



# Bucks Barker

Newsletter of The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club, Inc.

September 2025

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## Next Meeting

**Monday  
September 8, 2025  
7:30 PM**

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

A LBDTC Board Meeting  
will follow the general  
membership meeting.

## Congratulations!

Sandy Whiteside tells us - Tom and I have had a very busy summer with our boys Odie and Braxton. Both boys have earned their Rally Intermediate titles! We are so very proud of them!

Braxton has been working on getting his Therapy Dog Title, too. I'm proud to say he passed all his tests with flying colors! He is now a certified Therapy Dog through Alliance Therapy Dogs! Since we apparently weren't busy enough with our three, we decided to welcome a new one year old collie into our home! Necco will be arriving from Florida sometime this week!

Mary Brooks shows off the ribbons won by Abby at the LBDTC April 2025 Obedience Trial,



Photo from Mary Brooks

**Up Front Dog Center**  
Congratulations to Jan and her boy Sam who earned their 1st leg and 1st place in Preferred Open yesterday at the Quaker City Doberman PL...see more



## Rookie

I just want to thank you all for your out pouring condolences for Rookie. Thank you so much.

It's comforting to know Rookie is in a better place. Rookie's memories will always be with us.

Helen Shaup



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## Coulson

### Coulson Retires!

Well folks, if you weren't at the May meeting to witness my tear-filled announcement, here

it is in black and white: **Coulson is officially retired from the Rally Ring.**

It still pains me to say it—but it's time. He's dealing with arthritis and has started to lose feeling in his back legs. And frankly, I think he's just plain tired of me telling him what to do (not that he ever really listened... you'd think those big ears would've helped!).

When we first began, I just wanted him to earn his Novice title. But Donna Worthington told me, "We're not done"—and she was right. We kept going... and going... and going.

Back when we started competing in Rally, there were only four classes: Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Advanced Excellent. I'd like to think we made it all the way to the top. In 2023, Coulson earned his **Rally Excellent** title—far more than I ever expected. He's my shining star.

Though he's now retired from the ring, Coulson continues to serve as our class demo dog. He still gives it his all—with a smile and plenty of slobber!

Thank you all for the love and support you've given us over the years. It's meant the world to both of us.

— Claire-Amy, Jon, Lucy and Agent Coulson

## Community Service Committee

### PET FOOD DRIVES

LBDTC 2025 Summer Pet Food Drive was a success. Please see the photos below.

**SAVE THE DATE(s):** Saturday, November 8 or 15 from 10am to 2pm for LBDTC's 2025 Holiday Pet Food Drive at ShopRite of Fairless Hills in Queen Anne Shopping Center

We are waiting or confirmation from ShopRite for either of these two dates for our popular pet food drive. All members are welcome to attend either with or without your dog(s) for a fun day with shoppers at ShopRite. Details will follow. If you have any questions, please email at [Johannapaws@comcast.net](mailto:Johannapaws@comcast.net) or call the landlin at 215 493-9220. Thank you.

Regards,  
Johanna Molitano, Chair  
LBDTC Community Service Committee

WAG MORE, BARK LESS

## Tri-State Canine Response Teams

### Tri-State Canine Response Team Annual Fundraiser

Even though I am not as mobile as I was, I still support TriState and they work they do. We were in New Orleans after a car crashed through the crowd on Bourbon Street. We are waiting to see if we are invited to church and school

in Minnesota. We never self-deploy.

We also visit schools on a monthly basis and when called in after a student or staff member passes. I may not be able to fly with a dog, but I can drive to a school with a dog to help relieve grief.

All this takes money for hotels, plane tickets and insurance. Please help us continue to help others. Buy some tickets by Weds, 9/10.

You may get the winning ticket for \$5,000!

Thank you for supporting us.  
Lois DiMarzio

See flyer below.

## **LBDTC Agility Trials August 23 & 24 2025**

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

Saturday & Sunday  
August 23 and 24, 2025

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

LBDTC held our final Agility trials for 2025.

Thank you to our trial chairs, Roger and Mary Pat. This trial is a particularly big undertaking and they did a great job making sure it ran smoothly. Of course they didn't do it alone.

Following are shout outs to all who came and helped and competed. Without you, these trial would not happen:

It all starts Friday night, with Roger, Ken, Bill and Janet moving all the walls and setting up for the Saturday run. Thank you to Howard for transporting the two tunnels we had to borrow, to and from the sites.

Our judge, Rob Thompson was great and helped with all the height changes and course changes. He kept things moving.

