



Bucks Barker

Newsletter of The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club, Inc.

September 2024

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Next Meeting

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

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

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

Congratulations!

Roz Rosenblatt tells us - Bette earned her NACSW Level 1 Container title (L1C) and was awesome at the trial!



Training Committee

There will be a training committee meeting on Saturday, September 21, at 10:00 AM. The agenda is to offer a chance to share training ideas with one another. There will be snacks but bring your own drinks. The meeting will go no longer than 2 hours. I want to have enough time for us to share our joint wealth of knowledge.

Carol, Judy, Robin

Pet Food Drive

Dear LBDC Club Members,

Each of the three food pantry's Directors advised me that they were down to almost no pet food inventory. I contacted Chewy and worked with one of their managers and received multiple discounts for deliveries of pet food to each of our 3 pantries. Total spent was \$338 which will be debited against cash donations from the public

attending June's Pet Food Drive. All 3 pantries received our donations August 28th.

SAVE THE DATE: We are waiting for approval/confirmation from ShopRite of Fairless Hills for LBDTC's 2024 Holiday Pet Food Drive to be held at their location on Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 10am to 2pm.

Johanna Molitano,
Chair
LBDTC Community Support
Committee



AKC National Agility Congratulations

In June, the AKC 2024 Premier Cup Agility finals competition aired on ESPN and was held in Minnesota. This event was by AKC invitation. It was a pleasure to see that two of our members, Jessica Ajoux and Perry DeWitt were invited/entered in the competition and made it to the finals in the 20-inch class height. Jessica qualified two dogs for the finals, Hallelujah and Optimus Prime. Perry qualified her dog, Wit, for the finals.

Prior to the broadcast of the 20-inch class, a special interview and video segment came on

featuring Jessica and Perry. It highlighted the wedding of our two members just days prior to the competition. So, they were spending their honeymoon in Minnesota at the agility trial with their dogs.

The final results in the 20-inch class resulted in Hallelujah in second place, Wit in third place and Optimus Prime in fourth place. Congratulations to our newly wed members and to both of them and their dogs for their outstanding agility performance on the national agility stage.

Ken McKinney

LBDTC Training Site Survey

Below is a preliminary report of the training site survey results.

As noted in the article, I will be presenting the full report at the September LBDTC Meeting

Doug Lehan

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

Dear Club Members,

Another successful Agility Trial was put on this past weekend. A very grateful shout

out to the chairs of the trials, Mary Pat, Janet B and Roger!!!

There is so much behind the scenes work before the competitors even walk through the doors, done months, weeks and days leading up to the event that go unnoticed. On the days of the trial they are everywhere, working, answering questions, putting out fires.

Thank you to the members who volunteered their time and energy and talents to the weekend success. Mary Brooks came to watch on Sunday and was recruited as score runner while she was there. Hoping to see Mary and Abby compete some day in agility.

Donna Worthington who ran the gate with efficiency as always both days and stayed longer than planned, much appreciated.

Carol Mc spent Sunday as ring crew for almost every class, thank you Carol!

Ken Mc and Kris also spent their time both days in the ring and Ken ran the gate in the late afternoon. You did a great job Ken, thanks for stepping in where needed, especially Friday night set up.

Kim K with bum knee and all came and helped where she could both days. Many thanks to her husband Bill for helping to set up Friday night.

Florence, God bless her, was there early both days with coffee and donuts as the volunteers came in. Followed by all day snacks and pick me ups along with

A delicious lunch spread and all the cold water needed on a hot weekend.

Clare and Dominick came on Saturday and helped with ring crew

Sabrina could be found as scribe when needed and helping the chairs in many ways.

Many non- member volunteers were needed for this trial and a special thank you to all of them who pitched in, especially in course building.

We also had some members compete: Cosmo and Jake (standing in for Kim K) who earned two titles at our trials. (Kim's new addition to the household was also there, Louie, adorable plus puppy)

Sabrina, Mary Pat and Janet B also competed both days with their dogs

Thanks to our judge, Lavonda Herring from Lagrangeville, NY for getting us wrapped up a little earlier than predicted on Sunday.

The number of good comments about our club members and the trial was overwhelming. I heard so many nice things it was awesome. Makes the long hours' worth it after hearing those praises.

This was the last Agility trial for LB in 2024. Great job all year long by our volunteers and the trial chairs. We thank you all.

Kris King
Membership Committee



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

"Everything I know, I learned from dogs."

