



# ADTC BARKS AND BYTES

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

The weather is starting to get cooler and the days shorter—it is FALL heading into winter sooner than we think!! We are now indoors so we do not have to worry about the weather, less daylight and bugs. However since we are working inside, we do have limited space. Therefore, it is up to you to keep your dog under control at all times. Some dogs do not appreciate other dogs coming into their space so it is important to be aware of this and not let your dog go over to the other dogs no matter how friendly you think your dog or the other dog may be. It is best to err on the side of caution at all times.

Some trials are slowly starting up as well as matches so be sure to check with either the clubs or Info Dog for the trials or Dog Match Show.com for a list of match shows. There are still many things you can do to keep up with the skills your dog has learned. Parking lots are great for training as you can follow the lines. There are also many things you can do at home in limited space like practice your fronts and finishes, pivots, straight sits and even short recalls and definitely stays. All this and more plus your dog will love the time you spend with him and her.

Some of our older members are finding club memorabilia as they clean out things. Cris Courduff is a lifetime member who gave us some information on Ruth Brader who was an AKC judge for many years and a lifetime ADTC member. A Tribute to Ruth is included in this newsletter. Enjoy reading about one of our older members who is no longer with us.

## **\*TRAINING INFORMATION\***

### **Pre-Entry Classes on Wednesday Evening....**

Phyllis Broderick's Open Class 5:15 to 6:15pm.

Phyllis' Show Ready Novice/Novice 6:30 to 7:30pm.

Carol McCarthy's Advanced Beginner/Novice 7:30 to 8:30pm

Carol's Beginner Utility Class 8:30 to 9:30pm.

### **Pre-Entry Classes on Thursday...**

Dusty Springer's Novice Class 12:00 to 1:00pm

Anna Guglielmo – Utility 9:30 to 10:30am

Open 10:45 to 11:45am

### **\*RING RENTALS\***

In addition to classes we have some time slots which are open for ring rentals. This is a great opportunity to practice exercises with your dog using jumps and gates. The equipment is there for you to use. You may have to put it up and take it down at the end depending on who is coming in next. Rentals are available from 1:00 and run until 4:00 on Thursday afternoon. They are \$25 for the entire floor or \$15 for half the floor. You can share the floor with a friend or friends. Please contact Phyllis for information and to reserve a time. [phyllisbrod@comcast.net](mailto:phyllisbrod@comcast.net)

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

Linda Krasley reported that her Rally Novice class is still going on. They hit some bad weather where she had to cancel the class so they are a little behind. Once the class is finished, she will announce what and when the next Rally class will be. So be sure to check emails, this newsletter and our website for future information.

### **\*POINT SHOW\***

Many, many thanks to Gail James for taking over as the Chairperson for our point show. She will be helping Lois Linker for the 2021 show to learn what Lois is doing and has done. Please thank her when you see her as without a Chairperson we do not have a point show. And please, this is most important, volunteer to help when asked. One person cannot do it all alone.

### **\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\***

Gail is also looking for stewards for the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club show in December. Please volunteer because without stewards, there are no shows. For you new people, this is a wonderful way to learn all about what is happening in the ring. You get a chance to watch great handlers and dogs working and learn by watching what they do. It is a great learning experience and the judges are always friendly and helpful. They are more than willing to answer any questions you may have. Also experienced handlers are always ready to help you. Contact Gail James for more information.... [jamesgang12@verizon.net](mailto:jamesgang12@verizon.net)

### **\*ADTC MEMBERS MATCH SHOW\***

An Obedience Match Show will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful opportunity for you newer people to try a ring experience with your dog. You do not have to be ready to show, it is your time to work on things that your dog is weak on or just do a run through to see where you are in your training. It is also a way to introduce you and your dog to a ring experience with a judge. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Phyllis. See Flyer below.

