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Newsletter of The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club, Inc.

September 2020

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Next Meeting

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

**See the Zoom Link
below**

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Congratulations!

Andie Malloy informs us - Ch Ariel Linwald Brooke finished two agility titles at LBDTC's agility trial. She finished her Novice Agility AND Novice Jumpers titles. In addition on her first try, she earned two legs in Novice Fast. One more to go. Brooke hasn't shown since November and remembered everything!!! SO proud of our little girl!!!!

Roger Matzke says - In June, we added a new puppy to our pack. Meet Willow, who is a Mini-American Shepard. She is really timid, unless you see her at our home playing with Kronk or defending the fence line from the Neighbor's dogs.

Odin has earned his first two title levels in World Cynosport Rally. He earned his RI title with scores of 200, 200 & 198. He had scores of 197, 193 & 195 to earn his RL1 title.

Kronk has had a busy summer. He also has earned his RI title with scores of 200, 200 & 197. He had scores of 199, 197 & 199 to earn his RL1 title. He also has his first Q in RL2 with a score of 200.

Kronk and I have been working to compete in Agility. Kronk has earned his ACT 1 & ACT 2 titles. At Kruisin Kanines, Kronk earned 2 first places One in Novice A JWW and another in Novice A Standard. We also competed at our agility competition at Y2K9 in Novice A Standard and had two 1st place finishes, earning his Novice A Standard title.

On the Dock Diving scene, Kronk has been working toward his DSA title for distance jumps and is getting close. We recently competed at Sunshine Diving Dogs in Air Retrieve (AR) & Hydro Dash (HD). Kronk earned a 3rd place in AR by jumping 13' on Saturday Then on Sunday, he earned a 2nd place in AR Junior Division with a jump of 13' and a 1st place in HD Senior division with a time of 19.150 seconds.

Now that the school year has started, we will have to slow down some and it is time to really start training Willow. Thanks for letting me brag just a little.



Photos from Roger Matzke

Diane Stout tells us - Karli and I went to our first World Cyno Sport Trials August 29 and 30. She earned her RL1 (Rally Level 1).

Karli is Number 3 Non-Sporting Dog and Number 2 Poodle in the Master Class in the country! She is truly a wonderful girl.



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The easiest way is to click on the Join Zoom Meeting Link. It will direct you how to join a zoom meeting. Make sure you enable video and audio so we can see and hear you.

The other link directions below are for audio only by phone.

Florence Brems is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: LBDTC September Zoom Meeting

Time: Sep 14, 2020 07:30 PM
Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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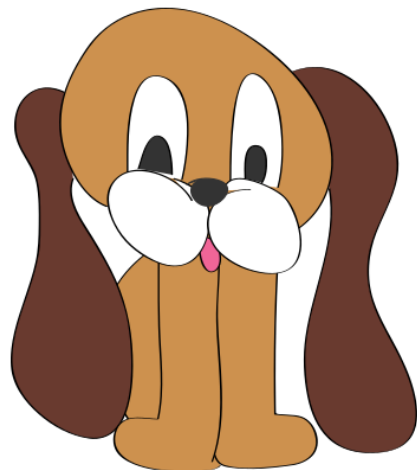
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Florence Brems
LBDTC President



LBDTC 2020 Agility Trials

Mary Pat, Nancy and myself would like to report that LBDTC hosted its 19th year of agility trial(s) on August 22 and 23, 2020. As of close Sunday this brings the number of individual trials to 23 that the club has run. Saturday had 313 runs and Sunday had 301. It was, to say the least, a challenge due to current restrictions and mandates. While the numbers are not fully in, the trial produced a positive income not only for our club but we were able to contribute income to some of the businesses and individuals that make up the dog community and rely on these trials.

We would like to thank Sabrina of Fast Times for bringing this opportunity to us and working with us to overcome the obstacles, Y2K9 for providing the beautiful facility, our judge

Sally who brought her patience and added ring crew to her duties, Andy Mellon our course builder who volunteered for just about every other position, Hodge Badges who got us the ribbons in time and to Andy at AKC who helped guide us through the procedures.

