



# Bucks Barker

Newsletter of The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club, Inc.

Summer 2024

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## Next Meeting

**Monday  
September 9, 2024  
7:30 PM**

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

**A LBDTC Board Meeting  
will follow the general  
membership meeting.**

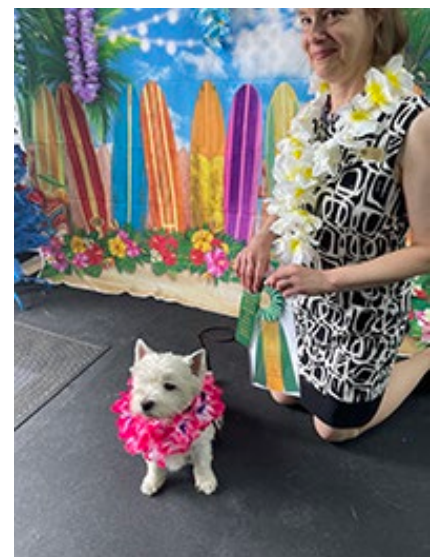
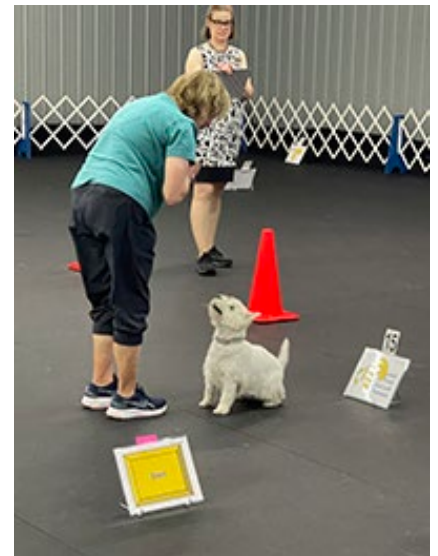
## Congratulations!

Roz Rosenblatt tells us - In June, Bette earned her Advanced Container's title at Kruisin Kanin's Scent Work trial with a 3rd place in Buried and another leg in Advanced Interiors. At 18 months her grandbaby became an AKC Champion shown by his owner in the Bred By Class. He was also our National Roving Sweepstakes Winner. In July, Bette earned her Rally Excellent title at Lower Buck's Rally trial at Up Front Farm. It was great being cheered on by so many club members who were there.

Many thanks to Terri, Tammy and Diane Stout for their help and guidance along the way. Bette earned her Rally Excellent title under

their encouragement and support.

Bette and I couldn't have gotten our Excellent title without your encouragement. We will be forever grateful!





Photos from Roz Rosenblatt

## Training Committee

As summer session wraps up, we hope everyone is everyone is enjoying their summer. We've awarded seven more CGC's and 4 AKC Star Puppy Certifications. One of our Obedience 1 classes is still to be tested for Puppies which I will post in the September newsletter. Congratulations to students, dogs, instructors, and assistants for your great work.

Training committee, please make note of a committee meeting on Saturday, September 21st at 10:00AM for the purpose of sharing training ideas. I know we all do the same basic skills/commands, but we also have all discovered tricks, tips, or techniques that help with the basic skills. Let's share that knowledge with each other on September 21st. Come with your ideas, or requests for "tips" on any particular skill/command. This is your meeting, so come ready to share. There will be snacks. Plan on September 21st from 10:00 to 12:00. See you then.

Enjoy your much earned time off.

Fall classes will be September 23 through November 16. Registration runs from August 18 to September 19.

Judy, Robin, Carol

## Agility Class

It's hard to believe our summer classes have ended. Two of our newer members participated in LBDC Introduction to Agility class. Both Bailey and Abby and their owners learned the foundations of agility quickly, adapted well to the agility equipment and had lots of fun along the way. A special shout out to Kris King for lending her expertise and a helping hand. We look forward to our next session in September.

Kim Kinney



## Pet Food Drive

Dear LBDC Club Members,

Our generous community donated **802 pounds of pet food** at our 2024 Summer Pet Food Drive on Saturday which was held at ShopRite Fairless Hills in the Queen Anne Plaza. Cash donations from the public left us the opportunity to go back into ShopRite and purchase a few more pounds of food, toys and treats.

To date through these pet food drives, LBDC has coordinated

the donation of **55,958 pounds (or 27.97 tons)** of pet food to three local Bucks County food pantries: The Salvation Army of Levittown, The Emergency Relief Association and Family Services Association of Bucks County.

My sincere thanks to our Committee Members Kris King, Ken McKinney; Michelle Dowalo and Donna Worthington for the behind-the-scenes hard work it takes to make this program another success.

We had great weather, great support from attending club members and great contributions from the general public who stopped to hear our support of local food pantries, pet our dogs and ask questions about club membership.

