



ADTC BARKS AND BYTES

NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

We now have a name for our newsletter. Thanks to the Board for the hard job of picking a name for the newsletter from the many great names that were sent in. CONGRATULATIONS to the winner, **Paula Hradkowsky**. Paula will receive 2 vouchers for club training on Wednesday night or Thursday morning. AND THE NEW NAME IS..... ADTC BARKS AND BYTES

As a reminder, this is an AKC sanctioned obedience club, the only one in the area, and we do offer all the various obedience classes starting with two NOVICE classes, followed by an OPEN class and if needed a UTILITY class on Wednesday evening and classes from Novice through Utility on Thursday morning. We also offer puppy classes as well as beginning obedience classes open to the public. Check the website for the training schedule on Thursday. The building is also available for rent on Thursday. Be sure to contact Phyllis Broderick at 908-453-2511 or 908-319-8072 to see what times are available. You can also email her at phyllisbrod@comcast.net.

Again a reminder the training fee is \$8.00 per class. If you have a dog you want to put in two classes, the second class will be \$4.00 that day for the same dog. If you have two dogs and you want to put each in a class, the fee would be \$8.00 for each dog.

The next general meeting will be November 13, at 7:30. We would love to see more members attend and find out what your board is planning as well as add your input and ideas. It is also time to renew your membership dues for 2020, yes 2020!! The form is on the website and do not forget to sign the waiver on the form as well. Please send it to our membership Chairperson, Debbie Achenzie at 1935 Kensington Road, Bethlehem, PA 18018. This needs to be in her hands by January 1st. There are also several important items listed in this newsletter which need your attention. There is a form for our trophies which are given out at our point show in May. And best of all, the Awards Application and Title Recognition form for those of you who have completed AKC titles this year. All these forms are available on the website. ADTC1953

*** Starting this month the previous month's General Meeting Minutes will be included at the end of the newsletter, to help keep you even more informed.

TRAINING INFORMATION

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING TRAINING

5:45 to 6:45 Advanced Beginner/Novice I Carol McCarthy is the instructor

6:45 to 7:45 Show Ready Novice/Novice II Phyllis is the instructor

7:45 to 8:45 Open Phyllis is the instructor
8:45 to 9:45 Utility Postponed Indefinitely

THURSDAY TRAINING

9:30 to 10:30 Utility Anna Guglielmo is the instructor
10:45 to 11:45 Open Anna Guglielmo is the instructor
10:30 to 11:30 Novice Club Training Dusty Springer is the instructor

THURSDAY INDOOR RING RENTAL

Whole Floor \$25.

Half Floor \$15.

The following times are rented out on a permanent basis.

12:15 to 1:15 - Lunch Bunch (Sue Sacco's training buddies) - Whole Floor

1:30 to 2:30 - Liz Long and her training buddies - Whole Floor

4:00 to 5:00 - Jacqui Hartranft - Half Floor

4:30 to 5:30 - Anne Wheeler and Dave Dock - Half Floor

OPEN TIMES:

2:30 to 4:00PM times are open.

If you wish to reserve ring time, please email Phyllis at phyllisbrod@comcast.net.

THURSDAY EVENING...RALLY TRAINING

Linda Krasley is conducting a Rally Masters Class at the present time. If you are interested, please get in touch with her. This is a great way to learn what the Masters class is all about. When this session is finished there will be a Rally Match for club members.

AWARDS BANQUET

As announced in the last newsletter, Donna Barto and Sue Iobst have retired from heading the awards banquet after doing this important job for so many years. Phyllis Broderick along with Anna Guglielmo and Barbara Grotzinger have graciously volunteered to chair the 2020 Awards Banquet.

This is the highlight of the year honoring those teams who have earned their titles the previous year. It is a time of fun, good food and fellowship as well. It is such a thrill to have your name and your dog's name announced and then being awarded a certificate or plaque for all your hard work. Another nice addition is seeing the previous years of dogs and handlers who have earned their Utility Dog title, Utility Dog Excellent title, Obedience Master title and hardest of all, the Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH) title. I am always thrilled to see Emmett's name listed on the Utility Dog title board and make a point of looking for his name each year.

Judy Lasso and Pat Gombocz have volunteered for quite a few years tabulating the information on awards sent in by you, the members. Thank You to them for taking on this job.

Please Consider Offering to help with this important event. More details will follow.



AWARDS APPLICATION AND TITLE RECOGNITION

If you and your dog earned an AKC Title in 2019 while you were a member of ADTC, please fill out this application.

