

ADTC BARKS & BYTES NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023



According to the calendar the summer is heading into Fall with the beginning of September. The weekend car shows are now history and now we will have two big dog shows coming up, one in September and the other one in October. We will have one week of training outside on September 6 and 7 before going indoors on September 20. September 13 and 14 there will be no training because of the Blue Mountain Cluster Dog Show. There will also be a general meeting night as well on September 20. There will be some changes to the training schedule so be sure to check that and mark the new schedules on your calendar.



The September dog show will be the Blue Mountain Cluster which is the Pocono KC, the Lehigh Valley KC and the Berks County KC. It runs from September 14 through September 17. Pocono offers two days of Obedience, September 14 and 15, but no Rally. Sadly, this is because they are unable to get enough volunteers to help as it is a small club. That is why they dropped Rally several years ago. Phyllis offered to get volunteers, so they did not drop Obedience as well. However, Lehigh Valley KC and Berks County KC are both offering Obedience and Rally. We have always helped the Lehigh Valley KC by

supplying stewards to help with their obedience classes. With Rally this is four opportunities to get legs on Rally titles. Gail James will be looking for volunteers for the Lehigh Valley KC and I will have more on that later.

We hope that everyone has taken advantage of entering the Obedience and Rally matches that are being offered here in our building before our trials in November. Both Utility and Open slots are filled along with Novice. But there are still some openings in Beginner Novice. These are great opportunities for all Beginner Novice and Novice members to enter their dogs so they can get a real feel for what it is like in the ring. You may enter your dog in as many slots as you wish—most people enter two or three times. You do not have to do a routine, if your dog is really new, just do a few things like recalls and front and finishes and PLAY! PLAY! If you are not sure whether or not you should

enter your dog and what you should do, please speak to your trainer and they can advise you.



And even though our outdoor training is starting on September 20, please do not forget to check emails to make sure there are no cancellations. The Hatboro Dog shows will start October 5 and 6, and they usually take over the building as well so we will not have classes that week. We do not have to worry about heat or rain or both, but there are times when we have wintery weather starting later this year when we will cancel for safe driving reasons. We were also able to get more time in the building starting in September. So, we will be able to get more classes and some rental times. Times and classes may have to be changed if we have to "tweak" the schedule to accommodate everyone. And do not forget our "bare bones" obedience and rally trials and matches at the beginning of November. So, lots of things are happening in the next few months.

TRAINING

At this point the training schedule outdoors will remain the same, September 6 and 7. As stated earlier there will be no classes on September 13 and 14 because of the Blue Mountain Cluster which opened on September 1. There will be some changes made starting September 20, which is also a meeting night because we were able to rent the building on Wednesday a little earlier. So please scroll down to check the new schedule.

Terri has also announced three new classes which were sent to the membership on August 29. They are listed below, and an application was also sent on the 29th. The first is a tricks class which will be taught by Judy Lasso. Will be held Wednesday afternoon 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The next class will be an open/utility class taught by Terry. This will not be a teaching class and participants should have some knowledge of the exercises. It will be held on Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. The third class will be advanced beginner starting on September 21st. The advanced beginner class will be taught by Terry Papineau. It will be held on Thursday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.







Registration Forms – UPCOMING INDOOR CLASSES

There are 5 registration forms for the upcoming indoor classes.

First, we have a new 7-week Tricks Class starting Wednesday, September 20 at 3:00 pm taught by Judy Lasso. Cost \$56.00. No drop ins.



We also have a new 7-week Open/Utility class starting Thursday, September 21 from **9:00 to 10:30 am** trained by Terry Papineau.

All exercises will not be offered every week but will be a combination of the exercises. This is not a teaching class; dogs must be familiar with the exercises. Cost \$84.00 for an hour and a half class. Drop Ins allowed, cost \$14.00.

Then we have a 7-week Advanced Beginner class starting September 21, 2023, at 7:00pm taught by Terry Papineau. Cost \$56.00 Drop-ins allowed, cost \$10.00.

There are also our 7-week sessions for Rally training. Rally classes consist of Novice/Advanced; Excellent /Masters; and Advanced/Excellent. Cost: \$56.00. Carol Hahn is the instructor.

