



BARKS & BYTES NEWSLETTER



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

Welcome to the October 2025 newsletter!! After a very hot summer with limited outdoor classes, we have JUMPED INTO SEPTEMBER BIG TIME!! Our classes are now in full swing plus we started off in September with a match show. Match shows are one of the best ways to prepare your dog for entering trials. There are monthly match shows put on by several clubs and groups. Several of the main ones and are within an easy drive are monthly. These are:

- the Char Will's German Shepherd RESCUE in New Ringgold
- the Dauphin Dog Training Club on this side of Harrisburg
- Top Dog Obedience School in Flanders, NJ. They are listed among other ones on DogMatchShows.com.

But do not wait to enter them as they do fill quickly . Not only our match show started off the month of September but then we also had the Blue Mountain Cluster. This is an outdoor show as a lot of breed shows are who offer Rally and Obedience. We know that there were some of our members who entered. We hope that all were pleased or learned something from the experience. It is not an easy thing to enter your dog in trials (and outdoor are USUALLY a lot harder than indoor). But it is a good way to see where you are in your training. Just because your dog does well inside our building does not mean they are ready to enter trials in locations where they have never been.

SO BIG CONGRATULATIONS IF YOUR DOG DID WELL AND BIG CONGRATULATIONS FOR ENTERING AND HOPEFULLY LEARNING WHERE YOU ARE IN YOUR TRAINING.

If you feel your dog is ready, we hope that you were able to enter your dog in our upcoming Obedience and Rally trials the end of October. You can do so at www.ShowEntries.com. If you have not entered as yet, do not wait as the deadline is October 15.

- **Tip:** When you read the premium list, be sure to check who the Superintendent is—IT IS NOT ALWAYS RAU!! Many trials use other Superintendents so be sure to read the instructions carefully. While we are speaking about our fall trial and match shows.
- I was asked what was the difference BETWEEN A MATCH SHOW AND A POINT SHOW. Simply, a match show is a pretend trial/show put on by Clubs. The intent is to practice in a real setting. It helps trainers better prepare their dogs to compete in a trial where they are being judged.

- You can enter our members only AND public match show. There is a judge and stewards. You tell them whether you would like a real run-through, just want to work on a few things. You can even just play with your dog. It is your time that you paid for.
- No judging but you can ask the judge to let you know his/her opinion as to how you did. Or ask the judge to correct you when you make a mistake.

I hope that this helps and even if you are not intending to enter a trial at this point. It is just great to take your dog in a ring ..even just to play. It can only help with your training by getting them exposed to different things. Now on to other things that maybe happening in October and beyond.

– all the best, *Jacqui*

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2025 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The 2025 board of directors and officers are listed below.

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

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB GROUP EMAIL

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



TRAINING

We hope that everyone has gotten into the classes they wanted to. Unfortunately, we only have the building from Wednesday at noon through Thursday night. So it is a limited time to get all these classes in. Terry works very hard to please everyone. The list of classes which are all filled with the exception of the two public classes, puppy and beginning obedience. It is very important with the rally and obedience classes to DO YOUR HOMEWORK, especially in the

obedience classes. The Novice classes are the basis for everything including Rally. You need to learn sits, downs, stays, pivots and especially heeling and recalls. THESE THINGS YOU CAN PRACTICE AT HOME! Terry has started the ATTENTION class which is great and to those who are entered please do your homework. Working on attention for one night will not do it. You need to practice almost daily and if you can in different places—which can be in your house or yard. Somethings just take a few minutes but are so helpful.

<u>WEDNESDAYS starting September 17, 2025</u>	<u>THURSDAYS starting September 18, 2025</u>
12:00 noon rental available.	9:00 to 10:30 Open/Utility (Terry)
2:30 to 3:30 Novice Tricks (Judy)	10:30 to 11:30 Teaching Utility (Terry)
3:30 to 4:30 Novice/Advanced Rally (Dusty)	11:30 to 12:30 Novice (Debbie)
4:45 to 6:00 Utility (Phyllis)	12:30 to 1:30 Open (Dusty)
6:00 to 7:15 Open (Phyllis)	2:00 to 3:00 Nosework
7:30 to 8:30 Rally (various levels) (Carol)	3:00 to 4:00 Excellent/Masters Rally (Linda E)
	5:00 to 6:00 Puppy (Maryanne B)
	6:00 to 7:00 Beginner (Maryanne B)
	*7:00 to 7:30 Attention and handling (Terry) <i>followed by</i>
	*7:30 to 8:30 Beginner Novice/Novice (Terry & Gail)

**The attention class is part of the beginner novice/novice class. It must be taken together so this a 90 minute class. No exceptions.*

TRAINING DIRECTORS REPORT

The new schedules are now in effect and we hope that everyone has gotten in the classes they wanted to. When the next schedule comes out, please do not wait to enter.

