



ADTC BARKS AND BYTES

MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

There will be a lot of things happening with our club the next month or two so check your calendars to make sure you do not miss anything. Our annual awards banquet is coming up in April which is always a fun time of fellowship and good food not to mention those receiving awards and recognition for all their hard work in 2019. Again, you do not have to have earned a title to attend but it is nice to see who earned their titles and to congratulate them. You, too, could be listed next year!

There is information on how to order ADTC clothing. A nice variety of items are being offered. The clothing is good quality and at a reasonable price. The order form is in this newsletter with more information about what is available. At the request of some members, Donna has added pull over hooded sweat shirts and the Charles River Jacket. It has been a few years since we have offered ADTC items to our membership so be sure to give Donna your order by March 11.

There will be more information on our upcoming point show in May. In case the newer members may wonder what is a point show, there will be more information on that under the ADTC Point Show. There are quite a few clubs holding matches as the show season is just starting up. So take a few minutes to sit down and relax and enjoy reading what is happening with our Club.

TRAINING INFORMATION

Club training continues the same as it has been with a few exceptions. Since the two-week Utility workshop was so successful as everyone enjoyed learning what Utility is all about. Carol McCarthy is teaching a four-week Beginner Utility class starting February 13 from 8:15 to 9:15 on a Thursday night. This is for those who wish to learn the Utility exercises. Most of the exercises are done off leash although there are many that you can use with a flexi. The class will have started by the time you get this newsletter but an email was sent to everyone informing them of this class. If there is enough interest, perhaps another one can be offered later on.

CLUB TRAINING

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES

5:45 to 6:45 Advanced Beginner/Novice 1 On meeting nights 5:30 to 6:30 Carol McCarthy

6:45 to 7:45 Show Ready Novice/Novice II On meeting nights 6:30 to 7:30 Phyllis Broderick

7:45 to 8:45 Open On meeting nights the open class is held after the meeting. Phyllis Broderick

THURSDAY TRAINING

Effective March 5

In order to alleviate the overcrowding of dogs on Thursday mornings between 9:30 to 11:45am and to make it safe for all dogs and handlers, effective March 5th the following schedule will go into effect.

Anna's Utility Class Whole Floor 9:30 to 10:30am.
Open Class Whole Floor 10:45 to 11:45am.

Dusty's Novice Class Whole Floor. 12:00 to 1:00 pm
There will be one class only

Ring Rental:

1:00 to 2:00 pm. - The Lunch Bunch, which is Diane's group.

2:00 to 3:00 pm - This is Liz Long's group

RALLY CLASSES

Linda Krasley will be teaching a 7 week Advanced/Excellent class starting February 13. It was in the January newsletter so hope that those interested have signed up for it. You do not have to have a novice title nor do you have to take your dog off leash. It is mainly to learn the signs and to teach your dog to stay with you. She will be stressing footwork and teaching your dog to work his rear end. Drop-ins are accepted but Linda asks that you get in touch with her so she has enough maps made. The cost is \$160 for nonmembers, \$80.00 for members and drop-ins \$12 per class. So even if you missed the first few weeks you can still drop-in.

MATCH SHOW

The match show on February 9 was quite successful. All the slots were filled and it was nice to see that many of our members took advantage of this opportunity to train in a ring type setting. Many thanks to Phyllis and her committee for organizing this match. And also to Bill and Dusty Springer for bringing the gates and stands from the storage building and then returning them. They also brought the drinks that were left over from the Christmas Party in December. Not to be forgotten many thanks to our judges, Anna Guglielmo, Phyllis Broderick and Carol McCarthy for being our judges and to our stewards, Lois Glass, Marta Beckstead, Karen Belmont, Donna Barto, Cris Courduff, and Carolyn Zimmerman. And thanks to Chuck Achenzie and the many people who jumped in to help wherever was needed whether to steward, helping to tear down and all the other things needed to make a successful match show. And again a special thanks to Phyllis for putting this on. We made a profit of \$309.44!!



