



Bucks Barker

Newsletter of The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club, Inc.

May 2023

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Next Meeting

Monday
May 1, 2023
7:30 PM

LBDC Training Site
8746 New Falls Road
Levittown, PA 19054

Congratulations!

Roger Matzke tells us - Willow has earned her AKC Open Agility Jumpers title, her Beginner International Dog (BID) title, along with winning a Master Series heats, earning qualifications into the Master Series Final at the 2023 UKI US Open. Willow is improving in running courses but is significantly being spooked but the Judges and ring crew. Never know which Willow will show up to run. She is an interesting work in progress!

This past weekend was a busy one for the Lehnens and crew, as we had two days of AKC Scent Work trials and one day of the club Rally trial. Serry did very well in all her scent work, earning titles in Interior and Exterior Novice, and 3rd place in Container Advanced at the

Oriole DTC show. On Saturday Serry earned an extra Exterior Novice leg and another Container advanced leg at the Versatile K9 Scent Work Club of Northern New Jersey.

Sunday was Jamie's day earning another leg in RAE competition which would have been two if not for a blunder by his handler. He now has 4 legs toward that title.



Linda Morrin says - Ruby earned her AKC Novice Title in Scent Work. Competed in 4 odors 3 times each and placed each time. She is moving to Advanced.

Emily is now in Novice qualified 2 times in the rain.

Thank you, Terri Kerr, for training us and Roz Rosenblatt for mentoring

Kronk

Five weeks ago, Kronk went running out of our house and somehow significantly injured himself to the extent that he did not want me touching his hind quarters and was not willing to get up or move. He has been on extremely restricted activity and drugged up pretty well. He has improved significantly in the last two weeks and is walking well and can use a ramp to get into and out of our house and the Expedition. The issue seems to be in his right hind leg and the Vet thinks Kronk's knee cap is loose and moving. She does not know if he will be able to do agility without surgery and only time and work will tell.

Before all of this, Kronk has had a good agility season to date, earning his International Agility Champion (IAC) title in UKI. In addition he earned an Agility Bronze award and won two Master Series heats, earning qualifications into the Master Series Final at the 2023 UKI US Open.

Roger Matzke

Pet Food Drive

Community Concerns
Committee: Pet Food Drive

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!!!!!!! 2023 Spring Pet Food Drive on Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 10am to 2pm @ ShopRite of Fairless Hills in the Queen Anne Shopping Plaza....back by popular request (both LBDTC membership's and ShopRite's!!!).

ShopRite has reserved Saturday, June 17 from 10am to 2pm (rain date Sunday June 18 same time) for LBDTC to be hosting this event. We will be contributing all pet food donations we receive to three local Bucks County Food Pantries: Salvation Army of Levittown; Emergency Relief Association; Family Services Association of Bucks County.

As we pass our busy season of trials in April and May, more details will be coming to you by the newsletter and email.

If you'd like to share an hour or two (or more) and attend with (or even without) your dog(s), please let me know by email @ Johannapaws@comcast.net

Regards,
Johanna Molitano, Committee
Chairperson
WAG MORE, BARK LESS

Neighborhood Stroll

Jax visiting with the Peeps Easter bunny. Never know who you might see while out for a neighborhood stroll.



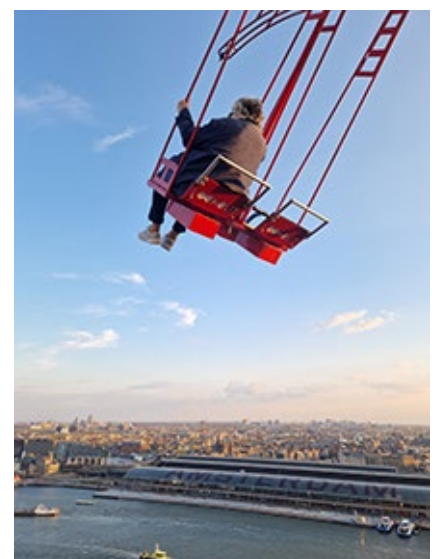
Regards,
Tracie Hopkins

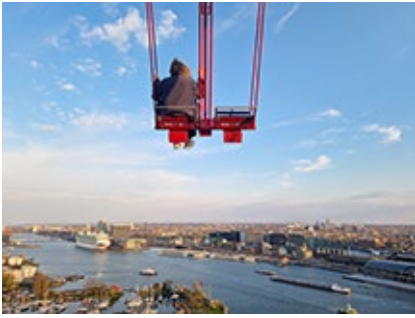
High Flying Florence

As you may know, I recently went to Amsterdam. I went to the Vermeer exhibit, visited many museums, and saw lots of tulips.

