



# Bucks Barker

Newsletter of The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club, Inc.

December 2020

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## Next Meeting

### LBDTC Zoom Meeting

**Monday  
December 7, 2020  
7:30 PM**

**See the Zoom Link  
Below**

## Congratulations!

Lois DiMarzio says - I submitted some more of Kerri's therapy visits to the AKC. She earned Therapy Dog Advanced and Excellent Titles. That's 100 and 200 visits. I thought I'd get the usual certificate, like I did for ThDN.

But instead I got some patches and a medal. Maybe I'll get the certificate tomorrow.



Photo from Lois DiMarzio

Roger Matzke tells us - Kronk has had an interesting

November. He starts off the month with a visit to VSEC to get his side stitched up from a fall playing fetch. After 14 days, the stitches are out and 5 days later he is back in the agility ring having fun. At Premier Sports Center in NJ, Kronk earned 2 first place finishes in Novice JWW and Novice FAST jumping 24". This also completed his titles in both of these levels. He is one leg away from his Open Standard Agility title which we will try to earn this Saturday.

Roz Rosenblatt informs us - "I am very proud to announce that on November 15th, two days prior to Luke's 9th birthday, he passed his Tracking Dog Urban test. It's very hard to get into these tests with limited entries and even harder to pass them. Luke ran, literally ran his track in 13 minutes and passed with flying colors. The judges were impressed with his work ethic, his enthusiasm and the confidence he exhibited while on the track. He has now passed three out of the four tracking tests that AKC offers."





Photos from Roz Rosenblatt

## LBDTC Zoom Meeting

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**Monday**  
**December 7, 2020**  
**7:30 PM**

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 December 2020 Meeting

Time: Dec 7, 2020 07:30 PM  
 Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89812128787?pwd=aFZUTTJoRGRXcnFkVjZNVepYcFAwQT09>

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Florence Brems  
 LBDTC President

## How We Are Doing

We hope you and yours are safe and well in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. These are difficult times. Please tell us how you and your pooches are doing, and don't forget to send photos, especially dog photos. Looking at photos of our dogs will bring us all a little cheer. Let's reach out to each other and keep in touch via the LBDTC Newsletter.

Be careful. Stay safe and well.

The following people and pooches shared,

### Lois DiMarzio:

Maybe this comes as no surprise to some, but I found Gypsy the most wonderful home. Ours.

I was talking to first of 2 potential adopters (I'd only had her 2 weeks!), extolling her virtues and why she would be the perfect dog to adopt when it hit me I was describing the perfect dog for us. She fit into our lifestyle perfectly. She and Kerri adored each other. Kerri mopped around the house while Gypsy was at UofP getting spayed and was ecstatic when she came back. She was doing therapy work before she even got in my house- she was named by a patient at Virtua's lockdown mental health unit which Kerri and I zoom with twice a week. She attends all our zoom therapy sessions. If it wasn't for COVID slowing us down, I think she might break Kerri's speed record for becoming a certified therapy dog.

She's smart, friendly, sweet and silly. Perfect for us. Kerri loved her, as do we. Welcome Gypsy.







Photos from Lois DiMarzio

## Florence Brems

Harry, Harry, Harry  
I talked about Harry the Hog  
last newsletter.

I have a slow learning curve when it comes to grocery guarding; and Harry has a pugnacious propensity for food foraging. I picked up a food order from Giant. I put away the perishables but got distracted before I finished putting away the non-perishables.

Harry got into one of the bags and ate six hot dog rolls. SIX. I don't know he crammed that many rolls into his belly.

He's really good at look guilty and repentant.



But he's lying. He's calculating, calculating, calculating – figuring out how to purge the pantry, topple the trash bin, grab the grocery bag in order to gobble down goodies. Though I'm hard pressed to understand why Harry considers hot dog rolls goodies. I guess I don't have a refined pooch palette.

I fear I'm losing the food fight. I'm being outwitted by Harry. HARRY. It's embarrassing.



## LBDTC Awards Application

It's time to honor your 2020 accomplishments.

If you and your dog(s) earned title(s) this year, please fill out the Awards Application below.

Remember is must be returned to Roz Rosenblatt by December 15, 2020

This year the Awards Luncheon will be held virtually due to COVID. A link to join in to the gathering will be provided prior to the luncheon which will be held on Sunday, January 10th at 12 noon.

## Membership Renewal

Lower Bucks Dog Training Club  
2021 membership renewal is due by December 15, 2020.

Single - \$25.00  
Household - \$40.00  
Lifetime Single Membership - \$250  
Household Lifetime Membership = \$400.00

You can renew your LBDTC membership online and pay via PayPal at the Members Section of our website <https://lbdtc.org/>

You can also renew using the form below. Make check payable to LBDTC. Send the renewal form and your check to our treasurer:

Kris King  
33 Boxwood Lane,  
Langhorne, PA 19047

We hope that all Lower Bucks Dog Training Club Members will renew their membership for 2021. Covid-19 made 2020 a difficult and often virtual year.

