



Newsletter

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Philadelphia Dog Training Club

A Word from the President

Happy fall and training in much cooler weather. I thought I would give you an update on our spring trial next May: we will have two rings for our obedience trial and also run a rally trial. As you know we offer rally classes on Tuesday nights so you should register and then show at our show in the spring!! More details in this edition of HEEL

The Board has approved an updated incident policy which applies to any events involving either people or dogs. If anyone would like to see it, please contact me.

As you know last year, we implemented a requirement



for all training members to volunteer to do something for the club. As of October, there are four people who have not fulfilled this requirement. Those people will pay an

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additional \$50 for next year's membership. However, there is still time!! I would love for somebody (or bodies) to help with marketing. As of now we rely on word of mouth, our website and mailing to local veterinarians. While our classes are quite full, it is always good to put ourselves out there. Also, we could use some fresh pictures for our website please. You do not have to be a professional! As our year draws to a close, if anyone would be interested in spearheading a holiday party on any of our training nights, please let me know. Before the end of the year, you will receive your membership

renewal. Included with that will be a robust list of volunteer opportunities for 2024.

As always, I am very proud of our membership and their accomplishments, both with and without dogs! My philosophy has always been that it is enjoyable to spend time with people who love their dogs. Carry on!

-Brenda

Report from our Training Coordinator



Sue's Tory and Kenzie

All of our classes are doing well, and in fact, we have so many puppies, we may need to add a second Puppy K class. The only class that is never full is our Rally class. That class goes from Beginner to Advanced. Now that our Annual Trial will be both Obedience and Rally Trials, why not try Rally? If your dog starts now, you could be ready to compete in May at the PDTC Rally trial.

- Sue

Annual Obedience Trial



Next year's trial will be held Saturday May 11th at Y2K9s. There will be the usual three rings that we have had in the past, with one exciting difference. One of the rings will be Rally! Rally is an obedience sport that is fun and has a very different feel from regular Obedience. If you are not familiar with Rally, remember, that as a member of PDTC, you can take as many classes as you like. Try a Rally class.

Welcome New Members

Gwynne and Jax

Gwynne and Jaxon are excited to join Philadelphia Dog Training Club! Jaxon "Jax" joined the family in September '22, and has been training for the last year, completing the beginner obedience and rally classes through PDTC. When not learning new tricks, Jax loves playing in the garden, helping restore Dad's 1970's Datsun 240z, and bothering his feline sister. Gwynne & Jax enjoy taking long hikes together and are working on not barking at other dogs on the trail.



Welcome New Members

Annette and Lucy

Lucy is the first dog I've had since childhood. I got her to keep a new kitten company and the two are compatible now. I enrolled her in Puppy Kindergarten to both socialize her and to train me on how to keep her from chasing the cat all the time. I enjoyed the class so much that I continued with Beginners, Intermediate and now Advanced.

Lucy's mom has completed her Rally Intermediate title, Novice Tricks and is currently competing at the Masters level in agility and is over halfway to her Master Agility Championship (MACH). I'm not sure if any of those good genes have spilled over into Lucy, but I'm hoping they have. I'm really new to dog training and am not sure where I want all this training to lead. I think Lucy might make a good therapy dog and, living in the city, there would be many opportunities for her (and me) to volunteer at a hospital.



Welcome New Members

Debbie and Steele & Winnie

I am new to the club. My dog, Steele and his friend/relative, Winnie, passed their CGC in June. Here they are after their successful tests, and also sporting their Philadelphia Eagles attire! Steele and Winnie have the same dad and their moms are related. They are so much fun together!



Welcome New Members

Lou and Maggie

We adopted Maggie, our now 11-month old mix-breed puppy, in December. My kids drew family pictures of our family with a dog for years until we finally caved and got one. We (foolishly) thought she was going to be ~35 pounds full-grown and she is now already 75 lbs! My family lives next to Haverford College's campus (I'm a professor in the chemistry department) and we take Maggie on the campus nature trail walks 2-3 times a day. We started our training in March with the beginner's class and are enjoying learning new skills and meeting new dogs/people in the advanced class.





