



# Bucks Barker

Newsletter of The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club, Inc.

December 2023

## LBDTC Board of Directors

President: Liz Turner

Vice President:  
Helen Shaup

Recording Secretary:  
Ken McKinney

Corresponding Secretary:  
Judith Youngken

Treasurer: Kris King

Board Members -  
Nancy Andreas  
Claire Amy Roberts

Past President  
Florence Brems

Training Director:  
Judy Matlack

Training Administrators:  
Carol McKinney & Robin Kinley

LBDTC  
P.O. Box 476  
Langhorne, PA 19047  
(215) 493-1201

LBDTC Training Site  
8746 New Falls Road  
Levittown, PA 19054  
<http://lbdtc.org/>

Newsletter Editor:  
Florence Brems  
7 Ardsley Court  
Newtown, PA 18940  
H: 215-504-0576  
C: 215-715-0325  
Email: [silkys4ever@yahoo.com](mailto:silkys4ever@yahoo.com)

## Next Meeting

**Monday  
December 4, 2023  
7:30 PM**

**LBDTC Training Site  
8746 New Falls Road  
Levittown, PA 19054**

## Congratulations!

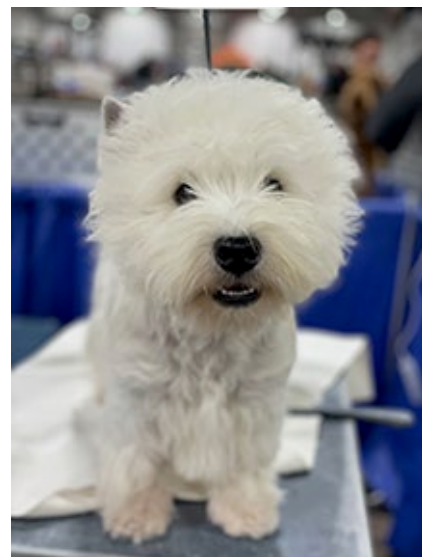
Peg Lehnert tells us - This is Serry and I after she qualified in nose work, at the Krusin Kanines trial, for advanced containers, interiors, and exteriors, earning titles in those three areas. Now we need to work on buried in novice and advanced to earn the full titles and then on to excellent!



Roz Rosenblatt says - I got a text from a friend who owns a Bette baby, and she wrote the following to me: "Cheeky, Bette's daughter, has been working in 2 excellent senior facilities. She's an excellent Therapy Dog. We go into the dementia unit and several patients have come alive and speak easily about the dogs in their past. It's gratifying to be able to share her loving personality."

And, as Patti, my breeder and dear friend has said, "I can't say I've ever bred a better girl than Bette. I wish I could clone her."

Bette's great grandson, A'Hylan Lunar Jackpot, otherwise known as Jax, was Winner Dog in his Bred By puppy dog class at the Thanksgiving Day Dog Show.



Jax – Photo from Rpz Rosenblatt

## Pet Food Drive

### LBDTC 2023 Holiday Pet Food Drive

November 27, 2023

Dear Club Members,

A huge thank you to all the members who helped at November 11th's 2023 Holiday Pet Food Drive: Kris King, Michelle Dowalo, Donna/Pat Worthington, Ken McKinney, Sandy/Tim Whiteside; Nancy Andreas, Diane/Ernie Kostner, Clare Weikel and Dominic, Helen Shaup, Judi Youngkin and Mary Ann McArdle.

Special appreciation to their dogs for charming the public into donating: Molly Kostner; Tequila and Cali Andreas; Maverick and River Worthington; Rookie Shaup; Odie Whiteside; Samwell and Finn McArdle; Guinness and Lady Weikel.

We collected **1,208 pounds of pet food** which was donated to three local Bucks County Food Pantries: The Salvation Army of Levittown; The Emergency Relief Association and Family Services Association of Bucks County. Each of the food pantries expressed their appreciation for LBDTC's commitment to filling their shelves with pet food. Our total donations since we started this program close to 10 years ago???? **55,156 pounds or 27.58 tons of pet food!!**

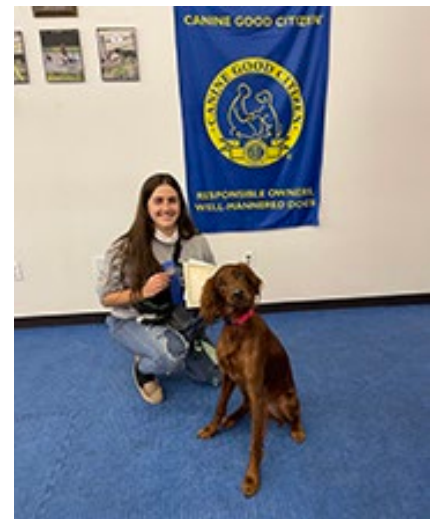
Photos courtesy of Ken McKinney Please see them below.

