



Bucks Barker

Newsletter of The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club, Inc.

January 2023

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Next Meeting

LBDC Zoom Meeting

**Monday
January 16, 2023
8:00 PM**

**See the Zoom Link
Below**

Congratulations!

Lois DiMarzio tells us - Kerri and I were awarded the Therapy Dog Supreme title for over 600 visits. That's visits, not hours. Some visits are 2-4 hours long and they only count as 1. Not bad for a dog that spent her first 3.5 yrs outside in a rabbit hutch as a breeder in a puppy mill.

Gypsy and I earned a Therapy Dog title for 50 visits. I know, it's nothing compared to Kerri, but I was busy working her and then my health tanked. It's getting better, but it's a process.

Happy New Year

LBDC 2023 Board Nominations

The following Board Officers were elected at the December Meeting and will be sworn in at the January 2023 LBDC Meeting

Liz Turner **President**

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Member at Large

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Nominating Committee

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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 January 2023 Zoom Meeting

Time: Jan 16, 2023 08:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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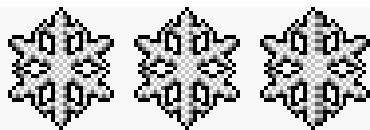
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Complements of Bette's
Great Grand Babies!



Roz Rosenblatt



Training Committee

Now that we have a newly developed training manual for instructors, we will be pursuing members to be trained as instructors and assistants. Currently we have one person interested, but are in need of more. If you are a new member in LBDTC and interested in becoming a trainer or assistant for beginner and advanced obedience classes, please let a training officer know. If you have been a club member for a while and have titles in obedience or rally, we encourage you to help out by teaching at least one-8 week session a year. Just that one session would help tremendously. If even two people a year volunteer to instruct a class, we can continue classes at our current level.

For our club to continue to flourish and succeed as an AKC club beyond the next couple years, growth and participation is vital. All members share the responsibility of contributing their talents, knowledge, time and support in order to "pass the torch" for those just starting, those in the future, and the future of LBDTC.

Please contact Judy, Robin, or Carol to let us know how you can help:

1. Instruct beginner or advanced obedience

2. Assist beginner or advanced obedience
3. Instruct novice rally
4. Offer moral support/guidance for those starting out in competition

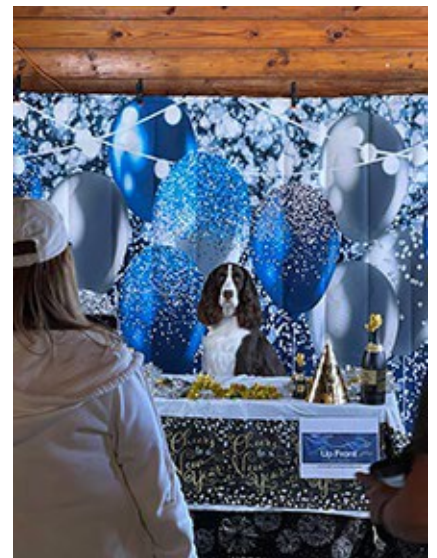
Thank you for considering how you can help,
Judy, Robin, Carol

LBDTTC Awards Luncheon

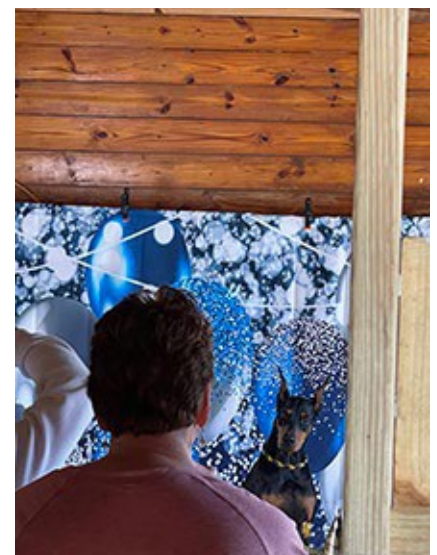
The LBDTTC 2023 Awards Luncheon has been postponed because of the rapid spread and increased contagiousness of the new Covid variant.

LBDTTC Obedience Trial January 1, 2023

Covered Dish Luncheon for All Attendees



New year photos for the four-legged attendees



More 4-legged attendees



Party Planners 2023



Member, Janis Garbutt,
participating



Other party goers



Photos by Ken McKinney



Puppy Socialization Class

The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club thanks Robin, Helen, Diane Kostner, Mary Ann and Lauren for the work you do with our puppies

Puppies are the best Fun..... cuddly.....smell wonderful and everyone wants to play with the puppies.

What most people don't know is they are a lot of work and you want to help their owners before the bad habits start. It is a crucial time in the puppies' development.

While this is a puppy socialization class, it does not only consist of puppies playing with one another and their humans.

First is the meeting of the breeds and their handlers to determine how best to help them. These little ones have already been through so much in their short lives by being removed from the comfort and security of their former families and have been poked, prodded and vaccinated.

Each breed is different and each has a different personality. Each puppy has its own personality as do their owners. Many new owners have minimal to no experience with their new furry friends. As their cute little bundle is quickly growing and testing the waters, handlers experience impatience and frustration. Advice, patience, understanding and handholding are therefore a big part of teaching this class.

Yes, there is a syllabus and guidelines but each class is molded to the individual needs of their students.

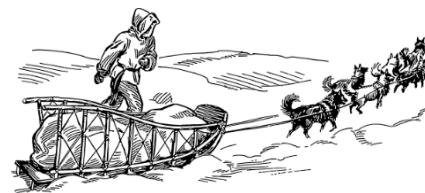
We all know that puppies have very short attention spans so it is imperative to try to stimulate them all while teaching them.

Their approach in teaching; is focusing on the fundamentals, introducing situations that may be uncomfortable and identifying their fears is by having the puppies experience many different situations. The planned activities target all their senses.... Smelling, seeing, touching, hearing and tasting.

Each class has new experiences for both the handlers and their pups whether it's setting up obstacles to walk around or walk over, games, puzzles, doing recalls with props, or just cuddling. Each of the activities makes learning fun and prepares these puppies for the next round of classes.

It is both fun and exhausting. After each class, the team discusses what they saw and how to tweak it in order to best help their students.

The reward is in the results... when you see that smile and they finally got it (both handler and dog)! Ask any assistant or the trainer, this is a class you hate to miss!



Dog Quotation

“Once you have had a wonderful dog, a life without one, is a life diminished.”

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

Happy Birthday

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

January

Ron Matlack
Helen Shaup



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