## **CLASSES OFFERED**

DEPENDENT ON INSTRUCTOR
AVAILABILITY

#### INTRODUCTION TO AGILITY

Your dog will be introduced to the correct and positive way to learn the use of agility equipment while practicing their obedience skills. Canine Good Citizen (CGC) is required.

#### **TRICKS**

Tricks is one of the newer and very popular titles offered by the AKC. As part of the Trick's class, you can expect to strengthen the bond between you and your dog, build confidence, increase your dog's motivation, stimulate their brain to learn more quickly, and improve their physical fitness. This class is a lot of fun and provides several levels of success along the way. CGC is required.

#### THERAPY SEMINAR

AKC does not register a therapy dog. Owners will receive specific guidance and assistance on how to get their therapy dog registered with a therapy evaluator. This seminar is not for service dogs. CGC is required.

#### **COMPETITIVE OBEDIENCE CLASS**

This class offers the opportunity to prepare for obedience competition. Dogs and handlers learn and perfect the exercises needed to earn titles at obedience trials. CGC is required.

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## LOWER BUCKS DOG TRAINING CLUB

DOG TRAINING CLASSES



## TRAINING CLASSES

#### **AKC STAR PUPPY**

Early socialization is the main focus of this class. Your puppy is exposed to various experiences that will help develop a confident dog along with some very basic commands.

### **BEGINNERS OBEDIENCE**

Focusing on five basic behaviors, the Beginners Class helps owners and dogs achieve success through structured activites and positive dog training methods. Trainers also help owners understand how to use the basic commands at home to turn that unruly bundle of joy into a well-behaved family pet.

### **ADVANCED OBEDIENCE**

Your dog can become a Canine Good Citizen! The Advanced Beginners Class reinforces the behaviors learned in the Beginners Class, teaches new behaviors, and ends with you and your dog taking the AKC's Canine Good Citizen Test.

## TITLES

### **AKC COMPANION EVENTS**

Now that you and your dog have become companions, there is still more you can do together. Passing the CGC test creates additional opportunities.

LBDTC trainers will encourage you to explore all your options. Rally is one such option. Rally promotes sportsmanship and demonstrates the skills you and your dog have been using in the home, public places and around other dogs.





## **RALLY CLASSES**

### **RALLY NOVICE**

You and your dog are becoming teammates/ partners. This class offers dogs and their handlers the opportunity to prepare for fun and teamwork at the Novice Level, leading to a Companion Dog (CD) title. When competing, exercises are performed on leash and a series of 10-15 obedience signs are used.

### **RALLY ADVANCED**

While the fun continues, advanced classes prepare dogs and their handlers for the trial ring. While competing, dogs are off leash and 12-17 signs are used and one jump is included.

### RALLY EXCELLENT

This is the next level of competition. The class is similar to Advanced Rally, but includes more challenging exercises including 2 jumps, 15-20 signs and is also done off leash.

### **RALLY MASTER**

The challenges are even greater than previous rally classes. There are still 2 jumps and dogs remain off leash.



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

LBDTC IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OPERATING UNDER THE FIRM BELIEF THAT IT IS EVERY DOG OWNER'S RESPONSIBLITY TO TRAIN AND SOCIALIZE HIS/HER DOG.

MEMBERS OF LBDTC ARE
RESPONSIBLE OWNERS WHO
ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE
WELL-BEING OF DOGS, ENJOY
ACTIVITIES INVOLVING DOGS,
AND HAVE A STRONG DESIRE TO
TEACH OTHERS THE MERITS OF
TRAINING THEIR PETS.

## **LBDTC GOAL**

OUR GOAL IS TO PROMOTE GOOD NEIGHBORLY BEHAVIOR IN DOGS BY DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING TAUGHT USING POSITIVE METHODS.

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## **About LBDTC**

LBDTC is a non-profit, American Kennel Club (AKC) sanctioned organization founded in 1976 by area dog enthusiasts. The club follows a formal constitution that includes seven goals that guide our dog training programs, community initiatives, and social activities. Our by-laws also guide the club.

LBDTC continues to serve the local community by providing the foundation for a balanced dog through affordable training classes, exercise, and calm socialization. All club members are volunteers and own one or more dogs.

The LBDTC training center is conveniently located in the Levittown section of Falls Township. LBDTC has something to offer everyone including fun, learning responsible dog ownership, educational experiences, social events, dog trials, and many opportunities to enjoy a friendly working/social relationship with other dog owners.

# Membership

Club meetings are held at the training center the first Monday of every month and usually run from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. The club does not have meetings in July and August.

Election of club officers is held every fall. All members are asked to serve on one or more of the club's various committees. LBDTC is only as effective as the committees and their volunteer members.

To become a member it's as simple as filling out a membership application and attending three meetings. Each member pays a \$25.00 yearly fee or a \$40.00 yearly fee for a family membership.

Many members enter their dog(s) in companion events sponsored by AKC of other registries to earn titles, ribbons and certificates. Some members share their dogs with the community through therapy and social visits to senior facilities, schools, and libraries. Still, other members choose not to compete or visit facilities. They keep their dogs active in training programs. Other members join just because they love dogs and want to volunteer and be with other dog lovers.

New members, suggestions, and ideas are always welcome. Together we can accomplish great things!

# **Our Programs**

### **Training**

We currently conduct dog training classes that are open to the public for AKC Star Puppy, Beginners Obedience, Advanced Obedience (including Canine Good Citizen), Rally Novice, Rally Advanced, Rally Excellent, and Rally Master. These classes are held throughout the year on a regular basis. Classes for Therapy Seminar, Tricks, Introduction to Agility, and Competitive Obedience are offered dependent on instructor availability.

#### **AKC Events**

LBDTC holds several Obedience/Rally/Agility trials throughout the year. These trials are held off-site at larger facilities. Trial dates are posted on our website.

### **Community/Education Initiatives**

Professional community guests present topics of interest related to dogs at some of our monthly meetings. Guest presentations are always open to the public. Members and their dogs visit facilities to offer educational topics and comforting social interaction. The club sponsors support for other non-profits, such as food banks by holding semi-annual pet food collections.

#### **Social Activities**

LBDTC organizes events for its members and dogs. Examples include an annual luncheon and awards program and an annual picnic at a local county park.