POINT SHOW

Some of our newer members to obedience/rally, may wonder what is a point show and how is that different from our match show which we held last month. A match show could be called a practice show. You pay so much, usually \$10, for a run of so many minutes in the ring with a “judge”. With those minutes you can do whatever you need to do whether to have the judge put you through a whole routine or just work on things you are having problems with, and to also play and let your dog know that this is fun. It is your time. A point show is different. You are being judged by a real judge in whatever class you entered as to where you are in your training. You work on having qualifying runs so you can earn a title. You need three qualifications under two different judges to earn a title whether in Rally or Obedience. A qualifying score in obedience is 170 and in Rally 70. Once you get your Utility title there are several other titles you can earn from Utility Dog Excellent to Obedience Master to Obedience Trial Champion. That is where not only qualifications but your scores come into play. You can also go further in Rally earning a RAE or RACH title where scores also count towards that title. More information on the RACH is below under ACHIEVEMENTS. For more information on this, check the AKC rulebook or ask any trainer or one of our more experienced members.

Our point show will be held at the Berks County 4H Center in Leesport on Saturday, May 16th. The Berks County Dog Training Club will hold their point show the next day on May 17th. It is an indoor show with good parking, and limited shaded spots. There is limited crating inside the building depending on when you come to the show. This is a good time to try for qualifications with the back to back trials.

AWARDS PROGRAM AND TITLE RECOGNITION

Judy Lasso and Pat Gombocz are busy compiling and double checking the award information that members sent in to them. Several weeks ago a list of members was sent out listing those who have earned their various titles in 2019. We hope you read over it and made sure you are on the list if you are eligible for an award.

AWARDS BANQUET

The flyer for the banquet is included in this newsletter. It is scheduled for April 17th at the Brass Rail in Allentown in the downstairs banquet room. It is always a night of fun and fellowship not to mention good food. One of the great things is seeing the plaque boards of previous winners over the many years since 1953. I always look for my Emmett’s name on the Utility board and I am sure others do the same thing with their older dogs and dogs that are no longer with us. It is

such a nice memory and also to see the names of dogs you have known and trained with. The cost is quite reasonable at \$30. We also heard that there will be a raffle which is always fun!!

2020 Awards Banquet

April 17, 2020

6:00 pm Appetizers

6:45 pm Dinner

LOCATION:

Brass Rail

Lehigh Street

Allentown

ADTC



Family Style Dinner

Appetizer Trays

Vegetable Soup / Caesar Salad / Rolls

Pot Roast / Chicken Marsala

Mashed Potatoes / Ziti w/Marinara Sauce

Vegetable Medley

Dessert

Soda / Coffee / Tea

Cash Bar

\$30.00 per person

RESERVATIONS DUE BY: MARCH 30, 2020

Checks payable to: ADTC, Inc. TO: Phyllis Broderick, 262 Brass Castle Rd, Oxford, NJ 07863



Name: _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Attending _____



MEMBERSHIP—WHO IS NEW

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

New member for February....



Thomas A. Vanim and his Labrador Retriever

We are putting this under Membership as a SPECIAL THANK YOU to Krista Stayer for making those beautiful raffle baskets over the last few years. They will definitely be missed!! Those who were fortunate to win one, knows how special they were. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

SUNSHINE

Lifetime Club Member Patricia Ann Temarantz-Mickowski, 76 of Bethlehem, passed away on February 25, 2020 at Manor Care in Bethlehem. Patricia was a devoted advocate for the welfare of animals. She was a member of the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club where she served as Obedience Chairperson for many years in addition to numerous other committees. Patricia also served as a field tester for Therapy Dogs, Incorporated.

Patricia was also a member of St. Simon and Jude Church in Bethlehem, the Allentown Dog Training Club, the Hellertown Dog Training Club, the Lhasa Apso Club of America, the Poodle Club of America, the Lehigh Valley Art League, and the Art Museum of Allentown. She was a professional photographer and in business with her brother Robert for many years.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Patricia's memory can be made to the Northampton County SPCA or the North Shore Animal League

Personal Expressions of Condolences can be mailed to...Barb Temarantz at 380 Valley Park So. Bethlehem, PA 18018.



