



ADTC BARKS AND BYTES

January 2021 Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL. 2020 is behind us but we fear not all the problems, sadness, and anxiety it presented for most of us will be gone any time soon. We had to make so many changes in our normal lifestyles including all the things we are used to doing with our dogs. Shows and matches were cancelled, along with training times were among some of the things we had to deal with. We even had to get our dogs used to us wearing masks. But these are minor annoyances compared to those who have gotten sick, lost their job or many of the others things that have happened to people because of this virus. It may take a while for things to get back to normal but sooner or later it will. We have several vaccines which are proving helpful in preventing people from getting sick and the first doses are being administered as I write this newsletter.

A new board will be voted in at our January 13th. General Meeting so be sure to attend and support the new board. A special thank you to retiring board members and welcome to the new board members. Those retiring are Lois Linker, Barb Grotzinger, and Cris Courduff. Thank you for your service to the Club. Welcome Debbie Achenzie, Gail James and Linda Eldon to the Board for 2021. Please give them your support as we start out in the New Year.

Classes will also start up again on January 6th. You will be notified by email if anything has to be changed. We hope you have sent in your 2021 dues to Debbie Achenzie and also sent Judy Lasso your information if you are getting an award for AKC titles you achieved in 2020. We know that there are some that have earned AKC titles.

TRAINING INFORMATION

From Phyllis...Updated Information for Upcoming Training Classes

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Inasmuch as Macungie Memorial Park is still closed to the public and am not sure when it will be available and when Gov. Wolf will rescind or announce new guidelines for indoor gatherings. (His current guidelines end January 4th) I think it best to change the start date of the new sessions and continuance of the classes still in session (Anna's open and utility classes and Carol's public beginner class) to **January 13th. *See Indoor Registration Form below. Classes are limited to 10.**

The following have signed up for the new 6 week session starting on Wednesday, January 13th, 2021

Open - 5:15pm to 6:15pm

Gail James

Carol Hahn

Bill Springer

Jacqui Hartranft

Steve Markowitz

Anne Wheeler

Debbie Achenzie

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

Gail James
Steve Markowitz
Sande Shields
Judy Lasso
Wilma Brucker
Linda Krasley

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

Joanne Stock
Kaitlin Stock
Gail James
Kay Sivel

Utility 8:30 to 9:30pm

Linda Eldon
Jacqui Hartranft
Debbie Achenzie
Karen Belmont

Thursday, January 14th

Novice 12:00 to 1:00pm

Sherry Hanley
Sally Campbell
Rossana Ruffing
James Blatnik
Holly Huff

Have a healthy happy New Year, Phyllis

Ring rentals are still available on Thursday afternoon. What a great opportunity for you to practice inside during the winter weather. You can rent the entire room for \$25 or half for \$15 and can split the cost with others. All the equipment is there to use. Contact Phyllis to see what times are available.

Thank You to Phyllis Broderick and Carol McCarthy for putting together the seminar on December 9th. Topics included discussing changes to obedience regulations, the new virtual titling classes, ring procedures, as well as a question and answer session.

Carol and Phyllis showed ways you can lose obvious and not so obvious ways you can lose precious points in the ring. If you missed the seminar, you can get more information on the AKC website or read the **handouts below**.

DECEMBER 9TH. SEMINAR HANDOUTS

HELPFUL HINTS FOR SHOWING IN OBEDIENCE

Get a copy of the AKC rule book and read Chapters 1 & 2 and also the Novice rules and regulations.

Plan on arriving at the show approx. 1 ½ hours before judging.

When you arrive leave the dog in the car. Take your crate (YES CRATE); chair, water, dog bag, making sure you have some yummy treats to the Novice ring or designated crating area.. If indoors, set up your crate as close to the Novice ring as possible.

Then go to your car, exercise your dog, making sure he eliminates.

Then bring him in and walk him around the obedience area. Play a few games; heel him around, making sure you have his attention. Then put him/her in a crate to settle down..

When the table steward has arrived and is handing out armbands; go to the table and pick up your number.

If you are in NOVICE A, the judge will do a briefing; bring you into the ring (without your dog) and go through the exercises and the heeling pattern. Most times you will get an opportunity to walk the heeling pattern. Make sure you take advantage of the offer.