Janet B was there both days, scoring, timing, course building and measuring dogs

Carol McK was bright and early, setting up the hospitality and raffle tables on Saturday Ken McK of course was everywhere both days. He is a part of the "team" that makes this trial and most others run efficiently. If you need him for anything, he's there and ready. Kim K was there both days backing up all the positions as needed and she and Bill stayed through the clean up on Sunday. Kim kept a watchful eye on hospitality.

Nancy was there both days , stewarding, helping the hospitality table and also staying for the clean up.

Paul and Emma helped almost all of Saturday in the ring. That help went a long way to keeping the classes running quickly. They even stayed to set up Sunday's course.

Donna, who never fails us on the gate was there bright and early both mornings.

Sabrina, always happy to lend a hand, did the scoring table numerous times both days. Roz did the scoring table on Sunday afternoon and Lois manned the hospitality table Sunday afternoon. Hospitality is a full day job in itself. Thank you to

Julie Matze for running over the sandwiches on Saturday and Nancy on Sunday. A big thank you to Florence, while away in Alaska during the trial, ordered all the snacks, sandwiches, and paper goods ahead of time. She has donated all the snacks and sundries. Thank you Michelle for the use of your coolers.

Last but not least, Andy Mellon who is the official "course builder" could be found not only doing that, but stewarding, scoring, timing and generally jumping in whenever needed. While not a member he does more than expected at our trials and we are forever thankful.

Some of the above people also jumped in to help course build. This is physical work and not all our members are able to help. We can't express our gratitude enough for you doing this, new course after new course.

As for me, I spent most of my time stewarding and helping with hospitality and ribbons. However I did have plenty of time to chat with members and competitors. I enjoy watching the teams make their runs. The expression on most of the teams faces after that last jump, whether a good or bad run, are smiles and wagging tails, just happy to be together. It's nice to see.

I will mention one run that stuck out, a dog stopped mid-way through the weaves and licked a pole then went merrily on it's way. That was a new one for me.

Congratulations to all our members who competed with their dog(s) Mary Pat, Janet B, Roger, Sabrina

Our very own Kim Anderson and Gibson made their debut in

Agility. You did great! Bill Kinney ran Cosmo for Kim and did an excellent job. Way to go Bill!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Kris King  
Membership

**LBDTC Obedience  
Trial  
December 31, 2025**

**LBDTC Obedience Trial  
Wednesday, December 31,  
2025**

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

Pending

**Agility Trial  
February 19, 2026**

**Agility Trial  
Thursday, February 19, 2026**

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

**LBDTC  
Obedience and  
Rally Trials  
April 17 & 18, 2026**

**LBDTC Obedience Trial  
Friday, April 17, 2026**

**LBDTC Rally Trial  
Saturday, April 18, 2026**

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

**LBDTC Rally Trial  
May 10, 2026**

**LBDTC Rally Trials  
Sunday, May 10, 2026**

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

**LBDTC Agility Trial  
May 17, 2026**

**LBDTC Agility Trial  
Sunday, May 17, 2026**

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

**Harry**

**Harry Brems**

October 31, 2011  
-September 6, 2025

Harry, my boon companion and wonderful travelling buddy, has passed away.

He was greatly loved and will be deeply missed.



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**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  
Kathryn Trott  
Tom Whiteside  
Judith Youngken

**August**

Sabrina Andrews  
Lois DiMarzio  
Mary Ann McArdle  
Ken McKinney

**September**

Sarah Davis  
Julie Matzke  
Johanna Molitano  
Roz Rosenblatt  
Jean Van Dyke  
Sandra Whiteside

