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Newsletter of The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club, Inc.

Summer 2026

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Next Meeting

**Monday
September 14, 2026
7:30 PM**

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

Congratulations!

Peg Lehen tells us - Jamie earned a 100 in Rally on August first, and received a third place in the Master class. We are working on our second Master title just for fun and to keep him happy.

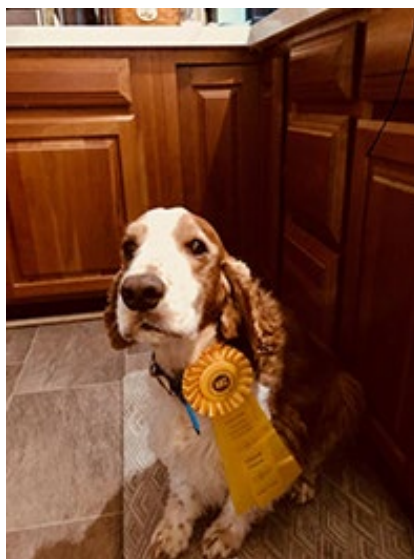


Photo from Peg Lehen

Pet Food Drive

August 5, 2026

Dear LBDTC Club Members,

SUBJECT: LBDTC 2026
Holiday Pet Food Drive

SAVE THE
DATE: **Saturday,
November 14, 2026** from
10am to 2:pm; Sunday
November 15, rain date at
Redners' Fresh Market on
Old Lincoln Highway in
Levittown/Langhorne

The incredible donations from LBDTC'S 2026 Summer Pet Food Drive on June 20, 2026 were shared by email with our club members. The community donated **1,070 pounds** of pet food for the benefit of three local food pantries: The Salvation Army of Levittown, The Emergency Relief Association of Langhorne and Family Services Association of Bucks County, Langhorne. This was the first time Redners hosted our pet food drive. They were so impressed with how we organize it they they immediately asked us to come back and booked us for our upcoming Holiday Pet Food Drive on Saturday, November 15, 2026.

Additional information will be available at our next monthly meeting in September.

Kind Regards,
Johanna Molitano
LBDTC Chair Community
Services Committee

WAG MORE, BARK LESS

Please see photos from
LBDTC Summer Pet Food
Drive below.

LBDTC Agility Trials August 22 & 23 2026

Lower Bucks Dog Training Club, Inc. Agility Trials

Saturday, August 22, 2026
Sunday, August 23, 2026

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Agility trial on 08/22&23. The trial is being held at Y2K9s Dog Sports & Training Club, 601 Davisville Rd., Suite 150, Willow Grove, PA 19090-1514. The schedule of the trial and the volunteer sign up will posted early next week. I am writing now to remind you of our Agility Trial in two weekends.

***I need approximately 7-10 people to show up at 4:30 pm to move a wall, kennels and build the first course of the day for Saturday. This is NOT on the sign up sheet. Also, on Sunday, the Club will need 7-10 people to clean up and reset items to

their original position (everything we moved has to be put back into its original position).

As a reminder, the following is a general description of the jobs I am looking for volunteers for:

1) **Score Runner:** This is an easy job. You sit at the scoring table, separate the two part score sheet, putting the yellow part in a basket for the competitors to take. The white part of the score card you hold until you have approximately 7 of them, and then deliver them to the Trial Secretaries table.

2) **Ring Crew:** For this job, you get a front row seat to watch the handlers and dogs run the course. You sit in a chair, inside the ring. If a bar is knocked down, you reset it in between the runs. When the height that the dogs are running at changes, you move the bars to the new height. Several people are needed for this for each height.

3) **Leash Runner:** For this job, usually you are standing either all of the time, or most of the time. Your job is to pick up the leash after the competitor tosses it in your direction, and walk to the exit end of the ring, placing the leash on a chair that is set there for this purpose.

4) **Gate:** This is a job that requires more effort and attention. The person doing the gate, needs to call out the dogs name that is entering the ring, and then

call for the next several dogs to be lined up and ready. You need to keep track of this and call out for missing dogs. On the board that list the competitors in order, as a dog enters the ring, you will need to cross off their name. You do not want to get distracted doing this job.

5) **Time Keeper/Assistant Scribe:** For this job, when the Judge does a thumbs up sign, you press the ready button on the timer. At the end of the run, you read the time off to the Scribe. In between these two responsibilities, you will watch the Judge and help keep track of the Judges signals in case the Scribe either missed a sign, or is questioning what they saw. This is a good job and a great way to learn how to be a Scribe.