Heartfelt appreciation to our club members who came out to charm the public for the day: Diane, Ernie and Molly Kostner; Nancy, Tequila and Cali Andreas, Donna, Maverick and River Worthington; Liz and Skyler Turner; Mary and Abby Brooks; Clare, Guinness and Lady Weikel and Dominic; Florence and Harry Brems; Diane and Austin Stout; Al and Hope Gurvitz, Kris King, Ken McKinney, Judi Youngken and MaryAnn McArdle.

You've worked hard to set a positive tone for the summer. May your summer be filled with good health and good spirits.

I'm keeping in touch with all 3 food pantry directors regarding their current inventory of pet food for their members..

Regards,  
Johanna Molitano,  
Chair LBDC Community  
Service Committee



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

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

Photos from Ken McKinney



## Travels with Harry

Harry and I went traveling through New England in June

We took a cruise on a sailboat in Maine.



We also went on a Whale Watch, I saw a whale, and Harry fell asleep.

Florence Brems

## LBDC Obedience/ Rally Trials July 6 & 7, 2024

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

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

Another set of successful LBDC Obedience/Rally trial(s) was held in July at Upfront Farm. Thank you to Terri and Tammy and all the Upfront people who made these trials run so smoothly. Many were there from the start until the end and then some, manning tables, stewarding and a whole lot more jobs, some that go

unnoticed but are vital to a successful trial.

There are a lot of shout outs due to our terrific members, so in no particular order, let me begin:

Ken - For so many jobs you do, but in particular your grilling skills in the heat made it a delicious weekend and fun. Many thanks.

Carol - For working the rally ring all day on Sunday. Diligently and with smiles, your judge was lucky to have you.

Donna W. - For being there both days and doing anything that was needed. More importantly, for being there for your student and helping make her day successful and enjoyable. It's what the club is for. Your Island theme backdrop and Leis were a big hit for picture taking. Many thanks. It was great seeing Memphis.

Jan - For doing the board both days with humor and accuracy. It was nice to see Sam also. You make the day move along, a talent in itself. Plus, your Deviled eggs were a hit!!

Claire Amy - For the wonderful breakfast spread in your Mom's honor. That was really nice. Also, being there for your students is so important and I'm sure they appreciated all the guidance and having you there to support them.

Clare (and Mom) and Dominick - What can I say, you rocked the raffle table both days. The baskets were beautiful and well received. The time and effort (and shopping) were evident, and some lucky members went home with them (myself

included). Thank you for taking on this job and doing so well.

Doug - I know you and Peg were away, but the permanent banner for Upfront was terrific looking as was the sponsor board. Thank you for doing this and donating them to the club.

Terri - Can't thank you enough for donating the food and putting on the "picnic" theme for both volunteers and competitors. It was a brilliant idea and garnered more compliments and Thank Yous than could be counted for the club.

Upfront competitors and friends who donated salads and other goodies both days for us all to enjoy, thank you.

Of course, it's always fun to watch the competitors but even more so when they are club members. Thank you to those who came out to compete.

Diane S with Alishia in obedience and Austin in Rally. You are always willing to help our club members with advice and answering any questions, thank you.

Roz and Bette, congratulations on the new title in Rally (and the delicious cookies)

Claire Amy and Coulson, it's great to see you back in the ring.

Terri with Diamond, Alex and Rocket. You make it look so easy!

Tammy with Rayleigh, I'm glad you got a chance to get away from tabulating to do some competing of your own.

And last but not least, three of our members competing in Rally for the first time:

Mary Ann McArdle with Finn, first ever time showing in any competition and walking away with 2 legs and a score of 96.

Mary Brooks with Abbey, also first time competing ever and getting second place.

Donna Allen with Ruby, first time in rally with third place.

It was amazing to see you all and for you to have all qualified and to watch you start your journey was so exciting. Congratulations!

As for myself, the weekend spent catching up with long-term members and friends and getting to know some of the newer members a little better, it was everything I could want from my club. Good company, educational, supportive, nonjudgmental in that all the efforts were acknowledged no matter the outcome.

Being excited about another person "stepping out of their comfort zone" and applauding that as much as the win. Paying forward knowledge to help another member succeed. Oh, and being able to pet, kiss, hug, and fawn over anything with four legs with reckless abandon. All in all, a nice way to spend a weekend.

Kris King  
Membership Committee

**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

Hello Fellow Club Members,

It is that time of the summer again when I beg all of you to come out and help at our August 24 & 25, Agility Trial. The sign-up link is not available yet, I will send it as soon as it becomes available. The trial is at Y2K9s in Willow Grove and it is air conditioned. Any amount of time that you can volunteer is greatly appreciated. We will have coffee and other items in the morning and lunch as well. Yes I am trying to buy you off with food.

