foundational, interactive, internally reinforcing game to teach persistence and empowerment for all sport applications.
- 'Closed Hand vs. Open Hand' - a foundation value transfer game as pre-requisite for impulse control, reverse luring, recall, body awareness, and heeling applications.
- 'Layering Cues' - applications for signal transfer, leash yielding, and precision obedience applications
- 'Activation Cues, and what to do next' - conditioning and managing a working mindset
- Session Management - clear loops, criteria, and handling
- Problem Solving - beginner to advanced



Forrest Micke

Forrest Micke is a dog-training and behavior educator, wellness advocate, and public speaker. His international seminars and popular online educational classes have influenced thousands of students globally. Forrest is known for his innovative, relationship-centered training approach and his passionate and personalized teaching style. He's been called inspiring, genuine, motivating, and outside the box. Forrest teaches online Heelwork & Engagement classes for Leerburg.com, selling out both working and auditing spots. To learn more about Forrest, visit his website: www.forrestmicke.com

Working spots have been filled: In the event of more working spots become available, priority will be given to Auditors.

Limited Auditing Spots Available: \$160, after April 13th \$180. Please note: Auditors only/no dogs. To request additional information, contact Joe Rivers at lj505@msn.com

Forrest Micke Seminar Registration Form

May 4 & 5, 2019 from 9AM - 5PM

First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey

41 Bergenline Ave, Westwood NJ 07675

For more information contact Joe Rivers at lj505@msn.com

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____

State. ___ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

Dog's Call Name _____ Breed _____

___ **Working spots have been filled:** In the event additional working spots become available, priority will be given to registered Auditors

___ **Limited Auditing Spots:** \$160 (early bird); after April 13th \$180 Please **Note:** Auditors only/no dogs.

___ (Optional) Lunch Fee (\$20 includes lunch for both days) I would like lunch provided.

Send this seminar registration form and payment to: Joe Rivers, 473 Lafayette Ave, Westwood, NJ 07675.
Check must be made payable to "The First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey Inc."

Cancellation Policy: Prior to April 13, 2019 refunds, less a \$25 cancellation fee, will only be given if the spot can be filled. After April 13, 2019 there will be no refunds.

***** WAIVER *****

***Waiver must be signed and accepted prior to attending any event at First Dog Training Club (Additional Club Rules, and Seminar Instructions will be emailed prior to the event)**

I understand that I will not be allowed to enter onto or use this property for any activities unless I am willing to assume all risk of injury to myself & my animals. I acknowledge that dogs are unpredictable and there are certain risks and dangers inherent to being around them. I hereby release First Dog Training Club of Northern N.J including its, members, officers and directors, instructors, volunteers, employees, the organizing committee, guest speakers, owners of the premises upon which the event is held, their employees and agents, any competitors, spectators, other participants, animals or vehicles from any liability, loss or damage for any reason. I agree that my dog and & myself may be videotaped or photographed at First Dog for their promotional purposes. First Dog shall be the exclusive owner and retain rights to the result.

This waiver is in effect once signed, regardless of the date, time or year.

(Print Name)

I accept the conditions of the above disclaimer

(Signature)

(Date)