In NOVICE B just before the class is about to start; the Judge will show the first exhibitor the heeling pattern. **MAKE SURE YOU WATCH.** Also watch the first few exhibitors in the ring. You will see where the Judge wants you to set up for the figure 8 and the Stand for Examination and the recall.

Next take your dog out of the crate and practice the heeling pattern and any other exercises you feel your dog needs. Then take your dog out and potty again (make sure you have poop bags with you). Then bring dog in and crate once again. When the exhibitor before you enters the ring; take your dog out of the crate; warm up with lots of praise and treats. I have a little thing I do; I put the treats on the chair; warm up some without treats; release, go to the chair and give the treats. This way the dog always knows the treats are on your chair for the reward at a show.

When it is your turn to go into the ring; Make sure your dog has a properly fitted collar, not too large nor too small, no tags hanging from the collar; be at ring side with a big smile. Make sure there are no tags on your dogs show collar; you have nothing hanging from your clothing; your fanny pack is off; no keys hanging from your belt; no cell phone attached to your belt. The judge will show you where to start. Walk briskly to the start line talking to your dog as you go. If your dog does not want to sit; do not position him into a sit; do a “U” turn toward the dog and tell him to sit as you halt.

REMEMBER THE MINUTE YOU ENTER THE RING; THERE ARE NO CORRECTIONS. NO COLLAR POPS OR CORRECTIONS. IF YOU DO, THESE WILL COME OFF AS “MISBEHAVIOR COLUMN”
Listen carefully to the judge. I mentally repeat the Judge’s command then perform it; this helps me to concentrate

Make sure you have a little “J” in the leash and not a tight lead. If the dog starts to lag, do not slow down, keep going at your normal pace.

Make sure you do a good SLOW and FAST. Let the dog make the mistake; do not compound it with your mistakes.

In Novice you are allowed to guide your dog by the collar between exercises.

You will do the Heel on Leash and Figure 8. Then you will hand the leash to the steward and take your dog by the collar and guide him/her to the Stand for Exam spot. Take your time setting your dog up. You can say a million times STAND, but the minute you say STAY, the exercise has begun.

So, say stand; Stand your dog; make sure he is comfortable – NEXT STAND IN HEEL POSITION – give a stay and go approximately 6 ft away; turn and face your dog. DO NOT BACK UP. The judge will examine your dog – then tell you to return to your dog; you will go around your dog returning to HEEL POSITION.

Then you will guide your dog to the heel free, by gently guiding by the collar to the start spot indicated by the judge. Take your hands off the collar and follow instructions again. When the heel free is over; guide your dog to the recall spot. Make sure you stand up straight when you give a stay and walk briskly to the other end of the ring. Call your dog; DO NOT BOB YOUR HEAD OR BODY; KEEPING YOUR HANDS HANGING NATURALLY AT YOUR SIDES. When the dog has sat front or stood front; then the judge will give the finish command – USE ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

VOICE, KEEPING HANDS AT SIDE Call dog in a pleasant manner, you may use the dog's name, followed immediately by the come command you use.

HAND SIGNAL – GIVING DOG SIGNAL THEN RETURN HAND AT SIDE. No verbal, you cannot say the dog's name verbally, and then use a hand signal.

WHEN JUDGE HAS SAID EXERCISE FINISHED;

Again you may guide the dog to the place indicated by the Judge for the Sit- Get Your Leash exercise.

The judge will ask "Are You Ready". Once you say "YES", the exercise has begun.

The judge will say "Leave Your Dog to Get Your Leash"

You will give your dog a stay; go directly to the spot your leash is placed; pick up your leash, turn and stand on the place indicated on the mat.

The Judge will say "Back to Your Dog"

You will go directly to your dog, going around your dog to the heel position.

Judge will say "Exercise Finished".

You will clip your dog's leash to the collar and leave the ring, making sure your dog is under control as you exit the ring.

PRAISE YOUR DOG AS YOU LEAVE THE RING; GO DIRECTLY TO YOUR CHAIR AND JACKPOT HIM WITH A TREAT. DO NOT STOP AND TALK TO ANYONE UNTIL YOU HAVE GIVEN HIM HIS REWARD.

