



ADTC BARKS AND BYTES

DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Here we are in the final month of a difficult year which is saying the least. Many of us will be so glad to say good bye to 2020. We have had to make huge changes in our life and it is not over yet. However, some good has come of it. We had more time to spend with our families and our dogs who really appreciated the extra attention. Pets were being adopted out of animal shelters because people found they had more time to spend with them. And then discovering how much a dog has enriched their lives. So, as we approach the New Year, 2021, perhaps we will be able to forget about all the bad that has happened and now we can focus on the good. We hope that your Thanksgiving with family and friends was wonderful and now we are looking forward to more family time at Christmas. Please take the time to also remember the true meaning of these two important holidays (Christmas and Thanksgiving) which we all look forward to each year. Debbie and Jacqui wish each of you a wonderful Holiday Season with our hopes and prayers that the New Year might be more normal.

A few end of the year items are listed for your attention. Our 2021 dues are due by January 1st. See the renewal information and the application to send to Debbie Achenzie. Also, if you and your dog have earned a title this year, be sure to get your information to Judy Lasso by December 31st.

Barb Artim, our treasurer, is asking that members get their reports and bills that need to be paid as soon as possible.

***TRAINING INFORMATION**

Training will continue as usual on December 2 and 3 when the last prepaid session will end for this year. However, there are several opportunities to train your dog and learn more about obedience/rally rules. See the information below.

OTHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

On Wednesday, December 9th there will be no classes. Instead from 5:30 to 7:30 Carol McCarthy and Phyllis will go over the new regulations from the November Board meeting that was recently published regarding obedience and rally.

Light refreshments will be available during the evening.

There will also be a discussion and demonstration of ring procedure and what you can do to improve your performance. So bring your questions and a notebook. It is so important to know what the rules are. Why lose precious points if you do not know what you can do or cannot do in

the ring on each exercise. I go on Facebook sites for obedience and rally and so many people do not know the rules. Rather than going to the AKC website for information or ask an instructor or buy the rulebook, they will ask the public and get many different answers, many of them not correct. We cannot stress how important it is to buy the rulebook.

The regular December General Meeting will follow.

On December 16, Wednesday, there will be free ring time starting at 4:30 to? You are welcome come in and train your dog. However, you will have to share the ring with others. It will be a good time to train with a lot of distractions.

Phyllis had been planning a Utility workshop but has decided to postpone it until next year. Because of the close working with others, she felt it would be best to put it off until we know more of what is happening with COVID. It will be a workshop for proofing utility. The dog and handler must know how to do the exercises and the rules. There is no teaching.

RALLY INFORMATION

Linda Krasley's Rally class will be finished on December 17Th. She will be holding a Masters Class starting on January 7. If you are interested, please get in touch with Linda at kenlin@rcn.com. Linda's Rally classes fill quickly so do not hesitate to get in touch with her if you wish to participate.

RING RENTALS

This is a great opportunity to take advantage of indoor training with gates and jumps on a Thursday afternoon especially during the winter months when the weather outside is not good. Please check with Phyllis to see what times are available. You may rent on a permanent basis or just one time. The cost is \$25 for the whole room or \$15 for half the room. You may share with a friend.

From Barb Artim...Club Treasurer

Just a reminder, not that we need one, but the end of the year is fast approaching. So that we can have an accurate accounting of all of our income and expenses for the year, please be sure that you have turned in all checks and cash for club activities so that I receive them for deposit before December 29th. Club trainers and anyone else having expenses to be paid, please make sure that I receive all expenses for 2020 in order to pay them this year. Thanks and Happy Holidays
Barb Artim

ADTC 2021 POINT SHOW

In the November newsletter it was announced that the Board decided that the show will be held inside in Macungie Hall over two days, Friday and Saturday. We will be having one ring inside the building and will be offering Rally, Novice A and B on Friday, May 21. Open A & B and Utility A and B will be on Saturday May 22. Unfortunately, the November General Meeting had to be cancelled due to COVID so this was not discussed. For those looking for points and qualifications, this will enable us to enter the Berks trial on Sunday. More information follows in this newsletter.

From Lois ...Trial Chairperson

ADTC May 2021 Trials

Rather than wait until the next general meeting when many members may not be present, this is a membership update on our upcoming trials to be held in May 2021.

Our Obedience & Rally Trials and Judges have been approved by the AKC.

The trials will be held indoors at Macungie Memorial Park.

There will be one ring Friday, May 21 and one ring Saturday, May 22.

Regular classes only will be offered and class sizes will be limited.