I also will need help on Friday the 23rd for set up. Remember, many hands make light work. Time will be from 4 pm until we finish.

Please feel free to call, text or email me if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing many of you soon.

Sincerely,  
Roger Matzke  
215-869-7995

## **LBDTC Obedience January 1, 2025**

**LBDTC Obedience Trial  
Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

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

Pending



## **LBDTC ISC Agility Trial February 20, 2025**

**LBDTC ISC Agility Trial  
Thursday, February 20, 2025**

Gloucester County Dream Park  
400 Rt.130 South  
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

Pending

## **LBDTC Obedience/ Rally Trials April 19 & 20, 2025**

**LBDTC Obedience Trial  
Saturday, April 19, 2025**

**LBDTC Rally Trial  
Sunday, April 20, 2025**

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

Pending

## **LBDTC Agility Trial May 18, 2025**

**Agility Trial  
Sunday, May 18, 2025**

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

Pending

## **Dog Quotation**

"In times of joy, all of us wished we possessed a tail we could wag."

— W. H. Auden

## **Happy Birthday**

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

### **July**

Susan Mattes  
Constance Meyer  
Brian Morris  
Elle Ozden  
Kathryn Trott  
Tom Whiteside  
Judith Youngken

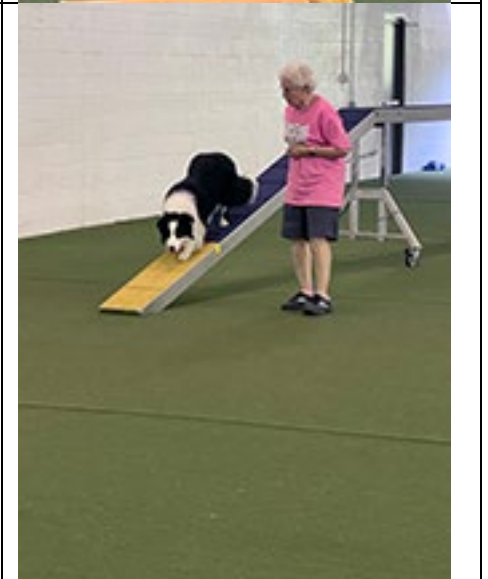
### **August**

Sabrina Andrews  
Lois DiMarzio  
Mary Ann McArdle  
Ken McKinney  
Diane Stout

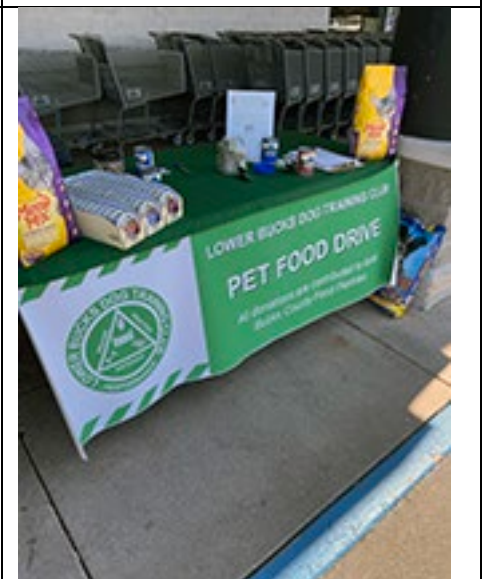


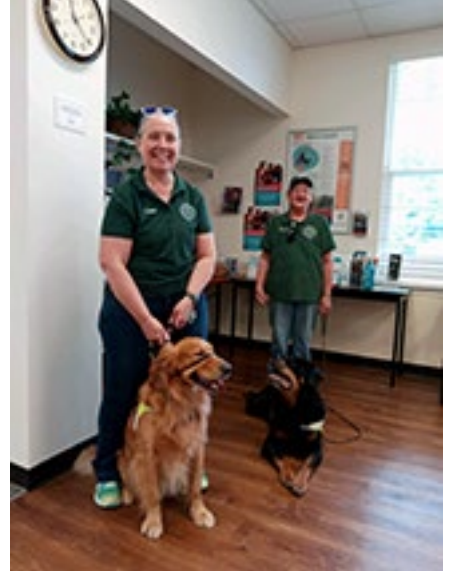
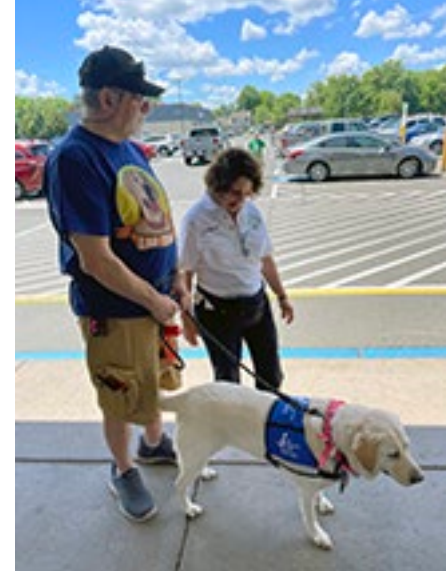
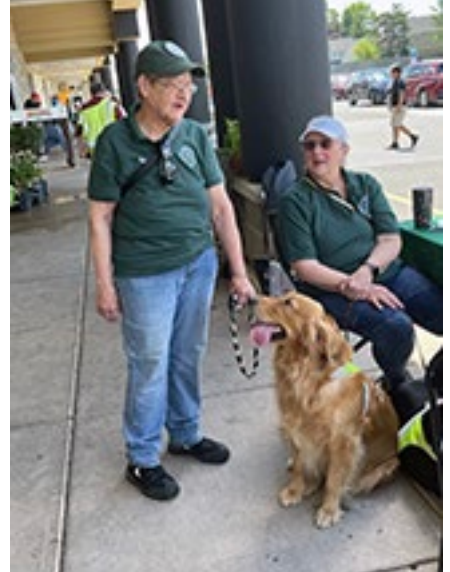
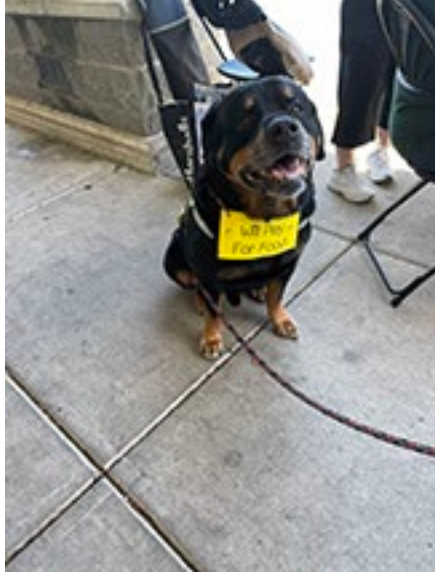
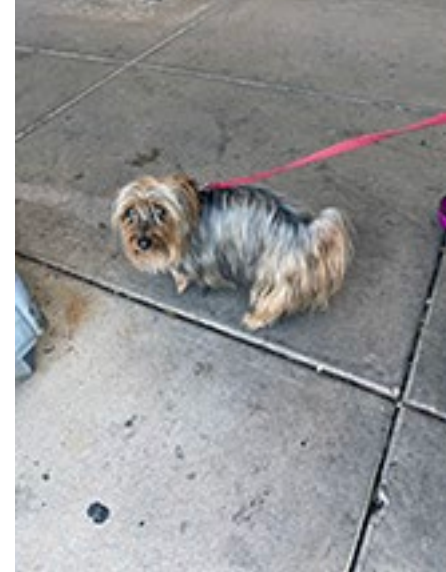
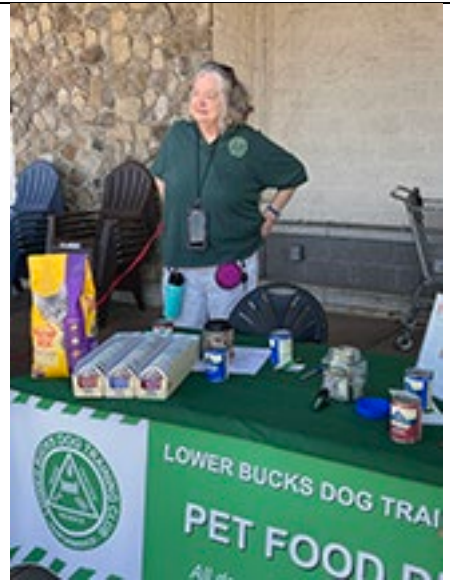
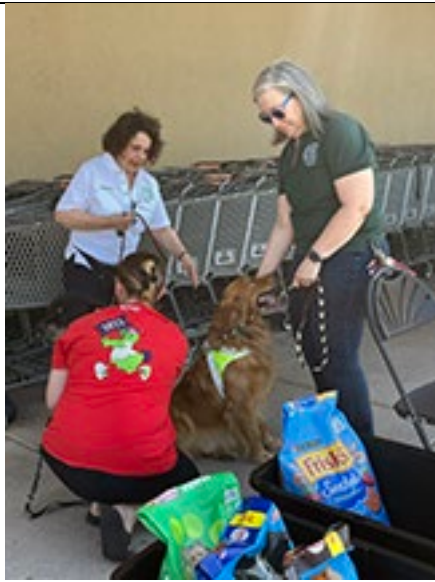
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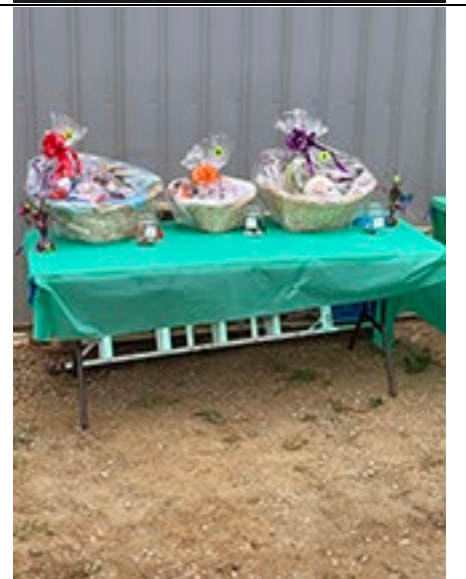
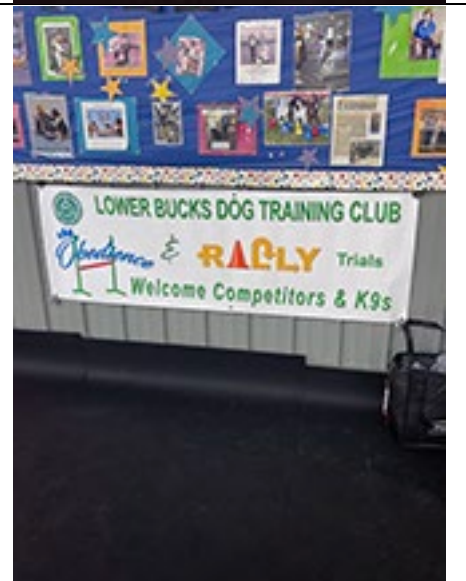