I also went on the Swing off the top of the A'DamLookout Tower. It was fun, but you can't be afraid of heights. I was the oldest person up there by 40 plus years.

Florence Brems





Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs

Please see Current Legislation Report from the PA Federation of Dog Clubs below.

Lois DiMarzio

LBDTC Obedience/ Rally Trials April 22 & 23, 2023

Obedience Trial Saturday, April 22, 2023

Rally Trial Sunday, April 23, 2023

Please see photos below.

LBDTC Agility Trial May 21, 2023

Agility Trial

Sunday, May 21, 2023

United Dog
1957 Pioneer Road, Unit B-6
Huntingdon Valley, PA, 19006

Please see the flyer below.

LBDTC Agility Trials June 9, 10 & 11 2023

Agility Trials

**Friday, June 9, 2023
Saturday, June 10, 2023
Sunday, June 11, 2023**

United Dog
1957 Pioneer Road, Unit B-6
Huntingdon Valley, PA, 19006

Please see the flyer below

LBDTC Obedience/ Rally Trials July 8 & 9, 2023

Obedience Trial Saturday, July 8, 2023

Rally Trial Sunday, July 9, 2023

Up Front Dog Training Center
128 Arneystown-Hornerstown Road
Allentown, NJ 08501

Please see the flyer below

Sponsor LBDTC Trial Ribbons

Hello LBDTC Club Members,

We will have Obedience and Rally Trials and July 8th and 9th.

As the trial committee has done in the past to offset the cost of ribbons, the trial committee is requesting your support, your business' support, and the support of any business you think would sponsor a

congratulatory message to all trial entrants.

All sponsorships will be displayed on professionally produced poster board both days.

Please use the form below to contribute or solicit a sponsorship. All sponsorships are due by June 13, 2023. Please follow the directions on the form below.

Thank you for your consideration to help support our Obedience/Rally Trials.