The Awards Application is available on the club website. www.allentowndogtrainingclub.com
Under Members tab, password ADTC1953

Directions for filling out this application:

1. Application must be filled out completely
2. Include a copy of your AKC certificate for the most recent title earned in 2019 with your application
3. Mail application to:
Judy Lasso
319 Chestnut Street
Freemansburg, PA 18017-6862.

Application must be received by the deadline of December 31, 2019

4. Any questions, please contact Judy Lasso at judylasso319@gmail.com

For Club Award eligibility requirements please refer to the ADTC Regulations section 8.

2020 DUES RENEWAL

Your Allentown Dog Training Club dues are due by January 1, 2020.

Payment of your membership dues by 1/1/20 allows you to vote at the January meeting, be eligible for awards and continue to train with the club.

The Renewal Form will be available on the club website. www.allentowndogtrainingclub.com
Under Members tab, password ADTC1953

Complete the form and remember to sign the Waiver on page 2.

Make checks payable to ADTC, Inc.

Return Form to:
ADTC, Inc.
c/o Debbie Achenzie
1935 Kensington Road
Bethlehem, PA 18018

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$35.00
EACH ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBER \$15.00 (include all names)

TROPHIES 

2019 Obedience & Rally Trial Trophies

The Trophy Pledge Flyer is available on the club website. www.allentowndogtrainingclub.com

Trophy forms and payment must be received by January 31, 2020

Please send to:
Cris Courduff
2410 Camp
Rockhill Road
Quakertown, PA 18951

MEMBERSHIP—WHO IS NEW

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

Sue Iobst announced that she has a new Aussie puppy. Quid is not quite sure he approves but he is starting to think she is fun at times!!

MEET FRANKEE



SUNSHINE

Club President Chuck Achenzie's sister Carol, passed away suddenly on November 1st. in Tennessee. We are very grateful we planned a trip to visit Carol and her husband in the summer of 2018. We are thankful for those memories!



Liz Long is feeling under the weather. I am sure she would appreciate cards and good thoughts and prayers for her and that she and Trei will be in the ring soon.

HELP NEEDED

I know it might be a bit early but stewards will be needed for the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club Obedience and Rally trials on December 13th at Ag Hall in Allentown. Yes, it is a Friday. Club member Linda Krasley will be judging Rally. What a great way for those wanting to learn more about Rally is to steward for her. Also stewards will be needed for the obedience trial as well. As with Rally, what a great way for those of you who are new to obedience to learn and watch experienced people in the ring. You will see a lot of great handlers with their great working dog. Contact Gail James, Obedience/Rally Chairperson, email at jamesgang12@verizon.net or call 610-213-2920 to volunteer. The Lehigh Valley Kennel Club gives ADTC a generous donation for helping.

HEADS UP

Dr. Donna Gigliotti has graciously offered to write columns for our newsletter. She will be featuring columns every month on various topics particularly various issues with movement and things that can be "out of line" with regard to the canine body. Both of us, as well as many members, have gone to her for many years. I always said that she has "magic in her fingers". She has office hours at the Macungie Animal Hospital on Wednesday and also on Saturday. We hope that you find her articles informative and helpful. Since the newsletter will be late this month due to the trial at Bloomsburg, her columns will start with the December newsletter. What a nice Christmas gift she is giving our club! Anyone taking their dogs to her please be sure to thank her for doing this. Many, many thanks to Dr. Donna for taking on this job.

HEALTH TOPIC...Thyroid Disorder

Submitted by Cris Courduff

This is an item of interest for anyone, besides me, that never experienced the effects of a Thyroid Condition:

My 4-1/2 year old German Shepherd, Ruger, who aced his CD, RN, RA, RE, RAE, RM, with no N/Q's, started to, (as I thought), lose interest. All he wanted to do was lay around, seeming disinterested in everything. Everything except a couple of FAST CAT Trials, and with his extreme "prey-drive", to look for and chase squirrels up trees. He was lack-luster in Obedience and Agility and even Tracking. I couldn't get him to break a trot. Without my noticing, it was a very gradual decline in attitude, energy and interest. Whenever I would stop to talk to anyone, even with their dog, he would immediately lay down with his head on his paws. He was gaining weight, up to 101.4, even though I had cut back on his meals, and his coat was starting to get lack-luster and not soft. My husband and I were thinking he was aging quickly, or maybe his background was more laid-back. At his Vet check-ups, everything was "great"!! People were telling me I shouldn't be jumping him at 24". He looks like he's having trouble jumping. He is 26" at the withers, and if I continue in Open & Utility, he will have to jump 26". I remember when I showed my female GSD, Liebchen, she was jumping 32" as an 8 year old, even after having a litter of 7 puppies at 6yrs. old. Ruger is my 6th GSD, and I'm wondering are today's GSD's not as athletic??