Our Fall Obedience/Rally Trials are fast approaching. We will need many hands to put this on. This is the third year for it and it has been very successful. Please get in touch with Terry and offer to help. We need helpers to set up, tear down, steward and for the match shows even judges. “Many hands make light work for all!”.

As stated earlier, please have your inhouse match show entries to Terry by October 8. Do not let this opportunity go by to try your dog in a ring/show situation. If you need an application for the inhouse match, please get in touch with Terry asap to send one to you.

MEMBESHIP

Please find the membership renewal form which is due before the end of the year. It is to be sent to Debbie Achenzie whose address is listed on the form. Do not wait until the last minute to renew it. If your membership lapses you will have to go through the membership requirements again.

We did not have any new members to list for this month.

WEBSITE

Steve Markowitz welcomes and urges anyone who has taken some great pictures of your dogs, especially dogs doing things. So let's get some pictures to Steve. He hates to keep putting pictures of his dogs on it. We know everyone must have some photos and we are sure that the membership would love to see them. They do not have to be winning photos or anything like that. It makes our club more welcoming to the public and that we welcome all dogs who like to learn and do things.

If you have any questions give him an email or call.

Steve can be reached at: smarko1@rcn.com

PUBLICITY

Jennifer reports that unfortunately the Topton Parade falls on the same date as the Macungie Parade. Since she and her family live in Topton, it is a big family event. So again she cannot do anything about the Macungie Parade. However she is hoping that someone will take "up the reins" and offer to take it on. The years Dusty ran the Parade entry everyone had a great time from packing the candy to actually they and their dogs walking in the parade or riding in a pickup truck. So, MEMBERS think about it and hopefully there is someone who would be willing to take on the fun project. We are sure Jennifer and Dusty will be able to help and give guidance.

Jennifer also wants everyone to know that she has flyers and business cards with her for anyone who will put them around at vets' offices and other dog places. We have asked her to leave some here in case someone comes in and inquires about classes.

THIRD ANNUAL FALL RALLY & OBIEDENCE POINT SHOW

It has been three years since we had our first Fall trial. Not only that, but in order to help prepare our members, Training Director Terry Papineau has added several match shows, both inhouse and public for everyone to take advantage of. So far all have been very successful. These trials and matches are about a month away—probably closer till we get the newsletter finished and out to everyone. Gail James is the Chairperson once again. The entry came out on September 15 but we understand that it is a full trial, both obedience and rally. Check the September newsletter on our website for more information.

One of the most important things you can do as a member of ADTC is to volunteer to help. Gail will let us know when and what is needed but briefly we need members to help set up and tear down, we need stewards, we will need a few judges for the matches. We know this has been stated earlier BUT IT IS SO IMPORTANT!! There will be more things to be added as we get closer to the time. So please volunteer and do not wait to be asked.

We were just notified by the Superintendent, SHOWENTRIES.COM, that all the public trials are filled which is super!!!

SUNSHINE

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

Sherry Hanley sadly has some news. We do have a list of several who need a Ray of Sunshine..