We would like to acknowledge the following people for making this event possible:

Thank you Nancy for always saying yes to just "one" more year. To Michelle and Ken for always being there and only asking two questions, what do you need me to do and what time should I get there. To Roger for filling in wherever needed both days and bringing his passion for the sport of agility. To Andie for always agreeing to be on the event committee and attending each day and taking whatever job needed to be done. To Lloyd, who has supported so many trials, both obedience. and agility with his knack for always having what we need and jumping in whenever is necessary. To Ann Lovett (Buckley) and Kim Hauser, both former members who worked tirelessly both days. To Diane Stout for making herself available Friday night, To Mary Pat and Janet B who pulled it all together with their advice and knowledge and willingness to work the trial for LB. And last but not least, to my Lily, who after two lng days of being alone still greeted us with reckless abandon.

We would like to thank all of you who couldn't be there this year but who encouraged and supported us throughout the process and to all who made donations to offset the volunteer raffle costs. There were many others who helped

us both days and while I may not know them all, we appreciated each and every one of them.

Sincerely,
Kristine King

And a special thank you to Kris for all her work and support and the willingness to keep going when things get tough...

Nancy Andreas

Message from our Agility Trials Judge

All,

In all my time judging, I've never seen such a wonderful shout out to the people that helped to run a trial. I'm not sure if it is because clubs don't include me in this type of communication or because it just isn't done.

Anyway, kudos to everybody, it was a wonderful experience in such a difficult time.

Thanks for having me come to judge. I thought that the trial went very well.

Also, thanks for the wine and envelope for my judge's gift.

Best,
Sally Gichner

The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club thanks our Agility Trial Chairs, Kris King and Nancy Andreas; and also all who made the Agility Trials possible and successful in these difficult times.

Please see photos below.

Training Report

Training report

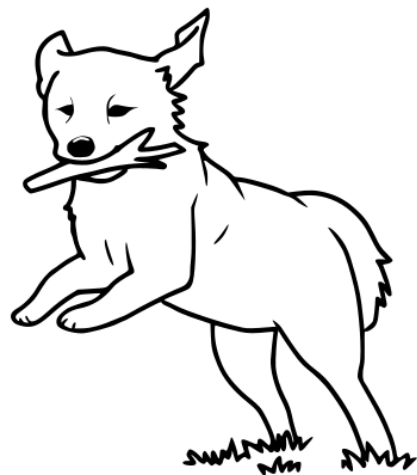
The training committee has decided to begin teaching slowly with 2 classes of members only. We have 4 members and their dogs in beginners obedience and 4 in advanced obedience. We are hopeful that this will be a good way to test our new safety guidelines and our comfort level. The classes will run for 6 weeks from Friday, September 4th until Friday, October 9th.

A decision has not yet been made about opening classes to the public. We will have to assess our trial "members' classes" and see what the Covid status is at that time.

Carol McKinney, Judy Matlack and Robin Murphy-Kinley

New LBDTC Website

Please visit the new Lower Bucks Dog Training Club Website <https://lbdtc.org/>



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, closed on August 30. If we received enough nominations you can vote for LBDTC in October,

Voting will begin on October 4th, Visit the [Best in Bucks Site](#) in October and vote for our club.

The more votes the better.

PA Dog License Law Proposed Changes

Lois DiMarzio send us a letter from the AKC about proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Dog License Law.

Please see the letter below.

LBDTC Nominating Committee

The nominating committee offers the following slate of officers for 2021

Florence Brems	President
Lois DiMarzio	Vice President
Roz Rosenblatt	Recording Secretary
Diane Stout	Corresponding Secretary
Kris King	Treasurer

Roger Matzke **Member at Large**
Ken McKinney **Member at Large**

We would like to welcome and thank Ken McKinney for agreeing to join the board.

The position of Past President which will be filled by Linda Somers. does not need to appear on the ballot.

The positions of Training Director and Training Administrators are appointed by the Board, not voted on by the club.

The great news is that Judy Matlack (Training Director) and Carol McKinney and Robin Murphy-Kinley (Training Administrators) have agreed to serve another year.

Nominating Committee
Kris King, Judy Youngken, Liz Turner and Michelle Dowalo

Pet Food Drive

LBDTC had 400 pounds of pet food delivered from Chewy to Salvation Army during the second week of August. The Emergency Relief Association had enough inventory of pet food to hold them through the end of October. Both food pantries keep me informed of their supply of pet food. Our next donations will be made before Thanksgiving. Because of our club members' generosity during our Summer Pet Food Campaign we have been able to continuously support our local food pantries' needs.