Then, at another Agility Trial in late August, people were telling me to have his Thyroid checked. Maybe some others did as well earlier, but I didn't know anything about Thyroid, nor did my Husband. He was telling me I should just let Ruger be a couch potato and get another puppy. Number one, I have a lot invested in Ruger, who is as sweet as can be, and number two, I'm not sure I will out-live him! I made an appointment for a blood test, which was sent to Michigan State University, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, and it came back with extremely poor results. His lows were way below the norms and his highs were over the top! On Sept. 1st, he was started on Thyroxine tabs, twice a day. In two days, Tom & I started noticing a difference in his alertness. He was again wagging his tail, which I hadn't noticed he had also stopped doing. In one month, his second blood test now shows him back in the margins of normal in all levels. He will be on the medication for the rest of his life, which is a small sacrifice. My Vet says that if Ruger had to have anything, this is the least serious and most easily treated. His energy level is back and people are noticing a different dog. He now weights 94lbs. and has his smile back!

I am writing this because I may be the only one who didn't know the effects of Thyroid disorder, but if it alerts anyone else, then it is worth it.

Cris Courduff & EZBROOKS Hot Shot Ruger

MACUNGIE HALLOWEEN PARADE

Dear ADTC Member,

On Saturday, October 26, sixteen club members and friends participated in the Macungie Halloween Parade. We had a great showing of dog breeds ranging from lion sized Ridge Backs to a Chihuahua puppy. Runners passed out over 430 goodie bags to which stickers with our contact information was attached. The spectator response was extremely positive, and we even won a prize!

Please take the time to thank the marchers, bag stuffers, and treat donaters who presented our club so well in the community. A special thanks belongs to Judy Lasso and her husband Don who decorated and drove their truck as part of our group.

Sincerely, The Springers

Heeling out in the Macungie Halloween Parade....submitted by Dusty Springer

Winning a prize was never our primary goal. In fact, back in August when the invitation to march in the Macungie Halloween Parade arrived, the club members' first response was lukewarm. Slowly, momentum began to build.

Judy Lasso and her husband Don volunteered the use of their truck to lead the group and transport goodie bags. Lois Linker provided a carload of donated dog food samples to distribute to dog owning spectators. Using ADTC's business card as a model, Deb Achenzie created adhesive labels to attach to Lois's contributions as well as to additional hand packed bags of kibble.

Emails were sent, and ADTC members responded. On Friday, October 18, Deb Achenzie, Donna Barto, Linda Duda, Lisa Haus accompanied by her eleven-year-old daughter Jessie, Lynne Kuczynski Veazie, and Carol McCarthy spent several hours labeling and filling goodie bags. By the end of the evening, they had completed over 400 bags.

On the day of the parade the weather was at best "iffy." Sunshine in the morning had been replaced by light showers in the late afternoon. However, trusting the weatherman's prediction of clearing skies in the early evening, the Macungie Parade organizers declared the event "on." By 7:00 p.m. fifteen ADTC marchers were lined up behind Don Lasso's truck and set to go. Linda Duda, Alanna and Drew Gerhardt, Gail James, Wilma Krause Brucker, Judy Lasso, Carol McCarthy, Joanne Sora, Mary Spatz, Bill Springer, and Carolyn Zimmerman stepped out with their canine companions. All along the parade route, Chuck and Deb Achenzie, Linda Eldon, and Dusty Springer passed out goodie bags to spectating dogs and dog owners.

In spite of the fast pace, long hill, and constant scramble to refill bags and baskets with goodie bags, everyone maintained a smile. By the end of the trek, all the people and most of the dogs were slowing down. But we had met our goals: expanding ADTC's name recognition, interacting positively with the community; and enhancing comradery among club members. We also took second prize in our parade division -- that was gravy!

2019 Macungie Halloween Organizer's Notes

Deb Achenzie has excellent taste in wine.

Jessie Haus is a super worker – invite back.

Wilma Krause Brucker's Stanley is afraid of the dark. (His fear can be overcome with kibble.)

Ridgebacks in lion suits really can pass for lions – parade security.

"Thank you" to all human participants – and hug the dogs!

UPCOMING EVENTS...CHRISTMAS PARTY



**It's That Time Again.....Join us for the Allentown
Dog Training Club's Holiday Party!
FOOD, RAFFLE, and FUN**

December 11th at 7:00 p.m. following a short *General Meeting*. This year's *Holiday Party* will be held in the *Downstairs Dining area* at *Macungie Hall*.
Members are welcome to bring your dogs.
Set up at 5:30, tear down after party. All help accepted.