— Nora Roberts, The Search

Happy Birthday

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

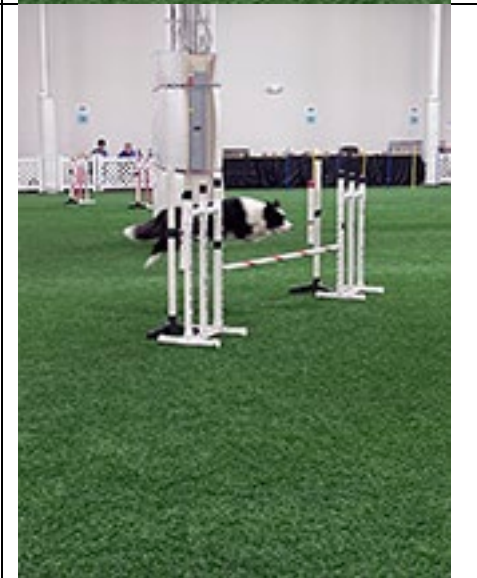
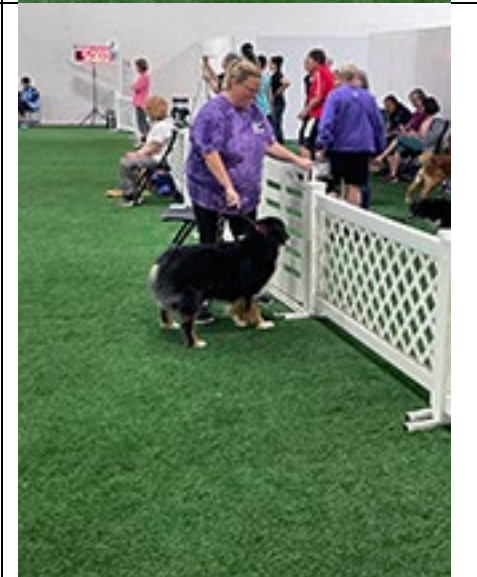
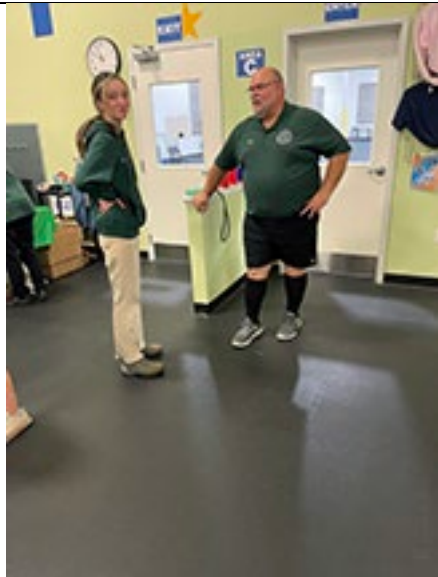
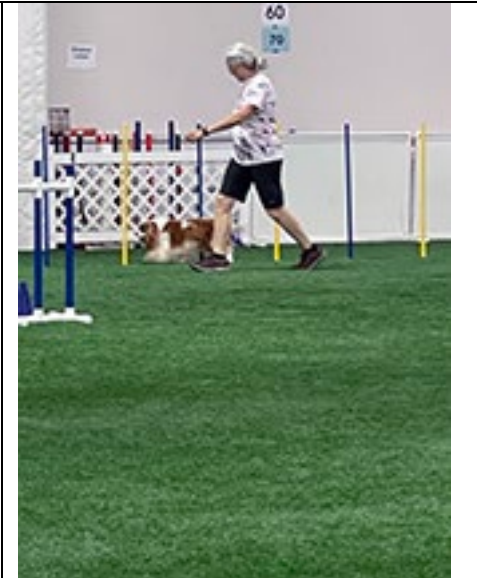
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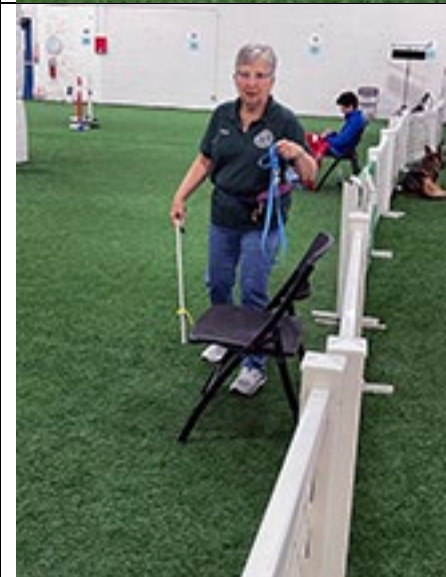
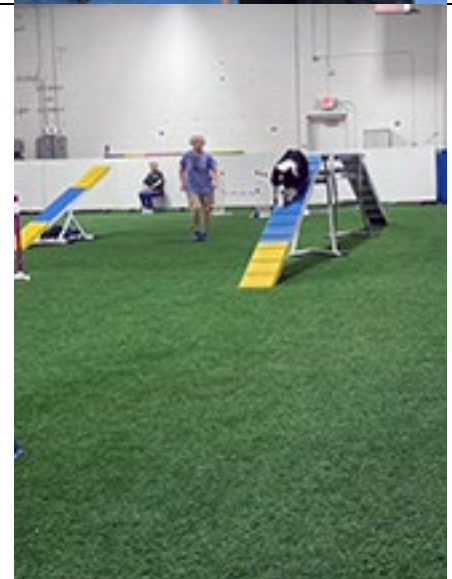
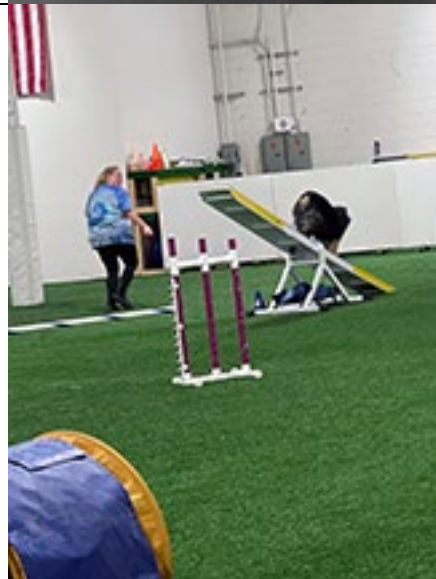
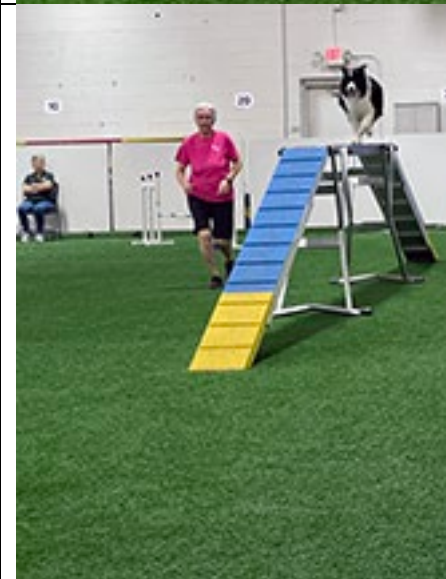
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Johanna Molitano
Roz Rosenblatt
Jean Van Dyke
Sandra Whiteside



