

BARKS & BYTES NEWSLETTER

March

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Welcome to the ADTC **March** issue of the Barks & Bytes

Welcome to our snowy and icy newsletter, or at least this is what it is as I am writing this! We have not had a winter like this in years—an old-fashioned Pennsylvanian winter!! I hope that this month, **March**, will bring us some days of spring like temperatures and sunshine.

.....I will add what a time to have a puppy!!! I waited two years for this little guy (my new puppy of 2025). His name is Tucker. He is a good little boy in spite of having to go out in 0 degree temperatures, ice (my worry) snow & wind at night. Abbey and Cooper are adjusting to him and our changes here at home. I hope that all of you and your dogs have dealt with this very cold, snowy and icy weather reasonably well. Due to our harsh winter, ADTC needed to cancel classes. Our trainers and ADTC do not want members to try to come to class when it is dangerous to drive and walk. *(I know I am afraid of ice and falling, especially at my age!!!)*

With the unfortunate cancellations, we hope that you are keeping up with some things at home. As mentioned before, there are some things you can do in the house. For example:

- working on straight front and finishes. Those half points can really add up quickly.
- If you have room, do some short retrieves
- or if you have a novice dog start to introduce him or her to a dumbbell. ...even have them retrieve a rolled-up glove as well.
- If you are a member of Connie Cleveland's Obedience Road, she has many ideas what you can do in a limited space. She has videos of working with a little terrier puppy in her kitchen. She has many good ideas you can use for adult dogs as well.

But we are hoping that March will be much kinder to us than February has been. As you know March comes in like a lion and leaves like a lamb!

So, enjoy the BARKS & BYTES.

— all the best, *Jacqui*



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2025 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Be sure to attend the next general meeting March 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM

The 2025 board of directors and officers are listed below.

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Sunshine coordinator:	Sherry Hanley



NOTE: Our general membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month.

This coming month it will be March 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM



ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GROUP EMAIL

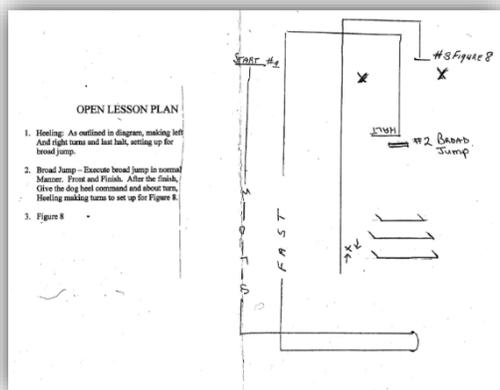
The group email is: ADTC-MembershipGroup@groups.io

TRAINING

The training schedule will remain the same. There will be some classes which will have to be made up or credited so be sure to check emails as end dates have changed. As I write this, we may have more bouts of bad weather. March also can be unpredictable. ...Years ago, we got HUGE snowstorms in this month!! So be sure to check your emails to find out what is happening each week.

Phyllis was not well and now feeling much better. She had a bad bout with the flu last month. Many thanks to Dusty and Debbie for filling in for her. Phyllis was supposed to rest....so she took advantage of this “free” time to think up some things for her students try at training. She asked us to include this “map” with the newsletter. It is for ‘Open’ students but anyone in novice can give it a try at home. You can make a temporary broad jump by just putting down a board or similar thing you might have around at home. Most of you might not have jumps but you can improvise. Get creative!

- **OPEN LESSON PLAN BY PHYLLIS (full size map at the end)**
 - It consists of a brief heeling pattern with ‘slow’ and ‘fast’, ‘about turn’ and ‘left’ and ‘right turns’ with a ‘halt’ at the end of the heeling pattern (at the broad jump). Once the dog has done the broad jump and come to ‘heel’ position, you will start the new heeling pattern. Make a ‘right’ turn at the end, go a short distance, make another ‘right’ turn to perform the ‘figure 8’.
 - It is a lot of fun and it is a great way to practice heeling with a little broad jump thrown in. You can do as much or as little as you have the room for and/or if the weather co-operates! Do it in your yard, driveway or parking lot. Have fun with it! ...we are sure Phyllis will be thinking up more exercises!! You can follow the diagram & arrow, so you do not get confused.
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MEMBERSHIP

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

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Welcome
Glad you're here!