6) **Scribe:** This is a very important job. The person doing this job needs to keep the score cards in order, ensuring that the correct card is being filled out for the dog in the ring. The Scribe needs to focus on the Judge the entire run, watching for signals that relate items to be recorded on the score card. At the end of the run, the Scribe also records the run time on the score card and gets ready for the next dog to run. This is a stressful job the first few times you do it, then it becomes second nature.

7) **Course Builders:** In between various runs, the course will need to be modified or completely

rebuild. This is important to keep the day moving. This does not show up on the sign up sheet.

8) Volunteer Coordinator:

This person, will print out the volunteer list each morning, bring it to the Trial and fill the names onto the board at UDog. I recommend that this person brings one or two dry erase markers to write name with. During the day, people will often sign up in the open slots. Sometimes, you will need to request additional help from the competitors.

9) Ribbon table: This person(s) needs to set ribbons out and to replenish when the ribbon set out count becomes low. At the end of the the Sunday Trial, a count of the ribbons and MACH/PACH bars, needs to be completed.

10) Raffle Table: The person doing this is responsible for handing out the tickets to people that have volunteered and then pulling the tickets and awarding the raffles. Sometimes the person doing the ribbons and handles the raffles.

I may have missed something. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Mary Pat Ezzo is the Trial Chair on Saturday and I am the Trial Chair on Sunday. I will be there both days.

Thank you for all of your help. Remember, even a few hours of your time is appreciated.

Please use the following link to volunteer to work this weekend at our Agility Trial at Y2K9s facility in Willow Grove, Pa. Please see my previous email for job descriptions.

<http://tinyurl.com/2026LB-AUGUSTworkers>

Not on the volunteer list is Set-up and Break-down of the show. Set-up is this coming Friday at 4:30 pm. At the end of the trial need to put everything back into it's original place. Both of these are large jobs and we need all the help we can get for both. Please send me an email if you can help with either of these.

Attached is the tentative schedule for both days. Please note that the only time that is guaranteed, is the start time.

Please remember that even a few hours of help is appreciated.

I look forward to you this weekend.

Sincerely,
Roger Matzke
215-869-7995



**LBDTC
Obedience Trial
October 3, 2026
Rally Trials
October 4, 2026**

**LBDTC Obedience Trial
Saturday, October 3, 2026**

**LBDTC Rally Trials
Sunday, October 4, 2026**

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

Entries Close: Wednesday,
September 23, 2026 6:00pm

[Premium](#)



**LBDTC
Obedience Trial
January 7, 2027**

**LBDTC Obedience Trial
Thursday, January 7, 2027**

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

Pending

**LBDTC
Obedience Trials
April 23 & 24, 2027
Rally Trials
April 25, 2027**

**LBDTC Obedience Trials
Friday, April 23, 2027
Saturday, April 24, 2027**

**LBDTC Rally Trials
Sunday, April 25, 2027**

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

Pending



**LBDTC Rally Trial
May 16, 2027**

**LBDTC Rally Trial
Sunday, May 16, 2027**

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

Pending

**LBDTC Agility Trials
May 22 & 23, 2027**

**LBDTC Agility Trials
Saturday, May 22, 2027 &
Sunday, May 23, 2027**

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

Pending

**LBDTC Agility Trials
June 12 & 13, 2027**

**LBDTC Agility Trials
Saturday, June 12, 2027 &
Sunday, June 13, 2027**

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

Pending

**LBDTC Obedience
Trial
June 25, 2027**

**LBDTC Obedience Trial
Friday, April 25, 2027**

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

Pending



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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
Connie Meyer
Brian Morris
Tom Whiteside
Judi Youngken