Entries will be taken by [ShowEntries.info](#).

1st Entry - \$32, 2nd Entry of same dog - \$28

The Rally trial will be on Friday morning, judged by Diane Stout.

The BN/Novice A/B classes will be held on Friday afternoon, judged by Linda Morris.

The Open A/B classes will be Saturday morning judged by Linda Morris.

The Utility A/B classes will be Saturday afternoon judged by Elizabeth Chase.

There will be no crating in the building and a minimal number of exhibitors will be allowed in the building at any given time. Exhibitors will need to work from their vehicles and wait outside until they are called into the building. (More information to follow)

Exhibitors will have to provide their own food/beverages and eat outside the building. There are multiple places to eat within walking distance of the Trial location.

Previous donations to the Trophy Fund will be honored at these trials and our 2022 trials.

Regular class ribbons/rosettes, leashes and toys from our cancelled 2020 trial will be utilized at this trial. Trophy donations and ribbons/rosettes, leashes and toys for non-regular classes and optional classes will be awarded at our 2022 trials.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Lois LoisAnnLinker@ptd.net

SEMINAR

Sadly the Connie Cleveland Seminar which was to be held in November had to be cancelled. Connie's husband tested positive for COVID and she was in the process of being tested or at least in quarantine. Your fees will be refunded and the seminar has been rescheduled for November 20th and 21st, 2021. For those who planned to attend, Kathy Pugh sent out a letter from Connie apologizing for not being able to teach and offered information for a free month of information. Thanks to Kathy and Phyllis for all their work in putting this together.



MEMBERSHIP—WHO IS NEW

Barb Artim reports... I have a new puppy; she is black and she is wild!! Her name is Iris and Spencer is trying to figure out how to send her back. I picked her up on November 12th at 8 weeks of age.



No new members for November



SUNSHINE

Thank You from the Dusty and Bill ...

Dear Friends,

Bill, Pete, and I are grateful to everyone for the sympathy and support shown to us after Sam's passing. Your kindness means more than we can express.

Many thanks and love -- The Springers

Deb Petrusjanz reported for Annie...

Hi there Annie here, November 13, 2020 was a Sad Day for My Mom and Dad. We had to Say Goodbye to my Brother Trippy. So I posted a few pictures of how he would want to be remembered. He will be missed but he is at Peace. Love You Very Much Trippy



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

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)

AWARDS

Judy Lasso reminds members if you are anticipating getting a new title award for 2020, please be sure to get your information to her BEFORE DECEMBER 31!! After that date, she will no longer take applications. It is a time consuming job to process the applications and to make sure that everything is correct for the plaques and certificates. Even though there were many trials that were cancelled this year, there are still some members who earned AKC Rally and Obedience titles, plus other AKC titles. Please check with Judy to see which other AKC titles are recognized. If you have questions, please get in touch with Judy at judylasso319@gmail.com.



2020 AWARDS APPLICATION AND TITLE RECOGNITION

If you and your dog earned an AKC Title in 2020 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 ALL AKC certificates earned in 2020 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, 2020

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

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

PUBLICITY

Many thanks to Dusty Springer for serving as Chairperson of the Publicity Committee. We hope that after a year off, she will come back to serve again. Dusty will continue to teach classes on Thursday morning and help with Phyllis's Open class on Wednesday night. If anyone is interested in taking over for Dusty, please contact her at 610-965-6671 or bohooch@yahoo.com for more information. Also contact President Achenzie as well to let him know that you are interested. Remember, clubs cannot be run by only a few people, we need people to volunteer to help out where needed.

From Dusty...

Although I have enjoyed working on the ADTC Publicity Committee for the past six years, I find that I need a break. Therefore, the ADTC board has been informed that as of January 1, 2020, I am relinquishing my position on the publicity committee. Thanks to everyone who has made this experience such a pleasure.

Yours for better barkers,

Dusty Springer

ADTC WEBSITE Removal of Membership List from Website 11/24/2020

From Chuck Achenzie...President

I hope this email finds everyone in good health during these difficult times. Attached is the most recent membership list for Allentown Dog Training Club. Please save or print a copy for your records.

At the October meeting of the Board of Directors, it was decided to remove the membership list from our website due to an unauthorized person gaining access to the email addresses from the membership list posted on the website.

This practice is known as phishing. Two of our Board members, our treasurer and training director, received a fraudulent email that was supposedly sent by me requesting they get money

orders and gift cards and send them to me. My name was on the email but the address was not my email address.