- Barb Artim, a long time member, former treasurer of ADTC, is seriously ill and in the hospital. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. She is still in the hospital as I write this. And another one of our members is home helping her husband recover from a stroke (but doing well) and cannot come to training which she and her dogs miss terribly. Cards may be sent to 1415 Detweiler Avenue, Hellertown, PA 18055.
- Sara Schrum is now home from the hospital and we are sure she would appreciate calls and cards. Cards may be sent to 2336 Haily Court, Fogelsville, PA 18051 484-225-4445
- Sunshine is needed for Janet Krupp and her Goldens who love to come to training. Janet's husband had a stroke but is at home improving and doing well. She misses training and her friends at ADTC. And her goldens do also!! She would love to have phone calls and cards to keep up with everyone and their dogs and how they are doing until she can get back to training as well as all the doings at ADTC. You can send cards to 26 Kings Road, Telford, PA 18969 Phone number 267-329-8016

ACHIEVEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Okay Members, this is your chance to let everyone know what a wonderful dog you have. You may list not only those so ever important new titles but also other accomplishments that you and your dog have done. Maybe it is just something like staying in the sits and downs at training or going through a Rally course with no mistakes or earning an advanced title. Even though ADTC is an AKC Club we do recognize other titles like CDSP, UKC among others although only AKC titles are recognized in our Awards Program. We all love to read about your accomplishments so send away to Stacey and Jacqui. Stacey and Jacqui love to put it in the newsletter. And even though, we had the Macungie shows we have not gotten any news from our members and we know some of our members and their dogs were there.

And not only that every now and then we get some great photos from members and their dogs which can also be sent to Steve as well for the website.

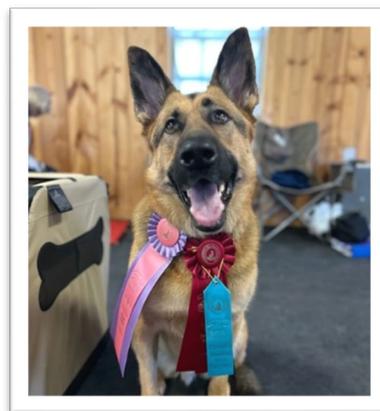


Here is a great picture of the Three Amigos, Frankie, Wicked and Dawn having a great 6th birthday celebration for Frankie. Sent to us by Sue Iobst and Donna Barto.

Stacey Nash would like to announce her Milo received

a Novice title in CDSP in September!

He was a GREAT boy! Thank you to my friends and trainers!



MEMBER/TRAINER SPOTLIGHT

MEET JUDY LASSO! Part 1

Butchie was a dog that roamed our neighborhood. He belonged to the Mullinary's, but he wasn't home much. Butchie was a free spirit and never had to follow any instructions. He was one ugly dog with a body like a long, low pug and a face that looked like a bull dog. His tail curled up over his back and his bottom teeth always stuck out over his top lip. It made him look mean, but he wasn't mean at all.



I never had a dog of my own and I always wanted to take dog training lessons. So when the YMCA offered a dog training class, I borrowed Butchie. That dog had spent so many years on his own that he was not the least bit interested in being told what to do. We only made it through a few classes before I had to give up. I was very sad. Luckily the instructor noticed how sad I was, or maybe she saw some potential in me. Either way, she invited me to be her "assistant". It must have taught me a love for dog training because here I am 30 years later with two dogs of my very own to have fun training. 30 years is a long time to wait to do something you love.

And good old Butchie – he went back to just being a dog. – by Judy Lasso

Finding What I Love – Part 2

Fast forward 30 years, and I finally had a puppy of my very own! I was thrilled—but clueless. At the vet’s office, I noticed a sign for puppy classes. I thought it best to sign up, hoping to learn how to care for and train my new puppy. At that point, all I wanted was a well-behaved companion—nothing more.

What I discovered was unexpected: I loved spending time with my dog, and he was having the time of his life. We kept attending classes, and the joy we shared kept growing. My puppy, Cocoa, was a chocolate cocker spaniel. He was sweet, gentle, and eager to please. One day the trainer suggested I try competing with him. At the time, I had no interest in competition.

Not long after, a conversation at work changed everything. We were talking about how expensive dog classes could be, and a teacher suggested I look into the Allentown Dog Training Club. I will be forever grateful to her! It was there that I found my community—people who loved their dogs, enjoyed training, and shared the same passion I was beginning to feel.

I consider myself very privileged to have trained under Phyllis Broderick in obedience and Clydette Lobach in rally. They took a brand-new dog and handler team and taught us everything we know. I’ve never trained anywhere else but at ADTC, so everything I’ve accomplished—with both Cocoa and Piper—has been a credit to their teaching.

Remember when I said I wasn’t interested in competing? That changed the day I entered my first Rally trial. Cocoa and I did a wonderful job, and I was hooked. It’s like what they say about potato chips—you can’t have just one!

