



# ADTC BARKS AND BYTES

## MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Life has changed in a few short weeks in a way none of us could have imagined. We hope that by the time you get this newsletter things will be slowly getting back to normal. Our training has been cancelled, shows cancelled or postponed among other things affecting us with our dogs as well as ourselves. Meanwhile keep working on the things that you have learned not only in class but in the many videos by well known trainers which are available on line at no cost to you. I especially like Catherine Zinski's videos as she not only has many of them; she also goes into great detail with her own dogs. There is anything from novice on up to utility exercises. Connie Cleveland, Janet Gunn and Betsy Scapicchio and Linda Brennan have videos as well. So while you have time, take some moments to check them out. There really is something for everyone no matter what stage you are in.

With most trials cancelled through May and into June, it will be best to check the club websites to make sure the show is still on. Also be sure to check the enter by date. Our trial has been cancelled for some time as has The Philadelphia Dog Training Club (although they are looking for another date) and Bucks Kennel Club. Berks Dog Training Club just announced that they are cancelling their trial which was to be held the day after ours in May. If you have entered any matches, be sure to check on Dog Match Show.com or the club to make sure that either the date was not changed or the match cancelled.

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

**Dear Members,**

**This has been a hard time for everyone and for everyone's safety the PA Governor has not lifted its ban on social gatherings. Therefore, training is suspended for May and future months until the Governor relaxes its band on social gatherings. When the restrictions are adjusted the following training rules will go into effect.**

**#1 Class sizes are limited to 6 participants and are by pre-registration only at a cost of \$48.00 for a 6 week session.**

**#2 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**

**6:30 to 7:30pm - 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**

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

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

**Please register with Anna [annamr06@verizon.net](mailto:annamr06@verizon.net)**

**Rally: Instructor Linda Krasley - Linda will decide the level of rally and the time.**

**Please register with Linda [kenlin@rcn.com](mailto:kenlin@rcn.com)**

**If more than 6 people sign up for any of the above classes, we will look into adding additional classes to accommodate everyone.**

**When there is a definite date when we can resume training, I will put out a registration application.**

**All participants must wear masks, maintain 6 feet distancing. Gloves are optional. Instructors will not physically go over your dog.**

**Thanks, Phyllis**

**\*BANQUET INFORMATION\* from Phyllis**

**The banquet has been cancelled for this year. For those that have sent me their checks, I will shred said checks. For those paying in cash, I will send a check for the amount you are due. When it is safe to gather we will, after a meeting, acknowledge those individuals who are to receive an award. At this meeting we will have refreshments for everyone. We do not know at this time when that will be. Hopefully the government gets a hold on Covid-19 and we can resume our life.**

**\*AWARDS PROGRAM AND TITLE RECOGNITION\* from Jacqui**

**First, I want to apologize for missing a few of the awards in the listing in the April newsletter. I wanted to list them starting with the award for anyone earning an OTCH last year and then on down through the various titles earned that are recognized by the AKC. I carefully went through it but no matter how careful I was, I still must have missed a few awards. Judy has the corrected list and Debbie did send out the revised list to everyone.**

**As stated above, training is cancelled for the moment. However, we urge everyone to continue training your dog. As was stated in April's newsletter, so many of the top trainers have put up**

YouTube videos on various ideas on how to train different exercises or just simple fun things which do not take up much room. Even if you do not have a CD title, there is no reason why you cannot teach your dog to hold a dumbbell or after that retrieve one or any other exercise. Check out what is required for a CD, CDX or UD titles. There are plenty of parks and empty parking lots to train. I love using the lines on the parking lots for heeling. Many of the exercises do not take much room to teach so you can use your house. You can order rulebooks from AKC or check out the rules and regulations on line.

Catherine Zinski has a whole list of videos on how to teach a dog almost any obedience exercise. Many of the other trainers along with Catherine have videos on the Competition Dog Facebook site. There is also a “train alone” website called DIY which is on Facebook as well as Rally Obedience Training Group which helps those with Rally questions on Facebook. Anyone can join these groups. DIY is geared towards people who train alone or do not have close access to training facilities. There are great ideas not only from trainers but also from people like you and I who have come up with ways of teaching your dog the various exercises. Not every method will work for every person or every dog. But give it a try. Let Debbie and Jacqui hear from you as to what has worked or not worked for you, especially if training will not start up in May. We would love to put some of your comments in the next newsletter.