Club Member Ray Baycar, husband of Lori passed away on Monday, February 17th. He had battled pancreatic cancer for 21 months and he understood there was no chance of a cure. He spent his final weeks with puppy visits, human visitors, listening to his favorite and extensive music collection and just reminiscing about what he had done in his life. He was content and had no regrets. His passing was peaceful.

Personal expressions of condolence may be mailed to...

Lori Baycar
4192 Cartier Drive
Allentown, PA 18104

Memorial Service Information provided by the funeral home.

A memorial service to celebrate Raymond's life will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at 10:30 a.m., in Ludwick Funeral Homes Inc., 333 Greenwich Street, Kutztown, PA, with Reverend Mary Ann Hamm officiating. Inurnment will follow in Hope Cemetery, Kutztown. Relatives and friends are invited to a visitation on Friday evening, March 27, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., and again from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. prior to the service in the funeral home. The family requests contributions be made in Ray's memory to The Flat-Coated Retriever Foundation (Boraczek Cancer/General Health Fund) c/o Mary Beth Bissig – Treasurer, 128 Glendale Drive, Burlington, IA 52601. Ludwick Funeral Homes Inc., Kutztown, Pa., is in charge of arrangements. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.Ludwickfh.com.



PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

We hope that everyone read about the MEMBER OF THE MONTH column in last month's newsletter. Dusty Springer and her committee are hoping that members will be thinking of people from the club that they would like to nominate. The hope of the committee is to have members get to know each other better. So, think of who you might like to nominate so we can have a MEMBER OF THE MONTH to include in every newsletter. You can contact Dusty for more information at 610-956-6671 or bohooch@yahoo.com. Dusty reported at the meeting that several members have been nominated already so keep the nominations coming!!

MARCH MEMBER OF THE MONTH...BERDELL KOCH

I trained my first dog when I was ten years old, lots of tricks. My preferred breed is Spinone Italiano, and I have trained and competed with six different breeds.

When I first started with Obedience training it was all pop and drag. It is so much more fun training with today's methods of praise and reward. Laugh and try the exercise again! I mainly trained dogs in obedience. However, since I've retired, I find hunting and agility at the top of the list.

I have put a variety of AKC titles on my dogs – Beginner Novice through Utility (four dogs had Utility Titles) plus 1 Versatility, Rally, Tracking, Jr. Hunter, Senior and Master Hunter, Agility, Trick Dog Intermediate. Other organizations in which I competed and put titles on dogs are UKC

(United Kennel Club) – OB Novice through Utility, Agility and Rally, CDSP (Canine Dog Sport Program) Novice and Open, C Wags, Rally WCRL, Rally NAVHDA (North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association) – NA (Natural Ability), UT (Utility) on three dogs.

As to which dog was the most interesting to train – they all taught me something. The terrier taught me patience. The German Shepherd taught me to give commands quietly. Tazio has taught me how much fun training is and to expect the unexpected. However, my biggest training challenge was training a Welsh terrier through Utility. These are just a few examples of how my life has revolved around dogs and the people I meet because of them.

In terms of community service several of my dogs did demos with ADTC. Lily was a registered therapy dog. Tazio has participated in activities at the Pet Expo. I have a special story about Lily. ADTC was doing a demo for Senior and Challenged Citizens. One chap was in a wheelchair and communicated with hands and sounds. He motioned for me to leave Lily with him and motioned for me to leave. I did. When I turned around to check on Lily, the smile on his face will be with me forever.

I have also been the recipient of several special awards and recognitions. The SCOA has a trophy named after my first Spinone. Ty was the very first Spinone Italiano to ever have titles in three different AKC categories. Over the years all four of my Spinone Italianos have been awarded this trophy. (See picture.) I have also taught beginner classes and Rally classes for ADTC. Currently, I only do OB training for the NAVHDA chapter to which I belong to. Of all the competition venues I have experienced my favorite is working toward hunting titles because it is outside and you compete against your own score not against other dogs and handlers.

My favorite thing about dog training is that over the years I have made many friends and shared many training techniques and stories. The best advice I can give to new handlers is train with “Patience, Praise and Practice.” Think of the breed you chose and what they were bred for. This will help you understand your dog as you train.



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

First and last name of nominee:

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.)