Enjoy the ride, Phyllis

TRAINING, MATCH SHOWS AND POINT SHOWS

Training

- 1) Food OK
- 2) Voice - Praise/Remind/Correct
- 3) No Judge usually
- 4) Dog alone or in a group
- 5) Do Overs allowed
- 6) Usually do not move quickly from one exercise to another
- 7) Familiar dogs and locations so dogs are more comfortable
- 8) All games can be played
- 9) Let's Go!
- 10) Pet to show affection
- 11) Fun and/or Big Releases
- 12) Prong Collar OK
- 13) On Leash/Flexi/Off Lead
- 14) Dog and handler usually have lots of space in training situations
- 15) Handler's demeanor usually calm, not nervous at all

Match Shows

- 1) Food OK
- 2) Voice - Praise/Remind/Correct
- 3) Judge is handler's choice
- 4) Dog usually alone in ring
- 5) Do Overs allowed
- 6) Handler's choice on moving between exercises
- 7) More unfamiliar dogs and locations so dog may be more on edge
- 8) All games can be played
- 9) Let's Go!

- 10) Pet to show affection
- 11) Fun and/or Big Releases
- 12) Prong Collar OK
- 13) On Leash/Flexi/Off Lead
- 14) Indoors can be more crowded and dog and handler have less personal space and handler must keep track of rings
- 15) Handler's demeanor may be slightly nervous

Point Show

- 1) No Food
- 2) Voice - Praise/Remind/Correct
- 3) Judge is in the ring
- 4) Dog always alone in ring
- 5) No Do Overs
- 6) Move immediately from one exercise to the next
- 7) Unfamiliar dogs and locations and dog may be very uncomfortable
- 8) Some games can be played touch - 1/2/3 - up, ups - spin - get close
- 9) Let's Go
- 10) Pet to show affection
- 11) Fun and/or Big Releases
- 12) No Prong Collar
- 13) Off Lead (utility/open)
- 14) Indoor shows can be very crowded and stressful for the dog and handler with very limited personal space and handler must keep track of several rings
- 15) Handler may become extremely nervous

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB
2021 INDOOR REGISTRATION FORM

The indoor session with Phyllis and Carol will start January 13th. Dusty's Session will start January 14th. Anna's utility and open session will start January 21st. (Contact Anna to sign up)

In order to keep everyone safe classes will be held as follows:

1. Classes will be by pre entry only and the class size limit is 10 participants to a class by pre payment only.
2. Cost: \$48 for the 6 week session.
3. All participants must wear face masks

CLASSES: (Please check one)

WEDNESDAY:

- 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 Utility Class 8:30 to 9:30pm.

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

(Please contact Anna to sign up)

Make checks payable ADTC and send to:

Phyllis Broderick
262 Brass Castle Rd.
Oxford, New Jersey 07863-3142

FMI: Tel: 908-453-2511 Email: phyllisbrod@comcast.net

Name: _____ Amt: _____

Email Address: _____

RALLY INFORMATION

Linda Krasley reported that she will be finishing up her Rally Advanced/Excellent class on Thursday, January 14th. On January 21st. Linda will be starting her Rally Masters Class which is filled.

2021 ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We want to thank those 2020 Board members who are retiring from their service to the Club. Welcome to the new board members. Thank You for volunteering for this important job.

The 2021 proposed slate of officers:

PRESIDENT	CHUCK ACHENZIE
VICE-PRESIDENT	STEVE MARKOVITZ
RECORDING SECRETARY	CAROL MCCARTHY
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	TERRY PAPINEAU
TREASURER	BARB ARTIM
TRAINING DIRECTOR	PHYLLIS BRODERICK
DIRECTORS	ANNA GUGLIELMO EDIE RYSDYK DEBBIE ACHENZIE GAIL JAMES LINDA ELDON

They will be voted on at the January 13th. General Meeting at 7:30.

And again, many thanks to retiring directors Lois Linker, Barb Grotzinger and Cris Courduff for your service.



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 December....