ADTC AWARDS PROGRAM

We are hoping that everyone who is going to be recognized this year at our awards picnic, has sent Judy Lasso a copy of their AKC certificate. Since we are an AKC affiliated club we can only honor AKC titles. (That does not mean that other titles from different organizations cannot be recognized by our Club. These titles can be listed under ACHIEVEMENTS each month.

We love to honor all who have earned titles no matter who what or where.)

WEBSITE

Steve Markowitz is always looking for members to send him pictures of your dogs. They can be dogs having fun, playing with other dogs, anything you think the members would love to see. Do check out the website as it lists all our classes, back newsletters and minutes from prior meetings.

Steve can be reached at: smarko1@rcn.com

SPRING SHOW



Our Spring Point show will be held on May 17 at the Orchard Hill training Center outside of Barto. This is where it has been held for the last several years and last year Berks Dog Training Club joined us on Sunday which makes it a great 2-day weekend for those looking for points in Obedience and Rally. They will be joining us again and this year offering Rally as well as Obedience! Be sure to mark it on your calendars. Don't forget to mark the all-important opening date of April 2 for both Allentown and Berks. (The last few years opening dates have become more and more important because shows are filling quickly. All we can say is not to wait but enter the day if possible.)

Additionally, we always need volunteers to help set up, tear down, stewards and additional helpers.

Gail James is the Chairperson of ADTC will be letting everyone know what help is needed. Since the newsletter only comes out monthly, please check the members' email for information regularly.

A PLACE TO TRAIN

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 contact Liz Long, who is a member of ADTC at 610-967-2085 or k9langtal7@yahoo.com.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

MEET MARYANN BEATTY

Hi All! Maryann Beatty, the Irish Setter lady here!

I started my dog training adventure 37 years ago!

I was a young, shy mom with two little

kids. We had just moved into a new house

with a big yard, perfect for dogs. Now,

I've always loved Irish Setters but the

small humans required a lot of attention,

so I didn't think the time was right to

fulfill that dream. I studied the AKC Book of

Dogs and settled on a Cardigan Welsh Corgi.

After numerous calls to breeders, I found myself

with a few kids (mine and friends) in tow

headed out to look at some available puppies.

One particular little pup was very engaging with the

kids, so we brought him home and called him Ben.



Figure 1 The Cardigans

For fun, I registered Ben in a pet obedience class at the Bethlehem YWCA. This class was taught by someone I'm sure many of you remember, Alma Arnold. When Alma spoke, you listened, she was somewhat intimidating, and so I always did my homework! On the evening of the last class Alma approached me and said "This is a good steady dog! You're going to show him! I was scared, but very happy, I had wanted to train dogs since I was a kid but didn't know how to start. With Alma's guidance, my dog training adventure began. I have many happy memories of driving Alma's big yellow boat to shows with Ben, two kids, and a German Shepard or two riding along. The kids loved it, Alma always insisted that we stop for ice cream on the way home!

In 2000, after training two corgis thru Utility, with my youngest headed to college, I was ready to fulfill my Irish Setter dream. I noticed some nice working setters at shows and after being vetted carefully, good setting breeders are very careful where they place their puppies, I brought Harry home! Harry was an amazing dog, he loved showing, I liked to say he had a well developed "hambone". My all-time favorite show happened with Harry at Bloomsburg. We were in Utility and Harry was doing an amazing job. (Harry heeled like a Cadillac) Everything was perfect. We got to the last exercise, the go outs. First go out, beautiful, second go out, well. I said "go out", Harry went, turned, sat, took the jump, sat front, and finished. All I ever



Figure 2 my first HIT with Harry

said was "go out"! He was so happy. The Judge looked scared, like," is this women going to explode?" I just started laughing, you don't train setters without a sense of humor. We won lots of times, but I remember this show the most.

