



ALLEN TOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB SEPTEMBER 2019`NEWSLETTER

MEMBER AND TRAINING INFORMATION

We are hoping that the really hot and humid weather that we have been experiencing this summer is behind us now that it is September, although we are sure to still get some hot weather this month and some times into October. However, we will be going indoors for training starting September 18th.

We urge all members, both old and new to attend our monthly General Meetings, held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30. It is your club and attending is a great way to find out what our board is planning and we are always looking for input from our members. Our regular training classes start a little earlier on meeting nights so be sure to check your emails for updates.

The park and building will not be available to us on our regular training night, Wednesday September 11th due to the Blue Mountain Cluster Dog Show on September 12th to 15th. We may be moving training and the General Meeting to another location on that date so please look for an email with updated information. As always, the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club depends on us to supply stewards for both obedience and rally. Our club gets a nice donation from them. So please volunteer. For you newer members, there is no better way to learn what is involved in obedience and rally and you get to watch nice working dogs to boot. The judges are always nice and take the time to answer any questions you may have.

October marks the one year anniversary of our newsletter, after a few years' hiatus. Debbie and Jacqui would like to get feedback from our members. We have several questions we would like to know from the membership such as, do you read the newsletter each month, do you find the information helpful, do you have any suggestions as to how to make it better, would you like to contribute articles for the newsletter, are we making it too lengthy and including too much information. Please take some time to send us an email and let us know how you feel about it. Any and all feedback will be welcomed and appreciated.

NAME THE NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Debbie and Jacqui would like to have a better name for the newsletter. October will be the one year anniversary of the start up of this newsletter after not having one for several years. We thought it would be nice to have a contest open to the membership to come up with a name for the newsletter. At this point we are using whatever month it is for the title and we still will keep the month and year but a regular title would make it something special. So, put on your thinking

caps and come up with some great names. We asked the board to offer two training vouchers for the winner and to also be the judges. So lets see what everyone can come up with. You can send your suggested newsletter names to Debbie Achenzie at bullies@ptd.net or Jacqui at japhart@ptd.net. Let's make the deadline the October 16 so that will give the board time to pick the winner and we can start the November newsletter off with the new name.

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 and activities at the park.

WEDNESDAY EVENING TRAINING

6:00 to 7:00pm All levels of Novice will remain combined until further notice. Dusty Springer is the instructor

5:45 to 6:45pm Utility Phyllis is the instructor

7:00 to 8:00pm Open Phyllis is the instructor

6:00pm Rally Run Thrus Debbie Petrusjanz

Reminder ...club training moves indoors on September 18th.

New indoor training schedule....

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 Phyllis is the instructor

THURSDAY TRAINING

New indoor training schedule.... September 19

9:30 to 10:30 Utility Anna Guglielmo is the instructor

10:45 to 11:45 Open Anna Guglielmo is the instructor

11:00 to 12:00 Novice Club Training Dusty Springer is the instructor

(Times may be subject to change)

Rally times TBA

Thursday Indoor Ring Rental starting September 19th. Whole Floor \$25. Half Floor \$15.

The whole floor is rented to Sue Sacco and Diane Hilperts from 12:15 to 1:15pm on a permanent basis.

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

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB MATCH SHOW

It will be held on Sunday, September 8 at Lois and Irwin Linkers' building outside of Slatington. We held it there in the spring. Utility and Open will be held in the morning and Novice and Beginner Novice will be in the afternoon. It was decided not to have Rally as there were very few entries in the spring to make it worthwhile. This is a great learning experience for our newer members to learn more about competitive obedience. The form for the match show can be downloaded from our website. It does not matter whether you feel your dog is ready to compete, you can enter a match at any time in your dog's training to get him or her used to the ring environment and all the things going on at a trial. Our "judges" are more than willing to help you. New members are always welcome and encouraged. So go ahead and enter and have fun with your dog doing something different.

From Lois Linker...Match Show Information

To ADTC Membership-

Our September match is now open for entries! The match is on Sunday, September 8 with setup the day prior (Saturday, September 7) and breakdown immediately following the match.

