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Newsletter of The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club, Inc.

Summer 2020

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Next Meeting

**Zoom Meeting
Monday
September 14, 2020
7:30 PM**

**A Zoom Link will be
sent a few days before
the meeting.**

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Congratulations!

Nancy Andreas tells us La Heroica Tequila (aka, Tequila), earned her Novice Trick Dig title on July 13th. At least we accomplished something positive during these difficult times!!



LBDC 2020 Agility Trials

LBDC Agility Trials
August 22 and 23, 2020

Place: Y2K9 Dog Sports Club

601 Davisville Road, Suite 150
Willow Grove, Pa 19090

[Directions](#)

Judge Sally Gichner both days

[Trial Secretary is Fast Times Agility](#) follow link for more information and premium list.

The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club has been hit financially, because of the cancellation of our Obedience/Rally Trials and training classes. Therefore, if you are able, please make a donation to help us with the costs of the Agility Trials.

Please send donations to our treasurer:
Kris King
33 Boxwood Ln,
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LBDC Board Meetings

The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club had a Zoom Board Meetings on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 and Monday, August 3, 2020

The Board formulated rules and guidelines for opening the training site for individual club members. Please see below. The Training Site is now open to individual members in good standing for the monthly fee of \$25.00.

The Board also drew up guidelines and procedures to conduct obedience classes safely when it is feasible to do so. Please see below

For safety's sake, please do not use the training site for two weeks, if you have been to an area where the Covid-19 virus is surging.

The Board decided to hold the LBDTC Agility Trials on August 22 and 23, 2020.

Florence Brems
LBDTC President

Training Classes

Dear Club Members,

Hopefully, everyone is doing well during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. Wish we could all say that the end is in sight, but that IS wishful thinking.

Over the last two months our Board of Directors and the Training Committee members had two Zoom meetings to discuss the agility trial in August, the guidelines for re-opening for member's use of our training site and the re-opening guidelines for our regular training programs/classes.

This email will detail the last item: re-opening guidelines for our training programs/classes. (see attachment)

Judy M, Robin and Carol organized a variety of input from various sources over a two month period. The Board approved guidelines are attached to this email. No date has been set for re-opening our training classes.

The guidelines are organized into 5 categories with some guidelines repeated in one or more of those categories.

Thank you to all members who contributed their input and to Judy, Robin and Carol for coordinating this effort and for keeping the 35 plus clients updated from our March classes that never got the opportunity to begin training their dogs.

LBDTC will start a set of six-week trial classes starting in September (conditions permitting) for club members only. We will hold a Beginner's Class and an Advanced Beginner's Class. There are only four dogs per class. The Advanced Beginner's Class is full, and the Beginner's Class has one spot open. Please call our Training Administrator (215) 493-1201 for more information.

For safety's sake, please do not use the training site for two weeks, if you have been to an area where the Covid-19 virus is surging.

Stay safe, stay well.

Kind regards,
Ken McKinney

New LBDTC Website

We are happy to officially announce the launch of our brand new website <https://lbdtc.org/>

The website has been completely redesigned to provide our visitors with an easier way to learn about who we are and what services we provide to the community. An entirely new architecture was deployed with fresh and modern technologies. The class registration process has been turned off until we are allowed to resume training. Once the new training schedule is determined; we can turn the registration process back on and allow visitors and members to register and pay for their training classes online. The calendar will also automatically populate when we enter the dates for our next training session.

If anyone has any comments, questions, or concerns please feel free to reach out to me via mdowalo@gxppartners.com, Cell 215-262-9067 or Home 215-547-7572.

Thanks,
Michelle Dowolo

Thank you to Michelle Dowolo and all who helped her for our wonderful updated website,

Best of Bucks Contest

The Bucks County Courier Times is running its annual Best of Bucks this year.

LBDTC entered last year. We were declared One of the Best.

Let's do it again this year. The first phase, Nominations, runs from August 16 - 30. Visit the [Best in Bucks Site](#) then and follow the directions to nominate our club. Our Grouping is Services and our

Category is Dog Training The more nominations the better.

Canine Cancer Study

Lois DiMarzio forwarded this email letter to us.

Hello AKC Member,

We are conducting a brief 10-15 min phone questionnaire through a grant from the National Science Foundation to better understand the needs of dog owners for critical health care choices.

This is related to an experimental treatment we are developing that is similar to those being used to "cure" some cancers in the human clinic.

I would greatly appreciate your time and input to voluntarily provide answers to these few questions.

Your responses are kept totally anonymous and no personal information is requested beyond choices made for your pet.

This would be an immense help to our endeavor to make available a safe, effective and economical anticancer therapeutic to treat and cure some canine cancers.

Because you are a member of the American Kennel Club (your name and email were found on the AKC directory website) and an engaged pet owner we are interested in your input.

Your response to this email with a convenient date, time

and number to best reach you would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your time and kind consideration of this request.