# LBDTC Congratulates New Canine Good Citizens



Photographs by  
Ken McKinney

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

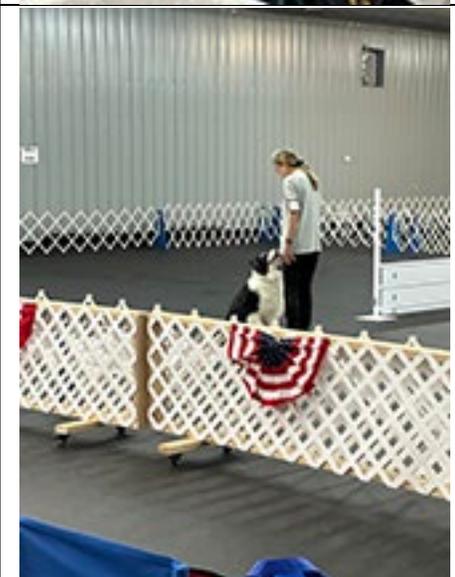
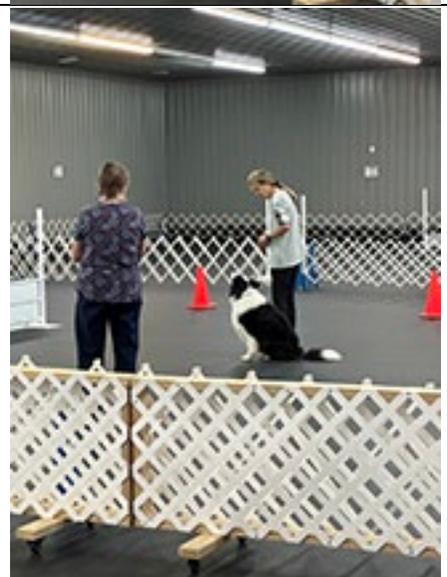
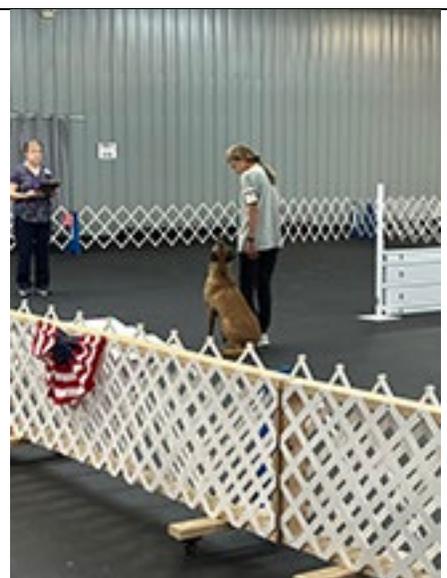
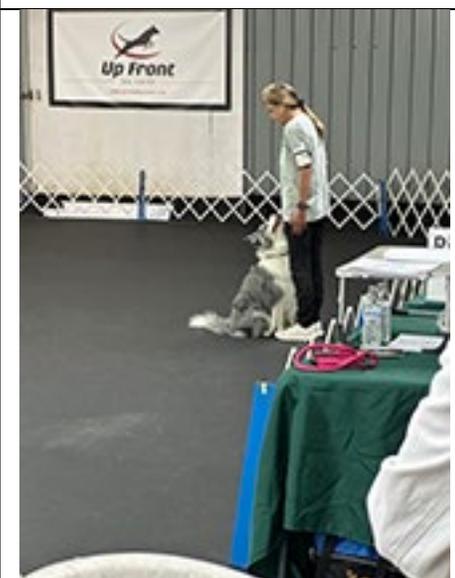
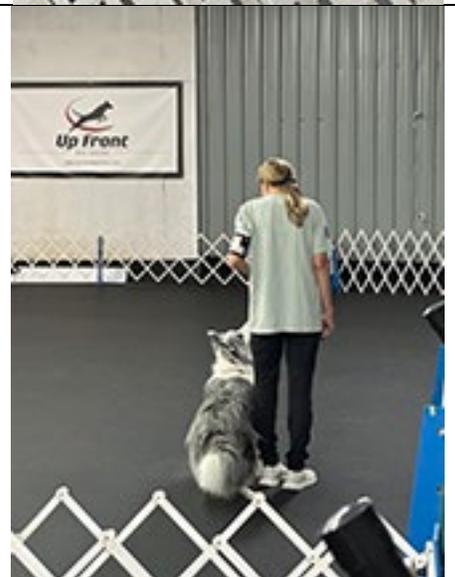
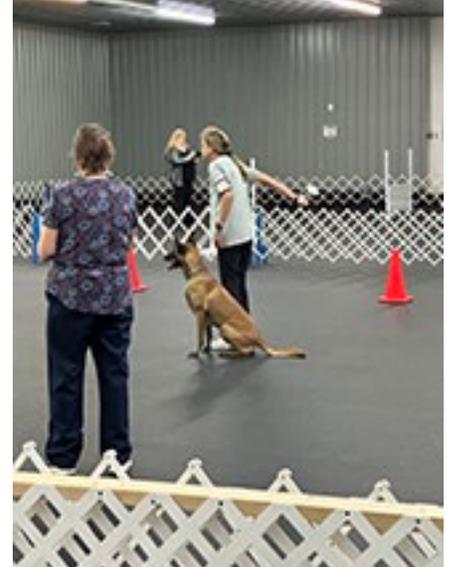
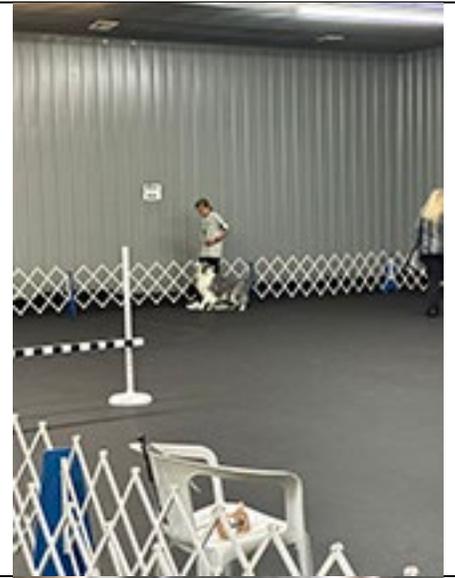
Lower Bucks Dog Training  
congratulates these puppies who  
completed the program exhibit  
Socialization, Training, Activity and  
Responsibility



