



# Newsletter

July 2023

## Philadelphia Dog Training Club

### Word from the President

Spring is always a busy time, especially with the show preparation. It went exceedingly well, and we look forward to next spring. We have had very good numbers in all of our "public" classes and our training members enthusiastically participate in all the classes we offer. If you have not considered Rally, I suggest you do, it is a good segway between not showing at all and the more formal obedience. As a person who has done both it is very enjoyable. We continue to offer the CGC and CGCA testing regularly for those who have not done this yet. The Board continues to work on an updated incident policy.

As you remember, this year we are requiring training members to either volunteer to



do something for the club or pay a fee of \$50. There are about 25 of you who have not yet participated. Expect an email shortly with more volunteer opportunities in the near future. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Happy training and again thanks to the many people who keep our club so successful! - Brenda

# Report from our Training Coordinator

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Sue's Tory and Kenzie

Our classes continue to be very popular. Our two Beginner classes, one Intermediate class and two Advanced classes are filled for each six-week session. Rally continues to grow as we teach both Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced. Carol Houton teaches Puppy K and Beginners, Loretta Cleveland teaches Intermediate and Advanced, and Jill Luciano

teaches Rally.

Jen Weinik is our new Competition Obedience instructor. Her classes, Utility, Open and two sessions of Novice, are full.

CGC testing is every 7 weeks on Monday night after Beginners and Carol Houton does the testing. From January to July, we tested 24 dogs and 21 were successful.

-Sue

# Annual Obedience Trial

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Our annual spring trial was held on May at Y2K9s. We had 133 entries. High in Trial and High Combined winner was our own instructor, Jenn Weinik with Cookie, OTCH2 Cookie God of War UDX4 OM6, a Belgian Malinois. The William J Hutchins Challenge Trophy, which is awarded to the highest scoring dog in the Utility B class with both a UD and a TD was won by MACH Tashel Tairis, Always in My Heart, VCD2 TD CDX MX MXJ AXF CGC CCA TKA who is a Golden Retriever. Owned and handled by Cynthia Everett.

Thanks especially to Colleen Marsini, Show Chair and Susan Anderson, Show Secretary. Also, a big thanks to Liz Alakszay for her help with receiving the entries and Hospitality; Mary Beth Mills, Chief Ring Steward; Lisa Yoon and Laurie Leevy, Hospitality; Brenda Perkins, Trophies; Eleanor Campbell and Darrell Swank, Facilities; and Larry Wilson, Judges hospitality. Thanks to Barb Doering for mapping out the ring set up and helping us get a substitute judge at the last minute. A special thanks to Chris Brooks and his company "Show Entries" for his help with the AKC documentation. A big thanks to everyone who pitched in and volunteered. We were told by many, how they liked our show (again!) and how they will be back next year.

Next year's date is May 11, 2024.

Put it on your calendar.



## News from our Members

### Frank Nelson:

Penny and JJ participated in their second herding fun day and their stock were sheep. Both Asgards had two runs, each on sheep. 2nd run Penny was not too happy with Amanda, as on a previous year Amanda had to back her off the stock for roughness. Second Penny run, I didn't have time for someone to take pics as I had to go in with Penny and then she herded like nothing else. JJ was like James Bond on the stock.



June 25, 2023, JJ took his therapy dog test for the Therapy Dog International group and passed with flying colors.





## Reg Speir:

Since the last newsletter, Reg Speir & Wilson took 1st in Utility-B & Open-B to win High-in-Trial & High Combined at the Baltimore Kennel Club Trial on 4/22 and again at the Bryn Mawr Kennel Club Trial on 6/17. In the process, Wilson earned his UDX2.





## Brittany Stivale:

Hi PDTC!

Vader has been attending classes since he was 9 weeks to present 15 months, and he loves it! He started in puppy kindergarten at PDTC with Carol, and then continued through beginner, intermediate, and advanced classes. Currently, he is attending advanced with Loretta and beginner novice with Jen. Vader will be testing for his CGC this July, and will hopefully be testing successfully for his CGCA, BN, and BH1 through the end of the year.

He is a big, goofy German Shepard who just wants to play, and loves learning new tricks and commands. We can't thank PDTC enough for having us and teaching us how to interact and train with our first dog. We get complements everywhere we go and it's all because of you! Thank you, Vader, Brittany, and Kevin





## **Liz Alakszay:**

Pansy got her CD in June at the Wilmington Kennel Club. Long two days for her. She fell asleep on the long down. Scores were 186, 189 and 191 (that was in Berks earlier this spring). I'm very proud of her enthusiasm, playfulness and exuberance. As she continues to mature more, we will work on some more precision to all that! This was only the 6<sup>th</sup> time she was in an obedience trial. The first 3 were for her BN last year and then 3 shows this year. Now it is vacation time until fall.



