

## CLASSES OFFERED AS NEEDED

### BEGINNER AGILITY

Your dog will learn the correct way to use the Agility equipment. Learning takes place in a positive environment.

### TRICKS

The Tricks class is one of the newest classes offered by AKC. Dogs learn to do tricks while having a lot of fun.

### PUPPY KINDERGARTEN

Early socialization is the main focus of this class. Puppies are exposed to various experiences that will help them develop into confident dogs. Some basic commands will be taught.

### THERAPY SEMINAR

Owners will receive guidance on how to get their dogs ready to be evaluated for therapy work by a registered therapy evaluator. Passing the Canine Good Citizen test is a basic requirement. The seminar does not prepare dogs for service work.

### COMPETITIVE OBEDIENCE CLASS

This class begins to prepare dogs for Obedience competition. Exercises introduced are those needed to earn titles at Obedience trials.

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# LOWER BUCKS DOG TRAINING CLUB

## DOG TRAINING CLASSES



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### BEGINNER

Focusing on five basic behaviors, the Beginner 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.

### ADVANCED BEGINNER

Your dog can become a Canine Good Citizen. The Advanced Beginner Class reinforces the behaviors learned in the Beginner Class, and teaches new behaviors.



## Titles

### AKC COMPANION DOG EVENTS

Companion Dog Events offer many opportunities for dogs and their handlers to become a working team.

LBDTC trainers will help you explore many training options. Passing a Canine Good Citizen test is only the beginning. Lower Bucks Dog Training Club offers Rally classes which gives you the opportunity to have fun while working with your dogs. These classes promote teamwork and teaches your dogs skills they can use at home and in public places.



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## RALLY CLASSES

### RALLY NOVICE

Dogs and handlers are becoming teammates/partners. This class gives you the opportunity to have fun at the Novice level which 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.

### RALLY ADVANCED

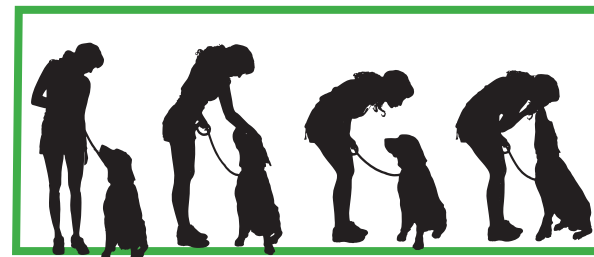
Advanced classes continue to prepare dogs and their handlers for the trial ring while working at a higher level. Dogs are now off leash. Rally courses consist of 12-17 signs and one jump is included.

### RALLY EXCELLENT

The Excellent level is even more challenging. Dogs work off leash, courses consist of 15-20 signs, and two jumps are included.

### RALLY MASTERS

Exercises at the Masters level are very challenging. Dogs work off leash, 15-20 Rally signs are used in each course. There is only one jump included, but no retries are allowed if mistakes are made.



## MISSION STATEMENT

LBDC 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 LBDC 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.

## LBDC 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 has been serving the community for over 40 years. All of its 40 plus 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 Beginner Obedience, Advanced Obedience (including Canine Good Citizen registration), Rally Novice, Rally Advanced, Rally Excellent, and Rally Masters. These classes are held throughout the year on a regular basis. Classes for Puppy Kindergarten, Therapy Seminar, Tricks, Beginner Agility, and Competitive Obedience are held as needed.

### AKC Events

LBDTC holds AKC Obedience and Rally trials every April and an AKC Agility trial every May. These trials are held off-site at larger facilities.

### 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.