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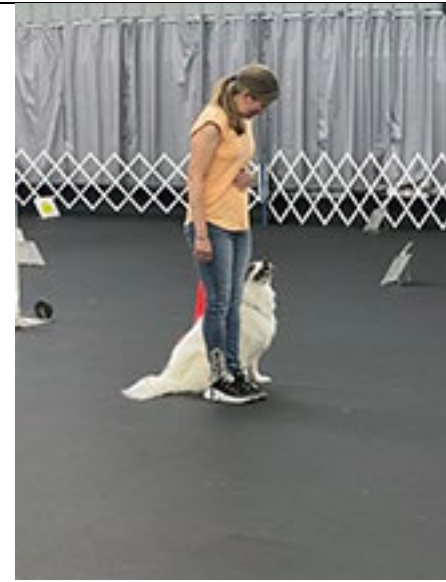
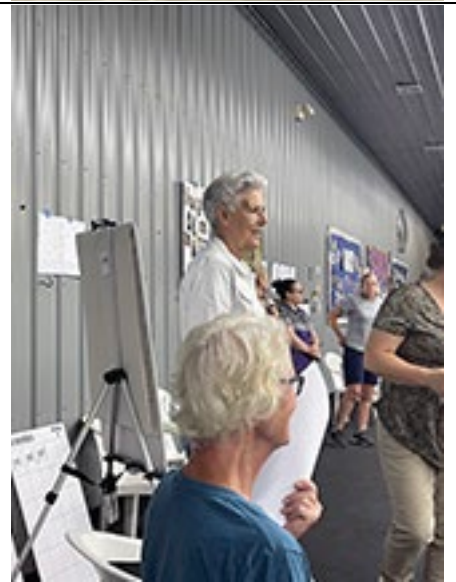
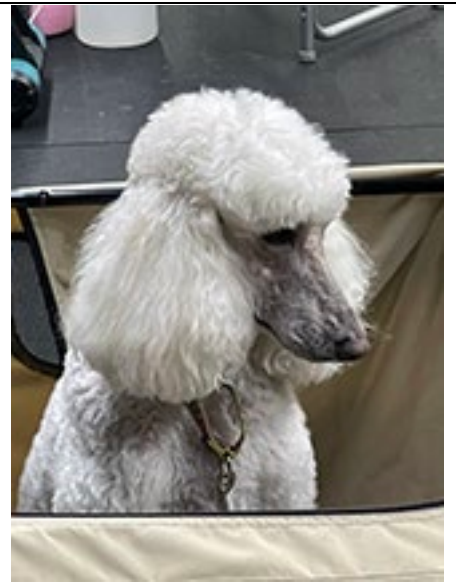
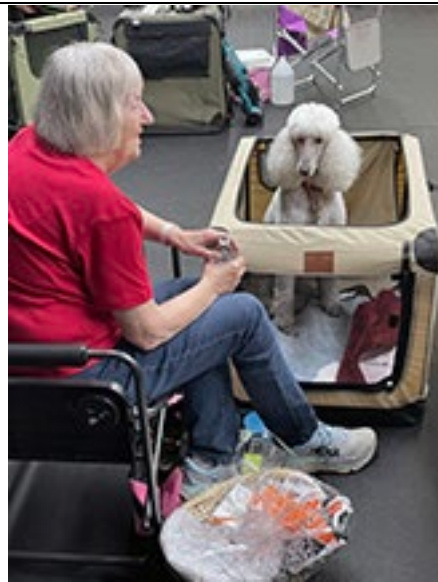
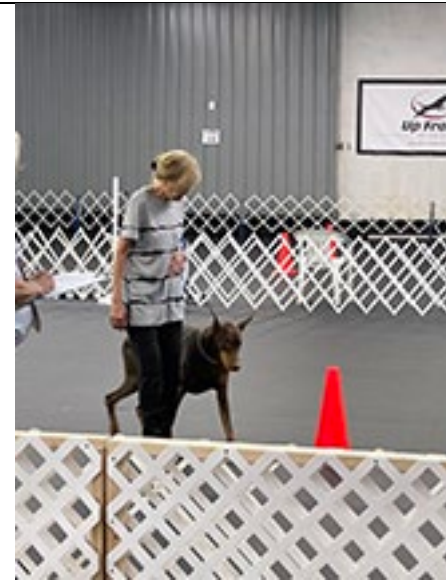