AUGUST

Sabrina Andrews
Lois Dimarzio
Maryann Mcardle
Ken Mckinney



LBDTC Congratulates New Canine Good Citizens

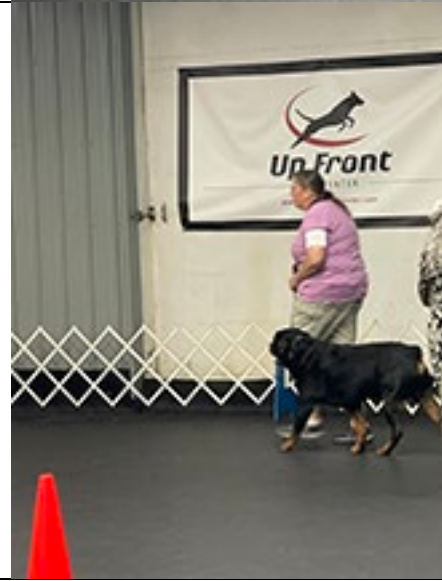
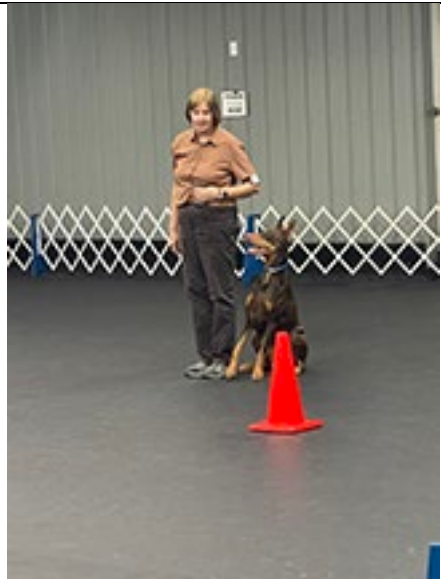
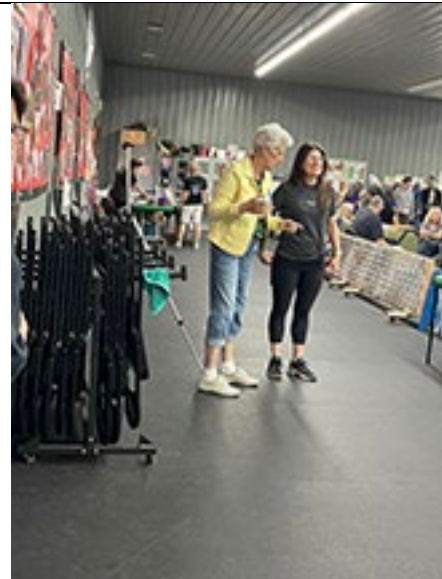


LBDTC Rally Trials May 2026

 **Up Front Dog Center**
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We are thrilled to have [Lower Bucks Dog Training Club](#) here today at Up Front for two Beg. Novice & Novice obedience trials!! Good luck to all of the competitors! 🍀🐾 And happy 50th anniversary to the club!! 🎉🌟 [#upfrontdogcenter](#) [#AKCobedience](#)





LBDTC Tuesday Beginner's Class



LBDTC Wednesday Beginner's Class

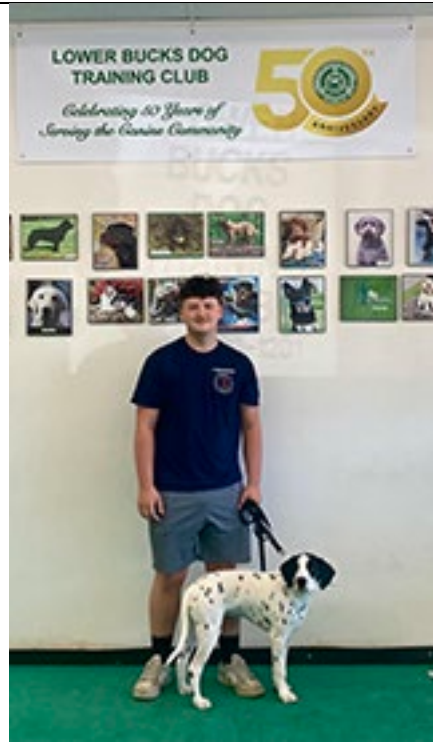


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LBDTC Puppy Class



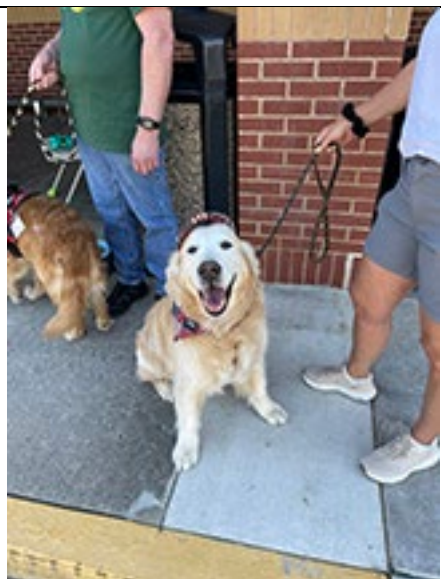
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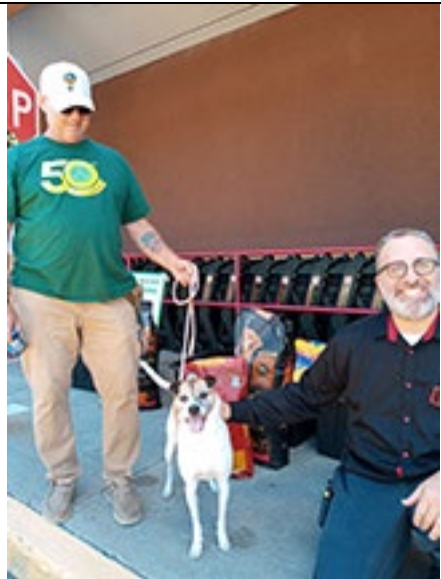
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Robin Murphy-
Kinley

