



BARKS & BYTES NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the Allentown Dog Training Club **September** issue of BARKS & BYTES.

Welcome to our September issues of BARKS & BYTES. We managed to get through August despite incredibly hot, humid weather and car shows.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel many of our classes because of the weather. We knew about the scheduled car shows when the Park and building will be unavailable to us. There will be a few times in the next two months that there will be scheduled events when again we cannot use the Park. One coming up will be the Blue Mountain Cluster on September 12 to the 15 and the other will be the Hatboro Kennel club and a very large Terrier breed show in October.

Also, Terry has the new schedule up for when we will go inside on September 18. There is a nice selection of classes which you may be interested in! **Do not wait too long to enter.** Please be aware that at this point we only have the building available to us two days, Wednesday, and Thursday. Wednesday is only from noon on. Many things to do with your dog!

- The BLUE MOUNTAIN CLUSTER at Macungie Park
 - the ADTC new training schedule of classes
- Our upcoming obedience/rally trials and match shows starting October 31

Check them out on dogmatchshows.com.

. Lots of things to consider entering if you feel your dog is ready. If not, there are a good number of match shows within a reasonable drive. ...

And do not wait to enter as they frequently fill quickly.

So, enjoy the March BARKS & BYTES.

– all the best, *Jacqui*



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2024 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

2024 ADTC officers

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Newsletter editor:	Jacqui Hartranft
Newsletter co-editor:	Stacey Nash



*Seeking a replacement for 2025

NOTE: Our general membership meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month. Please note that they are now starting at 7:00. The upcoming membership meeting will be on **September 11th**.

Please note: Debbie Achenzie is resigning. Please contact her if you can help. bullies@ptd.net

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GROUP EMAIL

We hope that everyone has signed up for the group email.

The group email is: ADTC-MembershipGroup@groups.io

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Ginger Hertzke, Member of the Month

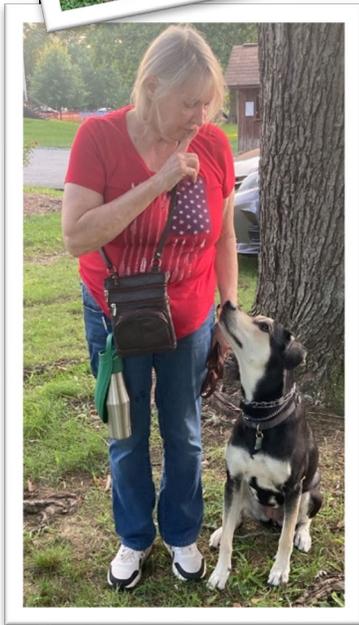
My journey began in September 2022. I found Penny on a rescue site describing Penny as a mixed shepherd weighing 13 lb at 3 months. I was trying to find a dog that would be about 45/55lb full grown. I adopted Penny at 3 1/2 months and she was 22lb. How is that possible? She is now 66 pounds. So much for having a smaller dog. Penny is very smart and learns quickly but preferred to do her own thing. Many times, she would throw herself backwards on her leash and have temper tantrums. Within three weeks I was sure I had ruined my life. She is very strong, and I believed she was more than I could handle. Penny was not fun.

She has repeated advanced beginner class about 5 times, I think. I have lost track. We train in rally and nose work also, and I believe she can move onto novice class soon. She qualified in novice rally in her first competition during the ADTC show in May. (it was not a pretty sight). I think, the judge felt sorry for me. When sitting in front of me and told to return to heel position on my left side, Penny leaps up into the air and somehow lands on my left side. I wish I could see her do that ... because anyone who sees her do it laughs. And so, they did at the competition in May. Following Gails's suggestion, I play a (find me) game with Penny. She waits in the kitchen on a sit, wait until I call her after hiding in the house. She always finds me, but imagine, she will (actually) wait in the kitchen until I call her. Amazing.

Penny makes us laugh every day. She does the funniest things. She has never destroyed anything in the house and is let loose in the house anytime we go away. I am happy I didn't give up on Penny. She is a terrific dog, and I hope she will be successful in more competitions. It is finally enjoyable going for a walk with Penny as well.