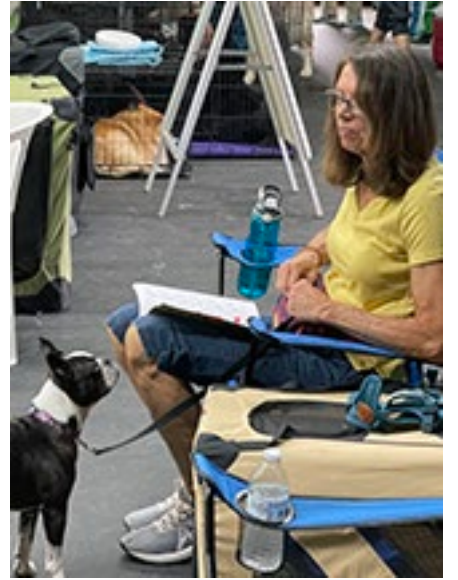
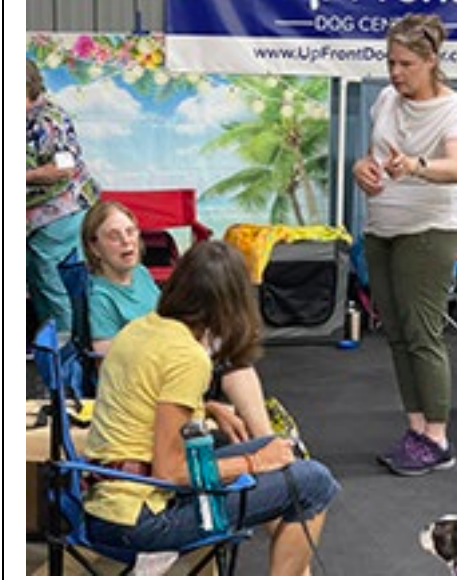
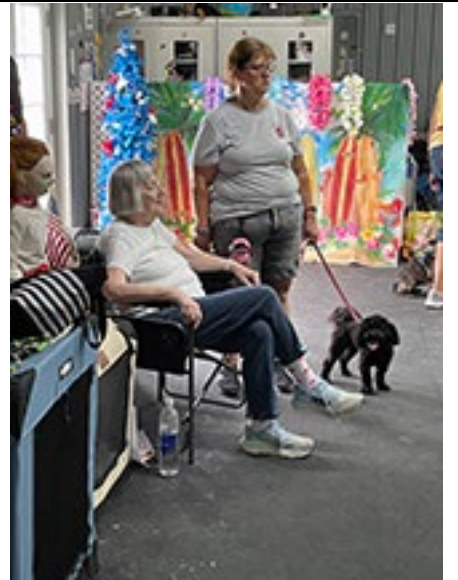
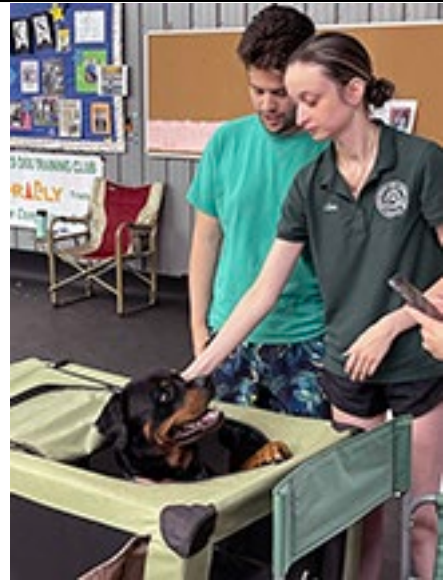