There are also 7-week sessions for the Obedience classes which consists of Open; Utility; Novice; all classes taught by Phyllis Broderick. Novice #1 and Novice #2 are taught by Dusty Springer and Debbie Achenzie. Cost: \$48.00 Drop-ins welcome - \$10/class.

Questions or concerns contact Terry directly at mterrypapineau@gmail.com





ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC. www.allentowndogtrainingclub.com

2023 REGISTRATION FORM PRE-ENTRY ONLY 7 WEEK SESSION STARTING WEDNESDAY, September 20, 2023 COST: \$56.00

WEDNESDAY CLASSES: Starting on September 20, 2023

____ Tricks 3:00 p.m. Instructor: Judy Lasso

NOTE REGARDING DROP-INS:

No drop ins in this class

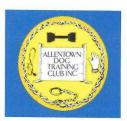
TO REGISTER FOR CLASS:

Make checks payable to "ADTC" and send to: Allentown Dog Training Club c/o Terry Papineau 511 Ashwood Drive Nazareth PA 18064 Phone: 718-614-4823 Email: mterrypapineau@gmail.com

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW

(Please print only - clearly and legibly. Thank you)

Name of Handler:	Name of Owner:	
Breed and Name of Dog:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Email Address:		
Class: Tricks	Cost of Class: \$56.00	



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2023 REGISTRATION FORM PRE-ENTRY ONLY 7 WEEK SESSION STARTING THURSDAY, September 21, 2023 COST: \$56.00

THURSDAY EVENING CLASSES: Starting on September 21, 2023

____ Advanced Beginner 7:00 PM Instructor: Terry Papineau

NOTE REGARDING DROP-INS:

• \$10.00 fee for the Advanced Beginner Class (please contact the trainer prior to attending this class)

TO REGISTER FOR CLASS:

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PLEASE COMPLETE ALL OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW

(Please print only - clearly and legibly. Thank you)

Name of Handler:	Name of Owner:	
Dog's Name and Breed:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Email Address:		
Class: / Advanced Beginner	Cost of Class: \$56.00	



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2023 REGISTRATION FORM PRE-ENTRY ONLY 7 WEEK SESSION STARTING THURSDAY, September 21, 2023 COST: \$84.00

THURSDAY CLASSES: Starting on September 21, 2023

_____ Open/Utility 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Instructor: Terry Papineau

NOTE REGARDING DROP-INS:

• \$14.00 fee for Open/Utility Class (please contact the trainer prior to attending this class)

TO REGISTER FOR CLASS:

Make checks payable to "ADTC" and send to:

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PLEASE COMPLETE ALL OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW

(Please print only - clearly and legibly. Thank you)

Name of Handler:	Name of Owner:
Dog Name & Breed:	Hume of owner.
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
Email Address:	
Class: Open/Utility	Cost of Class: \$84.00

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB INDOOR REGISTRATION FORM 7 WEEK SESSION September 20th & 21st, 2023

Cost: \$48.00 for the 7 week session.	Pre Entry Only
Note: Drop in welcome. Cost \$10.00 Please contact trainer prior to a	•
CLASSES: (Please check class of your c	choice)
WEDNESDAY, September 20 th :	
Open – 4:00pm - 5:00pm	n Instructor: Phyllis Broderick
Utility – 5:0pm – 6:00pm	Instructor: Phyllis Broderick
Novice 6:00pm – 7:00pm	n Instructor: Phyllis Broderick Assistant: Debbie Achenzie
THURSDAY, September 21st:	
Novice #1 11:30 – 12:30pr	m Instructor: Dusty Springer Assistant: Debbie Achenzie
Novice #2 12:30 to 1:30pr	n Instructor: Debbie Achenzie Assistant: Dusty Springer
Make checks payable to "ADTC" and s	end to:
Phyllis Broderick 262 Brass Castle Rd	Tel: 908-453-2511
Oxford, N.J 07863	Email: phyllisbrod@comcast.net
Name:	Amount: \$
Email Address:	
Dog's Name:	Breed:

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB RALLY REGISTRATION FORM Start Date: September 20th and 21st

WEDNESDAY

Novice/Advanced 2:00-3:00 pm_____

Excellent/Masters 7:00-8:00 pm_____

THURSDAY

Advanced/Excellent 2:00-3:00 pm_____

Classes will be on a first come first serve basis. Please feel free to email me if you are interested in a certain class as it will be faster than mailing or hand delivering the form. After contacting me please get your form to me.