The upcoming Covid-19 vaccines should allow us to start to get back to normal – classes, meetings, shows, activities.

Take a leap of faith and rejoin.

## February Virtual Program

Kris King is setting up a virtual program for our February Meeting.

The speaker will be Doreen Jakubcak. She will talk about her organization – Marty's Place a Senior Dog Sanctuary.

Please see the brochure below. It describes the mission of Marty's Place and the care it provides to senior dogs.



## LBDTC Nominating Committee

The nominating committee offers the following slate of officers for 2021

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

Roger Matzke	<b>Member at Large</b>
Ken McKinney	<b>Member at Large</b>

The election will be in December and Board Members will be sworn in at the January 2021 meeting.

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

## Pet Food Drive

Dear Club Members,

What a different Holiday season this will be for all of us!! This will be challenging our creativity and our personal traditions for sure.

Our Pet Food Drive took on a different look this year. We weren't able to hold our drive in front of ShopRite Supermarket in the Queen Anne Plaza in

Fairless Hills as we have done for the past few years. Our Summer Drive became our 2020 Spring Pet Food Campaign that was supported by all our club members' donations.

Our Holiday Pet Food Drive also didn't take place but benefitted by our members' incredible generosity from the Spring which gave us balance enough to donate 485 pounds of pet food to the Salvation Army Food Pantry in early November. The Emergency Relief Association of Levittown on Woodbourne Road asked us to make their Holiday delivery after Thanksgiving. We'll arrange for that delivery by December 7th for close to the same amount of pet food (485 pounds) for the ERA.

Despite all the COVID restrictions, LBDTC will be contributing just about 1,628 pounds of pet food to both food pantries by the end of this year. We were able to do this thanks to your generous hearts (and checkbooks), your creativity and your ability to find a different way to support a very worthy cause.

Now for even more good news: One of the attendees of previous food drives from Bensalem used our new website to find out when our next food drive would be. She said she had been checking all social media and newspapers but couldn't find any information. She then she used the new website to reach out to us. I had a few telephone calls with her and she offered to send a check to Kris King so she could support the Food Drive Campaign. Within a few days, Kris deposited her \$200 check!!! All she asked was that she be guaranteed that her



money would go towards pet food and not any administrative costs or fees. What an easy commitment that was for us to make. She has promised that when we have our traditional pet food drive, she will make it a point to come from Bensalem to Fairless Hills to introduce herself personally.

From me and my best boy, Baci Mike, may your holidays be blessed with good health, good spirit, good family and good friends. Be safe.

Regards,  
Johanna Molitano, Chair  
Community Services  
Committee



Johanna and her Best Boy Baci Mike

## Baci Mike and Santa



Photos from Johanna Molitano

## Dog Quotation

"No matter how close we are to another person, few human relationships are as free from strife, disagreement, and frustration as is the relationship you have with a good dog. Few human beings give of themselves to another as a dog gives of itself. I also suspect that we cherish dogs because their unblemished souls make us wish - consciously or unconsciously - that we were as innocent as they are, and make us yearn for a place where innocence is universal and where the meanness, the betrayals, and the cruelties of this world are unknown."

— Dean Koontz, *A Big Little Life: A Memoir of a Joyful Dog*



## Holiday Season

The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club wishes you and your family peace and joy this holiday season.

Happy Hanukkah  
Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year

Many of us will not be able to celebrate the holidays with friends and family in person this year because of Covid-19

Have a healthy and perhaps virtual Holiday Season this year/.

Please share holiday photos of you and your furry friends.

Covid-19 vaccines are almost here, so 2021 should be a better year. Until then, we will have a long winter of Covid-19. Therefore, please be extra careful, Stay safe and well.

Florence Brems  
LBDTC President

## Happy Birthday

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

### December

Florence Brems  
Geraldine Graham-Dickson



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## DONATIONS



Your generosity and kindness will help Marty's Place enrich the lives of senior dogs and offer them a forever home if their owners can no longer care for them.

Financial contributions can be made by check – payable to *Marty's Place Senior Dog Sanctuary* – or online through our website using PayPal or a credit card. In-kind donations (of items our dogs use) and gift cards are great too!