**ADTC MEMBERS MATCH SHOW**

Wednesday and Thursday, October 28th & 29th 2020

Pre Entry Only

FEE: \$8.00 1st Entry \$4.00 2nd Entry, Same Dog

TIMES:

Wednesday, October 28th 4:30 to 8:30pm

Thursday, October 29th 12:00 to 5:00pm

Classes offered each day: Beginner Novice, Novice, Open, Utility

(Beg Novice & Novice 7 Minutes per Run; Open 8 Minutes per Run; Utility 10 minutes per run)

WEDNESDAY: Beg Novice Novice Open Utility Jump Height

4:30 - 5:30pm \_\_\_\_\_

5:30 - 6:30pm \_\_\_\_\_

6:30 - 7:30pm \_\_\_\_\_

7:30 - 8:30pm \_\_\_\_\_

THURSDAY:

12:00 - 1:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

1:00 - 2:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

2:00 - 3:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

3:00 - 4:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

4:00 - 5:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Phyllis Broderick

262 Brass Castle Rd

Oxford, N.J. 07863

Tel: 908-453-2511

Email: [phyllisbrod@comcast.net](mailto:phyllisbrod@comcast.net)

**\*WHAT IS THIS??\***

When Debbie and I first started the newsletter, we saw that we had a fair number of newer members who may have no idea what a point show is, what a match is, what is Novice, Open, Utility and on and on. After all, this is dog obedience club although many members will never step foot in a ring. I have these newsletters on my computer. If anyone would like to learn more about obedience, these articles should be very informative for new members. So rather than reprint them, if anyone would like to read these articles, let me know what you are interested in learning about and I will find it and send it to you. If we get enough requests, we can reprint any of the articles.

**\*MEMBERSHIP—WHO IS NEW\***

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

New members for September...

Clyde Norelli and his Hovawart

Joanne Stock and her Shetland Sheepdog

James Stock and his Shetland Sheepdog



**\*2021 DUES RENEWAL\***

Your Allentown Dog Training Club dues are due by January 1, 2021.

Payment of your membership dues by 1/1/21 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](http://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)

**\*SUNSHINE\***

Best wishes to Irwin Linker as he recovers from hip surgery. We hope to see him and Casey in the ring in the near future.

**\*PUBLICITY COMMITTEE\***

ADTC Publicity Report

Last month's Member of the Month Article featured Jacqui Hartranft. Members are encouraged to nominate Members of the Month by contacting Dusty through email at [bohooch@yahoo.com](mailto:bohooch@yahoo.com) or calling 610-965-6671.

Information has been received concerning a family pet show scheduled for January 29 -31 in the Lehigh Valley. The event will be held at Ag Hall in Allentown, and ADTC has been asked to do a demonstration. As there is no registration fee, if club members feel comfortable in this venue at that time, this event provides a good promotional opportunity. More information will be supplied as it is available.

**UPDATE....ADTC will not be attending this event.**

We have also received information on entering a local Barkfest in October. This invitation is not being pursued because all entrants must pay a fee, the event is outside so that the weather is a factor, and many concerns related to COVID-19 have yet to be resolved.

**\*ITEMS FOR SALE\***

Phyllis Broderick has six folding plastic gates for sale. They are 10 feet long and are white plastic and are easy to put up and take down. She is selling them for \$20 for each 10 foot section which is quite a bargain as they sell for a lot more in the J&J catalogue. Please contact her at [phyllisbrod@comcast.net](mailto:phyllisbrod@comcast.net) or talk to her at training.



Judy Skorup announced she is making face masks as a fund raiser for the Versatility Committee of the Great Pyrenees Club of America. This committee recognizes Great Pyrenees and their owners who complete service activities in community events and sports and in the process have earned AKC certificates and titles. They also organize and sponsor the annual Draft Dog Test, Therapy Dog, Trick Dog and CGC testing at the Great Pyrenees Specialty held each year. She will make masks with your dog breed. To order a mask you can get in touch with her at 215-721-8521 or email at [jaskorup@hotmail.com](mailto:jaskorup@hotmail.com).

Irene Chan is still selling her facemasks. She is selling them for \$5.00 with a portion donated to the ADTC. You can order them at [kids4sale2004@yahoo.com](mailto:kids4sale2004@yahoo.com).

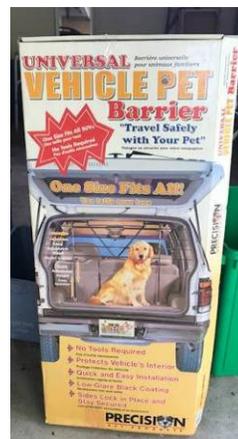
Barbara Katz still has some of her agility equipment and a few other things for sale which are pictured below. Please contact her at [barbaralkatz@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaralkatz@yahoo.com).