Thank you to all the trainers and club members that have given me encouragement and advice helping Penny achieve her full potential. I believe there is a lot more to come.

Gratefully,
Ginger and Penny



FALL MATCH SHOW & OBEDIENCE/RALLY POINT SHOWS

September 2 Allentown Dog Training Club's Second Annual Fall Obedience and Rally Trials will open.

There will also be a member's only rally match and an obedience match that is open to the public. Both Open and Utility have filled in the obedience match which is on DogMatchShows.com, however at the time of this writing one Novice left and there are still some Beginner Novice openings available. For you newer members or those starting a new dog, what a wonderful opportunity for you and your dog to get ring experience. In a match, there is a judge, but you can work on whatever you need to in the time allotted. **So do not wait if you were thinking of entering the Beginner Novice match.**

Gail and Terry will be looking for stewards for that week and weekend as well. Do not wait too long to enter as shows can fill very early. Look for the premium list on <https://showentries.info/> close to the September 2 opening date. For new members, if you are not sure if you and your dog are ready and what you should enter, talk to your trainer who can advise you.

This will be a very busy and exciting time for Allentown Dog Training Club members! It starts:

- Wednesday October 30 which starts off with a Rally match for members.
- Thursday is the public AKC Rally trial
- Friday, November 1 is the members only obedience match
- Saturday, November 2 is the public obedience match (which is almost filled)
- Sunday, November 3 is the public Obedience trial point show.

So, keep these dates in mind as they will be here before we all know it!!

AND DO NOT WAIT TO SEND IN YOUR ENTRIES!!!

TRAINING

You are aware by now, **the Fall Training schedule is out.** If you did not get a copy of it, you will find it on our website. Be sure to check it out. Most of the classes will start on September 18. If you are a prior student of these classes, you should have been contacted by your trainer to check to see if you want to continue. Please do not hesitate to sign up. We only have the building for one and a half days. Terry is trying to get everyone accommodated. Classes usually fill quickly. Drop-ins are available if any class has not been filled. **Hopefully, everyone got into the classes that they wanted to.**

Also, **the building and the Park will not be available to us the first week in October.** The Hatboro KC has rented the building and the grounds. Following that event, a large terrier show takes over the Park. Unfortunately, it is breed only for both those shows. It is supposed to be the one of the largest 'Terrier only' shows in the area. (if not in the country.)

Finally, everything should be back to normal. In the Fall and heading into winter, we may have to worry about the weather once again. Not because of training outside... but getting to training on bad roads, slippery parking lots and steps. Just a reminder to check your emails when you know the weather will be back to be sure we are having training.

MEMBERSHIP

Debbie Achenzie reports the following new members.

WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!
We hope to see everyone at Club training.



Please welcome the following new member.

Nicole Baker
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Leonberger

WEBSITE

Steve Markowitz asks that you check out the website from time to time to look for any new information and changes to our training schedule. Steve can be reached at: smarko1@rcn.com

DOG DAYS OF AUGUST:

National Pet Insurance Month
National Service Pet Month
September 22-28th – Deaf Pet Awareness Week
September 22-28th – National Dog Week



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Suburban Dog Training Club will be having a SNIFF & GO on September 22 in Lansdale at the North Penn Animal Hospital. For those who may wonder what this is, it is a Nosework match which you do not often find. Each dog has three indoor searches and one outdoor, weather permitting.

Please see <https://dogmatchshows.com/> for more information and to enter.

Do not hesitate if you are interested as it is half full already. And while you are checking out the Nosework match and our match shows, be sure to check at other match shows that are listed each month. The German Shepherd Rescue in New Ringgold, about an hour from Macungie, has a match each month starting in September. It has two rings, one for Open and one for Utility. Novice and Beginner Novice is scheduled after the open and utility. It does fill so again, do not wait to enter. Suburban DTC also sponsors obedience match shows and so does Dauphin DTC and other clubs.