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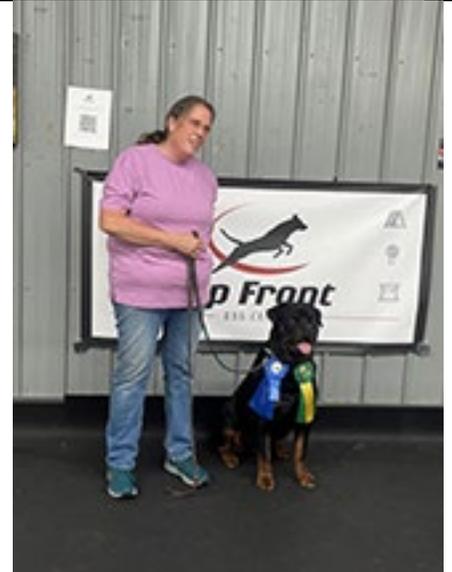
# LBDTTC Obedience Trial April 2025

Photographs by Donna Worthington

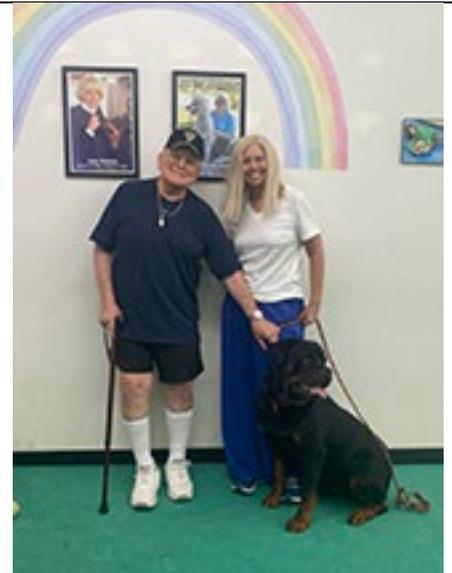


# Judy Matlack's Family Honoring her at our April Obedience Trial

Photos by Barbara Panfili



Brenda and Mac Matlack



Rus, Brenda, and Mac  
Photo by Ken McKinney

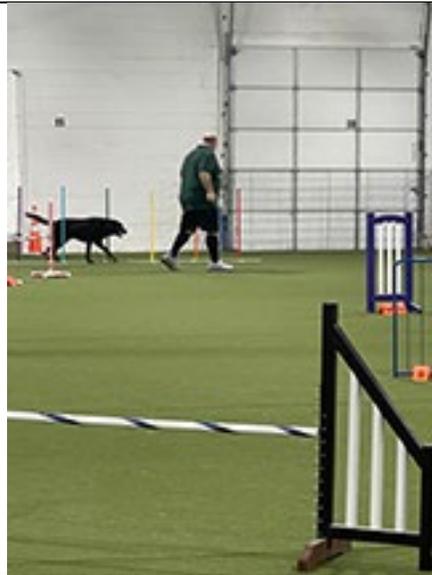
# LB DTC Agility Trials June 6, 7, & 8, 2025

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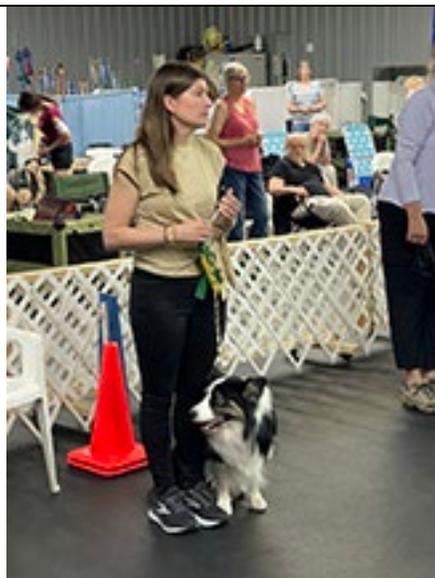


It is a MACH!!!