Another very good website is one by John Cox called Random Little Tidbits. He was mentioned in a previous newsletter. He is a long time obedience judge. He not only discusses where you can lose points in each exercise from novice through utility, he also describes what judges look for and the “hows and whys” of losing points. I highly recommend his website, <https://saintbernardarchive.com/library>. There are about 55 Random Little Tidbits on everything from Novice on up through Utility. I highly recommend reading the Tidbits and learn how you can prevent losing points from your 200 point account as he calls it. There may be things you, as the handler do, that is costing you points. Sometimes just simple things like not returning your arm to the proper position after giving a signal. Remember, you and your dog are a team and mistakes can be made by either member of the team and a lot of the time it is the human member!. Since we are not training, take the time, to go to his website. It will be time well spent.

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

As you all know almost everything relating to dogs among other things have been cancelled through the month of May and longer. In case members may not be aware, the National Obedience Championship and Rally National Championship which were to be held on June 26, 27 and 28 in Wilmington, Ohio has been postponed until December. It will be held in place of the Obedience Classic which is usually held the second weekend of December in Orlando, Florida. The Classic has been cancelled for this year and will be held December 2021 in Orlando. At this point we do not know if the 2021 NOC and RNC Championships will be back in Ohio in 2021. For more information as to entering or withdrawing your entry, questions, etc., refer to each website for more information. Several of our members were eligible to enter them.

LETS SPEAK DOG is holding a CDSP (Companion Dog Sports Program) trial on May 23. It is from the postponed trial which had been scheduled on April 18 when everything was shutdown. It will be held in the new building at 616 Young's Hill Road, Easton, Pa. 18040. To enter or for more information, please get in touch with Karen Nelson, Trial Secretary at [justnelson99@yahoo.com](mailto:justnelson99@yahoo.com) or 610-462-2727. The premium list can also be found on the CDSP website under Coming Events. The deadline is May 11. There will be a morning and afternoon trial. Day of entry will be taken if the trials are not filled. You will need a registration number to participate and that information is also on the website.

**\*MEMBERSHIP—WHO IS NEW\*** Nothing To Report

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

**\*SUNSHINE\*** Nothing To Report

**\*PUBLICITY\*** Nothing To Report

**\*ITEMS FOR SALE\***

If anyone has items that they no longer have use for, you are welcome to list them here. We only want to list dog related items so if anyone was cleaning out their house while everything is on hold and find items you no longer can use, you can list them here. Things like articles can be expensive when bought new as are gates and jumps so it might be a good time to list things like that as well as small things like collars, leashes, dumbbells, etc.

Last month Cris Courduff listed some training items she no longer had use for. She just reported that she sold the jiffy jumps but still has the two sets of articles. The single bar set has a four inch bar and 2 ¼ inch ends. The double bar set is the same size. Both have carrying cases included for \$25 each. You can call her at 215-536-1219 or email at [criscourduff@verizon.net](mailto:criscourduff@verizon.net)

Editor's note: Since this is such reasonable price, members who might be interested in learning about utility might want to consider purchasing them to start training your dog. They would not work for a small dog though as they would be way too large. I started Abbey on Emmett's set which was larger then what she needed but she had no problem. When she was ready to enter trials, I purchased a set sized to fit her, but she had no problem either way. Worth considering.

From Paula Hradkowsky ...I have a set of solid wood jumps painted white. I'd like to give them to a good home. It would be easier for me if someone picked them up, but I would meet someone halfway. Contact Paula at 215-872-4268 or e-mail at [paula@tempest-terriers.com](mailto:paula@tempest-terriers.com)

**\*MAY MEMBER OF THE MONTH...JOHN LANDIS\***

I have trained dogs for 50 years, and my dogs and I have done conformation, obedience and scent work. Since I first started, obedience competition has become easier, and the training methods have changed to much more positive methods. I have trained the following breeds: Komondor, Golden Retriever, American Cocker Spaniel and Pulik. They were all interesting to train in very different ways.

I have put many titles, including an OTCH, on a variety of dogs. The most interesting dog I ever trained was a black American Cocker Spaniel who did not heel. I did, after too many shows to count, put a UD on her. In fact, it is a toss-up as to whether putting a UD on this dog or the Komondor was my biggest training challenge. In the past my dogs and I have also participated in demonstrations and therapy work, but I have not done much in those areas recently.

My favorite competition venue is obedience because the judging is done very objectively. In addition to training and showing my own dogs, I am an AKC Breed and Obedience Judge. I have also served as an AKC Delegate. My work with Allentown Dog Training Club includes serving as a board member, show chairman, grounds chairman, trainer, and judge.