I've worked with many trainers over the years, lots of different methods and philosophies. The best advice I can give is to work with someone who works for you, follow their instructions and practice. A lot of patience helps too.

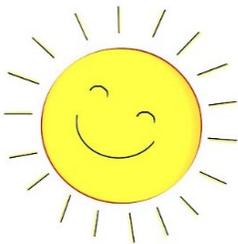


Figure 3 Midge, Gus and Gabe

I like to have what would be a qualifying run at 3 or more match shows before I enter the real thing, it builds confidence in the dog and handler. Finally, have a sense of humor, they're dogs!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share a little bit of my training experiences. Training and showing has been a wonderful experience for me. I get to spend time and have fun with my pups, and I've made some wonderful friends.

SUNSHINE



Although, this is not really old news and was sent out to the membership, but our Amy Hillegass just celebrated her 60th birthday last month. We wish her many many more and hope that she had a great birthday. She does so much for Macungie Park itself and our Club. When you see her, thank her for all she does, and wish her a Happy Birthday!!

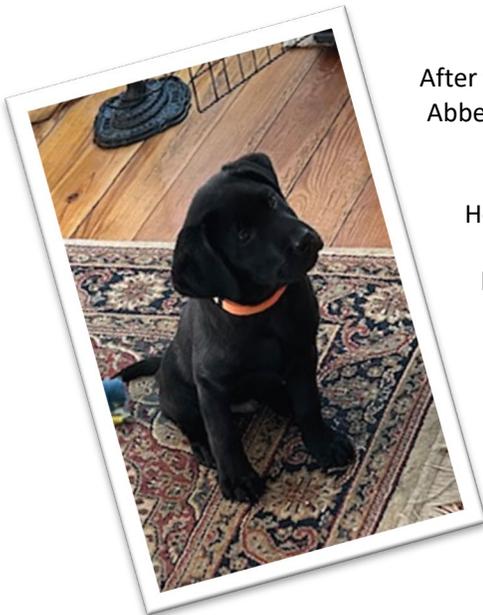
Edie Rysdyk's husband, Joe Quinn, passed away. Joe was a long-time member of Allentown Dog training club and will be missed dearly. Our sincere condolences to Edie and her family during this difficult and sad time. If you would like to send a card to Edie her address is 8832 Valley Road, Fogelsville, PA 18051

Please contact Sherry her email address is: fuzzybadge38@msn.com or 610 767-4537 (H) or 484-347-6116.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New and fun achievements this month!

Terry Papineau announced she now has a new border collie puppy whose name is Knight. She just brought him home the other week and Baci decided he is a keeper. Here he is sleeping on a bed with Baci.



After waiting for about two years for another Sundog to join Abbey and Cooper, we now have Sundog's Racing at Stoney Hollow known as Tucker.

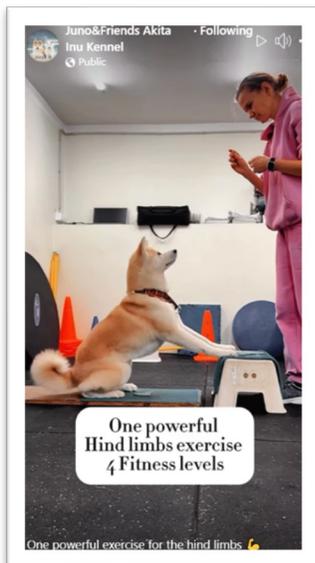
He is a smart and loving little boy but life here has been hectic. He is taking Terry's puppy class right now and later in April he and I will be going to Top Dog for their Competition Puppy class.