This topic was discussed again at the November 22nd. Board Meeting due to some member's concerns. Due to the unauthorized access of our member's only page on our website, the Board of Directors decided for the security and safety of ADTC members, the membership list will no longer be posted on the website.

Again for your convenience, please save or print a copy of the attached email list. All future updated membership lists will be sent by email only.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. Chuck Achenzie bullies2@ptd.net

ITEMS FOR SALE

Berdell Koch has several items she no longer needs. Everything is free. If you are interested please get in touch with her at spins4me@ptd.net or 610-395-0728. The crate is all mesh 36x25x29 high. There are also two blue folding chairs.



Sandra Cornig is selling an ADTC full zippered sweatshirt. It is a size large. Color is light gray with blue writing. Has never been worn, only tried on. Still has paper saying \$26.00.

Contact Sandra at mariahrun@aol.com or 610-798-9992 if interested.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH...CAROL MCCARTHY

I have been involved in dog training more than 30 years. I started with a Miniature Poodle in one of Alma Arnold's pet obedience classes. My husband started a Basset Hound in that same pet obedience class. One of Alma's assistants mentioned AKC shows to me. I went to my first Show and Go and was firmly hooked by the desire to train and show my dogs. I had several Basset Hounds thereafter which I showed in obedience, agility, and rally.

My first golden retriever, Dreamer, was a fabulous dog. He obtained an Obedience trial Champion title (OTCH). He died at nine years of age with osteosarcoma and several other kinds of cancer. He lost his right front leg and had chemotherapy, but he died one day shy of living one year after diagnosis. I never got to campaign him as I wish I could have.

I currently have two dogs. Nilsson, a five-year-old male dachshund, and Kixx, a four year old male golden retriever.

Nilsson came from the pet shop at Whitehall Mall where I saw him while I was waiting for new tires to be put on my car at Sears. He is in keeping with my love of hound dogs because he is long and low, just like the bassets, only miniaturized. Nilsson competes in AKC agility and is currently working on his excellent standard and excellent jumpers with weaves titles. He also participates in AKC rally and placed 7th at the AKC Rally Nationals in Ohio a few years ago. He has many favorite activities which include unstuffing toys, agility, heeling, rally, chuck-it, chasing his dumbbell. His most favorite activity is getting just one more cookie out of me.



Kixx came to me through two of my students from my dog training school. Kixx received three high in trial awards in his novice career. He is now fully trained through utility and it's time to show him. Kixx's favorite activity is doing anything with me, followed closely by going to the neighbor's house to get cookies and pets.



My advice for new handlers would be to be careful with your corrections. Try to make training with you fun for the dog. If the two of you aren't having fun together in obedience, you won't get what you are hoping for at a trial.

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

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 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.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Berdell Koch reports...

Tazio completed his UKC Agility Championship (UACH) He had 6 out of 6 Q's with 4 placements and 2 perfect scores of 200



CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH ON ALL YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS!!

Jacqui Hartranft reports..

Abbey and Cooper have been busy participating in Companion Dog Sports Program trials. In October Abbey earned a first place in Open B with a score of 199 1/2 at Golden Rule in Andover New Jersey. The trial was sponsored by Products For Pets. Not to be out done by his sister, Cooper also earned a first place in Novice C with a score of 196 1/2.

On November 7, at a trial again at Golden Rule, sponsored by Versatile K9 Sport, Abbey finished her Open title B with a score of 199 +, winning a runoff. In the second trial she had to move up to Open C where she also earned a first place with another nice score of 198 1/2. She just missed HIT had her mother not made a mistake. Cooper also did well, right behind his sister. He earned a first place in Novice C with a score of 199 1/2 and a second place in the second trial

with a tied score of 199 in Novice C. Unfortunately he lost the runoff. I am so proud of both of them.



CONGRATULATIONS on 3 New Rally Novice Titles

Dauphin Dog Training Club Trial on November 15



Linda Krasley reports...

Fred had a great day in Rally at the Dauphin Dog Training Club trial on November 15. Fred finished his Rally Novice with a Fourth Place. Way to go Fred! Then in the afternoon trial he also achieved his first Rally Intermediate leg. Fred was quite the good boy.



Sue Iobst reports...

Frankie earned her Rally Novice title also at the Dauphin Dog Training Club trial in November. She earned that lovely rosette for doing it. Good girl Frankie!!

Frankie also got her AKC Novice Tricks title.



Mary Minnich reports...

Sweet Bryar of Gotham Haus Juris THDN, THD

"Vayl" Got her title in Rally Novice at the Dauphin Dog Training Club trial in November with a 99 and 2nd place due to time.