Julie Leboutitz and her Golden Retriever

Rosanna Ruffing and her Doberman

Holly Huff and her Wirehaired Dachshund



Beth Schmoyer introduces her new puppy Kodi

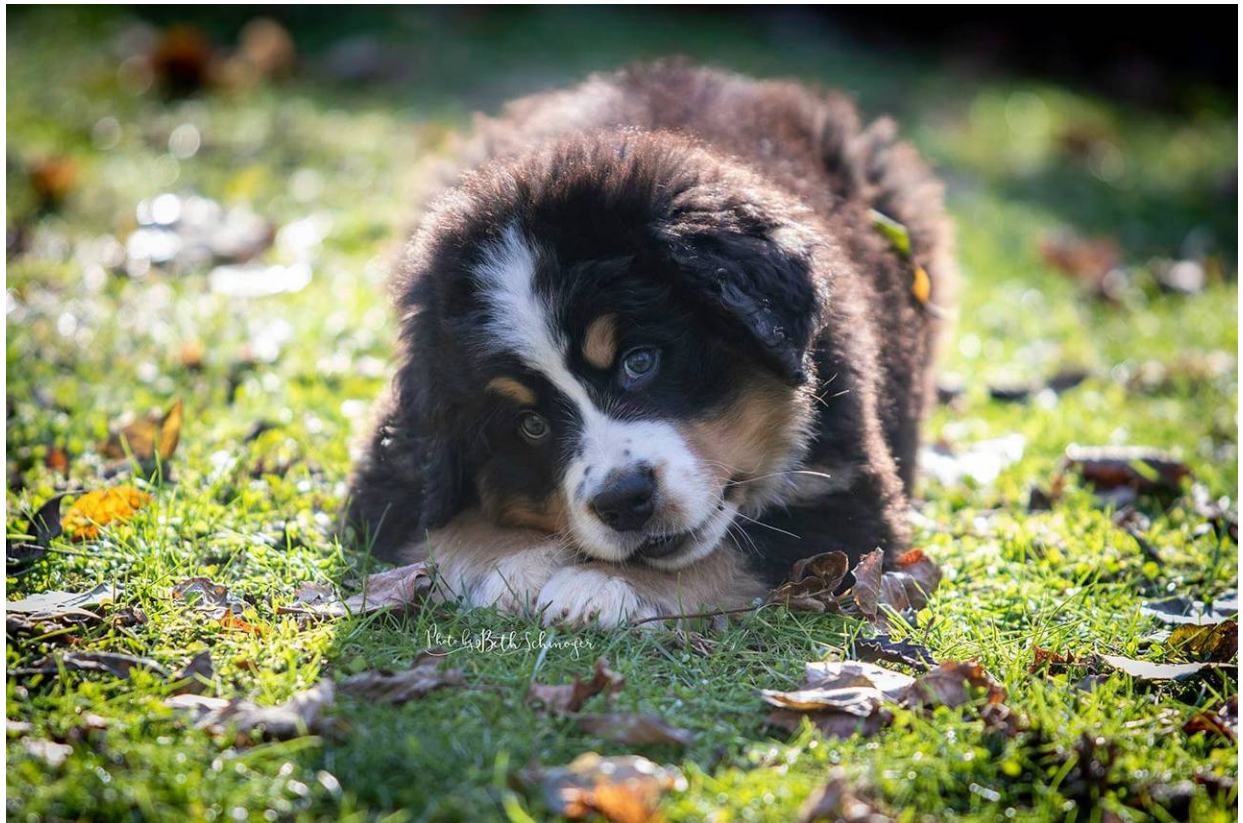
Welcome home Kodi!

Xcalibur's Kodak Moment V. Bigrock

It's been a long 6 months being dog less after the loss of Topaz, Brinkley and Henley this past year. I've been owned by Berners for 22yrs.

Kodi is a bright spot to end this unprecedented year of 2020. Born on 10/26/2020.

Here's to brighter and better days in 2021!



WELCOME KODI



CONGRATULATIONS BETH



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)

Have you paid your dues for 2021?

2021 Dues/Waivers are accepted through January 31st. after which time you will need to reapply for membership.

Reminder as of April 2019 there is a new policy to join or rejoin ADTC. If you allow your membership to lapse it will now cost you \$35.00 dues plus \$160.00 for 7 weeks of training whether it is beginner novice, novice, open or utility.

Lifetime members need a signed waiver on file for 2021

This list is a reminder and also to confirm that as of December 28, 2020, I have not received dues/waivers from the following members. Kindly notify me if you will or will not be renewing so I can update our database.