I have a Barb Davis Contact trainer which is free to a good home - but would need to be picked up in Allentown.



I also have a full sized Clean Run Agility Pause table - it folds in half and has 2 sets of legs. That is in excellent condition and I am selling it for \$50.

An adjustable pet barrier for an SUV - never used.  
Best offer!



**\*OCTOBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH...DEBBIE ACHENZIE\***

I have been involved in dog training for over 30 years. I always had a passion for obedience training with my dogs, but I did not pursue it till the kids were older.

I started by taking beginner classes, along with my twelve-year-old daughter, with Alma Arnold. I was working with my Shar-Pei and my daughter trained our white shepherd. When Alma complimented me with how well my dog was working, I was hooked. I knew in some way that dog training had to be a part of my future. However, life got in the way again as I focused on raising the kids and supporting their sports, band, and dance activities.

Finally, in 2002 it was my time! Georgia entered my life, and I wanted to try puppy classes. I signed up for classes at South Mountain Dog Training and met Karen Hertzog. I really enjoyed the puppy class so I continued on with the beginner class and then the advanced beginner class. I was having so much fun with Georgia. We were a team! Therefore, when Karen asked me be a part of the training staff at SMDTC, I was thrilled to be able to share my passion with the students in the classes.

One of these students told me about ADTC and told me that I would really enjoy this club. I decided to come to Macungie to check it out...best decision I ever made. That very night I felt welcomed and found myself taking a proficiency test with Georgia. We passed. I have been a member of our club since 2005, and I cherish the friendships and memories I have made.

Bulldogs were my preferred breed but now I find myself in love with two little All-American rescues!!! My journey continues.

Freddy is a Chihuahua and Dachshund Mix. He has completely stolen my heart and is three years old. Ginger, a mix of unknowns, is super sweet, very active and alert. She is two years old. Freddy, Ginger and I are involved in AKC Obedience and Rally as well as UKC Obedience and Rally. We also participate in CDSP Obedience. Freddy and I have taken quite a few agility classes in the past. I would love to get back to doing agility again, but finding the time is always an issue.

Until COVID put a damper on showing, Freddy and I had been busy. To date he has earned a BN, CD, RN, RI, RA, RE in AKC as well as the trick dog titles TKN, TKI and TKA. He has also earned the following UKC Obedience Titles: UCD and UKC Rally Titles URO1, URO2, and URO3. In CDSP Obedience he has achieved his Novice Title, CD-C. I am currently training Freddy to compete in AKC Open and plan to enter him in the near future. If all goes well, he will earn his CDX, the highest title I have ever put on a dog.



Ginger's showing career has really just started. I had not planned on working with two dogs but somehow that is what has happened. She is very different than Freddy, but I enjoy the challenges she creates for me. She was entered in a few shows that were cancelled due to COVID, but I plan on getting her back in the ring soon. To date we have earned the AKC Titles RN, TKN, and

CGC. She has also earned the following UKC Rally Titles, URO1 and URO2. In CDSP Obedience she has achieved her Novice Title, CD-C.



### **RALLY NOVICE PERFECT SCORE 100**

In addition to training my own dogs, I am currently a trainer for ADTC. Over the past 10 years I have enjoyed meeting and motivating the students to work with their dogs to become the best teams they can be, whether that means developing a well-behaved family dog or an obedience champion.

In the past, I spent four years as a head trainer for South Mountain Dog Training's Beginner and Advanced Beginner Classes. I also assisted with South Mountain's puppy classes.

It seems appropriate to say that participating in training classes is my favorite activity to share with my dogs. However, due to the current COVID conditions having resulted in minimal training, we have found we really enjoy taking long walks and hikes. The dogs love the different sights, sounds and, of course, many new scents. I have even discovered that Ginger likes to walk in the water along the bank of a stream; Freddy does not! When we return home, we are all tired, and staying at home feels so much better.



My biggest training challenge to date is teaching Freddy the command discrimination exercise for open. I believe he knows what I want, but for some reason he seems to feel he is wrong. He then second guesses himself. A second hand and voice signal from me reinforces him, and he performs correctly. This system will not work for a judge during a competition; a double command is a definite NQ every time. We are making much progress lately, and I am beginning to think we will compete in Open in the near future!