All within a reasonable drive. Be sure to check out <https://dogmatchshows.com/>

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

With the summer heat this year and then into Fall and Winter wouldn't it be nice to find a building where you can rent and do some training by yourself or with a friend? Well, there is such a place near to Macungie on Dillingersville Road in Zionsville, near to where I live. ADTC member Liz Long has a great building with super flooring (like Colmar flooring), all the equipment you will need, such as gates, jumps, etc. KanDo dog training Club does use it but there are many open dates during the day and in the evening. The rent is \$30 an hour. I rent it every Friday morning. If you are interested get in touch with Liz Long who is a member of ADTC at 610-967-2085 or k9langtal7@yahoo.com.

PUBLICITY

Jennifer Weidman is looking for someone to take over the Macungie Halloween Parade for this year. She is having a conflict with the Topton parade this year which will be at the same time as the Macungie Parade. She is looking for someone to help with the Parade this year. So please get in touch with her at 610-216-5326 or email at weidman@kutztown.edu. Everyone had a great time at the Parade in the years that we participated in it. Jennifer will let know anyone interested what must be done.

SUNSHINE

Thankfully everyone and their dogs are doing well!! However, due to changes happening in their life right now, Debbie and Chuck Achenzie are both resigning as head of the Sunshine Committee.

Many, many thanks to Sherry Hanley!

She has offered to take over this important job of letting members know that we are all thinking of them when life throws them a curve.

Please get in touch with her fuzzybadge38@msn.com or 610 767-4537 (H) or 484-347-6116.

ACHIEVEMENTS

CORRECTION: I had reported that Linda Kerpak's dog, NYXIE, earned her FETCH novice title in last month's BARKS & BYTES. I had her name spelled wrong, this is the correct spelling.

Steve Markowitz reported that CODY earned his Jr Hunter title on August 10, 2024 at the Retriever Club of Northeast PA. This was his fourth and final leg. Cody will be working on earning his Senior Hunter title next. Cody also is learning all about Open and Utility Obedience, so he is a busy boy.

BIG BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVE AND CODY!



This is really not an ACHIEVEMENT but **my little girl, Sundog's DJ Abbey of Stoney Hollow just turned 10 years old the end of August.** It is so hard to believe that it will be 10 years since she came into our lives. And what 10 years it has been quite a journey for both of us!

She and I as a team have accomplished more than I could have ever hoped for. So, I am hoping we will have many more years together seeing what other things we can do and accomplish.

HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABBEY!! Love Jacqui!



We would like to end the newsletter with BARKLEY'S STORY written by Steve Markowitz.

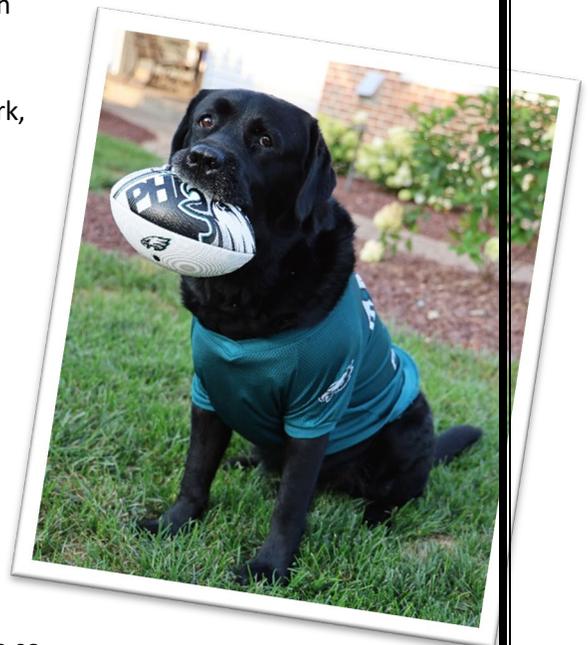
Barkley has been doing therapy dog visits for a long time and this is a small blurb of how appreciative people are of his visits. Many many thanks to Barkley making a difference in many peoples' lives.