Members Requiring 2021 Dues and Waiver...

Leslie Adams	Michele Altner	Evelyn Bartos
Maryann Beatty	Marta Beckstead	Dan Bixler
Jim Blatnik	Rita Brian	Diane Bruder
Clyde Closson	Betty Comstock	Janice Cooper
Linda Crane	Amy Driscoll	Jim Elias
Connie Fiedler	Jane Frantz	Alanna Gerhardt
Janet Gilbert	Mary Ann Giles	Jane Gill
Carol Hahn	Mark Hanover	Kelly Hauser
Nancy Heiser	Madeleine Huyett	David Kennedy
Lynne Kuczynski	Judy LaBelle	John Landis
Lois Landis	Irwin Linker	Lois Linker
Rory Maruschak	Carol Matheis	Barb McGarvey
Charles McGarvey	Mardi McGuire Closson	Sharon Merkel
Rose Mitman	Melissa Montero	Priscilla Morgan
Clyde Norelli	Joe Quinn	Jean Reese
Katie Royer	Linda Royer	Edie Rysdyk
Donna Sadrovitz	Trish Schadler	Beth Ann Schmoyer
Maryann Slonaker	Ruth Slonaker	Lori Smith
Sally St. George	Krista Stayer	Kathy Stehly

Karen Stetler Ruth E. Thom Thomas Vanim
Miretta Wadopian Doris Walsh Anne Wheeler
Daisy Wlazelek Jackie Woehrle Patricia Wotring

Debbie Achenzie ADTC Membership

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PUBLICITY

Thanks to Dusty Springer for serving on the publicity committee and putting MEMBER OF THE MONTH in the newsletter. We are looking for someone to take her place. Please get in touch with Chuck Achenzie or Dusty if you are interested. This was a great way for members to get to know each other.

From Dusty....

As previously stated, the ADTC board has been informed that as of January 1, 2021, I am relinquishing my position on the publicity committee. Many thanks to all club members for making this a most enjoyable experience.

Yours for better barkers,

Dusty Springer

ADTC Publicity



SUNSHINE

Condolences to Marta Beckstead on the loss of her Border Terrier, Barley. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers. .

ITEMS FOR SALE

Please check last month's newsletter to see if the items listed are still available. Berdell reported that she sold her crate but the chairs are still available and are free for the taking.

If you have anything dog-related, you are welcome to list them here. Just get in touch with Debbie and Jacqui. But please be sure to let us know if your items should be listed again in the next newsletter. If you do not get in touch with us, we will not relist your items and assume they found a new home.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Donna Barto Reports...

Chip completed his TD 12/6/20 at the Burlington County Kennel Club Tracking Test. This also earned him the VCD1 and VCD2 titles. Chip is now 11 1/2 years old and was wearing the same tracking harness worn by my first tracking dog, a German Shepherd named Buffy in 1976. Ten TDs later and lots of muddy sneakers in between, tracking continues to be one of my favorite venues to share with my dogs. To say the least I am thrilled with Chip's latest accomplishment!

Chip is now WILLOW DALE'S SUEDE CHIP VCD2 UDT BN GN GO VER RM OA OF AXJ TKN.



CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE!!

For more information check the AKC Rule Book to see what is involved in earning an AKC Versatile Companion Dog title. This title is awarded by earning various obedience, agility and tracking and tracking titles. This is not to be confused with the AKC Versatility title. That is another fun title which requires a dog and handler to compete in two Novice exercises, two Open

exercises and two Utility exercises. One needs to qualify three times under two different judges as in the other titles. Again, check the rulebook to see what is involved in earning that title.

I found that there could be some confusion with a few of these letters attached to Chip's name. With the addition of the virtual titles I wanted everyone to know that Chip's VCD2 title is for his Tracking title and has nothing to do with a virtual title. There is a list of titles in the rulebook which can tell you what all these initials stand for and what you have to do to earn them. You can also find them on the AKC website.

Jacqui Hartranft Reports...