I have numerous training and show judging stories, but my favorite is not one that is appropriate to put into print. That said, I do have some advice for new handlers: “Enroll in an obedience class. You need an outside perspective.”



**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.

We are looking forward to see who our next MEMBER OF THE MONTH will be. So be sure to send in your nominations to Dusty Springer. 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](mailto:bohooch@yahoo.com). Dusty reported at the meeting that several members have been nominated already so keep the nominations coming!!

### **\*SEMINAR\***

Phyllis is planning a Connie Cleveland seminar in November. It is scheduled for November 21st and 22nd at Macungie Memorial Park. It is limited to 20 working teams and they must be signed up for the 2 days. There is unlimited auditing. The cost is \$325 for 2 days working teams and \$175 for 2 day auditing or \$100 for one 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.

### **\*ADTC CLUB ATTIRE\***

Donna Barto has placed the order for ADTC attire. At this time there is no updated information on when the order will be shipped and ready for pickup. If you have any questions contact Donna at [dpbarto@ptd.net](mailto:dpbarto@ptd.net) or 610-965-0235.

### **\*LOOKING AHEAD\***

At this point shows are still being cancelled or postponed. You are still urged to contact the club who is holding the show before applying as Info Dog does not always have the updated information. Jim Rau may have updated information as well as AKC but it is wise to check before sending in your money. Some clubs are refunding fees and others may not due to their expenses.

### **\*ACHIEVEMENTS\* Looking for member's input for the June Newsletter**

Since almost everything has been cancelled there have been few opportunities to earn titles or legs. So, how about listing an achievement you and your dog have achieved by learning a new exercise such as holding a dumbbell or improving things like heeling (always difficult) or fronts. Or maybe learning a trick towards a Trick Dog title. It does not have to be for a title. Just to show that you are having a fun time with your special friend. There are so many things that could be listed. Anything you are working on and feel you have improved on, you are welcome to tell us all about it. Pictures are always welcome. Let us know how you are doing.

**\*FOR YOUR INFORMATION\***

**Poodle Club All Breed Health Clinic Canceled for June 21, 2020**

Usually at this time of the year I would be telling you about when clinic registration would open for eye appointments and lab tests. Unfortunately, current circumstances have caused Poodle Club of the Lehigh Valley to make the difficult decision to cancel the health clinic for 2020. Not knowing what the Covid19 virus has in store for the future, we had to think about the health and safety of you, our participants, Dr. Aguirre, our veterinarian and vet techs, and the club members who work at the clinic.

Hopefully life will be back to normal (or at least a new normal), and we will be able to hold the clinic next June 27, 2021. Never fear, I will be in touch with you, no matter what we decide.

Regretfully, Dorothy Schneck

PCLV Health Clinic Coordinator

**Donna Gigliotti , Chiropractor...her email copied below**

I pray this email finds you all well -2 legged and 4 legged.

I am writing everyone to let you know that I am continuing to work. I chose to practice outside at the Macungie Animal Hospital to ensure fresh air, lots of space for distancing and your ability to remain with or near your pet. This arrangement has been working fantastic. The animals are less stressed and with the extra space, I have been able to have them move/gait and see them perform on a solid surface vs the slippery floors in the office.

The US Dept of Homeland Security and the American Chiropractic Association states that, Chiropractors are an essential critical infrastructure of the workforce. We are classified as essential healthcare providers. Which you all already knew.

If your pet is in need of urgent, acute or treatment for a problem I am here if you need or feel comfortable to come. Days and hours are subject to the weather, so pray for continued warmer days. My hands greatly appreciate it.

Please stay safe and well. Looking forward to seeing everyone when life to normal.

Yours in Health, Dr. Donna

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## **From Dennis Sprung, AKC President and CEO**

The AKC continues to navigate uncharted territory during this pandemic and its staff remains dedicated to assisting clubs, exhibitors and customers. We are optimistic that we can rebound stronger and better than before.

As we look ahead and some states begin to open, we must remain cautious and vigilant to maintain the health and wellness of our sport. We continue to encourage each of our 5,000 clubs to adhere to federal, state and local restrictions pertaining to minimizing the spread of COVID-19. We support each club's informed decision to reschedule, postpone or cancel their respective events, as well as support clubs ready to hold events in municipalities that are open and permit gatherings. In an ongoing effort to assist event chairs and organizers, the Sports and Events Department has been working on suggested guidelines for best health practices to be used when the resumption of our sports is possible, as well as assisting events with date checks, Judges assignments, conflicts, etc. The guidelines will be made available in the coming weeks.