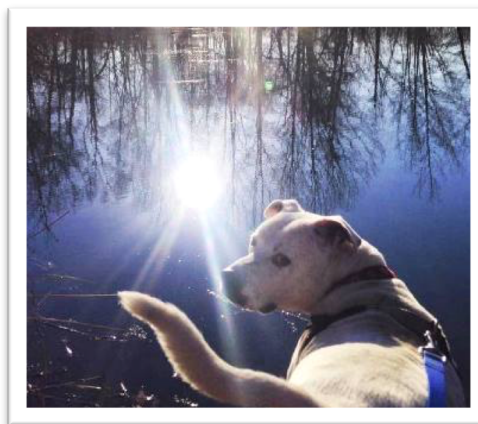


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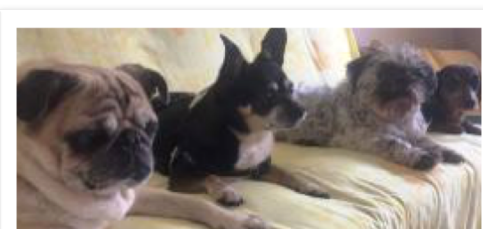
Help support the care of our residents by sponsoring a dog room. A custom-made bone-shaped plaque with your personalized message will hang outside the room you sponsor.

The donation is \$500, renewable annually. Form and payment information available online.



For additional information or more ways to help, please visit our website:  
<http://www.martysplace.org>.

Follow us on 



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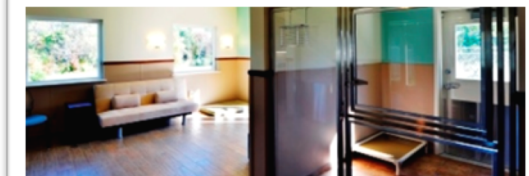


## WHAT IS MARTY'S PLACE?

Marty's Place is a long-term care sanctuary for senior dogs – age 7 or older - whose owners can no longer care for them.

Our facility, in Upper Freehold, NJ features:

- \* Individual dog rooms for 24-28 residents
- \* Indoor lounges, outdoor activity areas
- \* Memorial garden & reflection area
- \* 25-plus acres of wooded walking trails



Our residents receive physical and emotional care, attention, affection and enrichment in a safe, loving, family-like environment.

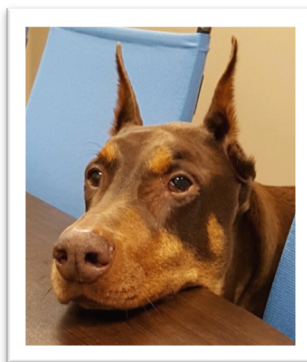
## WHY MARTY'S PLACE?

Dogs come to Marty's Place for various reasons, including their owner's:

- \* Relocation or displacement
- \* Medical issues
- \* Financial hardship
- \* Estate planning provisions

We primarily support pet owners. However, there may be instances when we work with animal welfare organizations to help a senior dog in need.

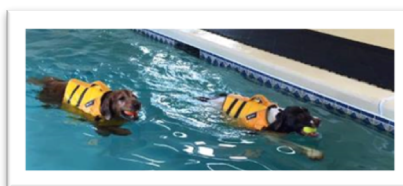
Senior dogs find a loving home at Marty's Place for as long as they need it - and if they need it - for the rest of their lives



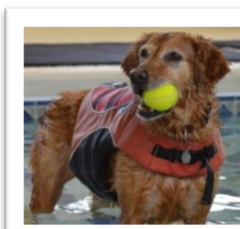
## SANCTUARY LIFE

Life at Marty's Place is stimulating and engaging. Each resident has ample living space, plenty of human and canine companionship, consistent health care and access to activities suited to their age and abilities.

An enclosed, in ground, salt-water pool at our Dog Swim Center is available to residents who enjoy swimming and would benefit from the exercise.



## NON-RESIDENT SWIM PROGRAM



professional swim instructor.

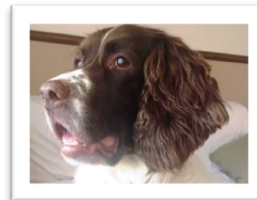
Our swim program is also open to non-resident dogs of all ages, individually or in small groups.

Sessions are available by appointment and are supervised by a

## HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

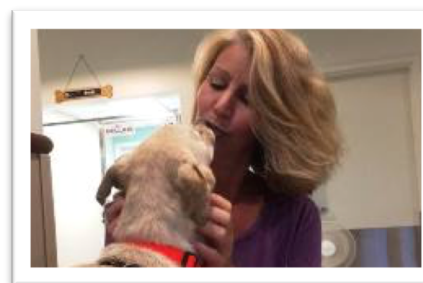
### \* Become a Marty's Place Volunteer

Your importance to the Sanctuary and especially to the well-being of the senior dogs who live here cannot be overstated.



**Dog Care and Socialization** is the cornerstone of life at Marty's Place – and the area where volunteers are most needed. It involves:

- \* Walks
- \* Grooming
- \* Room cleaning and sanitizing
- \* Laundry
- \* Feeding
- \* Outdoor play
- \* Indoor socialization
- \* And of course, nap time



We also appreciate help with program support tasks such as groundskeeping, office work, fundraising and outreach.

**Adults** (over 18) please visit our website to apply online.

**Youth** (14-18) or groups wanting to volunteer together, contact: [info@martysplace.org](mailto:info@martysplace.org) or (609) 259-1278.