Please DO NOT send a check as classes need to be formed. Please bring your payment the first day of class. I will email you when classes are formed as to the class/classes you are in.

*classes will be capped at 8 people/dogs
*if a class is too large it will be split into two classes if possible
*there must be 5 minimum for the class to take place

Please email me with any questions. Email: <u>carolgsphahn@gmail.com</u>

Carol Hahn	
4226 S 5th Street	
Emmaus, Pa 18049	
Cell: 215-816-2317	Please print clearly! Thanks so much!!
Name	Email
Dogs Name	Breed

Cost is \$56.00 for a 7 week session Checks made payable to ADTC *<u>TRAINING</u>* -This training schedule will remain the same UNTIL SEPTEMBER 20 unless you receive an email telling you otherwise.

TRAINING ON WEDN	ESDAY NIGHTS	Y	
		GET INVOLVED!	
These classes will be	held at the gazebo.		
OPEN	4:15 PM to 5:15 PM	PHYLLIS BRODERICK, INSTRUCTOR	
UTILITY	5:20 PM to 6:20 PM	PHYLLIS BRODERICK, INSTRUCTOR	
NOVICE	6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM	PHYLLIS BRODERICK, INSTRUCTOR DEBBIE ACHENZIE, ASSISTANT	
DROP-INS ARE WELC	OME AT THESE CLASSES!		
These classes are hel	d at the large oak tree at the e	nd of the parking lot.	
TEACHING OPEN	5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	JOANNE SUMMERS, INSTRUCTOR	
NO DROP-INS ARE A	ACCEPTED FOR THIS CLASS!		
ADVANCED BEGINNER	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	JOANNE SUMMERS, INSTRUCTOR	
DROP-INS ARE WELC	COME!		
TRAINING ON THURS	DAYS		
NOVICE	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	DUSTY SPRINGER AND	
NOVICE 2	10:30 AM to 11:30 AM	DEBBIE ACHENZIE, INSTR UCTORS	
DROP-INS ARE WELC	DROP-INS ARE WELCOME!		
PUPPY CLASS	5:00 PM to 6:00 PM	TERRY PAPINEAU, INSTRUCTOR	
BEGINNING NOVICE	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	TERRY PAPINEAU, INSTRUCTOR	
(For dogs w/no prior training)			
RALLY			
NOVICE	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	CAROL HAHN, INSTRUCTOR	
ADVANCED/EXCELLENT	6:00 pm to 7:00 PM	CAROL HAHN, INSTRUCTOR	
	DROP-INS ARE WELCOME IN THESE CLASSES!		

TRAINING SCHEDULE STARTING SEPTEMBER 20 (INSIDE)

Wednesday Sept 20

12:00PM TO 1:00PM	Half Rented.
1:00PM TO 2:00PM	Rental Available
2:00PM TO 3:00PM	Rally Novice/Advanced
3:00PM TO 4:00PM	Tricks
4:00PM TO 5:00PM	Open
5:00PM TO 6:00PM	Utility
6:00PM TO 7:00PM	Novice
7:00PM TO 8:00PM	Rally Excellent/Masters

Thursday. Sept 21

9:00AM TO 10:30AM	Open/Utility
10:30AM TO 11:30AM	Rented
11:30AM TO 12:30PM	Novice 1
12:30PM T0 1:30PM	Novice 2
1:30pm TO 2:00PM	Rental
2:00 PM TO 3:00PM	Rally Advanced/Excellent
3:00PM TO 4:00PM	Rental
4:00PM TO 5:00 PM	Possibly teaching open
5:00PM TO 6:00 PM	Рирру
6:00PM TO 7:00 PM	Beginner
7:00PM TO 8:00PM	Advanced Beginner