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LBDTC Agility Trials August 2024





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Ken McKinney**

LBDTC New Training Site Membership Survey, Preliminary Report

At the direction of the Board of Directors, an eight (8) question survey was prepared for members to complete via the Planet Survey web site. The purpose of the survey was to gather the opinions of the club membership regarding the possibility of the club obtaining a new training site.

The survey was activated online from May 30th through June 30th, 2024. A total of 35 members completed the survey. This is approx. 75% of the membership responding to the survey.

Question #1: Do you agree LBDTC needs an improved training location? Of the 35 respondents, 77.1% agree an improved training site is needed and 22.9% disagree.

Question #2: What about the current location concerns you? 42.2% felt that size was a primary issue, 17.2% felt storage capacity was a secondary issue and 14.1% had no concerns. Less than 10% of respondent were concerned with Location, Security and Creature Comforts.

Question #3: Would you like any new location to be large enough to setup an AKC sized ring? Almost half of the respondents (48.6%) would like it, if possible. The remaining respondents were evenly split between wanting a facility which could accommodate an AKC size ring and not (25.7%) each way.

Question #4: How much do you feel we should increase our budget for a new training site? 48.6% of the total respondents felt an increase in the range of \$5K – \$10K would be appropriate, while just under one third (31.4%) felt there should be no increase.

This is only a preliminary report of half of the responses. A formal presentation will be made at the September 9th club meeting and digital copies of the final report will be available