LBDTC Agility Trials August 26 & 27, 2023

Agility Trials

**Saturday, August 26, 2023
Sunday August 27, 2023**

**Y2K9s Dog Sports Club
601 Davisville Rd.
Willow Grove, PA**

Please see flyer below

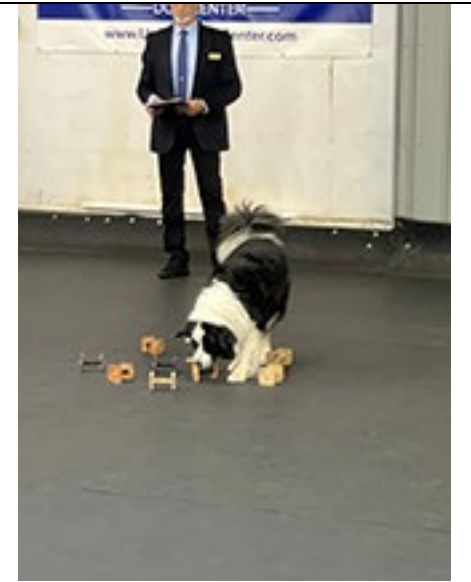
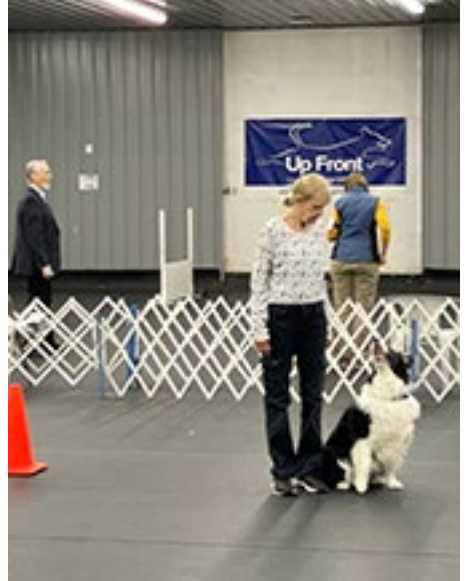
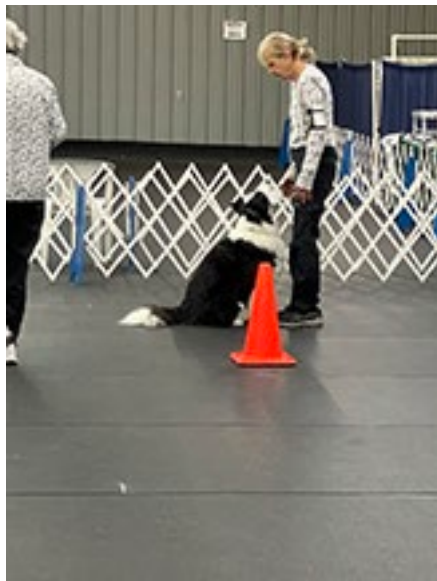
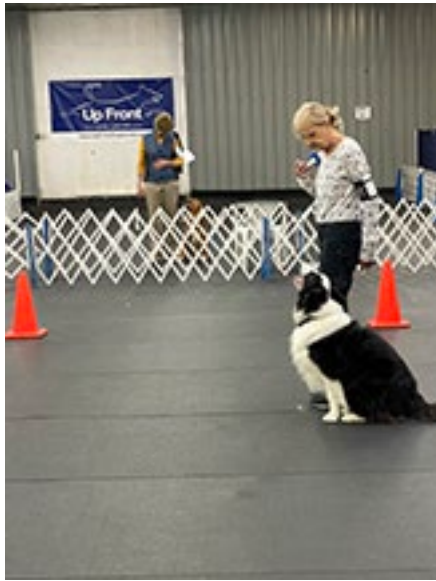
Happy Birthday

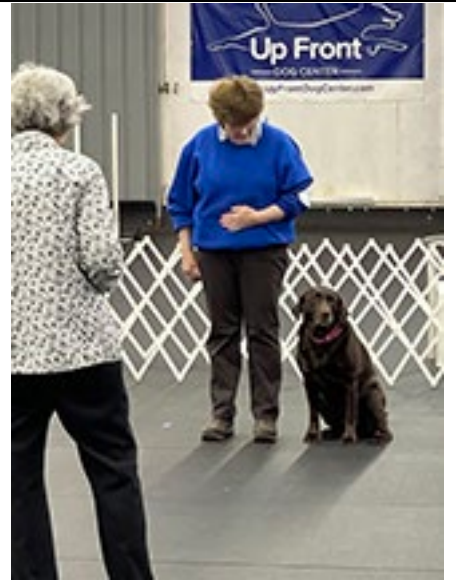
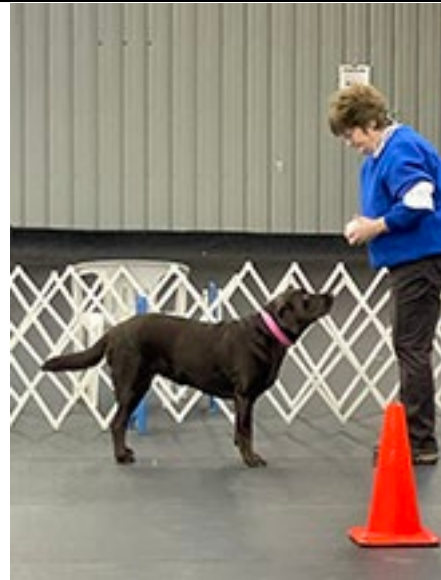
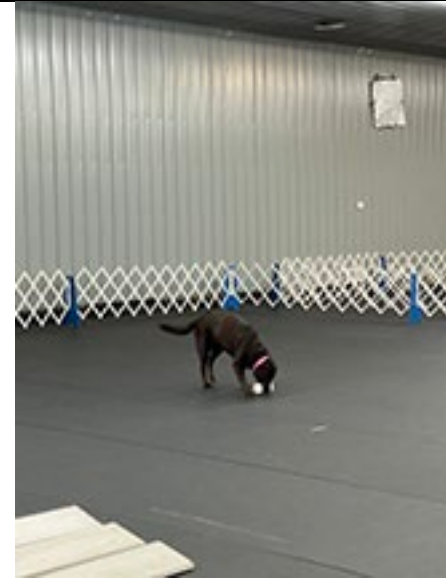
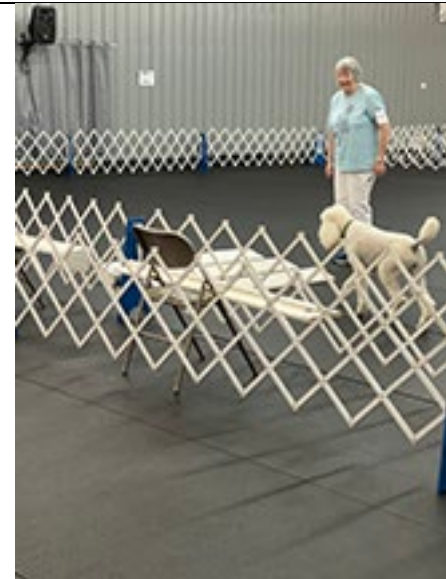
The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club, Inc, would like to wish the following members a Happy Birthday!