Date nominated: _____

If readily available, Nominee's contact information:

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.

LOOKING AHEAD...UPCOMING EVENTS

The Lehigh German Shepherd Club still has some slots available for their match show on March 13. It is being held at Orchard Hills Training Center, 45 Bella Vista Lane in Barto and will start

after the Specialty Show finishes. Most of the available slots as of this writing are in Beginner Novice. This is a great opportunity for newer members to get into the ring fairly close to home. Entries and available slots are on Dog Match Show.com. .

The Lehigh German Shepherd Club will also be holding another match show on April 25, in New Ringgold. Please go on Dog Match Show.com for more information for directions and to enter.

There will be an Obedience and Rally match on April 4 put on by the Delaware Valley German Shepherd Club. Rally is not often offered at match shows so this is a great opportunity for those in Rally to enter a match to practice and work on exercises in ring type setting. It will be held at Orchard Hills Training Center in Bally which is not that far from Macungie. You can enter on Dog Match Show.com as well as get directions.

Phyllis Broderick announced that she has contracted with Connie Cleveland to put on a seminar in 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. If you would like to audit, the cost will be \$175 for the two days or \$100 for one day. Usually there is no limit to the number of those wanting to audit. The deadline for members to apply is July 1. 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 the form comes out. Connie is one of the nation's top trainers and she can be found on the internet. She has many great training videos on YouTube which you can watch and learn.

ADTC CLUB ATTIRE

Donna Barto will be placing an order for ADTC attire. If you have any questions about ordering contact Donna at dpbarto@ptd.net or 610-965-0235.

At the request of some members, Donna has added pull over hooded sweat shirts and the Charles River Jacket to the items available

An updated order form and a list of the items with picture have been sent out to everyone as well as being posted on our website. See flyer below. The deadline is March 11. It is nice to have a selection of colors as well this time.

All items are available in various colors with yellow or blue embroidered or screened logos.

Totes in royal blue only with paw logo.

All are men's/unisex sizing except for vests.

ADTC CLUB ATTIRE - ORDERS DUE BY 3/11/20

VEST, POLO, T-SHIRT, CREWNECK, PULLOVER HOODIE AND FULLZIP HOODED SWEATSHIRTS, CHARLES RIVER JACKET and TOTE BAGS

All items are available in various colors with yellow or blue embroidered or screened logos. Totes in royal blue with paw logo. All are men's/unisex sizing except for vests.



JERZEE TEE SHIRTS: Long and short sleeved. ADTC logo on front.

Long Sleeved: S-XL \$12.00 2XL-3XL \$14.00

Short Sleeved: S-XL \$ 9.00 2XL-3XL \$11.00

JERSEY KNIT SHORT SLEEVED POLO SHIRTS: ADTC logo on front.

S-XL \$15.00 2XL-3XL \$17.00

CREW NECK PULL OVER SWEATSHIRT: ADTC logo on front

S-XL \$16.00 2XL \$18.00 3XL \$20.00

PULLOVER HOODIE SWEATSHIRT / FRONT POUCH POCKET: ADTC logo on front

S-XL \$20.00 XXL-XXXL \$22.00

FULL ZIPPERED HOODED SWEATSHIRT: ADTC logo on front

S-XL \$26.00 2XL \$28.00 3XL \$30.00

COLOR CHOICES FOR ALL ABOVE: white, light grey, med. grey, red, maroon, royal blue, navy, forest green, black

UNLINED POLYESTER VEST, FRONT ZIPPERED POCKETS: MENS AND

WOMENS: ADTC logo on front

S-XL \$28.00 2XL \$30.00 3XL \$32.00,

NOTE SEPARATE COLOR CHOICES: black, carbon, navy, red, royal

CHARLES RIVER JACKET: Hooded, wind/water resistant nylon with heavyweight ash grey lining, side pockets and inside cell phone pocket. ADTC logo on front.