I do not have a favorite training story but rather I have memorable experiences I shared with my Novice A dog, Georgia. We both learned and grew together through our years of training. She always forgave me for my mistakes, and I did the same for her. None of these stories were laughable at the time but I cherish them now that Georgia is gone.

While I was showing Georgia in the novice ring, outside, she decided to turn into a goat. She did her best to stay up with me all the while grazing behind me. I think she was grazing to relieve her stress...which might have worked for her, it but definitely added a lot of stress on me. The rest of her performance went well. As I was leaving the ring, the judge approached me. She said, "I can tell you have worked hard with your bulldog. Can I make a suggestion? Only enter indoors shows from now on." I took her advice and never showed outside again.

Later, working with Georgia in Open I scared her badly during the dumbbell retrieve exercise. I was instructed to throw my dumbbell, which I did -- straight up into the light fixture. Funny how much noise that can make and also how fast the dumbbell flies down to the ground. Georgia bolted away from me. I did not blame her; I wanted to bolt away too! I can still see her hunkered down, eyes squinting when I was told to re-throw the dumbbell. Eventually, with much encouragement, I convinced her that retrieving the dumbbell really was fun and, more importantly, safe.

Before I relate my last memory, let me start by saying Georgia was looking for a new handler after this experience, and I truly did not blame her! We were entered in a show close to home at Ag Hall. I decided I would go to the show with Georgia, and Chuck could stay home. What could possibly go wrong? I arrived early and found a great parking spot. I was feeling good about this. I got my things out of the trunk and made sure I had not forgotten anything. What happened next still baffles me. As I closed the trunk, I heard all the car doors lock. Yes, Georgia was on the front seat, and my keys were in the ignition. I panicked and wanted to cry. Luckily, I had my phone and thankfully Chuck answered. As I recall, he made record time getting to Allentown to bale me out. Now I was no longer early and I felt beyond stressed. However, we made it to the ring, and we showed. As I recall, we NQ'd -- possibly Georgia's payback for my blunder!!!

My advice for anyone starting out in obedience is to have fun and to not take everything so seriously. Laugh at the mistakes and take pride in your progress. I truly feel this way or I never would have shared the above stories. Indeed, I have gained experience since my Georgia days, but they remain a precious part of my memories of her. I now am looking forward to creating more memories with Freddy and Ginger, hopefully more positive ones.

**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.

## **\*FOND OLD MEMORIES\***

As stated earlier, this is for club memorabilia which members have found while cleaning out. This is a Tribute to member Ruth Brader, a lifetime ADTC member and AKC judge. It was given to us to put in the newsletter by Cris Courduff. I know some of our older members or long time members will remember her.

### **A TRIBUTE TO RUTH BRADER**

Ruth has retired from judging after 33 years. By her own records, she has judged 12,244 dogs and was never bitten, (attesting to her fairness.)

Ruth's favorite companion has been her black Standard Poodles of which she has titled many, including CGC, Utility, Tracking and Agility.

We are very proud to acknowledge her long and dedicated service to our Club, as one of our first members since joining in 1960. She was instrumental in helping our club get started, supporting various fund raisers, of which she kept many supplies in her garage, was a past President, and taught many Beginner Classes.

We are also proud of her dedication to the AKC for her tireless contributions to the world of Obedience showing.

She has traveled from PA to Nevada and Montana, to Main, Virginia, New Jersey, and to many shows in Pennsylvania.



Most everyone who has shown over the years has been in the ring with Ruth at one time or another, and will tell you that she is always fair and conscientious.

### **THANKS RUTH FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB.**

I would like to add another Old Memory. Even though, it is not really an Old Memory but rather new. Some of our newer members may not be aware of this. Several years ago, a few of us got together and met at Sharon Merkel's home to discuss putting a video of ADTC activities to show the public what ADTC does. It not only included an interview with Mary Ann Giles who joined our club in 1967 and currently is a lifetime member. There and pictures from the past and also newer pictures of members working with their dogs. Sharon spent a lot of time, not only taking the pictures but putting them all together so it was professionally done. We wrote the script and chose the music to go with it. I know many of you have seen it but some of our newer members have not. Hopefully once COVID is done, we can bring the video to some of our public events as well as to a future Christmas Party and Awards Banquet for all to see. It is a great video!!