- May**
Kim Anderson
Janet Budzynski
Perry DeWitt
Mary Pat Enzo
Linda Morrin
Susan Phinney
Patrick Worthington

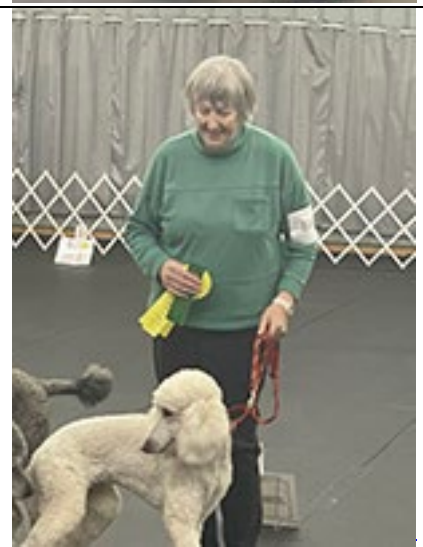
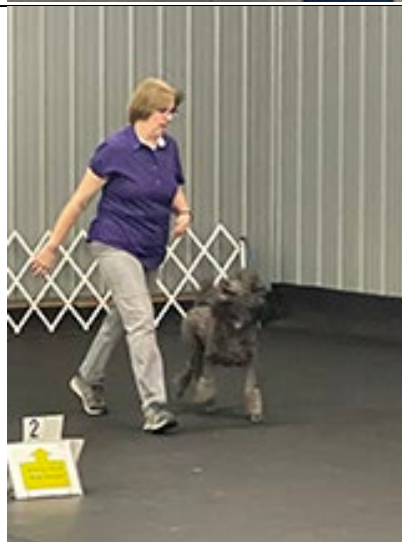
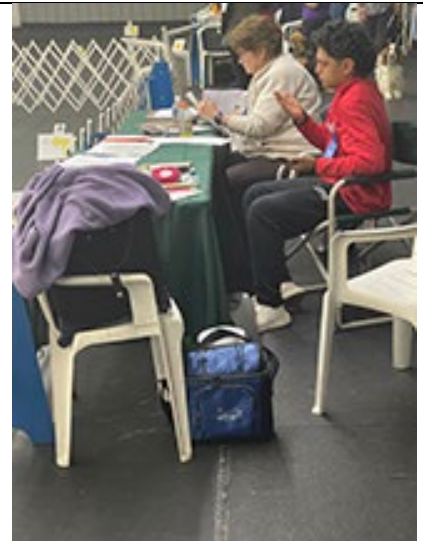
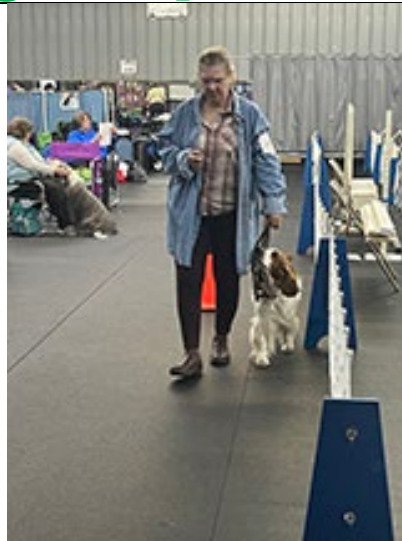
LBDTC Obedience Trial Saturday, April 22, 2023