From Steve Markowitz, our website guy:

Seven-year-old Barkley, named after Philadelphia Eagles football running back Saquon Barkley, has excelled as a Registered Therapy Dog. His visits include the Lehigh Valley International Airport, assisted living facilities, schools and hospitals including the pediatrics unit. While I work with Barkley in Obedience and fieldwork, Ann Marie is Barkley's partner for Therapy work. Barkley is very good with children and this week worked at a hospital with a young patient. Later that day she received the following email from a hospital staff member who attended the visit:

"I just wanted to thank you one more time for your time and availability today. [Patient] loved Barkley and his visit with him made a huge difference! After the visit, staff said that [Patient] was engaging with everyone and was much more interactive, completely different from this morning prior to the visit."

It gives us great joy to see Barkley bring happiness to so many people. Barkley, a gentle giant, has become a wonderful Therapy Dog.



2024 ADTC CALENDAR

The monthly Board Meeting is open to members last Sunday of each month (6pm)
General Meeting 2nd Wednesday of each month 7 pm

SEPTEMBER

September 1 Opening date for ADTC fall Rally and Obedience trials entries at Macungie Memorial Park
September 12-15 Kennel Club Dog Shows - may impact our classes.
we go indoors

OCTOBER

October 2,3,4,6 — Kennel Club Dog Shows – impacts our classes.
Oct 30 ADTC rally match at Macungie Memorial Park
Oct 31 ADTC rally show at Macungie Memorial Park

NOVEMBER

November 1-3 is ADTC 2nd annual dog show at Macungie Memorial Park
Details from Terry:
Nov 1. Obedience match. Members only
Nov 2. Match open to public.
Nov 3. Obedience show

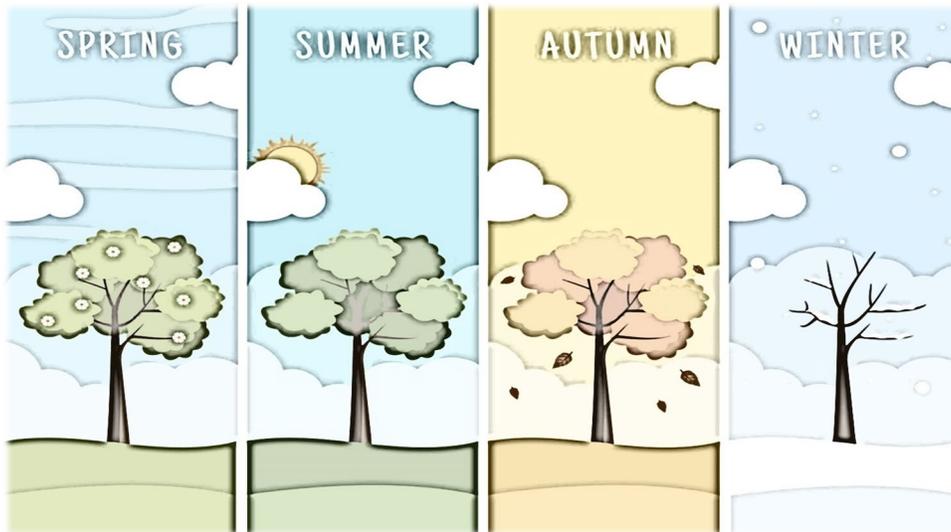
DECEMBER

December ADTC Annual Christmas Party at Macungie Memorial Park
December 11 -12 Lehigh Valley Kennel Club show at Agri Plex, Allentown

note: dates are subject to change please check for updates.

quick links: <https://www.allentowndogtrainingclub.com/information/>

Macungie memorial park calendar of events: <http://www.macungiepark.com/calendar.html>



PLEASE NOTE: If anyone is looking to put anything in the newsletter, please contact us!

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ALLEN TOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.

General Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2024

Macungie Park

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Thank You for including this report in the minutes.
Debbie Achenzie
Membership

Motion by Terry Papineau to accept the 2 new members. The motion was seconded by Edie Rysdyk and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Training Director's Report – Terry Papineau: report on page 7

COMMITTEES:

Website – Steve Markowitz.
no report

Publicity – Jennifer Weidman
Paw Prints on the Canal had a small turn out but talked to a lot of people.
Halloween parade will be in October. Dates to be announced.