May you and those you hold dear celebrate your holidays this year with joy and peace.

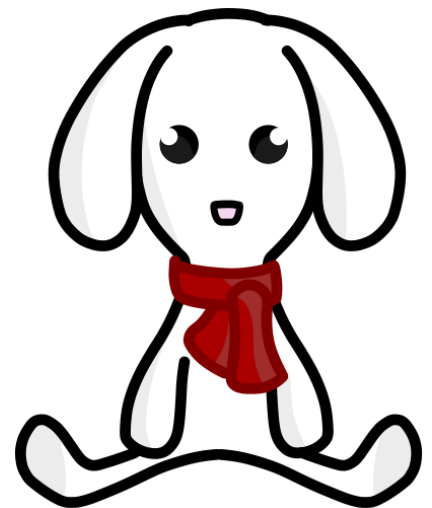
Sincerely,  
Johanna Molitano, Chair  
LBDTC Community Services  
Committee  
WAG MORE, BARK LESS

## Canine Good Citizens

Lower Bucks Dog Training congratulates these new Canine Good Citizens



Photos from Ken McKinney





## AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program

Lower Bucks Dog Training congratulates these puppies who completed the program exhibit Socialization, Training, Activity and Responsibility

Tuesday Class  
Photos from Ken Mc Kinney



Thursday Class  
Photos from Robin Kinley



## Canine Respiratory Illness

Please see the latest info below from the Federation about the mystery illness that is spreading across the country.

Lois DiMarzio  
LBDTC Delegate to the PA  
Federation of Dog Clubs

## LBDTC 2024 Board Nominations

The LBDTC slate of officers for 2024 is:"

Liz Turner **President**

Helen Shaup **Vice President**

Ken McKinney **Recording Secretary**

Judy Youngken  
**Corresponding Secretary**

Kris King **Treasurer**

Nancy Andreas **Member at Large**

Claire Amy Roberts **Member at Large**

Florence Brems **Past President**

Training Committee has agreed to stay on, Judy M, Robin and Carol Mc

The election will be in December and Board Members will be sworn in at the January 2023 meeting.

Kris King  
Nominating Committee  
Chairperson

## LBDTC Membership Renewal

Lower Bucks Dog Training Club  
2024 membership renewal is  
due by December 15, 2023.

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

## LBDTC Awards Application

It's time to honor your 2023  
accomplishments.

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

Remember form must be  
returned to Roz Rosenblatt by  
December 15, 2023

## Training Committee

Training Committee Report:

Testing from fall classes: 4  
CGC and 5 Star Puppies

Winter classes will run from  
January 8th through March  
2nd

Registrations for this session  
are December 1st through  
January 4th

We are hoping the deadly  
canine virus that is currently  
circulating will be under  
control by January classes. If  
not, we may have to  
consider a delay in the start  
of winter session. That  
decision will be made at the  
start of January.  
Winter classes:  
Foundation skills for  
Competition Rally (Donna)  
This change from  
Excellent/Masters Rally will  
allow for a variety of skills  
levels.

Novice Rally (Claire Amy)

Intro to Agility (Kim K.)

Beginners Obedience:  
Tuesday (Ken and Carol),  
Wednesday (Judy M),  
Saturday (MaryAnn)

Advanced Obedience (Ken  
and Carol)

AKC Star Puppy (Robin)

There will tentatively be a  
training committee meeting  
on Wednesday, January 3,  
at 6:30.