2025 PET SPECIAL DAYS

- Mar. 13: K9 Veterans Day
- Mar. 23: National Puppy Day
- Mar. 30: Take a Walk in the Park Day

HEALTH / FITNESS / REHABILITATION

I have recently had to deal with a lameness with my female dog. She was diagnosed with an acute injury which led to a flare up of a chronic issue. Guidance from a wonderful vet and chiropractor has led us to 2 months rest and physical therapy. Now 3 months later my little girl is back! I have found this group on facebook and like to watch and practice some of their movements! It is great to focus on strength and control...it helps all around! <https://www.facebook.com/junos.friends>. – Stacey Milo & Scarlet



“Did you know there’s a difference between dog fitness and rehabilitation?

Rehabilitation focuses on recovering from an injury or surgery, relieving pain, and restoring movement. It often includes medical treatment to help manage pain and aid recovery.

Dog fitness, on the other hand, aims to improve a dog’s overall strength, balance, coordination, endurance, and flexibility. It can also help prevent injuries.

A rehab specialist is usually a vet or works under veterinary guidance. They create the best recovery program tailored to your dog’s needs. That’s why I always recommend visiting a vet first if your dog has any active health issues— it’s essential for creating a safe and effective fitness plan.

Remember: Fitness should only be done if your dog is pain-free and fully recovered from an injury or surgery!” - Juno&Friends Akita Inu Kennel (on facebook)

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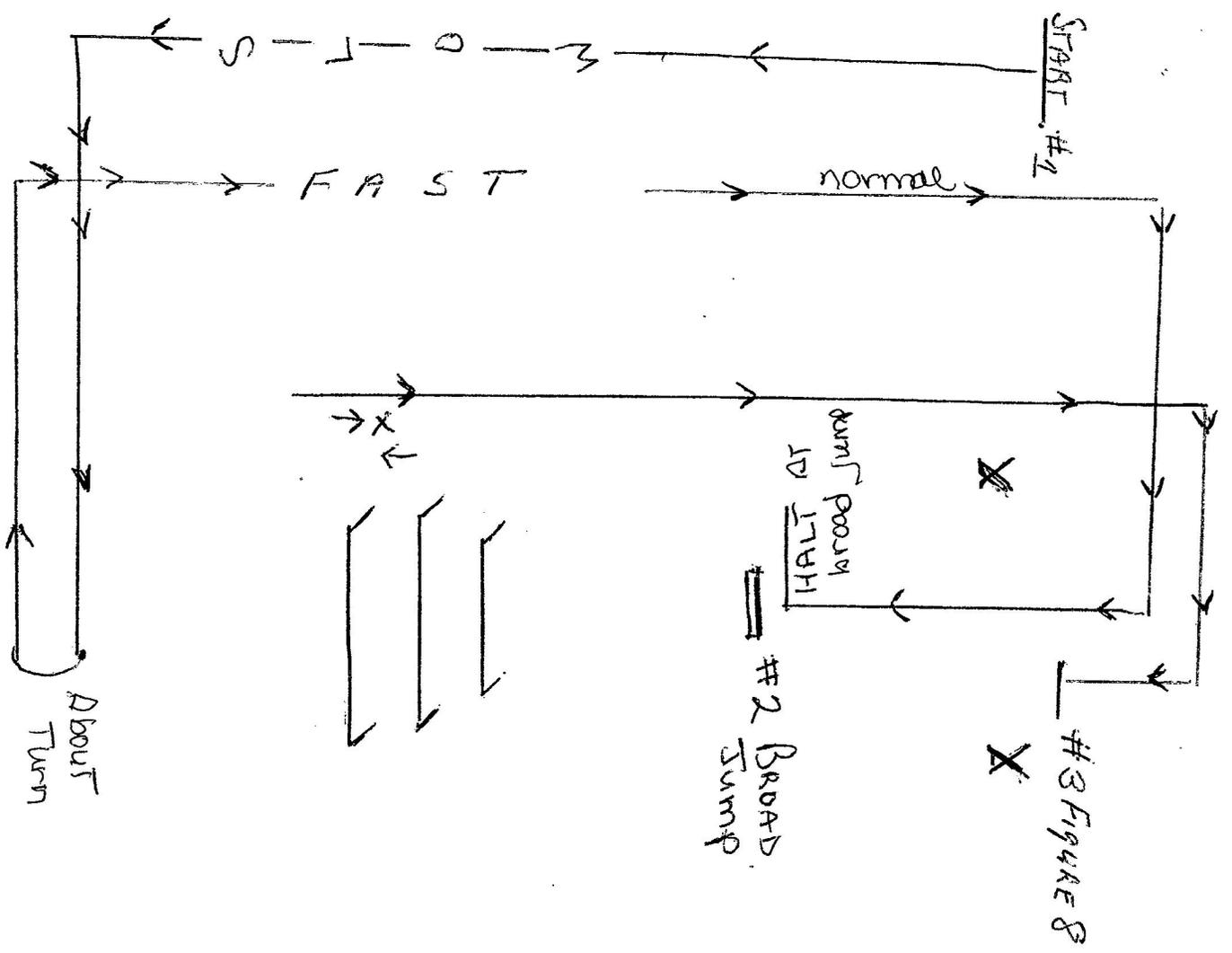
I found this quote online. I loved it as I can relate to it as well as I am sure others in our ADTC club. This was written by someone competing in Utility, but I think anyone competing in Utility, or Open or Novice can agree with it.