S-XXXL \$62.00

COLOR CHOICES black, navy, forest, maroon

COTTON CANVAS TOTE: 10 1/2 X 14 X 5 \$10.00

See order form on next page

ADTC CLUB ATTIRE ORDER FORM - ORDERS DUE BY 3/11/20

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email address: _____

SEE FLYER FOR FULL DESCRIPTIONS

POLO SHIRT

Size: _____ Color: _____ Total Cost: _____

LONG SLEEVED JERZEE TEE SHIRT

Size: _____ Color: _____ Total Cost: _____

SHORT SLEEVED JERZEE TEE SHIRT

Size: _____ Color: _____ Total Cost: _____

SWEATSHIRT ...Specify Crewneck, Pull Over or Full Zip

Size: _____ Color: _____ Total Cost: _____

Size: _____ Color: _____ Total Cost: _____

Size: _____ Color: _____ Total Cost: _____

VEST

Size _____ Color: _____ Total Cost: _____

TOTE

Quantity: _____ Total Cost: _____

CHARLES RIVER JACKET

Size _____ Color: _____ Total Cost: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mail Order Form and Check Payable to ADTC: due by March 11, 2020
TO: Donna P. Barto 4862 Jasper Road, Emmaus, PA 18049 610-965-0235
ACHIEVEMENTS

Judy Skorup reported that she and Great Pyrenees, Emma, earned their Rally Master title at the Lower Camden Dog Training Club trial in New Jersey on February 9. Her scores were 93 and 100. Unfortunately, she did not get in the placements as there were several other 100's and ties are determined by time. Now the team is moving on to working on their RACH title which is qualifying in Advanced, Excellent and Masters at the same trial, not an easy task, as it is time consuming and expensive. More on that below.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS GREAT ACHIEVEMENT JUDY AND EMMA!!! ON TO RACH!



Under ACHIEVEMENTS we would like to let members be aware of what Judy and Emma had to do to earn their Rally Master Title. They not only had to enter and qualify in the Master Class which would include the Master Exercises along with exercises from Novice, Advanced and Excellent. They had to qualify TEN TIMES to earn the RALLY MASTER title.

Now Judy and Emma are planning to start working on the RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP (RACH)

Submitted by Judy Skorup...

The RACH takes time, effort and money. There are two parts (at least I consider it two parts) to earning a RACH. First, your dog must earn qualifying scores in Advanced B, Excellent B and

Master classes at the same trial twenty times. This is referred to as a triple Q. A qualifying score is at least 70 points out of 100. In addition, your dog must accumulate 150 points from the Advanced and Excellent classes and accumulate 150 points from the Master class while earning the triple “Q’s”. Your dog only earns points when it earns scores of 91/100 or above. Scores of 91-94 give the dog 5 points, scores of 95-96 give the dog 6 points, 97 gives you 7 points, 98 gets you 8 points, 99 gives you 9 points and 100 gives you 10 points. Often, the dogs earn the necessary twenty triple Q’s, but do not have enough points when they finish the twenty trials. To obtain the RACH competing continues until the points are obtained.

Steve Markovitz reported that he and Barkley earned their Beginner Novice Title with a First Place and a score of 198.5. The show took place in Bay Shore NY. Steve said, Barkley has come a long way pretty quickly.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVE AND BARKLEY!!



CONGRATULATIONS to Debbie Achenzie and Freddy for winning **HIGH IN TRIAL** at the CDSP (Companion Dog Sports Program) at Let’s Speak Dog in Palmer Township on February 15th. Not only that he won with a score of 199.5! What a great job Freddy. He also got a beautiful High in Trial Rosette that is about three or four times bigger than he is!!”



There were quite a few Allentown Dog Training members there who also did well and earned legs and/or placements. Those who got legs and/or placements are Debbie Achenzie and Ginger and Freddy, Joanne Summers and Win, Berdell Koch and Tazio, Debbie Petrusjanz and Annie, Liz Long and Trei, Kay Scales and Jet and Jacqui Hartranft and Cooper. This is the first trial to be held there as Renee has just finished building the training center. It is a first class training center with great flooring and plenty of crating for trials and training opportunities. You can check out her website on Let's Speak Dog.

The UKC ALL STAR RANKINGS for 2019 have just come out for those who participate in UKC trials. CONGRATULATIONS TO BARB GROTZINER AND CLYDE for being ranked number 41 in Utilily and JACQUI HARTRANFT AND ABBEY for being ranked number 18 in Open. These rankings are country wide.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!! EVERYONE IS A WINNER!!