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

**FAST CAT: THE SECOND ANNUAL HARVEST RUN** will be held on October 24 and 25 at the Marrow Pavilion on Green Lane Road. The flyer was included in the September Newsletter. This is a fun event you can do with your dog. A Fast Cat article written by Judy Skorup was published in one of our newsletters last year. If any of you are interested in rereading the article, let me know as I do have the copy of the newsletter I can send you.

## **RALLY MATCH**

Here is a great opportunity for Rally people. There are very few Rally matches around. Sara Jacobs and Carol Wyatt are having an Obedience match on October 17 which is a Friday and a Rally match on October 18 which is a Saturday. You can find information on entering on [DogMatchShow.com](http://DogMatchShow.com). Her training center is near Kunkletown. It is one ring with a warm up area.

## **OBEDIENCE MATCH**

Sponsored by the Lehigh German Shepherd Dog Club.  
Saturday October 17, 2020 and Saturday November 7, 2020.  
Location: Char-Will Training Center, New Ringold  
2 East Railroad Ave.  
For More Information 610-435-7835

## **\*WHAT ARE THERAPY DOGS?\***

Therapy dogs are our personal pets that have been trained and evaluated to provide comfort, companionship and entertainment for those in need.

Therapy dog activities include...Visiting area hospital patients along with family members as well as patients in hospice. Provide respite to residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Reading programs for children at libraries. Visits at schools to promote well-being and educate students about therapy dogs. De-stress days for college students during final exams. Visits to the airports providing de-stress for passengers. Present educational programs to local groups such as Brownies, Boy Scouts, Senior Citizens, church groups, etc. Participation in Pet Shows and Health Fairs. A therapy dog must be at least one year of age. If dog is a rescue, it must be owned for at least 6 months. Be good around other dogs. Listen to their handlers. Allow strangers to approach and/or pet. Be under control by handler at all times. Walk on a leash without pulling. Tolerate strange noises and smells. Not be afraid of medical equipment. Not be afraid of people walking unsteadily. Be current on all vaccines required by Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Have a negative fecal test every 12 months. Be clean and well groomed and have trimmed nails. Any dog of any breed or mix of breeds with these qualifications is a good candidate to be a therapy dog.

Please consider supporting your local Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs Annual Paw-sta Dinner. See flyer below.



# Annual "Paw-sta" Dinner

Sat Nov 7, 2020  
Lehigh Lodge, Rt 100 Macungie PA



Support your local Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs by picking up a tasty \$7 meal. All orders will be "TO GO" ie "DOGGIE BAG"

- ▶ Orders must be placed by Oct 24, 2020
- ▶ Email order form to lvtd@lvtherapydogs.org or return order form to LVTD member
- ▶ Select pick up time below and enter on form
- ▶ Exact payment amount greatly appreciated
- ▶ Payment to member or at pickup (cash or check only)

circle your pick up time here so you remember



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

PickUp Time

Pasta with sauce  
or

Pasta no sauce

Meatballs (3)  
or

No meatballs

Roll

Salad

Brownie

Italian

Ranch

Choc Chip Cookies

Oatmeal Cookies

## **\*ACHIEVEMENTS\***

We are always looking for members to tell us what you have achieved with you dog. Do not hesitate to send us some for this part of the newsletter. We all work very hard with our dogs and it is nice to be recognized for your efforts. So send away and pictures are always nice.

### **Judy Skorup reports...**

The Great Pyrenees Club of America (GPCA) recognized Oneida's May Whine, call name Emma, for the highest earned combined score in Rally Advanced B and Rally Excellent B of all Great Pyrenees in 2019.

The GPCA also placed Emma in the 2019 Obedience/Performance Hall for her two Rally RAE titles. To be inducted into the GPCA Obedience/Performance Hall of Fame, a Great Pyrenees must earn a CD plus one of the following: a CDX, a RAE or a TD (Tracking Dog) title.

Emma also earned the fastest average score in Fast CAT runs for a female Great Pyrenees in 2019, at 23.09 miles per hour. (Now Mom has to figure out how to get that speed into an obedience recall!)