Deliah was shown in both conformation and AKC obedience and rally. She also pulled a cart in a holiday parade many years ago. She was amazing in that she never failed a trial and either placed or won the class she was competing in. Carol was her trainer and handler and may they meet again.

-Frank, JJ and Penny

Reg Speir:

Since the last newsletter, Reg Speir & Wilson have:
Won Open-B & High-In-Trial at the York County DTC on 8/19;
Earned his UDX3 Title at the Dauphin DTC on 9/2;
Won Open-B, High-In-Trial & earned his Obedience Trial
Champion (OTCH) Title at the Tuxedo Park KC on 9/8.
After retiring from my "real job" I became a member of the



PDTC in 2012, I certainly had no clue what an OTCH was. My 1st dog, Cooper, earned his UDX in August 2015. My 2nd, Lincoln, earned his UD in 2019 before being retired for health reasons and I began training with Wilson. Several excellent teachers & MANY supportive training partners later WE DID IT! If a 77-yr-old with ATAXIA can, YOU can too.

Larry Wilson:

There's a new puppy in town.
La Jeron's Precious Metal
aka Copper
He is a miniature poodle who
specializes in being an escape artist.
At five o'clock in the morning, when
he's awake, everybody is awake.
When he's not tired, nobody is tired.



Liz Alakszay:

I had to go to the VFKC Rally Trial September 30 & October 1 to bring some sanity to my job hunting, now well over 1000 resumes and three parttime jobs. The dogs did not disappoint! (Even if dog mom has been very bad about training and practicing.) Lilly finished her Rally Intermediate title and Pansy got her first Rally Intermediate leg with a second-place finish and a 94.



Eleanor Campbell:

Sunday September 3rd, at Morris Hills DTC Trial, Tip earned his Beginner Novice Title.

Saturday September 9th, at Summerset Hills KC Rally Trial, he earned his Rally Intermediate Title.

Sunday October 8th, he passed his NACSW Odor Recognition Test (ORT) at y2K9s.



Liz Rogan:

Zena and I earned our first two legs of the Rally Novice A title. The event was held September 30th and October 1st, at the Valley Forge Kennel Club's center in Exton. This was the first time we've ever competed in any rally trial, so it was very exciting!



Brittany Stivale:

Vader says 'hi' to his PDTC family! He is currently taking Advanced classes with Loretta and Novice classes with Jenn. He recently achieved his CGC, CGCA, and first leg of his BN with a 194. Vader is also training USCA (Schutzhund), and is hoping to get his BH-1 and RH-1 by year end.



Frank Nelson:

Asgard's Notorious Jesse James, CGC, TDI, CD, earned his CDX title.

5/9 /Colonial Rottweiler Club open A - 1st place after winning a runoff with his half sister Penny. 196.5+

5/10 Colonial Rottweiler Club open A - 1st place with a score of 197

10/7 Bernese Mountain Dog Club Open A - 1st place with a score of 194.5

JJ was Carol's dog and I promised her to finish his titles for her.





Debbie DeSantis:

My Aussie mix, Millie, achieved her Rally Novice title in four shows in two days. It was the first time she was shown, and she did very well. She got a fourth place, a third place, a second place, and finished with a first place. It took her some time to get used to the busy venue, but she adjusted well. She also has her Canine Good Citizen and Advanced Canine Good Citizen titles as well as Trick Dog Novice and Intermediate titles.

Darrell Swank:

You may think you have the best dog ever, and you are right. I however do also have the best dog ever. We were at a Rally trial a few weeks ago. We were about to walk in the ring when Zerk was attacked. There was a plastic gate between the dogs, the gate was knocked back about three



feet or so and Zerk jumped back ever farther. The other dog's handler got control of her dog and there was no blood shed. I gave Zerk a few treats, and we excused ourselves to go outside and collect ourselves. The judge understood and allowed us a few minutes. We came back in and went through the class. Zerk lost one point out of 100, I, on the other hand, lost three. There was a tie for second, we did win for time. I am so proud of how he handled himself during the incident and then composing himself in the ring. Another super day with my super dog.

I love seeing what everyone else's SUPER DOGS are doing.

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