WHAT IS CDSP?

Since quite a few of our members participated in the CDSP trial held at Let's Speak Dog training center located outside of Easton, on February 15, we thought members would be interested in learning more about another obedience program.

The Companion Dog Sports Program (CDSP for short) is a program that has been around for many years. Like other venues such as UKC, it has its own twists and rules but pretty much the exercises are similar. You do have to join and get a number like UKC and AKC. It is a much more relaxed form of competitive obedience which many people and dogs like. You are able to talk to your dog and also feed a treat at certain points. The judging is a bit more relaxed and not as strict but the judge still looks for good heel position, straight sits and fronts and being able to execute the exercises properly. That does not mean that you cannot lose points and also not qualify. You can!! You need to qualify three times in each class ranging from Starter Novice on up to Utility and Versatility. I will add that the Open class has a go out as one of the exercises and the Utility has a "Baseball" glove exercise for extra points. They have A and B classes but also a C class which you can enter once you earned your title but would like to stay in that particular class until you feel your dog is ready to move on to a higher level. It is a great way for new people and also people with new dogs starting out in a more relaxed atmosphere. You can find out more about it by going to the CDSP website and reading up on the rules and what is required. Several of our club members stopped by to see Renee's new center and also to see what CDSP is all about. Renee will be having another trial on April 18th so check out the CDSP website or Let's Speak Dog for the premium list. As of this writing it is not yet up but keep checking back.

BEYOND THE OBEDIENCE/RALLY RING

Don't forget we are always looking for pictures and stories about things your dog has done or what he or she means to you. Last month Lydia Miller wrote about her litter of Irish Setter puppies and what they mean to her. It does not have to be obedience/rally related. This is a fun column and we are looking forward to ideas from the membership. Or even if you or your dog did something silly in the ring. We had a column called MY DOG DID THAT!! last year and since we did not get any more crazy things you or your dog did, you are more than welcome to put it in this column. Or if your special dog did something great and why you think your dog is the best ever!!

Way Beyond the Obedience Ring ...Debbie Achenzie

"I wrote the following article on January 14th. and posted it to Facebook. I received many wonderful comments and decided I would share it with the club through the newsletter now. Today Laura is back home as a patient at Lehigh Valley Hospital but still fighting for her life. There has been some progress but with many more set backs. She has a long road ahead to a full recovery but I do believe in Miracles!!!"

I BELIEVE.... DO YOU? Submitted by Debbie Achenzie

I have debated sharing this in such a public way but I feel strongly it is an experience that needs to be shared. For those of you who know me also know I had a bulldog named Georgia, who was my heart and soul. She helped me to gain my confidence with panic and anxiety issues and allowed me to meet so many new friends and have so many great experiences. She was very special to me.

In the summer of 2004 when she was just 18 months old, she aspirated and developed pneumonia while in the care of the U. of Penn. She was placed on a ventilator and given very little chance to survive when her organs started shutting down. I prayed for a miracle, as did so many of the people in my life and the dog world. Miraculously she beat the odds and went on to live to the old age of 14 1/2. I never took one day for granted and we lived our lives to the fullest.

Today 35 year old Laura, my girlfriend's daughter also is in Philly fighting for her life. She was diagnosed 2 months ago with acute myeloid leukemia that has been complicated with many medical setbacks. The most recent occurred on Friday when Laura's tracheotomy tube became dislodged and twisted causing her to lose oxygen. After Laura's traumatizing experience they needed to test her brain function. The nurse and her mom were asking her questions on Saturday. Laura is unable to speak or use her hands so they are using a letter board. Laura was asked if she remembered yesterday and Laura answered yes, she had been to Heaven and it was beautiful.

They then asked who she saw there? Her first answer was DEBBIE. My girlfriend assumed it was a Debbie that Laura knew that passed way last year. She shook her head NO and went on to spell out DOG. So we now have Debbie's dog. I need to add that Laura is a dog lover that took classes from me. She knew Georgia as my demo dog. So trying to figure this out finally Laura spells out "GEORGIA".