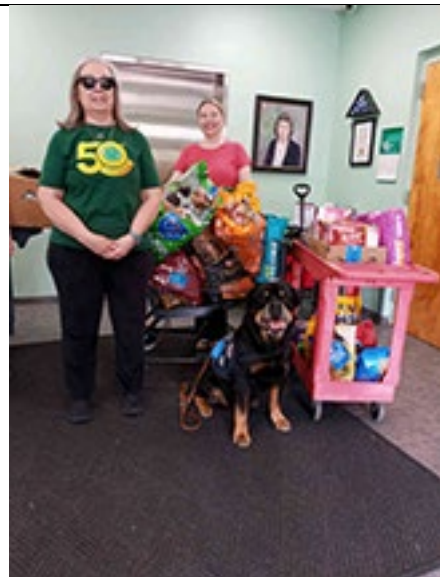
LBDTC Summer Pet Food Drive 2026





Photographs
by
Ken McKinney





Photographs
by
Donna
Worthington



Lower Bucks DTC August

Judge: Laura Kuterbach

Saturday 4 – 24C”			Sunday 24C – 4”		
Time	Dogs	Class	Time	Dogs	Class
7:15 AM	0	T2B walk	7:15 AM	0	T2B walk
7:28 AM	44	T2B run	7:28 AM	37	T2B run
8:08 AM	0	Course Building	8:01 AM	0	Course Building
8:28 AM	0	Ex/Mas STD 4-8-12 & 24/24C” walk	8:21 AM	0	Ex/Mas STD 20 & 16” walk
8:41 AM	45	Ex/Mas STD 4-8-12 & 24/24C” run	8:34 AM	55	Ex/Mas STD 20 & 16” run
9:33 AM	0	Ex/Mas STD 16 & 20” walk	9:41 AM	0	Ex/Mas STD 24C/24 & 12-8-4” walk
9:46 AM	52	Ex/Mas STD 16 & 20” run	9:54 AM	50	Ex/Mas STD 24C/24 & 12-8-4” run
10:51 AM	0	Course Building	10:52 AM	0	Course Building
11:11 AM	0	Ex/Mas Fast walk	11:12 AM	0	Ex/Mas Fast walk
11:24 AM	40	Ex/Mas Fast run	11:25 AM	44	Ex/Mas Fast run
12:07 PM	0	Open/Novice walk	12:13 PM	0	Open/Novice walk
12:20 PM	19	Open/Novice run together	12:26 PM	15	Open/Novice run together
12:42 PM	0	Course Building	12:43 PM	0	Course Building
1:02 PM	0	Ex/Mas JWW 4-8-12 & 24/24C” walk	1:03 PM	0	Ex/Mas JWW 20 & 16” walk
1:15 PM	45	Ex/Mas JWW 4-8-12 & 24/24C” run	1:16 PM	55	Ex/Mas JWW 20 & 16” run
1:59 PM	0	Ex/Mas JWW 16 & 20” walk	2:12 PM	0	Ex/Mas JWW 24C/24 & 12-8-4” walk
2:12 PM	54	Ex/Mas JWW 16 & 20” run	2:25 PM	50	Ex/Mas JWW 24C/24 & 12-8-4” run
3:05 PM	0	Course Building	3:15 PM	0	Course Building
3:25 PM	0	Open JWW walk	3:35 PM	0	Open JWW walk
3:38 PM	8	Open JWW run	3:48 PM	7	Open JWW run
3:48 PM	0	Course Building	3:56 PM	0	Course Building
4:08 PM	0	Nov JWW walk	4:16 PM	0	Nov JWW walk
4:21 PM	18	Nov JWW run	4:29 PM	17	Nov JWW run
4:43 PM	0	Course Building	4:50 PM	0	Course Building
5:03 PM	0	Open STD walk	5:10 PM	0	Open STD walk
5:16 PM	10	Open STD run	5:23 PM	8	Open STD run
5:30 PM	0	Course Building	5:34 PM	0	Course Building
5:50 PM	0	Nov STD walk	5:54 PM	0	Nov STD walk
6:03 PM	12	Nov STD run	6:07 PM	9	Nov STD run
6:20 PM	0	End of Day	6:20 PM	0	End of Day