Training Committee



## LBDTC Obedience Trial January 1, 2024

**Obedience Trial**  
**Monday, January 1, 2024**

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

[Premium](#)



## LBDTC Obedience/ Rally Trials April 20 & 21, 2024

**LBDTC Obedience Trial**  
**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

**LBDTC Rally Trial**  
**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

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

Pending



## **LBDTC Agility Trial May 19, 2024**

**Agility Trial  
Sunday, May 19, 2024**

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

Pending

## **LBDTC Agility Trials June 7, 8 & 9, 2024**

**Agility Trials  
Friday, June 7, 2024  
Saturday, June 8, 2024  
Sunday, June 9, 2024**

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

Pending

## **LBDTC Obedience/ Rally Trials July 6 & 7, 2024**

**LBDTC Obedience Trial  
Saturday, July 6, 2024**

**LBDTC Rally Trial  
Sunday, July 7, 2024**

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

Pending

## **LBDTC Agility Trials August 24 & 25, 2024**

**Lower Bucks Dog Training  
Club, Inc. Agility Trials**

Saturday & Sunday  
August 24 & 25 2024

**Y2K9s Dog Sports Club**  
601 Davisville Rd, Suite 150  
Willow Grove, PA 19090

Pending

## **Happy Birthday**

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

**December**  
Florence Brems

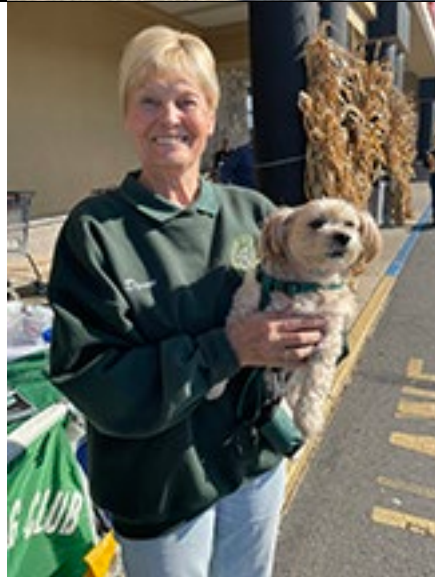
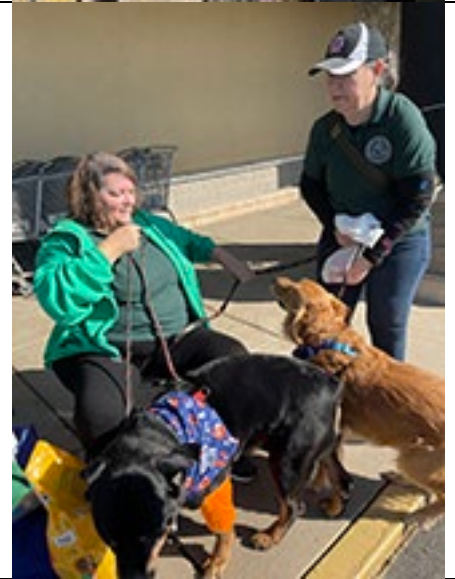
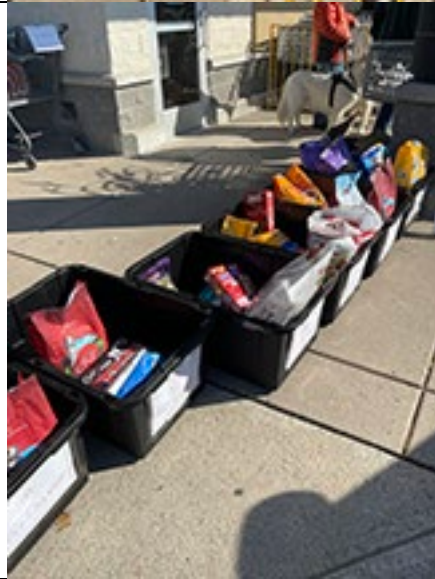
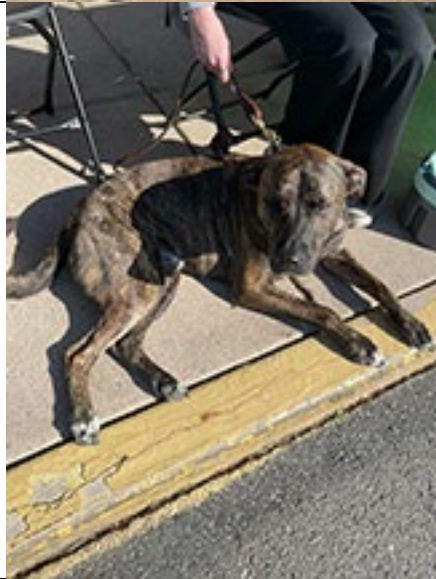
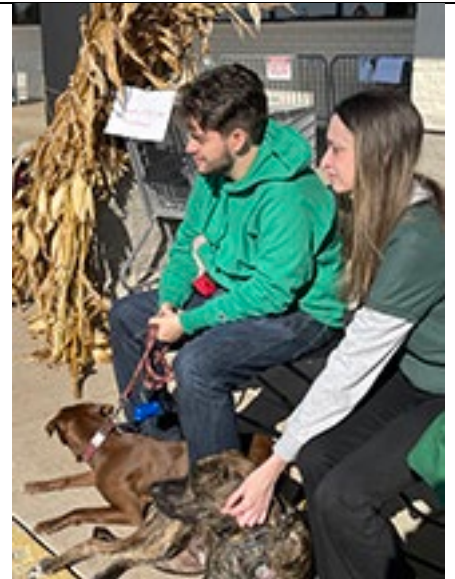
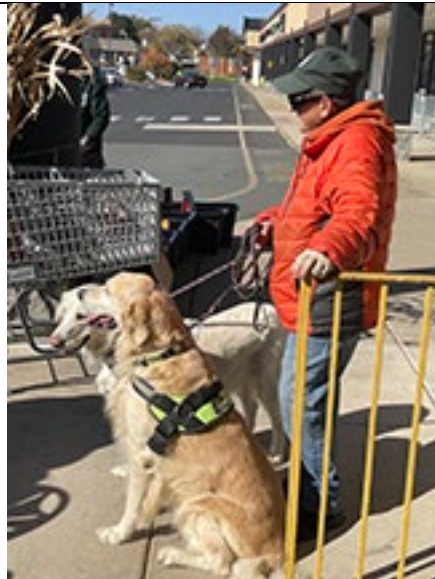