We need volunteers to help us break down our agility equipment on Saturday and set up the rings for obedience for the next day. Link and I are unable to do this by ourselves due to health issues, so hopefully some of our members will volunteer to help. This requires no knowledge of obedience so is a great opportunity for some of our members who are newer to obedience to contribute to the club. Many hands will make this go very quickly!

We will also need at least 4 volunteers to steward in both the AM and PM on Sunday, and it would be nice to have an extra volunteer to fill in for bathroom breaks. This is a great learning experience! We have enough volunteers to judge in both morning and afternoon. Judges will receive two free entries and stewards will each receive one free entry.

Our rally entries in our last two matches were minimal and the setup and breakdown were more lengthy than the time it took for the few run-throughs, so we have made the decision to limit this match to obedience only.

The match is posted on DogMatchShows.com, however we will be taking entries directly instead of having them enter at that site. The Registration Form is on the Home Page of our website.

Doing this allows us the flexibility to adjust the times for the run-throughs, and accommodate more people in those classes with the greatest number of entries.

Please contact me LoisAnnLinker@ptd.net or Phyllis Broderick phyllisbrod@comcast.net to volunteer to help set up or steward!

Thanks in advance for your help making our match a success!

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB POINT SHOW

As stated in the last newsletter, the contract with K9Jym to hold our point show in May of 2020 has been signed. More information will be coming closer to the time. But do keep it in mind even though it is almost a year away.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Blue Mountain Cluster is fast approaching. Unfortunately, for those who waited to enter the deadline has passed. This is three dog clubs holding their conformation and obedience/rally trials the same weekend in Macungie. The Pocono Mountain KC on Thursday and Friday with two rally classes each day as well as obedience. Lehigh Valley KC will have their obedience and Rally trials on Saturday and Berks County KC on Sunday. For those in Rally, this is six opportunities to work on your Rally titles and so close to home. Plus four trials to earn obedience qualifications and/or finish titles.

In order to have these events the LV Kennel Club will need volunteers to steward for their obedience events. Please contact Gail James to volunteer at jamesgang12@verison.net. Our club gets a nice donation from them for supplying stewards. Debbie and I have volunteered for several years and it is a great way to learn about judging and requirements in both Rally and Obedience. It is also nice to see great working dogs and their handlers. The judges are very nice and will answer any questions. The Pocono KC is also looking for stewards in both obedience and Rally and they usually give you a nice check for volunteering. All the clubs have a wonderful lunch which is worth volunteering.

ADTC BANQUET

Donna Barto and Sue Iobst will no longer be Co-Chairpersons for the Annual Awards Banquet. They held this position for the past several years. Thank you for a job well done!



So the club is currently looking for a volunteer or volunteers to be the Chairperson or Co-Chairpersons for the upcoming 2020 banquet.

Anyone interested in taking over this important job please contact ...

President Chuck Achenzie at bullies2@ptd.net for more information.

RALLY—EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW

Last month our own judge, Linda Krasley, submitted an article on getting started in Rally. Most of it was taken from the AKC Web site. However there is an update which was effective February of this year. Here is the update.

Thank you to Judy Skorup for catching a few things on the Rally Class Descriptions:

Class Addition:

Rally Intermediate: RI

All exercises are performed with the dog on leash.

Rally Intermediate must have 12 to 17 signs (Start and Finish)

Intermediate courses will have a minimum of three Advanced level signs. There are no jumps in this class.

Rally Master Point Schedule revision:

Rally Championship points will be recorded for dogs earning a score of 91 or better in the Rally Advanced B, Rally Excellent B and Rally Master classes. A dog must earn a total of 300 points, with a minimum of 150 points from the Master class. Additionally, the dog must receive qualifying scores in Advanced B, Excellent B and the Master class, on the same day at the same trial at 20 separate licensed or member rally trials.

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 August.....