Main Course - Various Wraps and Subs from Subway.
Please bring a dish to share. *Appetizer, side or dessert*

Raffle items and *Monetary Donations* accepted, contact *Krista Stayer* or *Edie Rysdyk*.
Donations will be accepted night of the party.

New this year, mats will be down upstairs for training on your own, prior to the start of the 7:00 meeting. No Training after 7:00.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Jacqui would like to announce that her silly boy Cooper got two blue ribbons at the KanDo Sports Association UKC trials on October 5. He had a 199 in the AM trial and a 197 ½ in the PM Trial in the SubNovice class. A total surprise!!! Not to be out done by her brother, Abbey took first place in Open B in the AM trial with a 195 ½ and first place in the second trial with a 196 1/2. She now has her UKC Open title.



Debbie along with Freddy and Ginger attended the Kan-Do K9 Rally and Obedience Trials October 5 - 6. The Rally ring was very good to us. Ginger earned her Level 2 Title and Freddy earned his Level 3 Title. They had identical scores of 97, 98 and 99....all first places! It sure was a fun 2 days! Ginger also earned 2 legs towards her Sub-Novice Title



Terry Papineau reports that her Gunny, earned his ASCA (Australian Shepherd Club of America) OTCH (Obedience Trial Champion) last month. He is now known as ASCA OTCH Woodstock's Rapid Fire UD RM.

Sage owned by Sandy Weiss had a great time at the Beardie specialty in September and at the Bloomsburg shows. For her first time out showing, at the specialty she got her herding pre-trial (PT) title. She also got her 1st legs in Beginner Novice with a 3rd place and Rally Novice with a 1st place.

Here is a picture of Sage and I working a large flock of sheep, getting ready for the specialty.



At the Bloomsburg shows, she got her 2nd and 3rd legs in both classes, Friday and Saturday, and picked up a spare leg in each class on Sunday.

In rally, Friday she got a 98 and 2nd place, Saturday and Sunday she got 1st place each day with a 100 each day.

Beginner novice was interesting on Friday, she got a 2nd place with a 194.5. Her recall was very interesting and the judge, and people watching, got a chuckle out of it. She lost 3 points on the recall. The recall was about 2/3 the length of the ring and I called her in to me. She came in straight, paused in front of me for a second, then continued around my right side to go behind me. As she got behind me, she stuck her head between my legs, trying to go through my legs, her head was looking out at the judge. She decided she could not get through, so she backed back out and came the rest of the way to my left side and sat. It definitely amused the crowd.

She did so much better in beginner novice on Saturday and Sunday, with a really nice recall. And she took 2nd place on Saturday and 1st place on Sunday, with a score of 198 each day.

Sage is Balderdash Go With the Flow PT BN RN

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!

Since the editors were at Bloomsburg from October 31 until November 3, we are not going to try to publish all the ACHIEVEMENTS from that trial in this newsletter. We would however love to include them with the December newsletter. So we hope to hear from all of you who were there. We know that there were a lot of successes and some not so successful but regardless you went home with the best dog in the show. Each time you go into the ring, whether you qualify or not, you and your dog learn something. It is all a learning experience and as all of you know it is not as easy as it looks. It takes a lot of time and training not only of your dog but also yourself!!

And finally, not to push any kennel club or dog training club supported show but, and I think that Debbie will agree, that it was well run. Most of the obedience and rally were finished by early afternoon which is greatly appreciated by those who drive a distance. I think this is because they had enough judges!!! They had a good entry, not like the one in July, of course, but that is for qualifying for the NOC, but a nice entry. And they offered all the rally and obedience classes. Some may only have had a few dogs entered but they offered them.

BEYOND THE OBEDIENCE/RALLY RING

Club Member Beth Schmoyer and Henley



OUTSIDE THE RING
Everyone Loves a Parade!

Henley & 9 of his Berner Friends, along with members of the BMDC of Watchung took part in the Bethlehem Halloween Parade. They were out to help the Peanuts gang find the Great Pumpkin!

We didn't find the pumpkin, but found a 3rd place award in their division!

Done by Beth Schmoyer

Club Member Karen Belmont and Indy

As members of Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs Indy and I participated in an event for The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention "Out of the Darkness" walk held in the Lehigh Parkway in Allentown today. We were one of seven handler/dog teams there to greet the participants at the registration/check-in point.

The AFSP raised \$115,000 for suicide awareness today. It was great bringing smiles to those who have had such tragedies in their lives. The letters HOPE that

Indy is sitting in front of have messages left on them from loved ones of those who died from a suicide.



THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR

It has been over a year since Debbie Achenzie and I decided to publish a monthly newsletter. We hope that everyone takes the time to read it as we try to put as much information as possible in it to keep our members informed. We try to include articles of interest to us as trainers and dog owners. However, as a fairly long time member, this year I have noticed a rather large drop in attendance at our monthly meetings. I realize the weather in the summer has not been the best with the heat and the bugs but we are now inside. I would certainly like to see more members attend our monthly meetings and bring their dogs for training. Yes, this is a competitive obedience/rally club but even if you are not interested in entering your dog at this point, you may change your mind later. I know I did! Just as this is your newsletter, this is also your Club. So, let's make an effort to come out and support your board. You can bring your dog for training, no matter what level you are at, and then stay for the meeting. Your board needs YOU!! If you have questions, you can contact any board member and they are listed on the website.

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Chuck Achenzie.

Minutes

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on September 18, 2019. No corrections or additions were noted. Donna Barto 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

President Achenzie presented the Treasurer's Report

No corrections or additions were noted. Terry Papineau moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Jackie Mill and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Membership Report

Debbie Achenzie presented the Membership Report

There were two second readings:

Sally St. George, French Bulldog

Carol Knipe, Golden Retriever

Lois Linker moved to accept Sally St. George and Carol Knipe as members. Terry Papineau seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Training Director's Report

Phyllis Broderick related that the current beginner class is in its third week. There are 12 dogs enrolled in the class. There is currently no puppy class. Another beginner class will start in November and calls are coming in for that class.

Committees

Website

Lois Linker reported that there is a trophy donation form for the May trial up on the website.

Publicity

President Achenzie presented the Publicity Report for October 2019

On Thursday, September 19th club members hosted a table at the Macungie Farmers' Market. Many thanks to all the members who participated by setting up, talking to shoppers, handing out information, and breaking down.

In preparation for the Macungie Halloween Parade, goodie bag packers will be meeting at Bill's and Dusty's house at 7:00 on Friday, October 18. Anyone who has not signed up but would like to come is welcome. Please call Bill and Dusty at 610-965-6671 just so that we have an idea of how many chairs to set up. The parade will be held on Saturday, October 26 in the evening. More information on the parade will be sent to marchers as soon as it is received. If you want to march but have not signed up, it is never too late!

Sara Schrum, Publicity Committee Co-Chair

Dusty Springer, Publicity Committee Co-Chair

Newsletter

Jacqui Hartranft reported the deadline for the November newsletter will be October 27, 2019. The deadline for submitting a name for the club newsletter is October 16, 2019. Names can be submitted to either Debbie Achenzie or Jacqui Hartranft. The Board of Directors will vote for the winner at the October Board Meeting.

Sunshine

President Achenzie reported that subsequent to the last general meeting a card was sent to Mary Anne Giles on the passing of her Poodle, Mr. Teedles.

Nominating Committee

Phyllis Broderick reported she has formed the committee. Phyllis is the Chairman and the members are: Debbie Achenzie, Judy Lasso, John Landis and Terry Papineau.

Christmas Party

President Achenzie reported that the Christmas Party will be held on December 11, 2019. A flyer will be sent out to the membership. Setup for the party begins at 5:30 p.m. There will be a short general meeting at 7:00 p.m. Janice Cooper will do the hot items. Everyone else can bring a side dish or dessert. There will be raffle items at the party. Bill Springer will set up the Christmas tree.

Awards Banquet

Judy Lasso reported the awards application should be submitted to her no later than December 31, 2019.

Point Show

Lois Linker stated Gail James will be the chief steward and the judging panel is complete.

Old Business

President Achenzie announced the club still needs a volunteer or volunteers to be the chairperson for the annual Awards Banquet. Anyone interested in volunteering for this position should either see or email Chuck Achenzie or any board member. Donna Barto, former chairperson for the Awards Banquet, is willing to help the new chairperson. If no chairperson is found, alternative arrangements will have to be discussed. President Achenzie has not heard back from Suzanne Gradwell.

New Business

President Achenzie reported that a club member inquired about purchasing club clothing. If there is enough interest generated to fill a minimum order an order will be placed. In the past the club purchased t-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, etc. If anyone has any other ideas that can be addressed. See Chuck if you are interested so we can get an idea of the interest.

Braggs

Several members stepped forward to announce their latest brags.

General Business

The next board meeting will be held on October 27, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Wegmans on Tilghman Street in Allentown and is open to the membership. The next general meeting will be held on November 13, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. inside the training building at Macungie Park.

The Staples number is 610-439-2800.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the general membership, Lois Linker moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mary Spatz and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McCarthy

Recording Secretary

Have a Wonderful and Blessed Thanksgiving Day