When my girlfriend called me to tell me this she asked if I was sitting down. I had no idea why but I am glad I listened because the flood of emotions I felt was overwhelming.

So the love of my life who shared a near death experience continues to work her magic and was first greet Laura in Heaven. I will ask Laura more when she can talk but I am fairly certain she told Laura she had to go back and live like she did!

Georgia was my Miracle..... Please continue to pray for Laura's miracle!



***FOR YOUR INFORMATION* 24/7 Emergency Care**

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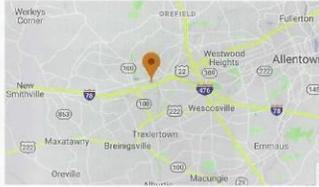
We provide medical care for pets 24/7. There is always a doctor on duty and dedicated nurses caring for your pet. Our staff works around the clock to provide patient monitoring, administration of treatments and medications, and ensuring patient comfort. We are always here if and when you need us.



An appointment is needed for the ophthalmology service; however we will do our best to accommodate any eye emergencies through the ophthalmology service. We offer evening and some weekend hours to help accommodate your busy schedule.

LOCATION

We are conveniently located in Upper Macungie township, just off of Tilghman St. EPVMC is accessible by several major roads- Rt 22, Rt 309, PA turnpike, Rt 100 and Rt 78.



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Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide quality high level emergency and ophthalmology services for pets and work with referring veterinarians for continuity of patient care for overnights and weekends.

In the event your pet requires emergency veterinary services or ophthalmology services, our skilled veterinary team is ready to assist you. We deliver the following services to provide the best possible veterinary care for your pet.

EMERGENCY

At EPVMC, we believe that pets (and owners) come first. We strive to make the stressful experience of a sick or injured pet one met with compassionate care for patients. Our skilled team of doctors, nurses, and receptionists are all dedicated to caring for your pet as if it is their own.



We act as an extension of your primary care veterinarian's practice, caring for your pet when your primary veterinarian is unavailable (off hours, emergency situations), and when your pet requires care that can only be delivered in a 24/7 setting. We will work closely with your primary care veterinarian, sharing information and keeping them informed with progress updates.

OPHTHALMOLOGY

Dr. Mary Landis and her team are here to offer you care for your pets' eyes. Our service will help you understand your pet's diagnosis and offer treatment options for their vision and comfort. We will forward your pet's medical records to your veterinarian's office to coordinate care between the ophthalmology service and your veterinarian. We will carefully explain your pet's medical conditions, and ensure you are comfortable with the treatment plan.



ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2020

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

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on January 8, 2020. No corrections or additions were noted. Dusty Springer moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website. The motion was seconded by Lois Linker and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Barbara Artim presented the Treasurer's Report

No corrections or additions were noted to the Treasurer's Report. Mary Spatz moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Barbara Grotzinger and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Federation

Edie Rysdyk reported that the Federation will have a booth at the Paws in The Park event.

Membership Report

Debbie Achenzie presented the Membership Report

There were two first readings:

Nadine Bosico, Aussie - (Not present)

Thomas A. Vanim, Labrador Retriever - (Present)

There were two second readings:

Irene Chan, Labrador Retriever

Mark Hanover, Golden Retriever

Cris Courduff moved to accept Irene Chen and Mark Hanover as members. Krista Stayer seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Debbie also reported that there is presently a total of 156 members in the club. President Achenzie acknowledged the great job Debbie did with emails and telephone calls to those who had not yet renewed.

Training Director's Report

Phyllis Broderick presented her training report

Wednesday Club training classes are running smoothly as well as Anna's Thursday Open and Utility classes and Dusty's novice classes.

A few weeks ago Dusty had 12 in her Novice day class and inasmuch as the space is too small to accommodate 12, her class was divided into two separate novice classes. The two classes will run for 4 weeks and re-evaluated. If attendance is still high, the two classes will remain. If the numbers go down, then it will go back to one class.

Linda's Krasley's novice rally class has ended. Her next class Advanced/Excellent has 14 in this class. Linda will need an assistant and I have authorized an assistant of her choice.