Public Domain Clipart from  
[WPClipart Home Page](http://WPClipart.com)

# **Holiday Pet Food Drive 2023**







**Photographs by Ken McKinney**

## CANINE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS UNNERVES DOG OWNERS – BUT SHOULD IT?

Any dog owner who watched TV, read a newspaper or clicked on social media during the last couple of weeks is likely to be concerned about a new canine respiratory illness reported as causing severe illness and even fatalities. The worry is heightened for people whose dogs participate in dog sports, operate dog training classes or boarding kennels.

Animal enthusiasts are always grateful when issues that affect their pets attract media coverage. Unfortunately, the information available to reporters on this issue is so piecemeal, so out of context, so lacking in “who, what, when, and where,” and other basic information, it forces their readers to speculate rather than gain an understanding.

About a week ago, NAIA started receiving calls and emails asking if we had information about the current status of this illness. In response, we attempted to do a little detective work. We researched the literature to find the best information on the subject available. We contacted veterinarians and veterinarian associations in several states, and we called kennel clubs that had held recent shows. We asked questions that we thought would provide clues to the current incidence of severe respiratory illness.

Although our brief investigation allowed us to form some conclusions, they are based on far less information than the data that is available to scientists and veterinarians who do this work as a profession. So, instead of sharing the results of our limited inquiry, we are providing you a link to the best single resource we’ve found on the subject, a blog authored by experts on the subject.

The source is the Worms and Germs Blog [1] authored by Drs. Scott Weiss and Maureen Anderson. This site always has excellent information. Their treatment of canine respiratory illness is unrivaled, as you can read below:

A DOG OWNER’S GUIDE TO NAVIGATING RESPIRATORY DISEASE CONCERNS [2]

NEW WEIRD CANINE RESPIRATORY PATHOGEN? WHAT DO WE KNOW? [3]

National Animal Interest Alliance  
PO Box 66579  
Portland, Oregon 97290-6579

(503)761-8962  
(503)227-8450  
[naia@naiaonline.org](mailto:naia@naiaonline.org)

You are receiving this email because you signed up for alerts from National Animal Interest Alliance.  
Click here [4] to unsubscribe from this mailing list.