Please feel free to pass this email request onto any dog owners you know that would be interested in participating as well.

Best Regards,
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971-600-5293 cell
Founder and Technical Officer
of BTC, LLC

Sanitizing Dogs

Lois DiMarzio sent the following information from the Suburban Dog Training Club,

During this pandemic most if not all of us are taking extra care to wash and disinfect our person as well as our surroundings. While this all makes sense the Pet Poison Hotline has reported an increase in exposure by dogs and cats to cleaners and disinfectants. Adverse effects, while mild in most cases, can occur if a dog or cat walks on a recently washed surface that hasn't dried completely or licks a recently washed and or sprayed surface. For more information on this issue check at the Pet Poison Hotline's You Tube video at :

<https://www.merckvetmanual.com/news/editorial/2020/05/22/20/08/pet-poison-hotline-receives-doubling-of-calls-about-exposure-to-household->

[cleansers](#) The Hotline recommends that pet owners utilize pet-safe chlorhexidine-based cleaners.

Malcolm Kram DVM CVA

Pet Food Drive

I've been speaking twice a month with the directors of food pantries for both the Salvation Army and the Emergency Relief Association. They have kept me up to date on the remaining pet food we donated at the beginning of June. The ERA has about 600 pounds of pet food at their location. I'll be holding off on their next delivery until early September. The ERA can not accept UPS deliveries so I'll be making their purchases myself using lots of coupons and promotions. They are always flexible in opening their doors after hours for our donations.

The Salvation Army's hours are more consistent with UPS deliveries. Their inventory is lower, so Chewy will be releasing their next shipment of 400 pounds of pet food on August 3rd.

Our club members have funded this special program this year from their hearts and checkbooks!!! Without your generosity, we could not keep their shelves full of pet food for those clients who have pets. Thank you for helping them with your generous hearts.

The constant change to our COVID 19 restrictions make it difficult to plan a holiday pet food drive as we have known it in the past: staffed with our members and their dogs at a

supermarket. As of now, the supermarkets are not supporting programs for donations outside their facility.

We'll continue to monitor the changes and will always keep your safety (and your dogs' safety) first. Be safe, be smart, wash your hands, wear your masks and hug your dogs.....ok, maybe not in that order.....hugs first!!

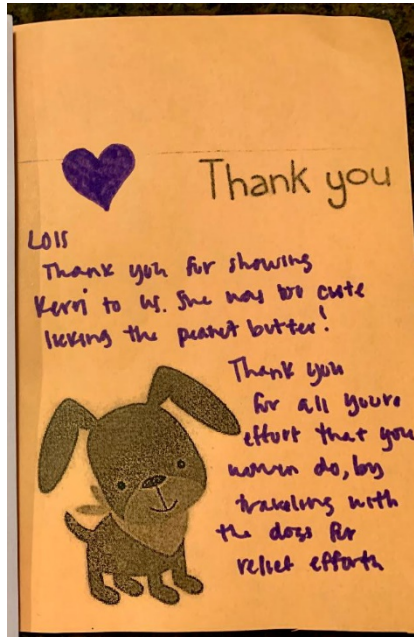
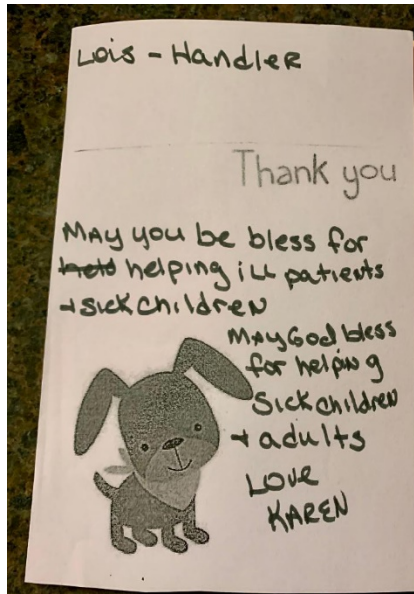
Sincerely,
Johanna and her best boy, Baci Mike



Photo from Johanna Molitano

Lois and Kerri Therapy Visits

Kerri and I continue our virtual therapy, visiting different ESY classes in NJ and PA. We also visit a mental health unit in Willingboro. These people have voluntarily sought help when they could no longer deal with the realities of life. Hard to believe that just talking to people about our dogs could make such a difference in their lives, but the nurse assures us that our biweekly visits brightens their day and gives them hope.
Lois DiMarzio



Photos from Lois DiMarzio



Canine Health Testing

Since Jamie turned two in April I would like to get his OFA clearances done. The clinics are all cancelled and VCA doesn't do them.

If anyone knows of a local vet's office that might be doing them, please let me know. I need hips, elbows, thyroid and eyes done for Welsh Springer Spaniels. Please contact me at tiergwaith@aol.com

Thanks.
Peg Lehnen

Happy Birthday

The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club would like to wish the following members a Happy Birthday!