We are also working on ways to engage our exhibitors across all sports via activities. In an effort to keep our beginner Rally competitors active and training their dogs, we have released the AKC Rally® Novice Virtual pilot program.

Rally Novice competitors can set up a pre-designed AKC Rally® course in the safety of their own yard, record the performance and submit it. In turn, AKC will assign a pre-selected AKC Rally Judge to virtually review and score the team's Rally performance. There will be five pre-designed official rally courses published on [akc.org](http://akc.org) for the exhibitor to choose from. The exhibitor will follow the setup instructions provided, video the performance, upload the video to YouTube and submit the video link with the entry form and fee. The entry will be assigned to an AKC judge for scoring. All qualifying scores will be recorded on the dog's AKC record and applied toward the Rally Novice title requirements.

This is just one of the ways we are engaging exhibitors until we are able to hold events. We also have many fun activities for dog owners of all ages, as well as COVID-19 updates on [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org). It is updated daily.

We are here for you. Staff is available to assist you during our regular business hours, Monday-Friday 8:15a-4:30p ET and customer service is available until 8p ET. I can be reached anytime on my cell phone at 516-637-6567.

AKC's commitment and loyalty to our sport, constituency and our treasured dogs is strong. We will continue to do everything possible to meet your needs and preserve our sport. We can't wait to share an event with you! Stay healthy and be well. These are unprecedented times for the world and our sport. The AKC is aware that the recent COVID-19 virus outbreak has greatly impacted our clubs nationwide. Though this is a difficult time, we remain encouraged that we will all get through this together.

## **From Daphna Straus, AKC Vice President**

The cancellation of swaths of AKC events has left many of us wistful and impatient for their return. With no shows to enter and plenty of absence to make the heart grow fonder, I found myself pondering what I got out of them in the first place. Here are

### **10 THINGS I LEARNED FROM AKC SPORTS.**

I learned how to drive. Where I'm from (NYC), a car is a luxury, but it's a necessity to get to dog events. Whether I was mastering the hills of San Francisco to get to the SFDTC, cruising along Route 80 to Top Dog Obedience School, learning the back roads to PCOTC or staving off white line fever on the way to a Specialty, AKC events made me into something of a road warrior. We really get our miles in for our dogs.

I learned how to be on time. When it comes to AKC events, if you're on time, you're late. I learned how to build time into my departure plans to be sure I had ample time to warm up my dog and be ring ready without extra stress.

I learned persistence. We lose more than we win in dogs. We have more NQs than Qs and placements. From every NQ in Obedience I gained a lesson for improvement. As they say, "there will always be another dog show" – always an opportunity to do better next time.

I learned patience. Success in our events comes with a side of waiting around. Waiting for Best of Breed or Groups. Waiting for sits and downs. You've gotta be in it to win it, so stick around.

I learned how to be creative and resourceful. Since I never had a yard for a practice ring, I set up jumps in Central Park. The long alley behind my building served well for down-and-backs. Flocks of pigeons stood in for Indian Runner Ducks.

I learned the downside of procrastinating. Sure as the sun will rise tomorrow, entries will always close two weeks ahead. Waiting too long to enter adds the extra expense of online entry fees (now inevitable for those of us always out of stamps) and the risk of being shut out altogether. This is a rule that never changes, and yet, I still wait till nearly the last minute almost every time.

I learned how to get organized. Have a full tank before setting out for a show, lest you miss your ring time or confuse your dog with the smell of fuel on his scent articles. Wash and dry those articles the night before a trial. Pick out your outfits and get your show gear packed up the night before, too. A frantic, last minute search for that lucky show lead could cancel out its good vibes. Load driving directions up ahead in case you lose your signal along the way. AKC events helped me pull myself together!

I learned the importance of setting goals and about the joy that comes with achieving them. While so much in life remains out of our control, our dog events give us wonderful opportunities to pursue challenging and fulfilling objectives while having fun along the way: a home-bred champion, an OTCH, a MACH, or any number of titles that reward instinct and breeding for purpose.

I learned the value of volunteering. Being a ring steward, match secretary, parking attendant or any other seemingly thankless job is truly important. Without helpers to perform these tasks, the show can't go on. It is satisfying to play a role in something bigger than yourself.