Both Abbey and Cooper did well at the Dauphin Dog Training Club trial November 13 and 14. On Friday at their "no frills" trial Abbey took fourth place in Open B with a score of 197 ½. The first three places went to OTCH dogs. Unfortunately she messed up her Utility run so no UDX leg. But she did get OBM points and one OTCH point. Cooper was not to be outdone by his sister. He got his first AKC leg in Novice B with a first place and a score of 195 ½. I am very proud of them. For Abbey it was the first time in an AKC trial since the end of February. For Cooper it was the first time in an AKC trial since December, 2019.

BEYOND THE OBEDIENCE RING

We have all seen Steve Markowitz's two black labs at training, Barkley and Riley. Steve has not only been doing Open with Barkley but he is also working on his Junior Hunter title. He has taken some videos to show everyone what he and Barkley have been doing when not practicing Open exercises. Enjoy seeing some of the other things Steve and Barkley and Riley are involved in. Field training is a lot of fun and exciting to watch. A lot of the Utility exercises are taken from what the field trained dogs do.

Barkley – Blind Retrieve

In this exercise, two bumpers are thrown for Barkley to retrieve. After being released and retrieving the second thrown bumper, Barkley needs to remember where the first one landed, and then retrieve it to my hand.

<https://youtu.be/ZKF3InKqTHY>

Barkley – Double Retrieve

As Barkley prepares for his AKC Senior Hunt Certification, he must trust that where I point (direct) him, that the line will take him to the item to be retrieved. In this exercise, Barkley does not know where the bumper has been placed and I merely released him in a straight line to the item. In this case, he went in that line until retrieving the bumper. Great job by Barkley.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sk-hscwigVk&feature=youtu.be>

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

You live for that mystical instant when you look into your dog's eyes and realize 'WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'. Because you enjoy solving the puzzle of life with a creature with whom you have nothing—and everything—in common. Diana Kerew-Shaw



Dashing Through the Snow

Welcome 2021...



New Year's Resolutions for the Dog's Sake

Simple ideas for dog-related resolutions are plentiful. Here are 10 possibilities.

1. Leave that cell phone in your pocket on walks so that you are truly present and spending time with your dog. It's the time you spend together that builds the relationship, and this is one of the easiest ways to enjoy each other's company.
2. Try a new activity with your dog. Classes in agility, tracking, fly ball are common in many areas. Hiking, weight pulling, dock jumping, herding, lure coursing and canine freestyle are just a few of the other possibilities.
3. Provide better nutrition for your dog. This is a big task for most of us, but even a few simple steps can make a difference. Try a higher quality dog food, add fresh vegetables to your dog's diet or vow to measure your dog's food for every meal so there's no risk of overfeeding.
4. Give back to the canine community. There are so many ways to help out such as walking an elderly neighbor's dog, volunteering at a shelter or rescue, fostering a dog, or giving money to an organization that improves the lives of animals.
5. Teach your dog something new. Practical training skills such as walking nicely on a leash, waiting at the door or a solid stay all pay big dividends. Other possibilities are to teach your dog a new game so you can play together more. Fetch, tug, find it, hide and seek, and chase games are all options, though depending on your dog, not every game may be a good fit.
6. Make plans for your dog in the event that you die first. Financial planning so you can provide for your dog when you are no longer here as well as making arrangements for someone to be the guardian for your dog are two important steps.
7. Give your dog more exercise. This can be daunting so plan to make one small improvement to start. Perhaps add 10 minutes to a weekend walk or set up a play date with a dog buddy a couple of times a month. When it comes to increasing activity, every little bit helps, so taking one step in the right direction is a wonderful goal at this, or any, time of year.
8. Take better care of your dog's teeth. Consult with your veterinarian about a dental cleaning or about brushing at home. Dental care helps improve overall health and can make your dog's breath more pleasant, too.
9. Make plans in case of a medical emergency. Whether it is putting aside a little in savings each month or investigating pet insurance, the peace of mind that you've got it covered in the event of an emergency is worth a lot.
10. Go new places with your pet. Novelty is great fun for most dogs, so try to go a few new places this year. Perhaps a new pet store or a new hiking trail will provide your dog with an experience that is really enjoyable.

Love them or hate them, New Year's resolutions are common this time of year. Do your plans include any dog-oriented New Year's resolutions?

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by President Chuck Achenzie. President Achenzie noted that there were 19 members in attendance and 25 via conference call.