UTILITY (NOVICE OR OPEN) ENSURES THAT HANDLERS WILL STAY YOUNG AND ACTIVE FOR MANY YEARS AS THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING TO FIX!!

I found it so funny and yet so true. And I think you might substitute some of the Rally titles in place of the obedience titles as well. Having earned Utility Dog titles on three dogs I know so well how the journey keeps you going!!

OPEN LESSON PLAN

1. Heeling: As outlined in diagram, making left And right turns and last halt, setting up for broad jump.
2. Broad Jump – Execute broad jump in normal Manner. Front and Finish. After the finish, Give the dog heel command and about turn, Heeling making turns to set up for Figure 8.
3. Figure 8





ALLEN TOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.

General Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2025

Macungie Park

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Rebekah Stem-Zmoda present
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Thank You for including this report in the minutes.
Debbie Achenzie
Membership

No Second readings, vote not needed.

Training Director's Report – Terry Papineau:

Terry does not agree with the groundhog's weather prediction.

COMMITTEES:

Website – Steve Markowitz.

no report

Publicity – Jennifer Weidman

2 events coming up: Paws in the Park Sunday May 4, 2025 and Paw Prints on the Canal Sunday June, 8, 2025. Sign ups will be opened soon.

Newsletter – Jacqui Hartranft & Stacey Nash:

Jacqui Hartranft announced the deadline for the next newsletter is due February 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

Also, if you find an article that may interest our members, please send to Jacqui or Stacey for inclusion in the newsletter.

Sunshine committee Sherry Hanley

A milestone birthday card was sent to Amy from Macungie Park.

Point Show – Gail James

- *Premium is done and uploaded on the AKC website
- *Open date is Wednesday April 2, close date is Wednesday April 30th
- *Gail will have Steve put premium information on our website
- *Berks will have the same open and close dates.

Old Business:

New Business:

Information was shared about the possibility of Gebhart's no longer making trophies. Gail will alert Judy to confirm information. Also, our ribbon maker will be scaling back and we will need to find a new ribbon vendor in the future.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The next Board meeting will be held on February 23, 2025 at 6:00PM. in Macungie Hall.
- The next General Meeting will be held on March 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM Inside at Macungie Park
- Don't forget our Staples number is 610-439-2800

Braggs:

2 Members shared brags. Congratulations to everyone that shared their achievements.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the general membership Judy Skorup moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lili Sanderlin. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President, Gail James adjourned the meeting at 7:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Krapf, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

ADTC Financial Report January 9 – February 19, 2025

Income:	\$9,431.39
Expenses:	\$8,120.18
Net Income:	\$1,311.21