STARTING NOVEMBER 8 INDOORS

7:00PM TO 8:00PM 8:00PM TO 9:00PM ADVANCED BEGINNER CONTINUING OPEN

BLUE MOUNTAIN CLUSTER—LEHIGH VALLEY KENNEL CLUB

Gail James is the head steward for the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club obedience/rally trials in September. I know you have heard this before, but we need volunteers to steward these classes. As mentioned earlier, we lost Rally in the Pocono Mountain trial because of no volunteers. Last year, thanks to Phyllis promising to get stewards to help with that trial, she was able to get the Club to continue obedience. Please, please offer to steward both or one of these trials. Get in touch with Phyllis at phyllisbrod@comcast.net and Gail at jamesgang12@verizon.net. Also do not forget to enter. This is close to home and in our Park where we train during the summer although not in this area.



ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB MATCH



We are happy to report that both Utility and Open are filled and ALL the Novice slots are taken. There are still several slots open in Beginner Novice which you can use instead of doing Beginner Novice do the Novice exercise. Someone will help you with that. Novice Members, this is a great opportunity to have your dog in a match just before the trial and also in the building where your classes are held. It does not matter if you do not feel your dog is ready for the BIG TIME, your dog does not have to be. This is what matches are for. Beginner Novice still has some slots open, again, you will not have an opportunity like this

until next year to try out your dog in the building where you train. Match shows are one of the best tools you can have to get your dog ready for the ring. I know several of our newer members had their dogs entered in the shows in the spring, including ours, and they did well. A match like this will help even more and remember most of all have fun! AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL YOU NEW PEOPLE WHO "BIT THE BULLET" AND ENTERED OUR MATCH SHOW.

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB FALL TRIAL FOR RALLY AND OBEDIENCE

Our first Annual Fall AKC Point Show Trial will open on September 1. Do not wait too long to enter as I suspect it may fill quickly. As with the matches, it is in the same building as we train and how much better can that be. Yes, it will look different, but it is the same building. As stated, several times before and in other newsletters as well, match shows are invaluable to get you and your dog used to working in a ring setting. And to make it better, it is here in the building where you train. IT JUST CANNOT GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS. Even if you think you will never set a foot in a ring, you may find out later that "maybe I should give this a try". And this is a fun way to test your dog to see how much she/he has learned. And also remember that dog trials and shows do not run by themselves. We need stewards and, in this case, because it is our show, members to help with everything



to set up, tear down and everything in between. Please volunteer when asked. Too many clubs with obedience/rally trials over the years are no longer offering them because they cannot get the help needed to run them. The Pocono KC is a prime example. They used to offer two days of Rally, that is four chances

to get your Rally titles and points no longer available. Were it NOT for Phyllis offering to get the help needed for Pocono, we would not have the obedience part. Maybe if we get enough volunteers, we can get them to offer Rally again next year.

MANY THANKS

Many of us have been worried about Carol McCarthy's dogs since she passed away. Thanks so much to Leslie Adams for letting us know that both Kixx and Neilson are now living in wonderful homes. And thanks so much to Leslie and others who helped find homes for these two dogs. I am sure that Carol would be so happy that her beloved dogs are taken care of.

AKC VIRTUAL TRICK DOG COMPETITION

We are having a TRICK DOG CLASS at the right time. This class will be taught by Judy Lasso who has achieved the highest title in TRICK DOG competition with one of her Cocker Spaniels. See the schedule above and please see the information on how to enter the Virtual Trick Dog Competition. While you are checking that out, the Winners from 2022 have videos for you to enjoy watching. I would not like to have to judge these talented dogs and their owners.

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome the following new members to Allentown Dog Training Club:

- Karen Wagner, 106 Brian Way, Phoenixville, PA 19460. Karen has a Golden Retriever. Her contact information is 610-476-5584; email <u>cheybo25@verizon.net</u>
- Ginger Hertzke, 1365 Heather Circle East, Macungie, PA 18062. Ginger has an All American Dog. Her contact information is 610-462-9439; email <u>gh610pa@gmail.com</u>
- Diana Skvasik, 1011 Public Road, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Diane has a German Shepherd Mix. Her contact information is 610-393-1629; email <u>valdiana@ptd.net</u>

WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU!