In addition she received the GPCA's Animal Assisted Therapy and Activities for completing over 200 cumulative hours of Therapy Dog visits and her Novice Draft Dog title for passing a Greater Swiss Mt. Dog Draft Test in Virginia in November 2019.



### **Jacqui Hartranft reports...**

Cooper and I had a couple of good weeks. He finished his CDSP Starter Novice and got a leg on his CDSP Novice title with a High In Trial in August as was reported in the September newsletter.

Then on September 19 again at Golden Rule he finished his CDSP Novice title with a first and a second place. Fortunately, there was no thunderstorm or runoff this time.

I am very proud of my silly boy who can be so distracted but is getting better.

### Jackie Mill reports...

Gizmo with his beautiful plaque he earned from ADTC Awards Program for his 2019 Titles which were CD, BN, TKA, RN, RI, RA, and RE. You receive this plaque when your dog accomplishes his CD Title. The 2020 year has come to a halt for us as for most with the covid virus.



### Linda Eldon reports...

Mollie achieved 4 legs toward her RAE title Including a High Combined Score and several good placing ribbons at the **Valley Forge Kennel Club** on September 26-27<sup>th</sup> as did many of our club members.

FRONT AND FINISH MAGAZINE listed Mollie as the 2019 AKC 5<sup>th</sup> place Novice Obedience Bernese Mountain Dog. Big thanks to Dusty, Phyllis and all our great ADTC trainers for all their help.

Mollie also achieved her CDSP Novice award with scores in the mid to high 190's.

We're enjoying meeting other dogs and handlers from different regions and getting much needed ring experience.



## Debbie Petrusjanz reporting for Annie...

Hi Everyone, Smiling Annie Here I am Really Happy and So is My Mom (she forgot to hang one of my Blue Ribbons though).

We were at Tri State CDSP Trial on Saturday August 29, 2020 and I Finished My Utility Title with 2 1st places and my Versatility with a 1st place and also Got High Combined in Trial.

Thank you to Tri State and all the Helpers and Sara Jacobs for Judging.



Hi there Annie here, I had a Great Day Saturday September 26, 2020. Not only did I get mail but Achieved my first leg on my UDX with a 196 and a second place.



Many Thanks to Let's Speak Dog and the Judges, Anne Papalia and Renee Hall, also Thank you to Karen for all of her Help.

It's not easy for me or my mom to show wearing a mask but such is Life right now.

Stay Healthy and Happy and Safe.

### **Debbie Achenzie reports...**

Both Freddy and Ginger finished their CDSP Novice Titles with First Place finishes on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Let's Speak Dog and the Judges, Anne Papalia and Renee Hall, also Thank You to Karen, Trial Secretary for all of your help.

It felt great to be back at a show. Wearing a mask in the ring however was not so great!

Freddy and Ginger insisted they could take title pictures from their beds, so I improvised and let them.

We all were exhausted when we got home!!!



Lindsay and Rachel Bockman have been very busy showing their Red and White Setters. Check out all their achievements, sent for the newsletter below...

### **Lindsay and Rachel Bockman reports...**

9/5/20 - Rachel Bockman and Fallon at their first Novice A obedience trial. Qualified with a second place.

First place was Steve and Barkley.



9/20/20 - a fun time getting new Canine Good Citizen and Community Canine titles!

Left to Right:

Raegan new CGC

Dexter new CGCA

P!nk new CGCA

Storm new CGC



9/27/20 - Rachel Bockman and I (Lindsay Bockman) finished 4 new Rally Novice titles!



Raegan - New Rally Novice handled by Lindsay Bockman

8/28/20 - first trial she got 2 Qs and a 3rd place

9/27/20 - finished RN in the AM. Bonus Q (and 3rd place) handled by Rachel Bockman



Dexter - New Rally Novice handled by Rachel Bockman

8/28/20 - first trial he qualified 2 for 2

9/27/20 - finished RN in the AM. Rally Intermediate Q and 4th place in the afternoon



Fallon - new RN handled by Lindsay Bockman

9/26/20 - qualified 2 for 2 with a 3rd and 4th place in Novice B

9/27/20 - finished RN in the morning with 3rd place. Then he qualified in the afternoon in a big Advanced B class with a 4th place.

Pink - new RN handled by Rachel Bockman

9/26/20 - qualified 2 for 2 in Novice B with a 4th place

9/27/20 - finished RN in the morning. Then qualified in the afternoon in the Intermediate class with a 3rd place (Lindsay handled).