Vayl's first 2 Rally legs were received virtually. Under 2 different judges and got a score of 97 on both legs. The judges made comments and told you where and or what you lost points on. Guess what the points off we're most of the time "HANDLER ERROR" you can't get away with that even virtually.

We moved up in the 2nd show to Rally Intermediate and received a qualifying score of 89 for our 1st leg.

Vayl and I also received our therapy dog titles THDN and THD, right after the shut down for COVID.



Jackie Mill reports...

Gizmo received his Preferred Novice (PCD) Title and his first two legs toward his Rally Master Title. The trial was held at the Loyalhanna Agility Club in Latrobe Pa on November 7 & 8.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



It looked as though our club members did well at that trial. For some it has been the first time in the ring since February and March. We are all hoping that next year will be better. We wish to urge everyone to send us your achievements, no matter how small or large. It is nice to find out how our members are doing in their training journey. And this may give others the incentive to go further with their training. Just send the information at least five days before the end of the month to give Debbie time to get pictures in, if any and the write-ups. Pictures are not required. It makes our instructors feel proud of their students and all of us proud of our members.

BEYOND THE OBEDIENCE/RALLY RING

We would like to send out a very special THANK YOU to Carol McCarthy for not only teaching some of our classes but filming her classes and putting them on our website. She also filmed some of our members who participated in the Bernese Mountain Dog Trial the beginning of October. Each handler and dog was given a nice bit of time working on their exercises with their names listed on the video. She even filmed some of the ribbon pinning.

She has also been filming her beginner obedience classes. Each dog and handler has some time to show off what they have learned. What a great thing to do for new people and to encourage them to keep going. You can check out her other videos on her website.

Check out Carol's latest video of her Beginner Class that graduated on November 19.

Below is the direct link. You can copy it and paste it in your search engine or just click on it if you can.

<https://youtu.be/Y5mXJdIcsns>

NO GENERAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER SO NO MINUTES IN NEWSLETTER

*We Wish You
A Merry Christmas*





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Changes to Obedience Regulations November 23, 2020

At the November 2020 AKC Board Meeting the following items were approved:

Assisting the Sports – Making Permanent Obedience, Rally and Tracking Modifications That Expire at Year-End. The AKC Obedience Regulations that were previously temporarily suspended or modified in 2020 to provide clubs and exhibitors flexibility due to COVID-19 have been permanently changed as follows:

Closing Dates – The Regulations to allow clubs holding obedience and rally trials, at their option, to close the events at a specified closing date and time no later than 11:59PM seven (7) days prior to the event. This change is effective for all trials held on or after January 1, 2021.

Eligibility Restrictions for Exhibitors – The obedience, rally and tracking Regulations effecting an exhibitor’s eligibility was changed from thirty days to ten days prior to an event. This is a change to the Regulations and is effective for all trials held on or after January 1, 2021.

Eligibility Restrictions for Dogs – The obedience and rally Regulations effecting a dog’s eligibility was changed from thirty days to ten days prior to an event. This is a change to the Regulations and is effective for all trials held on or after January 1, 2021.

Eligibility Restrictions During Emergency Judge Changes – When a club has an emergency judge change for obedience and rally trials (an emergency judge change is defined as a change to the judging panel within 72 hours of the event) the eligibility restrictions on exhibitors and dogs is waived. This is a change to the Regulations and is effective for all trials held on or after January 1, 2021.

Modifying the Obedience Figure Eight Exercise – The Obedience Regulations have been amended to use cones instead of Stewards for the Figure Eight exercise. This is a change to the Regulations and is effective for all trials held on or after January 1, 2021.

OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 1 GENERAL REGULATIONS

Section 3. Premium Lists, Entries, Closing of Entries and Catalog Order. (Paragraph 5) The premium list shall specify the name and address of the Superintendent or Trial Secretary who is to receive the entries.

Opening & Closing Dates. In order to provide fair opportunity for all exhibitors to enter upcoming events, premium lists are required to be published at least 72-hours prior to the acceptance of entries. Events whose entries are limited must have a defined date and time for the opening of entries which is to be prominently displayed on the cover page of the premium list. In addition, every premium list shall specify the date and time at which entries for a trial shall close. For all trials the specified closing date and time must be no later than 11:59PM seven (7) days prior to the trial.

Whenever the closing day falls on a postal holiday, entries received in any form up to 24 hours from the published closing date and time may be accepted.

Section 14. Dogs That May Not Compete. (Paragraphs 8 & 9)

No exhibitor may show a dog under a judge at an obedience trial if the exhibitor has participated in a training session taught by that judge within ten (10) days prior to the date of the event.