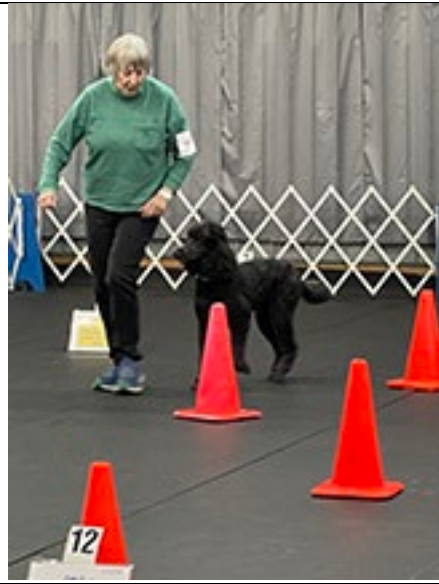
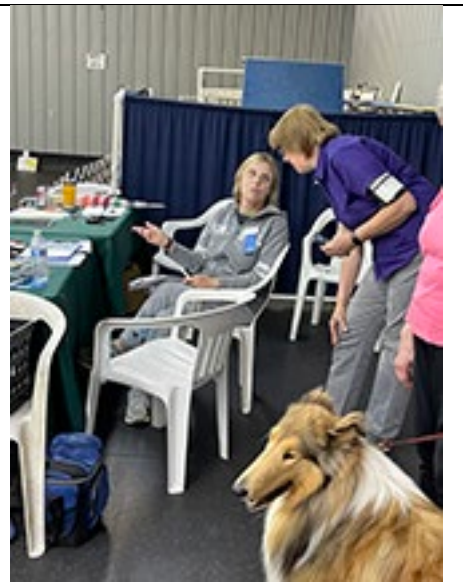
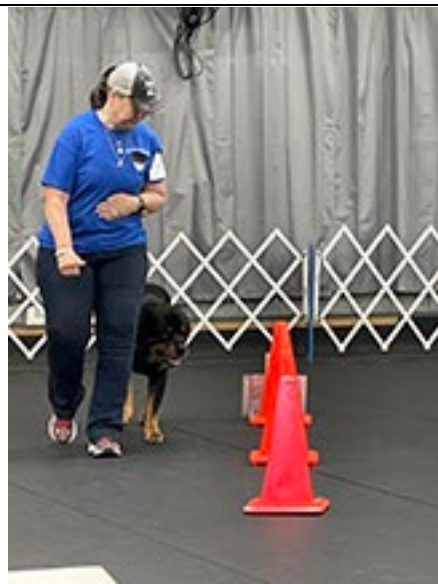
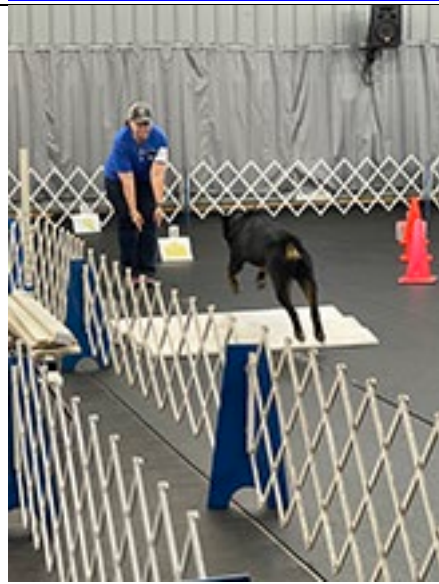
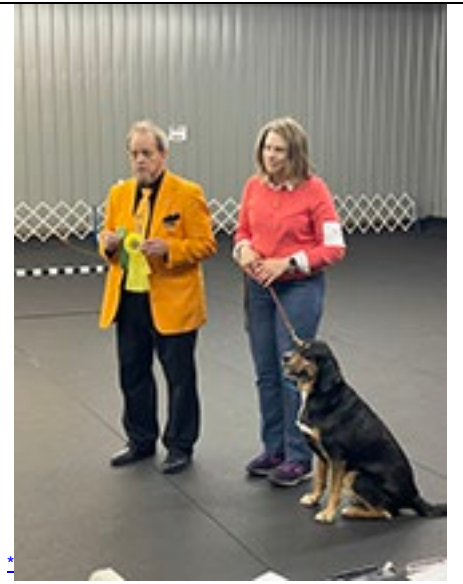
Photographs by The McKinneys