Alanna Gerhardt and her GSD...Lottie Da



Jim Blatnik and his Black Lab...Delta

PUBLICITY

Report for August 2019

After some confusion and concerns about the dog shows scheduled in Macungie Park for the 2nd weekend in September, our appearance at the Macungie Farmers' Market has been formally rescheduled for Thursday, September 19 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Here Comes Halloween

Members of the Allentown Dog Training Club are invited once again to march in the Macungie Halloween Parade. Marchers step out at approximately 7:00 on Saturday, October 26. The route is about 2 miles and begins at Eyer Junior High School and ends in the parking lot of Macungie Park. Wearing dog club clothing and/or costumes – person and pooch – is encouraged.

In order to participate, groups must have a minimum of eight marchers. Ideally, we need at least eight marchers with dogs and two or three “dogless” people to distribute “doggie bags” to the spectators. In the past we have made a number of friends and contacts for the club in addition to having a really good time.

Those who are unable to participate in the parade may join the doggie bag packing party held at the Springers’ several weeks before the parade. Please email Dusty and Bill Springer at bohooch@yahoo.com or call 610-965-6671 if you are interested in participating in either activity. Thank you!

Sara Schrum and Dusty Springer
ADTC Publicity Co-chairs

SUNSHINE

Irwin “Link” Linker had a hip replacement on August 15. Now that you have a new hip, you will be good to go to get that Open title with Casey. We are all wishing you well and looking forward to hearing about more of Casey’s achievements

Last April of this year, one of our members, Paula Hradkowsky suffered a tremendous loss. She and her husband lost their home to an awful fire and sadly lost several of their beloved dogs as well. She was at our last meeting and was so grateful for all the kind words and offers of help. They are in the process of rebuilding their home on the site of the old one and she hopes to be back to training one of her Manchester Terriers soon. We are glad to know that things are getting better and looking forward to seeing Paula back in weekly training.

From Paula...

Dear Members,

In August I attended my first Club Meeting since my house burned down in April. It was a blessing to see everyone and their four footed companions. I cannot express how comforting it was to be contacted by club members offering crates, leads, collars and even a place to stay with 6 dogs – plus many wonderfully compassionate cards. As I am rebuilding my life, literally and figuratively, I am thankful for our supportive and empathetic community. “Dog people” are the best! Looking forward to seeing you at training, Paula Hradkowsky

CALVIN AND BRODY UPDATE



Calvin and Brody Go Home

For those who knew Clydette Lobach and have asked about the welfare of her dogs, Calvin and Brody, we have good news. They have found a home together. Their new mommy is aware of their many accomplishments and their health issues. They have a fenced in back yard, lots of snacks, and a couch of their own.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this placement possible. Calvin and Brody are particularly grateful to Trish Schadler for opening her kennel to them, Debbie Achenzie for making foster association contacts, Debbie Petrusjanz for locating a foster mom, Mary Minnich and Donna Barto for helping with their veterinary needs, and Deb Harner for fostering them and Dusty and Bill Springer for countless hours of making all of this come together for Calvin and Brody.

THANK YOU!!! Bon Voyage, Calvin and Brody!

CLYDETTE'S BENCH

Clydette Lobach's bench is on its cement slab and overlooking the area where we train on Wednesday nights. It looks so nice and I am sure that she is looking down on us and thanking us for thinking of her so highly. I had the opportunity to see the Park guys take it and place it on Friday morning. After I was done training the dogs and we walked down to see it and I took a few moments to sit on it while Abbey and Cooper sniffed around. Thanks to all who knew Clydette, trained and took rally lessons from her as well as the Club, for donating to help make this bench possible. It and the tree are wonderful memorials to her. I hope her husband Dick gets a chance to see it in the near future. Dusty and Bill reported that he is doing better.

ACHIEVEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to Barb and Jim Sulzer and Dillon, CD who completed his Rally Advanced title at the Lackawanna KC show with a score of 97.



CONGRATULATIONS to Debbie Petrusjanz and Annie who earned their first Open leg at the Harrisburg KC trials in Harrisburg on August 10. They had a great score of 196 ½ and a second place.