**\*BEYOND THE OBEDIENCE RING—DOGS HAVING FUN\***

**Berdell Koch reports...**



This water picture is courtesy of Sharon Merkel. Taz, is the pick up dog for the Natural Ability test of Hickory Run NAVHDA. Good Boy Taz

The picture of Taz in the front box is courtesy of Kan Do K9 while signal training in the Club House. “Mom I am trying to fit but I just cannot do it!!”



**Carol McCarthy reports...**

Kixx is having a ton of fun practicing dock diving!!!



While Nilsson chewed a hole in the lining of his sack bed and is now dragging the bed behind him.

I was a good Mom and rescued him right after I finished laughing.

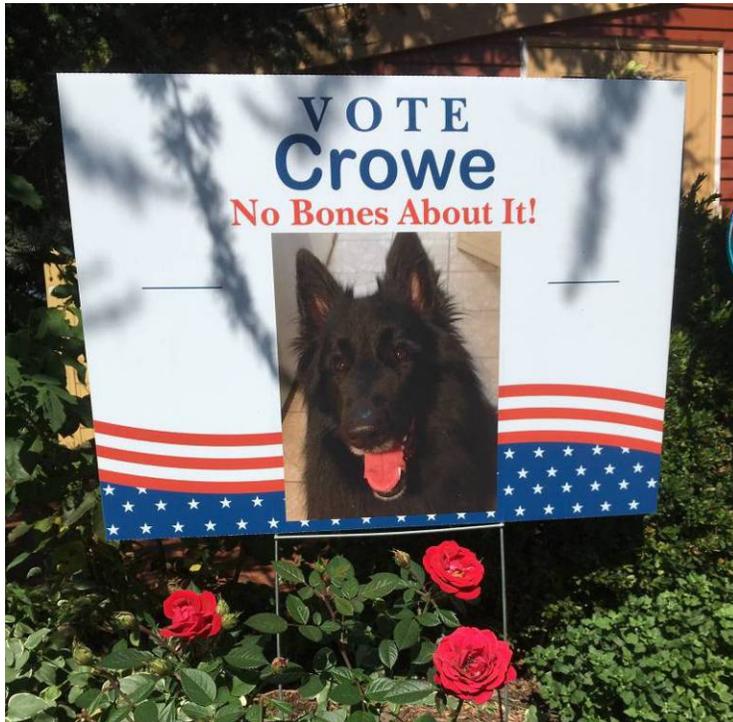


**Mary Minnich reports...**

Vayl enjoys spending her time in the backyard enjoying the fall sunshine. We do not blame her now that the hot weather seems to have passed.



**Orpha Poupore reports...**



Crowe, her Belgium Sheepdog, is her candidate of choice!!

**Cris Courduff reports...**

My German Shepherd, Ruger:

On occasion I meet Victoria Cohen for lunch at an outdoor venue and take my German Shepherd, Ruger. Needless to say, he does not display the reputation that some people have of German Shepherds.

Many times this is the response I usually get from people who meet him!!!!

Love my Ruger!!!



## **\*ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES\***

**September 9, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 p.m. by President Chuck Achenzie. President Achenzie noted that there were 24 attendees.

### **Minutes**

President Achenzie noted that the minutes of the general meeting held on August 19, 2020, were not posted on the club website. Therefore, the minutes will be posted on the website and a vote taken at the next general meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Barbara Artim presented the Treasurer's Report

No corrections or additions were noted to the Treasurer's Report. Rachel Bockman moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Gail James and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **Federation Report**

Edie Rysdyk reported the Federation had their annual meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2020, at the Blue Mountain Restaurant. It was a short meeting as the restaurant's Wi-Fi was not working so the meeting could not be remotely attended.

### **Membership Report**

Debbie Achenzie presented her Membership Report

There were five first readings:

Julie Lebouitz, Golden Retriever - (Not Present)

Matthew W. Joseph, Rhodesian Ridgeback - (Not Present)

Clyde Norelli, Hovawart - (Present)

Joanne Stock, Shetland Sheepdog - (Present)

James Stock, Shetland Sheepdog - (Present)

### **Training Director's Report**

Phyllis Broderick presented her Training Report

\*See report below

## **Committees**

### **Publicity**

Dusty Springer presented her Publicity Report

ADTC Publicity Report for September 2020

Last month's Member of the Month Article featured Jacqui Hartranft. Members are encouraged to nominate Members of the Month by contacting Dusty through email at [bohooch@yahoo.com](mailto:bohooch@yahoo.com) or calling 610-965-6671.

