

## SPECIALITY CLASSES

### INTRODUCTION TO NOSE-WORK/ SCENT-WORK

The introductory Nose-Work/Scent-Work class offers each dog the opportunity to let their handler know what they are smelling, where it is located and be given a reward for locating it. Each week will be a progression of skills from pure treat location to locating the AKC scents used in trials. Hopefully owners will enjoy it as much as the dogs. A Canine Good Citizen (CGC) is required.

### TRICKS

Tricks is one of the newer and very popular titles offered by the AKC. As part of the Tricks class, you can expect to strengthen the bond between you and your dog, build confidence, increase your dog's motivation, stimulate their brain to learn more quickly, and improve their physical fitness. This class is a lot of fun and provides several levels of success along the way. CGC is required.

### THERAPY SEMINAR

AKC does not register a therapy dog. Owners will receive specific guidance and assistance on how to get their therapy dog registered with a therapy evaluator. This seminar is not for service dogs. CGC is required.

## LBDTC

### TRAINING MOTTO

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### LBDTC TRAINING SITE

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### WEBSITE

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## LOWER BUCKS DOG TRAINING CLUB

### DOG TRAINING CLASSES



## OBEDIENCE CLASSES

### AKC STAR PUPPY

Early socialization is the main focus of this class. Your puppy is exposed to various experiences that will help develop a confident dog along with some very basic commands.

### OBEDIENCE I (BEGINNERS)

Focusing on five basic behaviors, the Obedience I Class helps owners and dogs achieve success through structured activities and positive dog training methods. Trainers also help owners understand how to use the basic commands at home to turn that unruly bundle of joy into a well-behaved family pet.

### OBEDIENCE II (ADVANCED)

Your dog can become a Canine Good Citizen! The Obedience II Class extends and reinforces the behaviors learned in the Obedience I Class, teaches new behaviors, and ends with you and your dog taking the AKC's Canine Good Citizen Evaluation.

## RALLY CLASSES

### RALLY NOVICE/ADVANCED

Rally Novice training is where the dogs and handlers become teammates/partners. You will have the opportunity to have fun at the Novice level. If you choose to compete, it can lead to earning a Rally Novice title (RN). In Rally Novice all exercises are performed on leash and a series of 10-15 Rally signs are incorporated in any given course.

Advanced training continues preparing dogs and their handlers for the trial ring while working at a high level. Dogs are now off leash and courses consist of 12-17 signs with one jump. The focus level of the Advanced training will vary dependent upon the level and skills of the clients/dogs participating in the combined Novice/Advanced class.

### FOUNDATION SKILLS FOR COMPETITION RALLY

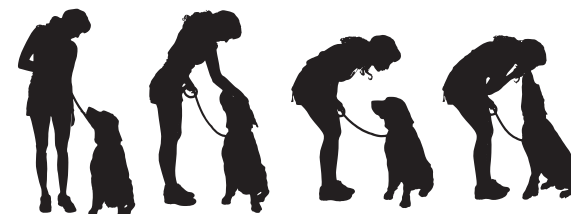
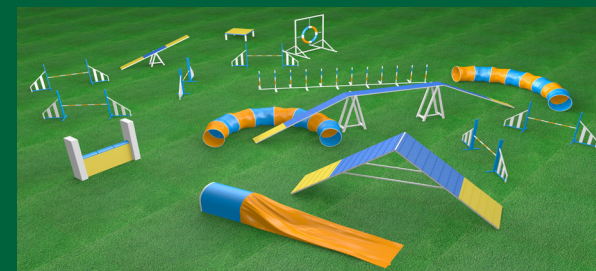
This class teaches competition heelwork and other behaviors related to AKC Competition Rally. It focuses on attention, stationary and moving exercises, hind end awareness, all 3 jumps used as well as stays. You will learn more advanced skills while building a solid relationship between you and your dog. Any dog can benefit from these skills, whether they intend to compete or not. These skills also have great cross-over to other sports, including agility. Dogs attending this class should know the basics: Sit, Down, Come, and Stay. We will continue to build on these skills throughout the weeks.

Note: Canine Good Citizen (CGC) is required to attend Rally classes.

## AGILITY CLASSES

### INTRODUCTION TO AGILITY

Your dog will be introduced to the correct and positive way to learn the use of agility equipment while practicing their obedience skills. Canine Good Citizen (CGC) is required.



## MISSION STATEMENT

LBDTC IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OPERATING UNDER THE FIRM BELIEF THAT IT IS EVERY DOG OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO TRAIN AND SOCIALIZE HIS/HER DOG.

MEMBERS OF LBDTC ARE RESPONSIBLE OWNERS WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELL-BEING OF DOGS, ENJOY ACTIVITIES INVOLVING DOGS, AND HAVE A STRONG DESIRE TO TEACH OTHERS THE MERITS OF TRAINING THEIR PETS.

## LBDTC GOAL

OUR GOAL IS TO PROMOTE GOOD NEIGHBORLY BEHAVIOR IN DOGS BY DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING TAUGHT USING POSITIVE METHODS.

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## About LBDTC

LBDTC is a non-profit, American Kennel Club (AKC) sanctioned organization founded in 1976 by area dog enthusiasts. The club follows a formal constitution that includes seven goals that guide our dog training programs, community initiatives, and social activities. Our by-laws also guide the club.

LBDTC continues to serve the local community by providing the foundation for a balanced dog through affordable training classes, exercise, and calm socialization. All club members are volunteers and own one or more dogs.

The LBDTC training center is conveniently located in the Levittown section of Falls Township. LBDTC has something to offer everyone including fun, learning responsible dog ownership, educational experiences, social events, dog trials, and many opportunities to enjoy a friendly working/social relationship with other dog owners.

## Membership

Club meetings are held at the training center the first Monday of every month and usually run from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. The club does not have meetings in July and August.

Election of club officers is held every fall. All members are asked to serve on one or more of the club's various committees. LBDTC is only as effective as the committees and their volunteer members.

To become a member it's as simple as filling out a membership application and attending three meetings. Each member pays a \$25.00 yearly fee or a \$40.00 yearly fee for a family membership.

Many members enter their dog(s) in companion events sponsored by AKC or other registries to earn titles, ribbons and certificates. Some members share their dogs with the community through therapy and social visits to senior facilities, schools, and libraries. Still, other members choose not to compete or visit facilities. They keep their dogs active in training programs. Other members join just because they love dogs and want to volunteer and be with other dog lovers.

New members, suggestions, and ideas are always welcome. Together we can accomplish great things!

## Our Programs

### Training

We currently conduct dog training classes that are open to the public for AKC Star Puppy, Obedience I (Beginners), Obedience II (Advanced) (including Canine Good Citizen), Rally Novice/Advanced, Foundation Skills for Competition Rally, and Introduction to Agility. These classes are held throughout the year on a regular basis. Classes for Introduction to Nose-Work/Scent-Work, Tricks, and Therapy Seminar are offered dependent on instructor availability.

### AKC Events

LBDTC holds several Obedience/Rally/Agility trials throughout the year. These trials are held off-site at larger facilities. Trial dates are posted on our website.

### Community/Education Initiatives

Professional community guests present topics of interest related to dogs at some of our monthly meetings. Guest presentations are always open to the public. Members and their dogs visit facilities to offer educational topics and comforting social interaction. The club sponsors support for other non-profits, such as food banks by holding semi-annual pet food collections.

### Social Activities

LBDTC organizes events for its members and dogs. Examples include an annual luncheon and awards program and an annual picnic at a local county park.