BEYOND THE OBEDIENCE/RALLY RING

Judy Skorup submitted this recent photo of Emma at a Fast Cat Trial.
Judy commented... Yes, Great Pyrenees can run - if they have motivation!
(Dumbbells, articles and gloves don't motivate this breed much!)



Judy Skorup submitted this recent photo of Emma doing Therapy Dog Work in Wheeling, WV. Judy reported....Emma visited a 93 old lady in her nursing home. We were there two hours. The idea was to visit this one lady, but the rest of the residents wanted to meet Emma also, so we stayed. Most of the residents greeted her and asked the usual breed and dog questions after they finished their lunch. Just received word this morning that the whole home is still talking about Emma's visit!

Several of the lady residents used to live on farms and recognized her breed. They knew the herding and livestock guardian breeds quite well! They also accurately assessed her weight, temperament and personality in a very short time! (While many of the residents were using walkers or were in wheelchairs, they were all pretty mentally sharp!). It was an interesting visit.



We would love to share other club member's photos of your dogs doing activities (AKC, sports, community participation, service, public relations, etc.) They will be featured in this section called.... "Beyond the Obedience/Rally Ring".

Send your pictures and activity description to Debbie or Jacqui.

UPCOMING EVENTS

O - #2019262803 R Trial 1 - #2019262804, R Trial 2 - #2019262805

OPENING DATE for **GOLDEN RETRIEVERS ONLY** will be **JUNE 19, 2019 at 12 PM**. OPENING DATE for **ALL OTHER BREEDS** will be **JULY 10, 2019 at 12 PM**. ENTRIES CLOSE AT TRIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE AT 12 PM on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**, or when (8) eight hours of judging for each of the Obedience Judges has been reached, or when 60 entries per Rally trial have been reached, after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, or substituted, except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Dog Show Rules. A **WAIT LIST** will be established in order to fill opening created by entries that are withdrawn up to the closing date.

PREMIUM LIST

*All Breed, All American
Obedience & 2 Rally Trials
(Indoors, Unbenched)*

LENAPE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)



Saturday, September 21, 2019

K9 Jym

252 Bethlehem Pike, Colmar, PA 18915

Show Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**PREMIUM LIST
AKC ALL BREED FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST**



**First Annual Harvest Run
THE BORZOI CLUB OF DELAWARE VALLEY
AKC Member Club
November 2-3, 2019**

Saturday, November 2, 2019 am Event # 2019190406
Saturday, November 2, 2019 pm Event # 2019190407
Sunday, November 3, 2019 am Event # 2019190408
Sunday, November 3, 2019 pm Event # 2019190409

ENTRIES OPEN September 3, 2019 at 8 am EDST
ENTRIES CLOSE October 18, 2019 at 6 pm EDST
or when test limit is reached; wait list will be created
Each test is limited to 80 entries

NO DAY OF TRIAL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Montgomery County Parks
Green Lane Park
2144 Snyder Road, Green Lane, PA 18054
Trial location: Parking lot & field on Green Lane Road

*These Fast CAT Trials are dedicated to Walter Ford - club member,
former Board member, Past President and friend*

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rules and regulations.

HEALTH TOPIC...BLUE GREEN ALGAE

From the ASPCA website

Pet Safety Alert: The Rising Dangers of Blue-Green Algae

Alarming reports have recently surfaced of blue-green algae intoxications in pets. Many pet parents don't realize the severity of the threat these toxins pose to animals, and it's easy to overlook. During this recent spike in blue-green algae cases, we want to make sure you have everything you need to know to keep pets safe.

What Is Blue-Green Algae and Why Is It Dangerous?

Blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) is most likely to thrive in bodies of fresh water when the weather is warm (over 75 degrees) and sunny. Algae intoxications happen more during the summer because weather conditions promote the growth of cyanobacteria. These organisms are incredibly toxic and are known to cause poisoning in dogs, cats, livestock, wildlife, birds, fish and even humans.



How to Spot It

Water containing toxic algae blooms will often have the appearance of a pea-green paint or will appear as if there's slime on the surface.