Sincerely,
Johanna Molitano

Dog Quotation

"Dogs are minor angels, and I don't mean that facetiously. They love unconditionally, forgive immediately, are the truest of friends, willing to do anything that makes us happy, etcetera. If we attributed some of those qualities to a person we would say they are special. If they had ALL of them, we would call them angelic. But because it's "only" a dog, we dismiss them as sweet or funny but little more. However when you think about it, what are the things that we most like in another human being? Many times those qualities are seen in our dogs every single day--we're just so used to them that we pay no attention."
— Jonathan Carroll

Happy Birthday

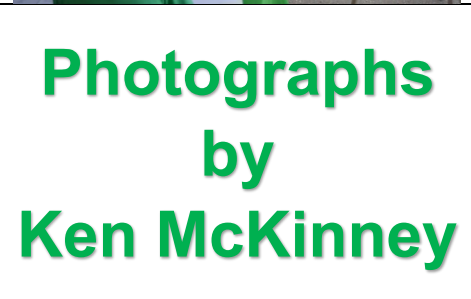
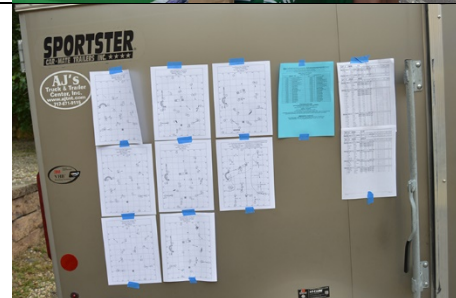
The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club would like to wish the following members a Happy Birthday!

September
Andre Burke
Carol Burke
Jessica Gerbavac
Johanna Molitano
Roz Rosenblatt
Jean Van Dyke



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LBDTC 2020 Agility Trials Photographs





AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

August 13, 2020

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/pennsylvania-informational-update-leaders-call-changes-dog-licensing/>

Please forward to dog owners in Pennsylvania.

At a recent press event, the Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Auditor General and the sponsors of [Senate Bill 663](#) and [House Bill 1504](#) called on the Legislature to take action on bills that will increase fees for dog licenses in an effort to help address funding concerns with the Pennsylvania Dog Law program.

These bills as currently written would increase the license fees and lower the age required for licensing, while eliminating the price differential between intact and spayed or neutered dogs.

These identical bills have been assigned to their respective Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committees, but no meetings have been scheduled. The legislature is currently in recess, and will likely remain so until September.

What the Bills Do:

SB 663 and HB 1504 include the following changes:

- Lowering the requirement to obtain a dog license for any dog from three months to eight weeks.
- Eliminating the yearly fee differential between intact and sterilized animal licenses by increasing the fee for a yearly license for a spayed or neutered dog from \$6.50 to \$10.00 and from \$8.50 to \$10.00 for intact dogs (license fees are also adjusted to \$7 for owners who are at least 65, or persons with disabilities).
- Eliminating the lifetime license fee difference between intact and sterilized animal licenses by increasing the fee of a lifetime license for a spayed or neutered dog from \$31.50 to \$49.00 and lowering the fee for an intact dog from \$51.50 to \$49.00 (license fees are also adjusted to \$33 for owners who are at least 65, or persons with disabilities).

While the bills if passed will lower the age at which dog licenses must be obtained, they will eliminate the current practice of differentiating between spayed or neutered dogs and intact dogs. AKC and the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs both support repealing the current differential licensing fees, which punish responsible dog owners simply because they choose to own an intact dog.

If you wish to comment:

Comments regarding the bills or requests to schedule a committee hearing can be directed to the Committee Chairs. The committee contact information is as follows:

Senate Bill 663:

Senator Elder Vogel, Jr., Chairman, Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee
Senate Box 203047
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3047
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House Bill 1504:

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Harrisburg, PA 17120-2086
mkeller@pahousegop.com
(717) 783-1593
Fax: (717) 782-2894

AKC Government Relations and the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs will continue to monitor the bill. For more information, contact AKC GR at doglaw@akc.org