LBDTC Rally Trials Sunday, April 23, 2023





LBDTC



Current Legislation 4/12/2023

PA SENATE BILLS

- **SB67** – Repeals Sunday Hunting Prohibition. Applies to hunters using dogs. **SUPPORT**
- **SB82** – License fee exemptions for service dogs used by fire dept, sheriff, rescue, medical emergency, municipal or state police. Declares dogs as personal property. **SUPPORT**
- **SB118** – Expands list of entities that can receive a wine & spirit auction permit for the means of raising funds. Does not include 501c3's not registered w/ the PDE. (PA Dept of Education) (*See also HB86) **NEUTRAL**
- **SB357** – Constitutional Carry of a Firearm. Would refer to hunting & sporting groups **SUPPORT**

HOUSE BILLS

- **HB86** – Legislation to allow any 501c3 or 501c6 organization to sell liquor for fundraising purposes **OPPOSE**
- **HB139** – Taking the Judiciary out of Dog Law – under current law, all fines, fees & costs collected are deposited into the Judicial System account. The transfers include amounts imposed under Act 225 – AKA – Dog Law – that would be used to fund the operations of the Dept of Ag, which oversees Dog Law Enforcement. This legislation addresses this issue by exempting fines, fees & costs under the Dog Law from being transferred to the Judicial Computer System. Accounts for approximately 200K per year. **SUPPORT**
- **HB222**- Cruelty to Animals – violation causing bodily harm due to cropping, trimming or cutting off the whole or part of the ear or ears of the animal by a person who is not a licensed Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.
 - 1st offense – misdemeanor of the 2nd degree
 - 2nd offense – misdemeanor of the 1st degree**SUPPORT**
- **HB449** – Kidnapping of Animals – Establishes tough penalties for intentionally selling or taking of any dog, cat, equine, swine, cattle – any animal – to resell to puppy mills, research facilities or animal fighters. **SUPPORT**
- **HB508** – Banning of cat declawing – specifically refers to only cats, however, it refers to “animal mutilation”, which we all should know that the AR groups refer to dewclaw removal, cropping & docking as “mutilation.” This is a private decision between the owner and their vet. (Should this bill pass, their next step would be dogs.) **OPPOSE**
- **HB526** – Requires pet shops to provide all health, medical and breeder licensing numbers – “keeping breeders honest” **SUPPORT**

- **HB529** – Animal Cruelty – Transporting dogs – supported by the American Humane Society – prohibits transporting of dogs in truck beds or car roofs. **SUPPORT**
- **HB530** – Animal cruelty – Restriction of Animal Ownership – all “convicted” abusers prohibited from owning, possessing, controlling or working w/animals for at least 2 years – also requires abusers to participate in violence prevention counseling. *NOTE-Refers to Libre’s Law (Act10)- Over 25,000 Animal abuse cases have been filed statewide – 54% for neglect. **OPPOSE**
- **HB549**- All Dogs Equal - All Dogs in all kennels should be held to the same State licensed standard that requires specific construction, heating, cooling, exercise, etc. *NOTE- Rescue/rehomers are generally not State licensed. This bill would include those groups. **SUPPORT**
- **HB607**- Introduces legislation to permit the Attorney General to investigate & institute criminal proceedings for a felony offense regarding animal cruelty to animals. This would permit the assistance of the Attorney General in prosecuting animal cruelty cases in counties which have little experience in doing so. *NOTE – The Attorney General’s office is in partnership with the H\$U\$. **OPPOSE**
- **HB689**- Applies to crimes & offenses – relating to sexual intercourse with an animal. *NOTE- I read this bill specifically searching for Ai use. In another state, this same bill was introduced and included artificial insemination as a sexual offense. It was not listed in this bill. **NEUTRAL**