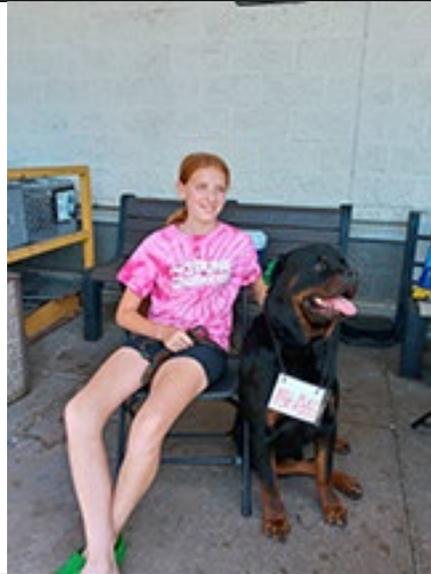
## LB DTC Obedience Trial June 20, 2025



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# LBDTC Pet Food Drive June 21, 2025

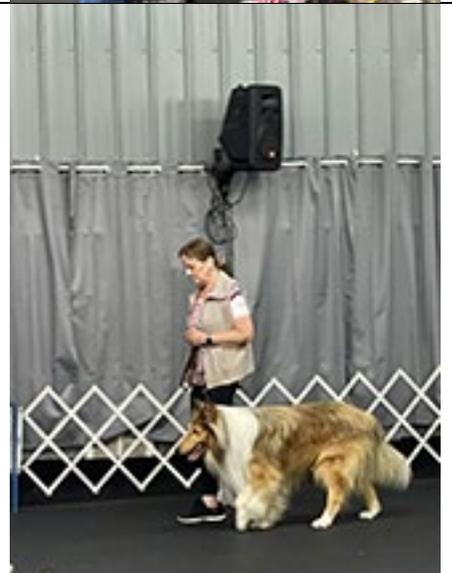
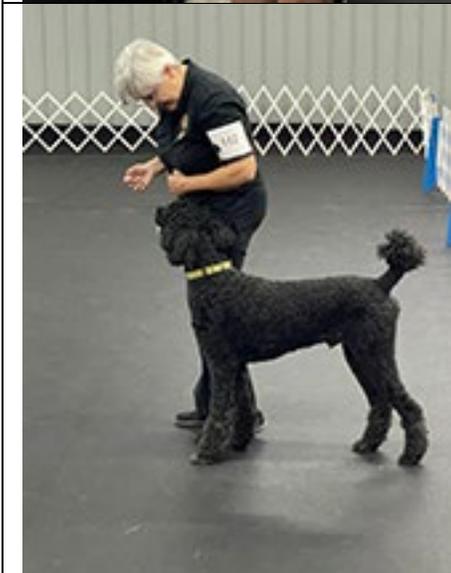
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# LBDTC Obedience and Rally Trials July 5 & 6, 2025







# LBDTTC

# Tri-State Canine Response Team Annual Fundraiser



## SJ Mary's Fund Ball Drop



Benefiting Tri-State Canine Response Team



**Gypsy & Kerri**

*Tri-State Canine Response Team* is an all volunteer group of certified emotional support canine teams that provide comfort and support during times of need. Our work is more important now than ever. Help us continue to serve our healthcare heroes, essential workers, veterans and mental health clients. Through your generous donation we will be able to continue to respond both locally and nationally.

### *Event Details*

This year with the continued impact of crises in our communities and across the country, your support is needed now more than ever. Please help us by participating in this ball drop benefiting Tri-State Canine Response Team.

This event will be a virtual helicopter golf ball drop. The animation will play and the ball that goes into the hole will be awarded a cash prize of **\$5,000**.

When: September 12, 2025

Where: Live at our Mary's Fund reception at Villari's Lakeside, Sicklerville, NJ

Live Streamed: Facebook: Mary's Fund

Time: 9:15 PM

### *Here's What You Need to Do*

1. Go to :

<https://CharityValet.com/marys25>



2. Select Team Salty Paws

3. Make your donation.

4. Check your email for receipt and ball numbers

**Good luck and thanks for your support!!**

(Sponsorship opportunities are available.)