A new puppy class started Thursday, February 6th and there are 11 puppies in this class. Terry Papineau is instructing this class.

A new beginner class was scheduled for February 6th but cancelled for lack of interest. In its place a 4 week beginner utility class starts Thursday, February 13th with Carol McCarthy Instructor. This class is limited to 8 teams.

Connie Cleveland seminar is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 21st and 22nd at Macungie Memorial Park. Kathy Pugh has volunteered to make up the flyers and help take entries. Anna Guglielmo has also volunteered to assist.

The seminar is limited to 20 working teams. These teams must be signed up for both days. There is unlimited auditing. The cost is \$325 for the 2 day working teams and \$175 for 2 day auditing and \$100 for 1 day auditing. ADTC members will have until July 1st to register for the working slots. After that the working slots will be available to the public.

MATCH SHOW:

The match show was a huge success. All the slots filled. Fourteen members were signed up.

Anna G, Carol McCarthy and myself judged the show.

Stewards were Lois Glass, Marta Beckstead, Karen Belmont, Cris Courduff, Donna Barto, Carolyn Zimmerman, Bill and Dusty Springer. The show was well attended by members and while there they all pitched in.

A special thank you to Bill and Dusty Springer and Carol McCarthy. On Saturday, Bill and Dusty went to the storage shed and took out all the baby gates and stanchions. Bill, Dusty, Carol and myself set up the ring and tables and chairs. Bill also brought coolers and drinks that were left over from the Christmas party. Breaking down and loading up Bill's van went so quickly as the club members who were at the show all pitched in and helped break down.

After expenses we made a profit of \$309.44.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Broderick

Committees

Newsletter

Jacqui Hartranft announced that any contributions for the March newsletter should be submitted to her or Debbie Achenzie as soon as possible and definitely prior to February 29, 2020.

Website

Lois Linker reported that the website is up to date and she will be positing a new order form for club clothing as soon as she receives it from Donna Barto.

Club Clothing

Donna Barto reported that there will be an updated order form available soon. The Charles River jacket will be available as well as short and long sleeve T-shirts, regular sweatshirts along with hooded sweatshirts, and a vest which is lightweight and has pockets for treats. Most items will be a medium weight and the club logo will be on the front only.

Awards Banquet

Phyllis Broderick reported that the banquet is all set for April 17th at the Brass Rail with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 per person and reservation forms are available on the club website and alongside the sign in book on club training nights.

Publicity

ADTC Publicity Report February 2020 Dusty Springer Sara Schrum ADTC Publicity Co-chairs

As stated in the ADTC Publicity Report for January 2020, the core committee's focus this year will be to improve communication between club members. Consequently, an ADTC Member of the Month article will be developed for the monthly newsletter. Any member may submit the name of a member in good standing for ADTC Member of the Month recognition.

Recommendation forms will be available for download from the newsletter and available in paper form at monthly meetings. A member who has been nominated will receive a notification phone call and questionnaire. An article will be developed from the questionnaire and the member is also requested to submit a photo. Members will be contacted and articles will be published in the order in which recommendations and completed questionnaires are received. We hope to hear from many members.

Trophies

Cris Courduff reported that donations are catching up but there are still a few classes that need donations for the first through fourth place leashes. See Cris if you would like to donate to the club for the trophies given out at the annual May trial.

Raffle

Edie Rysdyk announced that the club will most likely have a 50/50 ticket sale at the May trial instead of raffle baskets.

Awards and Title Recognition

President Achenzie reported that Judy Lasso informed him that everything is ready for the engraver and everything is right on time.

Point Show

Lois Linker reported that she is in the process of finalizing everything. ADTC will have to provide matting for one ring at the trial. Gail James had to step away from the job of Chief Ring Steward and Carol McCarthy had taken over this job.

General Business

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on February 23, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at Wegmans on Stoke Park Road in Bethlehem and is open to the membership. The next general meeting will be held on March 11, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. inside Macungie Hall.

The Staples number is 610-439-2800.

Braggs

Several members stepped forward to announce their latest brags.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the general membership, Debra Petrusjanz moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dusty Springer and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carol McCarthy

Recording Secretary