Information has been received concerning a family pet show scheduled for January 29 -31 in the Lehigh Valley. The event will be held at Ag Hall in Allentown, and ADTC has been asked to do a demonstration. As there is no registration fee, if club members feel comfortable in this venue at that time, this event provides a good promotional opportunity. More information will be supplied as it is available.

We have also received information on entering a local Barkfest in October. This invitation is not being pursued because all entrants must pay a fee, the event is outside so that the weather is a factor, and many concerns related to COVID-19 have yet to be resolved

### **Newsletter**

Jacqui Hartranft announced the deadline for the next newsletter is September 28. Jacqui asked for the membership to send in photos of their dogs doing various things and that the photos do not have to be strictly obedience.

### **Sunshine**

President Achenzie noted that a card from the club will be sent to Irwin Linker as he recently had hip surgery.

### **Mat Coordinator**

Cris Courduff announced that she will disinfect the mats once they are laid out for the first night of training indoors.

### **Point Show**

President Achenzie announced that Gail James will be taking over the AKC point show for the May 2022 show. He thanked her for volunteering for this position.

### **New Business**

Cris Courduff brought up the fact that there is a member who has not attended any meetings due to a heart condition. However, the member has been training her dog and obtained two trick titles. Cris wonders if she can still get awards without attending meetings. President Achenzie

stated the Board will address this issue although that requirement will probably be waived for 2020 due to COVID-19.

### **General Business**

The next board meeting will be held on September 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Macungie Park. The meeting is open to the membership.

The next general meeting will be held on October 14, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. in 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 Cris Courduff moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Edie Rysdyk and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McCarthy Recording Secretary

## ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB Training Director Report

September 9, 2020

Both Wednesday and Thursday obedience and rally classes are running smoothly. Club obedience classes will finish the current session indoors, Sept 23rd and 24th.

All members currently attending the outdoor classes must submit a COVID Release form for the remaining indoor classes.

Wednesday indoor class schedule has changed to the following:

5:30 to 6:30pm - Open

6:30 to 7:30pm - Show Ready Novice/Novice

7:30 to 8:30pm - Advanced Beginner/Novice

8:30 to 9:30pm - Utility

Thursday:

9:30 to 10:30am - Utility

10:45 to 11:45am - Open

12:00 to 1:00pm - Novice

Upon looking at the calendar for the rest of the year there are 10 training weeks.

The new session will run for 4 weeks starting Wednesday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Wednesday: Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>.

Thursday: Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>: there will be a match show for members, the schedule as follows:

Wednesday: Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 4:30 to 9:00pm - Open and Utility only

Thursday: Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>: 12:00 to 4:30pm - Novice and Beginner Novice only.

Cost: \$8.00 per entry Pre Entry Only

Debbie has sent the Registration Form and the COVID Release Form to the membership. Please fill out the registration form and a signed covid release form and send them together. Unless I have a covid release signed form on file, members will not be allowed in the building.

Remember if you are going to attend meetings, you must also submit a signed covid release form. I will have a book in the building with the signed covid forms in alphabetical order so it can be easily checked. I will also have some blank forms that you can sign when you enter the building.

A new STAR puppy class and beginner class is currently scheduled to start Thursday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. Beginner class 5:30 to 6:30pm and the STAR puppy class 6:30 to 7:15pm.

Linda has started a Novice Rally class and she has 17 signed up for this class. Anne Wheeler is assisting Linda. When we go indoors, Linda's class will start at 7:30pm.

Ring Rental: Thursday ring rentals will run from 1pm to 5pm. \$25 for the whole floor and \$15 for half the floor. Sue Sacco's group has reserved 1 -2pm. For reservations, please contact Phyllis.

Connie Cleveland Seminar scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> is filled. Kathy Pugh has a wait list. To be put on the wait list contact Kathy.

Respectfully submitted,

**Phyllis Broderick**