[5]

Links:

-----

- [1] <https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/8QXpHmjHvVzm1gDowsM9CA>
- [2] <https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/wk1TWfENltLi60tPghbuOg>
- [3] <https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/OHClh0bwygA98GWIFQDyyw>
- [4] <https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/ZqyE84b4hm6duaAW-9useQ>
- [5] <https://www.votervoice.net>

\_Darin Cox,\_  
[President@PAFederationOfDogClubs.org](mailto:President@PAFederationOfDogClubs.org)





**LOWER BUCKS DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.**  
Established 1976  
**2024 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PROFILE FORM**

**Due Date: December 15, 2023**

All members, including Life Members, are required to complete and return this form. This information is used to compile and update our Membership Directory and to develop the club's active membership list required by the American Kennel Club. **Note: If completing this form electronically, please save it to your phone or computer first.**

Name of Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Month(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate your preferred contact: Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the appropriate membership class below and sign pages 1 and 3. Remit payment through the Pay Pal link listed under the Membership Renewal Form section of the website and either email the completed form to [lbdtc-membership@lbdtc.org](mailto:lbdtc-membership@lbdtc.org) or bring the form with you to the next meeting. If you prefer to pay by check; mail the completed form and paper check made payable to LBDTC to Kris King, 33 Boxwood Ln, Langhorne, PA 19047.**

**Note: For Members voted in during the months of September through December 2023, your initial payment will cover your 2024 dues.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Single \$25.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Household \$40.00 (includes children under 18 years of age)

\_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Single \$250.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Household \$400.00

**\*Members are required to sign the following waiver:**

**I acknowledge that my dog(s) is/are current on its/their inoculations including Bordetella Vaccine.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*This new procedure/waiver was approved at the 7/27/15 Board Meeting. It was revised and approved at the 2/6/17 General Membership Meeting.



**LOWER BUCKS DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.**  
**Established 1976**  
**2024 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PROFILE FORM**

List your Dog(s):

Call Name _____	Breed _____
Call Name _____	Breed _____
Call Name _____	Breed _____
Call Name _____	Breed _____
Call Name _____	Breed _____
Call Name _____	Breed _____

Identify your interests (i.e. agility, obedience, herding, nose work, therapy, training, assisting, etc.)

---

---

---

Would you be interested in being a mentor to new members who share your interests or breed?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Members are asked to serve on at least 1 committee. Please select your choice(s) below:

Agility Trial _____	Newsletter _____
Annual Dinner _____	Nominating _____
Community Service _____	Obedience/Rally Trial _____
Constitution & Bylaws _____	PA Fed. of Dog Clubs _____
Finance _____	Publicity/Website _____
Grievance/Code of Ethics _____	Sunshine _____
Maintenance _____	Training _____
Membership _____	Ways & Means _____



**LOWER BUCKS DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.**  
**Established 1976**  
**2024 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PROFILE FORM**

## **PHOTO RELEASE**

I/we agree to allow images of me and my/our dog(s) to be used by the Lower Bucks Dog Training Club for promotions, programs and publications. This includes brochures, displays, advertisements, website, and other printed and electronic media.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## **LBDTC**

### **2023 Year End Awards Application**

**Lower Bucks members are eligible to receive year end plaques for titles they've earned from recognized clubs in 2023. Kennel clubs, training clubs, breed clubs, herding clubs, agility organizations and the like are all recognized. Please use a separate form for each dog when you are filling out an application and write clearly. Thank you!**

**Full Name of Dog:**

**Owner:**

**Does this dog already have a plaque with his/her name on it? Yes No**

**Title(s) : Organization(s) (i.e. AKC,UKC, etc.)**

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**

**4.**

**Please list your 3 highest trial scores and the area in which they were earned.**

**Has this dog received a certificate this year? (i.e. TDI, etc.)**

**We also remember our deceased pals. Please give dog's call name with year of birth and passing to the Rainbow Bridge.**

**Please return the form to me at 1194 Somers Rd. Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006 by December 15th, 2023. I will accept late applications, if necessary. However, if you can send your application earlier than 12/15, it would be appreciated. You can also scan your application and send it to me as an email at [westiedog2@verizon.net](mailto:westiedog2@verizon.net)**

**\*Date for the awards luncheon is 1/14/2024.**

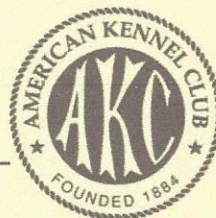
**Thank you!**

**Roz Rosenblatt, Awards Chair**

# AKC Code of Sportsmanship

*PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.*

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.



**AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB®**