I learned that we humans can get along with everyone and anyone – no matter our differences – because we are all working toward similar goals with our dogs. Our sports build camaraderie between rich and poor, young and old, men and women, gay and straight, rural and urban. We build deep and lasting connections with others by training and showing our dogs. The dog show community sets a tremendous example to others by building strength through the diversity we celebrate in our clubs, events and friendships.

Till we meet again, ringside!

### **AKC Rally® Novice Virtual Pilot Program**

During this time of necessary social distancing, we want to give our beginner AKC Rally® exhibitors a reason to continue training their dogs and to stay engaged with the sport of Rally. The [AKC Rally Novice Virtual pilot program](#) will provide these exhibitors an opportunity to stay-at-home and enter an AKC Rally® event.

The pilot program is designed to have a Rally Novice competitor set up a pre-designed AKC Rally® course in the safety of their own yard, record the performance and submit it to AKC. In turn, AKC will assign a pre-selected AKC Rally Judge to virtually review and score the team's Rally performance.

AKC will have five pre-designed official rally courses published on the AKC website for the exhibitor to choose from. The exhibitor will follow the setup instructions provided, video the performance, upload the video to YouTube, set the required YouTube viewing options, and submit the video link with the entry form and fee to AKC.

Once the required information is received, and the dog's records are verified for class eligibility, the video link will be assigned to a judge for review. The judge will score the team's performance and will provide a report to AKC. All qualifying scores will be recorded on the dog's AKC record and applied toward the Rally Novice title requirements. AKC will notify exhibitors of the results of their submission.

This pilot program will end at midnight December 31, 2020 and all video submissions must be received by that date and time. We are excited to offer this virtual option to our Rally Novice exhibitors!

**\*BEYOND THE OBEDIENCE RING\* Stay At Home, help from our friends  
St Bernard's On A Roll**



**This is Wilson, he is now working from home!**



**Ruger owned by Cris Courduff helps by bringing in the newspaper.**



**Delta and Moses owned by Jim Blatnik are keeping the much valued Toilet Paper safe!**



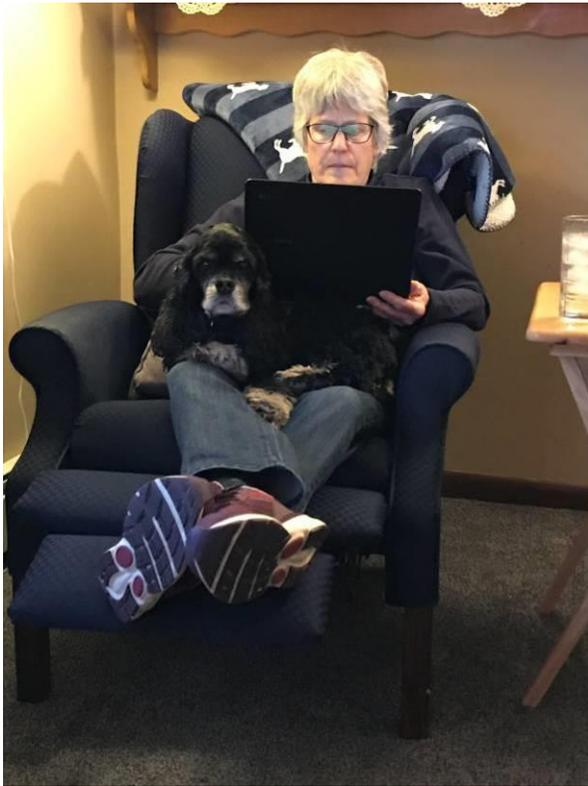
**Stanley owned by Wilma Krause Brucker is helping out as her Office Assistant**



**Brees owned by Gail James is barking up a tree to protect her property.**



**Piper owned by Judy Lasso helps by being a furry desk.**



**Piper also helps out in the garden**



**Einstein owned by the Achenzie's helps as a taste tester. Luckily he eats like a bird.**



**Freddy and Ginger aspire to join the Police Academy to help out.**



**Pete, a German Shepherd mix, reads Bill Springer the East Penn Press.**



**"That Sam I am, That Sam I am. He's 12 today, that Sam I am" Happy birthday to our Sam!**



**\*FOOD FOR THOUGHT\***

INNER STRENGTH Author Unknown

If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills.

If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains.

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles.

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it.

If you understand when loved ones are too busy to give you any time.

If you overlook when people take things out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong.

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment.

If you can face the world without lies and deceit.

If you can conquer tension without medical help.

If you can relax without liquor.

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs.

If you can do all these things,

**Then you are probably the family dog.**

I can live without a  
lot of things



Dogs are not one  
of them