Minutes

The membership had before it for approval the minutes of the general meeting held on October 14, 2020. No corrections or additions were noted. Joanne Stock moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website. The motion was seconded by Barbara Grotzinger and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

President Achenzie read the Treasurer's Report

No corrections or additions were noted to the Treasurer's Report. Debbie Achenzie moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Jacqui Hartranft and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence Report

Terry Papineau reported that she received correspondence from the AKC approving the point show scheduled for May of 2021.

Membership Report

Debbie Achenzie presented her Membership Report

There were four first readings:

Julie Lebouitz, Golden Retriever - (Present)

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

Holly Huff , Wirehaired Dachshund - (Present)

Rosanna Ruffing, Doberman - (Present)

Training Director's Report

Phyllis Broderick presented her Training Director's Report

*See report below

Committees

Website

Steve Markowitz reported that everything is up to date on the website.

Publicity

Dusty Springer presented her Publicity Report

This month's Member of the Month Article features Carol McCarthy. As previously stated, the ADTC board has been informed that as of January 1, 2021, I am relinquishing my position on the publicity committee. Many thanks to all club members for making this a most enjoyable experience.

Dusty Springer ADTC Publicity

President Achenzie thanked Dusty for all her time and effort handling Publicity for the last few years and starting the member of the month in the newsletter. He also noted that the Board is looking for a replacement. If anyone is interested, they should contact either Dusty or President Achenzie.

Newsletter

Jacqui Hartranft noted the membership should get submissions in by five days before the end of the month and submissions should be sent to both Jacqui and Debbie Achenzie.

Sunshine

Sympathy cards were sent to:

Dan Bixler on the passing of his wife, Ginny

Lois Glass on the passing of her husband, Jack

Bill and Dusty Springer on the passing of their Labrador Retriever, Sammy

Debbie Petrusjanz on the passing of her dog, Trippy

President Achenzie thanked Dorothy Wesley for handling Sunshine and announced he and Debbie Achenzie will be handling Sunshine beginning January 1, 2021.

Mat Coordination

There are currently no problems concerning the mats.

Awards and Certificates

President Achenzie announced that the form to complete for awards earned in 2020 is on the website. The form needs to be submitted prior to the deadline of December 31, 2020 and include a copy of the AKC certificates.

Nominating Committee

President Achenzie read the slate filed with the Board of Directors by the Nominating Committee. There were no nominations from the general membership.

Dusty Springer moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Joanne Stock and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The general membership will vote on the new Board of Directors at the January 2021 meeting.

Point Show

Lois Linker noted Debbie Achenzie sent an email to the general membership on November 24, 2020, with all the information currently available on the point show. If there are any questions Lois Linker should be contacted.

Old Business

A reminder to wear a mask and maintain a 6' social distancing during club training while in the building.

New Business

President Achenzie thanked the membership for their patience and understanding during the difficult times in 2020, and wished everybody happy holidays.

General Business

The next board meeting will be held on January 24, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at Macungie Park. The meeting is open to the membership.

The next general meeting will be held on January 13, 2021, 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 Terry Papineau and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McCarthy

Recording Secretary

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB Training Director Report

December 9, 2020

Wednesday Club training classes and Dusty's Novice class ended December 2nd & 3rd. December 16th & 17th will be free open ring time in lieu of classes.

Anna's Open and Utility classes will end December 17th.

Linda's Advanced & Excellent rally classes end December 10th . On December 17th Linda will set up a course and go over handling and scoring for the students who took the Advanced & Excellent class.

Carol is conducting a Beginner Class and this week will be week #2 of a 7 week session.

There will be no classes December 23rd, 24th, 30th and 31st.

Classes will resume Wednesday and Thursday, January 6th and 7th with all new 6 week sessions, by pre entry only. Class size limited to 10 students in each class. Rally will start January 7th with a Master's class.

Connie Cleveland Seminar has been re-scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 20th & 21st.

Ring Rental: \$25 whole floor; \$15 half floor, open for rental from 1 to 5:15pm. Linda Krepak has reserved half the floor for December 10th & 17th from 1 to 2pm. Dave Dock and Anne Wheeler rent half the floor on an ongoing basis from 4:15 to 5:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Broderick