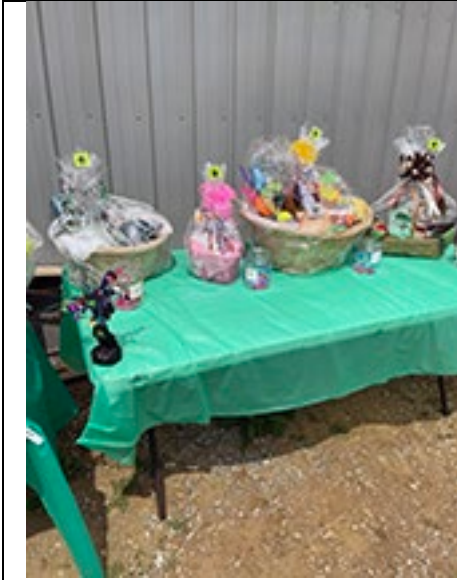
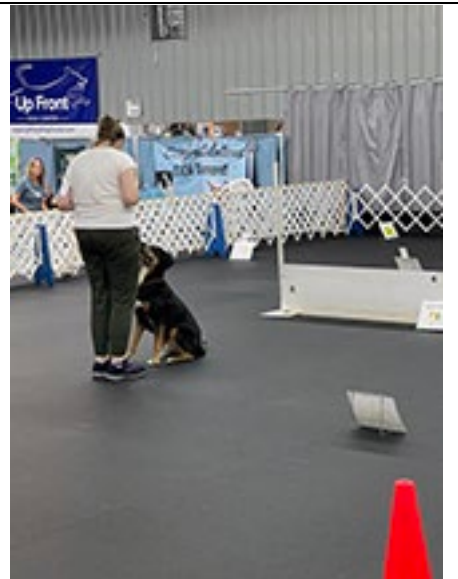
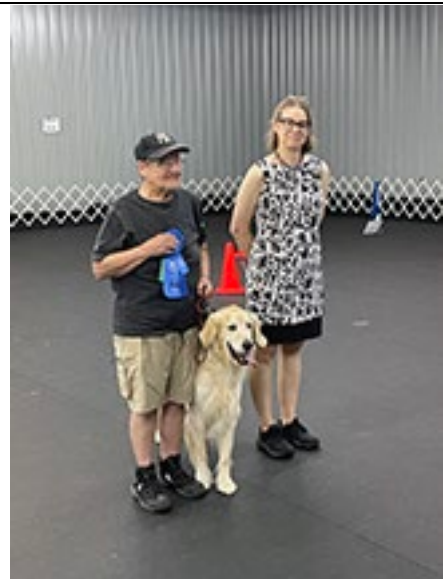
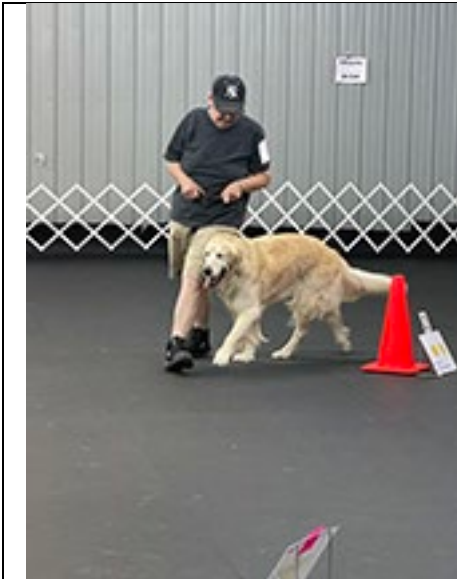