If certain wind conditions are present, the film will often concentrate along the shoreline in areas where animals may drink or swim.

Symptoms of Intoxication

Dogs can develop poisoning when they drink from, or even simply swim in, contaminated water sources. If blue - green alga is ingested, it can cause severe neurologic or liver damage.

Signs of blue-green algae toxicity include:

- Seizures
- Panting
- Excessive drooling
- Respiratory failure
- Diarrhea
- Disorientation
- Vomiting
- Liver failure
- Ultimately death

If your dog begins to experience any of these symptoms, you should contact your veterinarian immediately.

Stay Alert!

Prevention is key when it comes to any pet toxin. Don't allow your pets to drink from stagnant ponds, lakes or other bodies of water that have bluish-green scum on the surface or around the edges.

Blue-green algae cells can also stick to a pet's fur and be ingested when they clean themselves, so take caution before allowing your pet to jump into a body of water and be sure to rinse your pet thoroughly with fresh water after going for a dip.

Many public health departments test water frequently in areas that are known to have outbreaks and will post signs when there is a problem—so vigilance is also important.

If you suspect that your pet ingested something potentially toxic, please call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 888-426-4435 immediately.

Simple, no-cost tests for Blue-Green Algae

Use a jar or stick to check for blue-green algae in your lake or pond.

Adapted with permission from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

A couple simple and free tests can help to determine if a lake has a blue-green algae community.

Note: No test for blue-green algae is perfect, including these. The jar test relies on the buoyancy of most free-floating blue-green algae. Most bloom complaints are the result of the buoyant

forms. But there's a small possibility that the algae in your test may be a non-buoyant species, resulting in a false negative. Likewise, some swimming forms of non-blue-green algae (such as euglenoids) may form a surface layer during a jar test, resulting in a false positive. Euglena blooms are often reddish, rather than green. The presence of blue-green algae does not mean your lake is hazardous; they are a natural part of the algae communities in lakes. Although the jar test can confirm blue-green algae, it does not indicate the algae species or if the bloom is toxic. Hazardous conditions occur when there is a large amount of blue-green algae composed of species capable of generating toxins. A chemical test for toxins would be required to confirm hazardous conditions.

The Jar Test

If your lake or pond water appears very green, the jar test can help determine if the color is from blue-green algae, or just an overabundance of more beneficial types of planktonic algae.

Materials

Clear jar (pint to quart size) with a screw top lid, such as a canning jar or pickle jar with label removed

Rubber or latex gloves

Procedure

1. With the gloves on, collect a sample just below the surface of the water (avoid collecting just the top layer of scum).
2. Fill the jar about three-quarters full. Do not fill the jar completely; algae give off gases that may cause pressure buildup in the jar that could break it.
3. Wipe any scum off the outside of the jar and screw the lid on.
4. Put the jar in the refrigerator and leave it undisturbed overnight.
5. Carefully remove the jar from the refrigerator and see where the algae has accumulated. Do not shake or agitate the jar at all or the algae will mix into the water again and negate your test results.
6. If the algae are settled out near the bottom of the jar, it is likely that your lake does not have a lot of blue green algae.
7. If the algae have formed a green ring at the top of the water, there is a strong possibility that your lake does have a blue green algae community.

The Stick Test

If your lake or pond has a mat of green material floating on the surface, the stick test can help determine what it is.

Materials

Sturdy stick, long enough to reach into the water without getting algae on your hands Rubber or latex gloves

Procedure With the gloves on, push the stick into the surface mat and slowly lift it out the water. If the stick comes out looking like it has been dipped into a can of paint, the material is likely blue-green algae. If the stick comes out with green strands like hair or threads, the material is probably filamentous green algae, which may be a nuisance but is not a health hazard.

Filamentous algae

Note: The stick test can fail when a type of blue-green algae called *Lyngbya wollei* is present. This species can form tough filamentous mats that float to the surface, similar to mats formed by harmless filamentous algae. But *Lyngbya wollei* algae differentiate themselves with a putrid sewage-like odor and by sometimes releasing purple pigment in the water around them.