Over the years, Cocoa earned his RN, RA, RE, BN, and CD. Sadly, knee issues forced me to retire him, but he remained my faithful companion, and we enjoyed many happy years together at home.

When Cocoa was six, I brought home Piper, a black and tan cocker spaniel. He was just as sweet and gentle as Cocoa, but more outgoing and absolutely loved people. Piper competed in rally, obedience, barn hunt, nosework, and tricks—and he was also a therapy dog. I never knew which he enjoyed more: working alongside me or visiting people. Unfortunately, Piper developed a disk disease. Because he loved “having fun” (our word for working), it was heartbreaking to retire him, but I couldn’t risk further injury.

Then along came Rocky. Rocky, another black and tan cocker spaniel, is my current teammate. When I first got him, some people at the club told me I’d never be able to compete with him. He’s my wild child—his excitement can go from zero to ten in seconds, and once he’s over the top, he tends to bark and is hard to settle down. But with time, I learned to manage his triggers, and together we’ve earned RN, RA, RE, CD, CDX, Tricks Novice, Tricks Intermediate, and Tricks Advanced, Barn Hunt Novice, and Barn Hunt Open. I’m proud of my boys and everything they’ve accomplished.

Along this journey, I’ve learned so much and enjoyed every minute. Today, I teach nosework and tricks to club members. My students are attentive, enthusiastic, and truly make me look good—it’s a joy to work with them.

If I had one piece of advice for new trainers, it would be this: listen carefully to your instructors, learn from those who have been doing this a long time, and above all—make it fun! My dogs have never realized they were “working.” To them, it’s always been fun and games.

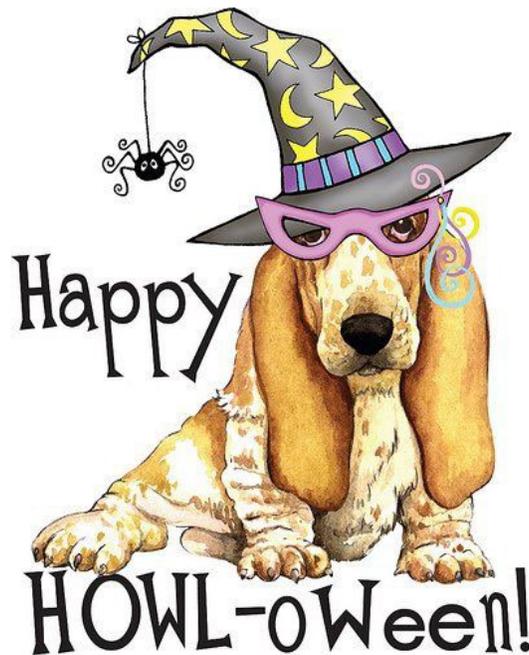
Many of you already know me, but if you don’t—my name is Judy Lasso. Please introduce yourself if we haven’t met yet. I love meeting new people, and I’d be delighted to meet you. – *Judy Lasso*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mary Minnich also wanted members to know that the Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs will be holding their Annual Spaghetti dinner.

This is an annual event which they hold every year. They sell dinner with all the ingredients to take home and prepare. Just in time for those of us who are either entered or are participating in our shows and matches that weekend.

(See the flyer for more information)





ADTC MEMBERSHIP DUES

Your Allentown Dog Training Club dues are due by **January 15, 2026**. Payment of your membership dues by this date allows you to vote at the January meeting, be eligible for awards and continue to train with the club.

Dues received after January 15th will cause your membership to lapse. Please note that no grace period or extensions will be granted. You will have to go through the process to rejoin. Paying \$175.00 for a class of your choice and \$35.00 for dues to re-join the club.

All meeting minutes and membership lists will be posted on the ADTC website.
<https://www.allentowndogtrainingclub.com/>

Complete the form below and **sign the WAIVER** on next page.

1. Make checks payable to **ADTC, Inc.**

2. 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)
- LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP **MUST SIGN THE WAIVER on next page.**
- MARK BOX IF ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION HAS CHANGED
- ADDITIONAL DONATION FOR THE 2026 TRIAL GENERAL TROPHY FUND.
If you wish to donate to a specific class or prize, use the Trophy Pledge form in the Members area of the website.