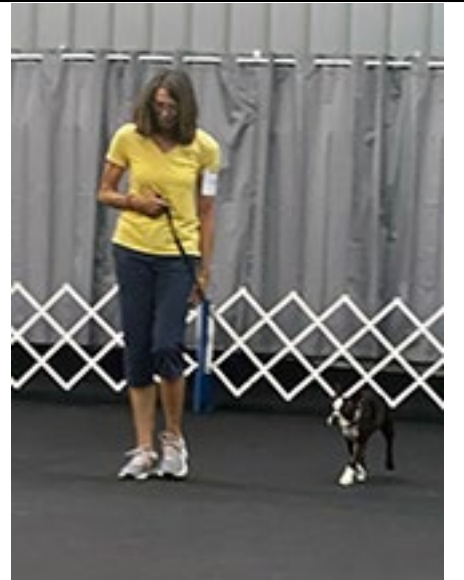
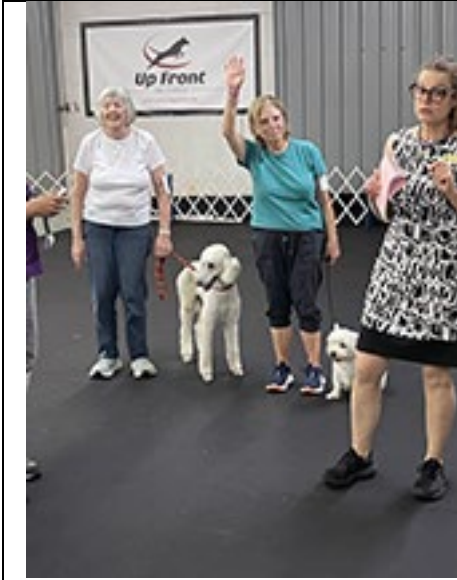
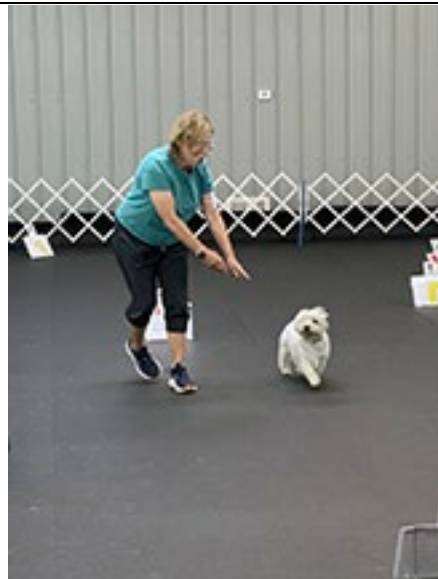
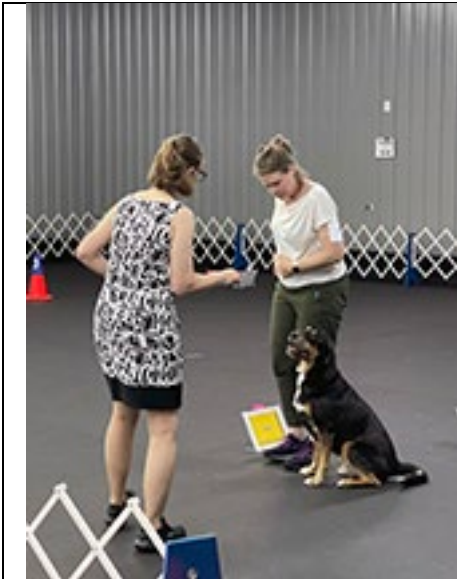
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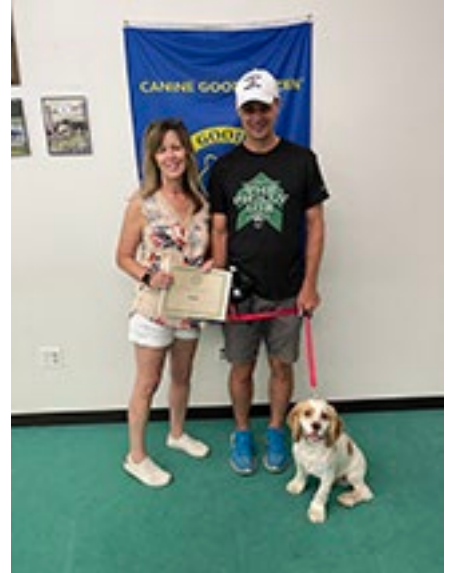


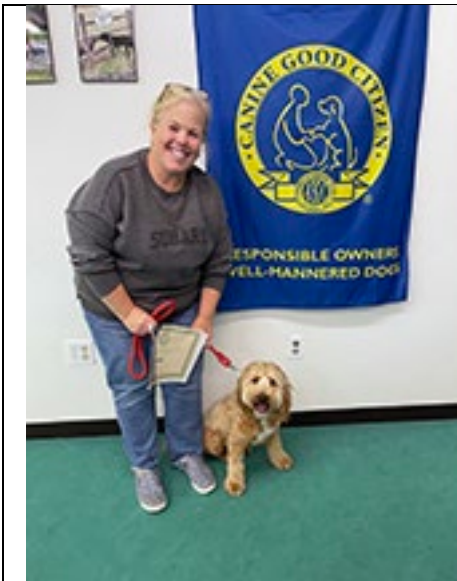






# LBDTC Congratulates New Canine Good Citizens





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