Newsletter – Jacqui Hartranft & Stacey Nash:

Jacqui Hartranft announced the deadline for the next newsletter is due July 25th. Jacqui requested that members send their brags and pictures to be published in the Newsletter. Please send information and pictures to Stacey Nash: staceyhayesnash@gmail.com or Jacqui Hartranft: japhart@ptd.net

Sunshine committee Debbie & Chuck Achenzie

A get well card was sent to Joanne Sora and a sympathy card was sent to Katie Dyer on the passing of her Golden Retriever, Bunny.

Donation Committee - Cris Courduff

The Board has received a list of donations submitted by Cris Courduff on behalf of the Donation Committee. The Board reviewed the list at the April and May Board Meetings and tabled the request until the August Board Meeting.

Awards and Title Recognition – Judy Lasso & Pat Gombocz

no report

Awards Picnic - Chuck Achenzie and Bill Springer

This year's Awards Picnic was well received and enjoyed by everyone in attendance. There were 66 people registered for the event. Next year's picnic will be held on June 7, 2025 at the Lion's Pavilion. Contract for pavilion is signed and will be given to Amy with a \$90.00 check. Picnic will once again be catered by A & L Catering.

Chuck will check with Linda to see if the deposit was sent.

Point Show – Gail James

absent - President Chuck Achenzie read report
Everything is on schedule for the shows this fall. Also, May 2025 shows have been set up on the website. Stewards for September 12-14 shows are still needed. Please contact Gail James or Phyllis Broderick if you can help.

Old Business: no report

New Business:

Jacqui went to a Fetch Trial. She wanted to mention what a fun sport this is for you and your dog. Jacqui suggested to check out a trial and possibly have a future discussion on our club holding a trial. Fetch is Pass or Fail and the lower levels of competition are easy to pass.

Chuck thanked everyone for their cards and well wishes as he continues his medical treatments.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The next Board meeting will be held on August 25, 2024 at 6:00PM. in Macungie Hall. Open to the membership.
- The next General Meeting will be held on August 14, 2024, at 7:00 PM Outside at Macungie Park

- Don't forget our Staples number is 610-439-2800

Braggs:

5 members announced brags. Congratulations to all!

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the general membership Katie Dyer moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Edie Rysdyk.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Achenzie adjourned the meeting at 7:24PM

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Krapf, Recording Secretary

ADTC GENERAL MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT

Income/Expense by Category - July 23, 2024

5/08/2024 through 7/23/2024

	5/8/2024
Category	7/23//2024
INCOME	
Dues	\$ 245.00
Investments	\$ 328.25
Picnic	\$ 670.00
Point Show Income	\$ 4,727.00
Training Income	\$ 7,443.01
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 13,413.26
EXPENSES	
Advertising	\$ (106.60)
Awards	\$ (2,111.80)
Clothing	\$ (66.00)
Insurance	\$ (51.75)
Misc. Expense	\$ (142.92)
Picnic	\$ (1,555.47)
Point Show - May	\$ (4,567.37)
Seminar Exp.	\$ (8.99)
Storage Unit	\$ (416.00)
Telephone	\$ (159.63)
Training - Rent	\$ (2,120.00)
Training Exp	\$ (7,334.00)
Website	\$ (177.02)
TOTAL EXPENSES	-\$18,817.55
OVERALL TOTAL - PROFIT	-\$5,404.29

CHECKING & MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS - 07/23/2024

Account	Balance
BANK ACCOUNT	
Truist Checking	\$ 7,133.56
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$ 7,133.56
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	
Truist CD	\$ 50,000.00
Truist Money Market	\$ 6,152.85
Vanguard Money Market	\$ 32,636.25
TOTAL Investment Account	\$ 88,789.10
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 95,922.66

Training Director's Report April 10, 2024

Weather has wreaked havoc with the classes so everything is drop ins. If there is a cancellation the instructor teaching the class will send out an email informing the membership. Within the next couple of weeks the new schedule will come out. According to the responses to the mini survey I sent out, we will have some new classes including conformation, teaching utility and nighttime Rally class, level yet to be determined

The only date in August we are not having classes is week of August 19. Date going inside yet to be determined

I knew I mentioned having a practice ring for open and utility but we only have one public class so I'm only here from 6 to 7 so if you want to have free practice for an hour we can do that but you must tell me you are coming in advance