PA SENATE RESOLUTIONS

- **SR57** – Sen. Mastriano, Designate March 13, 2023 as “K9 Veterans & Service Day” in PA. “Canine services include dogs and their handlers, trainers & other helpers involved in police services, drug enforcement, customs, border patrol, secret service, military, and many other capacities. In my view they have earned our thanks for their efforts to protect us all.” **SUPPORT**

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

- **HR1624 – Puppy Protection Act.** This H\$U\$ back proposal is an incremental approach to bringing everything we do under Federal oversight. It is their common one-size-fits-all approach that mandates practices down to a minute level. The mandates include...

Prohibiting the breeding of a female dog:

- Unless pre-screened by a veterinarian
- Based arbitrarily on the age and size of the dog.
- If it would produce more than two litters in an 18-month period.

Additional arbitrary requirements include but are not limited to:

- Mandated unfettered access from dogs’ primary enclosures to an outdoor exercise area large enough that it “allows dogs to extend to full stride”. This would create a potentially dangerous environment for multiple dogs.
- Mandated annual dental exams.
- Mandated indoor space sufficient to allow the tallest dog in an enclosure to stand on his or her hind legs without touching the roof of the enclosure. For family dogs that live in their owner’s homes, the primary enclosure may be considered the dog’s sleeping crate.

- Mandated pre-breeding screenings. No specific details are provided for what the screening would involve or who would make these decisions.
- Prohibition on the keeping of dogs in enclosures above 85 degrees or below 45 degrees F, regardless of breed or acclimation needs for dogs that hunt, sled, detect explosives, or do other work and thrive in cooler temperatures, or that must be acclimated to cooler or warmer temperatures for their safety.
- Completely solid flooring, despite scientific recognition that multiple types of high-quality flooring, including engineered slatted flooring, is beneficial in certain types of kennels and with certain breeds.

The PFDC believes humane legislation and kennel regulation belong at the state level. **OPPOSE**
HR1624

Respectively submitted,
Linda Witouski
PFDC Legislation Chair

TRIALS FOR LBDTC

**Come and see our dogs at their best.
Join us at the following date and places.**

**UP FRONT DOG TRAINING CENTER
128 Arneystown-Hornerstown
Allentown, NJ 08501**

April 22 - Obedience

April 23 - Rally

July 8 - Obedience

July 9 - Rally



**United Dog
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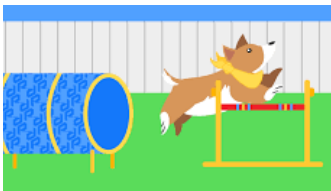
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**Y2K Dog Sports Club
601 Davisville Road
Willow Grove, PA
8/26 & 27 Agility**





Lower Bucks Dog Training Club

Annual AKC Obedience & Rally Trials

July 8th & 9th 2023

Sponsorship Request

The LBDTC is seeking sponsors for the award ribbons that are given to our annual AKC Obedience & Rally Trial winners and qualifiers.

Your corporate or personal name and a one-line message will be attached to the awards and displayed on our sponsors recognition board during the event being held at Up Front Farms in Allentown, New Jersey.

An example of a corporate message could be:

*Congratulations, **Dog's World of FUN**, Where Your Pets Get Pampered!*

Examples of personal messages are:

*~ Good Luck from Doug & Peg Lehnen ~
In Memory of Ch. Middlebrook Velvet Calon
~ Congratulations on your win!*

Each corporate sponsorship of \$50 will have your company name and message on 8 class rosettes and primary placement on the sponsors recognition board.

Each personal sponsorship of \$25 will have your name and message on 4 class rosettes and secondary placement on the sponsors recognition board.

----- Please separate, complete and submit this form with your sponsorship payment **no later than June 13, 2023** -----

LBDTC 2023 AKC Obedience & Rally Trial Sponsorship

Please check your sponsorship type.

Corporate (\$50)

Personal (\$25)

Please **print** your sponsor message

Please make check payable to **LBDTC**. Note, "Trial Sponsorship" in the memo field and mail to: LBDTC, c/o Kris King, 33 Boxwood Lane, Langhorne, PA 19047