Name: _____
(including additional household members)

Street: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Breed/Breeds of dogs you own: _____

Please read and sign the WAIVER, RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ASSUMPTION OF RISK and AUTHORIZATION on next page.

ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.
WAIVER, RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ASSUMPTION OF RISK
AND
AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF PHOTOS & EMAIL NOTIFICATION

I understand that my attendance and participation in any Allentown Dog Training Club, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "ADTC") class or activity, including but not limited to, obedience and rally training, is not without risk to myself, my dog(s) or any family member or guest who might be present at such function. Some dogs to which I might be exposed may be difficult to control and/or aggressive towards other canines and people and may be a cause of injury even when handled with care. I expressly assume the risk of such damage or injury while attending any training class or other activity of ADTC or while on the ADTC facilities.

In consideration of the enrollment for training, and as an inducement to my participation in ADTC classes or activities, I hereby waive, release, discharge, and covenant not to sue ADTC, its officers, members and/or agents from any and all liability of any nature, for injury or damage which I, my dog, or any family member may sustain, including specifically, but without limitation, any injury or damage caused by the action of another dog or by participation in the foregoing activities.

In consideration of the enrollment for training and as an inducement to my participation in ADTC classes or activities, I additionally hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the ADTC, its officers, members and agents, of and from any and all claims, causes of action, losses, damages, judgments, costs, or expenses, including attorneys' fees, which in any way arise from my or my family members or guests' acts, omissions and/or negligence, irrespective of whether the acts, omissions and/or negligence of the ADTC, its officers, members and agents, or any third party contributed to the loss.

I hereby certify that I am over the 18 years of age and I have read this paper and am fully aware that this contract constitutes a waiver and release of any and all liabilities because of injury to me, my dog, dogs or other property.

I hereby grant the Allentown Dog Training Club, Inc., including its officers, directors and members (hereafter collectively the "Club") permission to use my likeness in photographs, images and/or videos in any and all of its publications, including web space (internet site) and Facebook, and in any and all other media, whether now know or hereafter existing, controlled by the Club, in perpetuity, and for other use by the Club.

I acknowledge my participation with the Club is voluntary and I will receive no financial compensation, and I will make no monetary claim, or any other claim against the Club for the use of the photographs and/or video.

I hereby hold harmless, release and forever discharge the Club and its members, officers and directors from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, complaints, lawsuits and any other forms of liability that shall arise out of or by reason of, or be caused by the use of any such photographs and/or video.

I Authorize Allentown Dog Training Club, Inc., to send me notifications by use of email.

Signature of

Owner/Member/Participant and Parent _____
(If member is under the age of 18)

Additional Household Member _____

Date _____



All orders
To Go!

...invite you to
attend their...

"PAW-STA" DINNER FUNDRAISER Drive-Thru

(Must pre-order by 22 Oct 2025)

(All proceeds to benefit Therapy Dogs)

WHEN: Saturday Nov 1, 2025

WHERE: Lehigh Lodge
2120 Rt 100

Macungie PA 18062

TIME: 4:00pm to 7:00pm

DONATION: \$10

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

610.428.4213





Annual "Paw-sta" Dinner

Sat Nov 1, 2025



Lehigh Lodge, 2120 Rt 100 Macungie PA

Support your local Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs by picking up a tasty \$10 meal. All orders will be "TO GO" ie "DOGGIE BAGS".

- Orders must be received by Oct 22, 2025
- Email order form to lvtd@lvtherapydogs.org or
- Mail to 4027 W Chew St Allentown PA 18104 or *
- Return completed order form to LVTD member
- Pay by check (LVTD) or cash in advance or at pickup
- Select pick up time below and enter time on forms

(circle your pickup time so you remember)

4:00 4:15 4:30 4:45 5:00 5:15 5:30 5:45
 6:00 6:15 6:30 6:45 7:00

Name _____

Phone _____

Pick Up Time

Pasta with sauce
or

Pasta no sauce

Meatballs
or

No meatballs

Salad

Italian

or

Ranch

or

No dressing

Choc Chip Cookies

or

Brownie

or

Oatmeal Cookies

Name _____

Phone _____

Pick Up Time

Pasta with sauce
or

Pasta no sauce

Meatballs
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Choc Chip Cookies

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