ADTC MEMBER OF THE MONTH NOMINATIIN FORM

Any member of ADTC is eligible for recognition as a member of the month. To nominate someone, please complete the following form and return it to Dusty Springer. Forms may be submitted by mailing them to Dusty Springer at 1242 W. Minor St, Emmaus, PA, 18049, or by emailing them to bohooch@yahoo.com.

First and last name of nominee:

Why is this ADTC member being nominated? (For example, this person has helped me to train my dog when I was a new member, this person made me feel welcome, this person has served ADTC in numerous capacities for many years, etc.).

Date nominated ______

If readily available, Nominee's contact information:

Please note: The nominee will be contacted within a week after the 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 the program. Thank you.

ADT:rab



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Sadly, the leash and Collar maker, On Lead, will be closing their doors after the Blue Mountain Cluster this month. The new owner, who bought the business from Kim, will be selling what inventory she has there and will not be taking any more orders. I, myself, have used their collars and leashes for many years and love them. I am very sad to learn that they will not be in business any longer.

CLOTHING

Donna Barto is not taking any more orders for clothing, and she has just sent the order in. Thanks to all who bought clothing with our design on them and showing your support for the Club. She will be in touch when the order comes in.

PUBLICITY

Dusty does not have a MEMBER OF THE MONTH for September.

August 2023 Publicity Report



We have not received responses to several member of the month nominations and new member of the month article requests. Therefore, no new member articles will appear in this month's newsletter.

I am also waiting for information on this year's Macungie Halloween parade. As soon as I have information, I will pass it on to our membership. The parade is listed on the Parks calendar of events for October 29th--- save the date!

AKC's 2023 Trick Dog National Competition

Finally, Jacqui and I received the following information and hope everyone interested in the AKC's 2023 Trick Dog National Competition will find it useful. Please carefully review the entry requirements and visit the website for more detailed information. Entries are now open. Get ready for the 2023 AKC Trick Dog National Competition! it's virtual! You can win best trick dog for your breed! For questions, e-mail trickdog@akc.org.

Respectfully submitted, Dusty Springer, ADTC Publicity







Start Perfecting Your Routine!

Hi Jacqui,

The <u>2023 AKC Trick Dog Virtual Competition</u> invites all **AKC Trick Dog Elite Performers** to showcase their extraordinary tricks and skills in a thrilling virtual competition!

Prepare your pup for the *ultimate canine talent show* by creating a captivating routine that creatively highlights all of their top tricks. Participants are encouraged to dress up, create props, & add music to their routine to create a truly unforgettable performance!



Peak at Our 2022 Overall Winner!





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Entry Guidelines



- No longer than 6 minutes,
- Minimum of 10 tricks performed.
- Music & Props may be included.
- You may submit up to 2 videos (per dog) for the z.
- Videos are to be uploaded to <u>YouTube</u> prior to submission

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Entry Requirements:

The application including the video link must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, October 2, 2023 (submit to trickdog@akc.org)

Submissions Dates:

Tuesday, August 1 – Monday, October 2

Winner Announcement:

Wednesday, November 1

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ITEMS FOR SALE*

Ken Krasley still has some items for sale. He has sold the ring but get in touch with him if you are interested in the items pictured below. You can reach him at 610-972-2438 for more information







UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST*

Mary Minnick sent us the following information. The Lehigh Valley therapy dogs are having a pasta dinner on November 4th which you can order to take home. Please see the flyer and the order form to fill out. If you have any questions, please see Mary Minnick at training or call her at 610-435-1747.

GET YOUR DOGGIE BAG!!!	
Lehigh Valley Annual "Paw-sta" Dinner Therapy Dogs Sat Nov 4, 2023 Lehigh Lodge, Rt 100 Macungie PA	
 Support your local Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs by picking up a tasty \$9 meal. All orders will be "TO GO" ie "DOGGIE BAGS" Orders must by received by <u>Oct 28, 2023</u> Email order form to lvtd@lvtherapydogs.org or Mail to 4027 W Chew St Allentown PA 18104 or Return order form to LVTD member Pay by check (made out to LVTD) or cash in advance or at pickup Select pick up time below and enter time on forms 	
(circle your pickup time so you remember) 4:15 4:30 4:45 5:00 5:15 5:30 5:45 6:00 6:15 6:30 6:45 7:00 7:15	
Name Pick Up Time Pasta with sauce	

***UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST* (CONTINUED))**



Let's Speak Dog is holding a CDSP (Companion Dog Sports Program) Obedience trial on October 14, at her training and boarding and daycare center in Plainfield Township. CDSP, for those who do not know what it is, is very similar to AKC, only you can treat your dog at certain times and encourage them verbally in the ring. They offer classes in Stater Novice (Beginner Novice) up to Utility and Versatility. You can find the entry information on the CDSP website as well as the entry form. Many of our members participate in this venue along with AKC and UKC. It is a great way to get your dog started in showing obedience. The rules are also listed on the Companion Dog Sports Program website.

ACHIEVEMENTS

We have quite a few big ACHIEVEMENTS THIS MONTH. Be sure to congratulate our members who have had such great achievements to report.

BIG BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO **TERRY PAPINEAU AND HER BORDER COLLIE BACI** FOR ACHIEVING AN AKC OTCH (Obedience Trial Championship) TITLE IN AUGUST. This is the highest title offered in AKC Obedience and the most difficult to earn. You not only need to accumulate points in both Open and Utility classes by finishing in the Top Fourth qualifiers where points are earned, but you also need one or two place finishes. BACI IS NOW BE KNOWN AS OTCH CH NORWOODS MAGICAL SPELL UDX OM2 HSADS HIADS HXBd NA NAJ XF ACT1 ACT!J CGCA TKA

We have not had a club member achieve an OTCH in quite a few years. So be sure to congratulate Terry and Baci for all their hard work.



Terry and Baci getting her Obedience Trial Championship title from Judge Charlie Marcantonio on August 13 at Staten Island Dog Training Club trial.



Baci with her OTCH ribbons.

ALSO, A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO **SHERRI HANEY AND HER BELGIAN SHEEPDOG, MUZZY,** for achieving lure cursing titles, their Rally Intermediate and Advanced titles and best of all, their COMPANION DOG TITLE. They have been very busy traveling and competing in various events. Check out what she wrote along with great pictures of FUZZY and Sherri with some of their ribbons.

Sherry Hanley and Muzzy did it! Since attending our National back in April, we finally had the chance to finish up some titles. In June Muzzy completed his final runs for CABT and earned his Coursing Ability Advanced title. Over the 4th of July we competed in New York for a 4-day cluster and was entered in Rally Intermediate. He got all 1st placements and this title, so I got brave and bumped him up to the advanced class. He scored 100 and 3rd place. At the end of July we went to Bloomsburg where he finished his Rally Advance Title. And for his final performance we went to Canfield OH where he earned his CD with all 1st placements. Now back to training!









JACQUI HARTRANFT reported that her Labrador Retriever SUNDOG'S DJ ABBEY OF STONEY HOLLOW UDX3 OM3, VER, PN, BN, CGCA WC, known as Abbey, has been listed on the 2022 TOP 25 OBEDIENCE LABRADOR RETRIEVERS IN THE COUNTRY. This is the second year in a row she has been listed in the Top 25. The Top 25 dogs are awarded their rosettes at each Labrador Retriever Specialty. This year it is in Washington State and needless to say we will not be making that trip. Last year, fortunately, it was in Maryland. I am very proud of my little girl who has done everything that I could have ever hoped for. She is pretty much retired from AKC Obedience, and we will give Rally and Nosework a try and finish her CDSP OTCH. The picture is from the Labrador Retriever Specialty last October in Maryland where she received her rosette and also competed earning a High Combined.





EMMA THE READING DOG

Judy Skorup reports that Emma who is on her way to earning a RACH is also a certified therapy dog. Now she is also helping kids with their reading. Here are some pictures of Emma "at work" along with Judy's comments. Emma is a very busy girl.

Emma is a certified therapy dog. In addition to visiting nursing homes, Emma participates in Reading to the Dog Programs in several area public libraries. The children pick out one of their favorite stories, sit down on the floor next to a dog, snuggle/cuddle up and practice reading to the dog. Hugs, head pets, chin scratches, body messages and more happen as the story is read. Emma visits 4 different libraries.