July

Constance Meyer
Elle Ozden
Barbara Rooney
Kathryn Trott
Judith Youngken

August

Lois DiMarzio
Jen Dowalo
Mary Ann McArdle
Ken McKinney
Diane Stout



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Re-Opening Framework/Guidelines After Pandemic Clearance

This set of guidelines is arranged into a number of categories. The focus of the guidelines is the safe re-start of the LBDC training program. The listed recommendations are consistent with CDC, PA and AKC guidelines. The use of those frameworks and input from other sources, including other AKC clubs and our LBDC members have resulted in the plan outlined below. The training director and the two training administrators have organized this plan. Some of the guidelines are repeated throughout the various categories as applicable.

GUIDELINE CATEGORIES

General Guidelines on LBDC Premises

- **Face masks** required.
- **Social distancing** outside of the Club. **Wait** to be invited in by staff.
- Clients and staff will have their **temperatures** taken/recorded upon entering.
- All clients and members will sign a release waiver weekly (check mark on contact log by trainer/assistant).
- **Hand sanitizer** will be available.
- **Ceiling fans** will not be used
- **Maximum** of 4 dogs per class.
- **One handler** per dog .
- Handlers **touch only** their dog.
- **10-foot rule** for everyone.
- **No crating.**
- Staff/members will **sanitize** before and after using the facility.
- **No chairs** will be provided.
- Bring your **own chair** for any medical needs.
- Avoid bathroom use. If used, all items touched must be wiped down by the individual user, including door handles.
- **Rosters** will be modified to serve as a contact trace log.
- Coat hooks will be available to hang personal items.

Clients and staff will call **report any direct exposure/potential exposure to COVID-19** during the days between classes. That person should not come to the next three classes. (or remaining classes if less than 3).

Guidelines for Clients on LBDTC Premises

- Clients and dogs will wait outside of the building using social distancing until invited to enter.
- Staff will open/close the door.
- Clients will wear a face mask while entering, using and exiting.
- Clients will have their temperatures taken/recorded upon entering.
- All clients will sign a COVID -19 waiver/release/contact form upon entering; updated weekly.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Clients are welcome to bring their own sanitizer.
- Clients will use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting.
- Once the client is in the building, move to a designated area.
- 10-foot rule will be practiced by all.
- Only one handler per dog during class.
- Only the staff touches equipment.
- Maximum of 4 dogs per class.
- No chairs will be provided.
- Clients may bring their own chair.
- Bathroom will be off-limits.
- Clients will call the club phone to report any direct exposure/potential exposure to COVID-19 during the days between classes. That person should not come to the next three classes (or remaining classes if less than 3).

Guidelines for Trainers/Assistants on LBDTC Premises

- Staff are required to wear a face mask.
- Staff will use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting.
- Staff will have their temperatures taken/recorded upon entering.
- Staff will open/close the door.
- One trainer and one assistant per class per night.
- Trainers and assistants are to sign a club liability waiver every time. (available on our website)
- Assistants should direct client to a designated area.
- Assistants will monitor the 10-foot rule being practiced by all.
- Only the instructor/assistant touches LBDTC equipment.
- Instructors/Assistants will sanitize before and after each class.
- Use time-management wisely during each class so that it ends at the proper time. Sanitation must be maintained.
- Staff should refrain from touching the dogs, when possible.
- Members may bring their own crate if needed

Guidelines for Entering/Exiting LBDTC Premises

- Face masks are required by all.
- Clients will wait outside of the building using social distancing until invited to enter by staff.
- Clients and staff will have their temperatures taken/recorded upon entering.
- Clients and staff will use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting.

Guidelines for Sanitation on LBDTC premises

- Avoid bathroom use, if possible. If used, all items touched must be wiped down by the individual using the bathroom, including door handles.
- Clients and staff will use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting.
- All members will sanitize before and after use of equipment.
- Use time-management wisely so classes end at the proper time. Sanitation must be maintained
- Sanitize ball-point pens after each session

Lower Bucks Dog Training Club - Member Use of LBDTC Training Facility

Members must be current on their monthly fee to use the LBDTC Training Facility. If members choose not to renew, their key must be returned

Members must sign in.

Only LBDTC Members may use the LBDTC Training Facility.

Members will sanitize before and after using the facility. Members may use their own sanitizer or wipes or use the hand sanitizer provided by LBDTC

Members must wear a face mask while entering, using, and exiting the training facility.

No LBDTC chairs or crates will be provided. Members may bring their own chair and/or crate.

Members must sanitize before and after use of equipment.

Members must wipe down any equipment or surfaces touched, including door handles, after each session with supplied cleaning products.

Avoid bathroom use, if possible. If used, all items touched must be wiped down by the individual using the bathroom including door handles.