## **Carley Bates:**

Joe and I have a short break with nothing to report. However, I recently saw this quote, don't know the author: "The five second rule does not apply when you have a two second dog."



## **Commentary from the editor:**

Carley's report made me think about the Five Second Rule. To review, basically the five second rule says that if you drop something on the ground and pick it up within five seconds, it has not had enough time for bacteria to transfer and is ok to eat. Some people believe that you have to blow on it, I guess to forcefully remove any quick bacteria. Some, think you must blow it a kiss. In the movie *Osmosis Jones*, Bill Murray's character, Frank Detomello, refers to it as the ten second rule. It looks like he picks up his hard-boiled egg in less than five seconds, but it also looks like it was in the monkey's mouth for more than ten seconds before it ever hit the ground.

Myth, urban legend, school yard rules or science? Would you eat the egg or something you dropped in your house? How about that juicy steak "Spot" stole off the table and has been in your dogs' mouth for more than ten seconds? You decide, I'm not going to judge you. I'm also not going to tell you what I would do.



## Laurie Leevy:

Lahdee at Camp Erin, a grief camp for children ages 6-17.



Lahdee and Lego were with us throughout the #CampErin weekend! #TherapyDogs make a world of difference when you just need some comfort. Sometimes a distraction, sometimes a fluffy friend, always warm and welcoming. We love our therapy dogs at Camp Erin!!

Excerpt from a PENN MEDICINE AT HOME post



## **Eleanor Campbell:**

Tip finished his Rally Novice title at Lower Bucks DTC on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

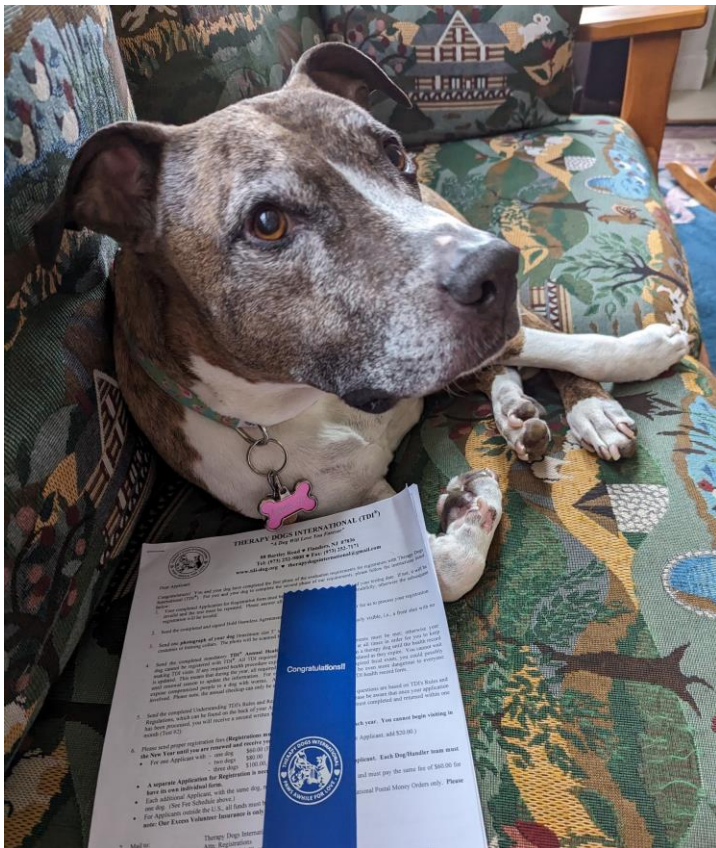
May 2nd, he earned his CGC and Trick Dog Novice titles in Maryland at the GSP Nationals.



## Mandy Buhle:

Hi!

I adopted Brooklyn Buhle from ACCT Philly in August 2019 and enrolled her in PDTC's training classes with Loretta a few months later. We loved them! I discovered that Brooklyn especially likes to train and work for food. She proudly earned her CGC in August of 2020 through the club. More recently, we turned our attention to training for the therapy dog test with



Therapy Dogs International. We took prep classes and on Sunday, June 25th, my girl passed the evaluation!! I am so grateful to PDTC and Loretta because we used so much of what we learned in those classes to pass the test. I was so nervous before and during the test, but Brooklyn knew her cues and commands! She did everything in the evaluation super slowly (her way) but she did it! We couldn't have passed without the PDTC's classes and Loretta. Thank you so much to the PDTC for helping make my dream come true!

## **Darrell Swank:**

At the GSP National Specialty show in May, Zerk came in first place in Preferred Utility with a score of 192.

He also got his CGCA and CGCU. In conformation he looked really good (according to his owner).

Unfortunately, he did nothing for the judge.

Still a good time had by all in Maryland.

Left to right:

Tip, Zerk's little brother of another mother

Possum, Zerk's mom

Superstar "Zerk"



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