No dog may be entered or shown under a judge at an obedience trial if the dog is owned or handled by any person who has regularly served as a trainer or instructor of that judge, either individually or through classes, or if the dog has been regularly trained or instructed by the judge within ten (10) days prior to the date of the obedience trial. "Trained or instructed" applies equally to judges who train professionally or as amateurs and to judges who train individual dogs or train or instruct dogs in classes with or through their handlers (see "Glossary of Terms").

In either case above, the ten (10) day period is not in effect when a judge has been assigned on an emergency basis within 72-hours of an event.

OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 3 NOVICE

Section 5. Heel on Leash and Figure Eight. (Paragraph 6)

For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand and the dog will sit in heel position facing the judge, midway between two cones that are 17 to 37 inches high and no more than 15 inches wide at the base, that will be placed 8 feet apart. The Figure Eight in the Novice classes will be done on leash; the handler may go around either cone first. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. The handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two cones twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end.

OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 2 REGULATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE AND JUDGING

JUDGING STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

Section 1. Standardized Judging.

Heeling Pattern. The same pattern should be maintained as far as practicable for each competing dog. This is a foundation exercise, and it determines the standards for all exercises in which the

dog is heeling. The minimum heeling requirements for any class are normal heeling, a fast, a slow, a left turn, a right turn, an about-turn, a halt, and a sit.

The heeling patterns should not be in the area of the table and/or gate and should have only one element of an exercise on a leg. (For example, there shall not be a halt and a slow on the same leg of an exercise.) A fast must always be on a long dimension of the ring; slow may be either on the short or long dimension of the ring. The fast and slow should be of significant length, not just several steps. No pattern will have more than one fast and one slow. If possible, have one leg of the heeling pattern with no element on it. The “L” pattern is a minimal pattern. Other patterns are acceptable, but excessive complexity should be avoided.

The judge may leave the Figure Eight cones in position in the ring, provided this equipment will not interfere with the performance of the other exercises.

NEW VIRTUAL PILOT PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

AKC Virtual Obedience Test Program – Approved effective March 1, 2021.

The Board reviewed a recommendation to create an AKC Virtual Obedience Test Program consisting of two beginning level classes – Virtual Beginner Novice and Virtual Novice as a pilot program in 2021. The purpose is to provide owners that are not able or willing to attend an in-person event an opportunity to stay engaged in the sport by evaluating their skill and teamwork via video. There will be two beginning levels of virtual obedience offered, with possible expansion of the program over time. The first two levels in the Virtual Obedience Test program will be Virtual Beginner Novice and Virtual Novice classes. The exercises in virtual obedience will be slightly different than in-person tests, therefore the titles earned will be designated with the letter V – Beginner Novice Virtual (BNV) and Companion Dog Virtual (CDV). This will be a standalone program with no crossover to the regular obedience titles.

This is a pilot program and will be reviewed toward the end of the year 2021.

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Publishing the Rally Course Maps – The Rally Regulations have been amended to allow a club to distribute the rally course maps by email and to post them electronically online no earlier than 6PM the evening before each trial. This change is effective for all trials held on or after January 1, 2021.

AKC RALLY® REGULATIONS

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AKC RALLY® REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 2 REGULATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE AND JUDGING

JUDGING STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND SCORING

Section 25. Walkthrough Time. The course for each class will be posted at the ring when the judge arrives. The Trial Secretary may send copies of the course to exhibitors by email no earlier than 6PM on the evening preceding each trial and the courses may be published online electronically by the Trial Secretary at the same time, if available. The club should have a few printed course copies available for those that cannot take photos of the posted courses or the ability to access the website.

When there are not more than 20 dogs entered, and the same start time is listed for the A and B classes of the same title level the judge will combine the walkthrough. At the listed start time for the class, a walkthrough of up to 10 minutes will be allowed for handlers without their dogs and judging of the class will follow. The judge must remain in the ring during the walkthrough but will not brief the handlers.

For classes with 40 or more dogs entered an additional walkthrough time of up to 10 minutes will be provided.

An additional 10 minutes must be added into the first hour of judging for the first walkthrough.

AKC VIRTUAL PILOT PROGRAMS:

2020 AKC Virtual Pilot Programs Extended through 2021

AKC launched several virtual pilot programs in 2020 – Virtual Rally Novice and Intermediate classes, Virtual Agility ACT1 and ACT2 classes, and Virtual Water Test for Pointing Breeds. These three programs have been extended through 2021 and will be reviewed again toward the end of the year.