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From the President

by Elaine McDowell

Greetings to everyone at Lyons Township DTC as we enter this holiday season! I love the holidays, both for the spiritual significance and for the festivities. Speaking of festivities be sure to come to the LTDTTC holiday party on Dec 14th at the Odeum. Debbie Sazma, Gus Pusateri and Sue Sobyra most graciously offered to be chairman of the party again this year and we all know what a great job they do with it. Everyone brings such wonderful treats to share – everything from appetizers, entrées, desserts and candies and they are enjoyed by all. We always have a great raffle (please bring your donations for that and see what you'd like to bring home from it!), a few games to challenge us, and lots of camaraderie with our fellow classmates. It's always a fun evening so be sure to come!

We welcome the new folks that are training in obedience, rally, and agility classes. Encourage them to come to "run

thrus", correction clinics and fun matches. Even if they are not ready to trial, it will make them aware of what they need to



work on to get ready to trial. Going to those practice trials in other locations also gives your dog the experience of working somewhere other than in class. We are blessed with having many trials in the state of IL.

We have a great training facility at the Odeum and I'd like to remind everyone to keep it clean, just the way we like it. Should your dog have an accident, there are buckets with cleaning supplies located by the rings – please deposit the waste in one of the plastic bags

provided and tie the top shut. No bags should be put in an "inside" waste bin – they must all be taken to the "outdoor" waste bins. It is our responsibility to clean up after ourselves.

If anyone needs more LTDTTC brochures, please let me know. Hand one to anyone who may be interested in training their dogs. A trained dog is a happy dog and a happy owner.

If you know of anyone in the club that is ill, injured, or has had a loss, human or dog, please call or email Gail Meyers so she can send a cheer up card or condolence from

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Director of Training Report by Bill Casey

The instructing staff held a meeting last week to discuss current training issues and our new winter training pattern. The meeting was well attended by at least 2/3 of the staff.

Topics of discussion were current class enrollment numbers in all 3 venues rally, obedience and agility. The agility class demand is the strongest of the 3 but obedience demand has grown nicely over the past year. Currently only our rally numbers are a bit down.

We are making a concerted effort to cross-promote especially by having the rally/agility staff visit obedience rings in an attempt to turn students on to the various activities and opportunities within. The bottom line is that there is great benefit as all 3 expand owner control and further build the bond between dog and owner beyond the obvious competition elements.

I discussed the new alternate training configuration at the Odeum, which starts on the 30th of the month. The Odeum has a number of other activities, which will limit dramatically our use of their facility. We have tried to make arrangements to keep our entire organization training on a weekly basis as always but were unsuccessful. The only good solution to the space issue was to offer obedience/rally and agility on alternate weeks beginning November 30th and continuing throughout the holidays into the middle of March. We're trying to give all of our students the best training experience possible for their money and at least all of our students will have the upper mezzanine turf surface to train on.

We will also offer training throughout the holiday period, yet all will still get a break. We will begin with our obedience/rally operation on the 30th followed by agility only on December 7th. We will alternate through the holidays so agility will operate on the 21st of December and obedience/rally on the 28th. Going forward we will continue this pattern assuming that there are no weather interruptions wrapping up about mid March. At that point we will get back to our regular configuration.

A side benefit to this new configuration might be that some folks who have been unable to tryout obedience or agility due to time conflict may be able to explore one of these other venues. I have already received numerous inquiries to that effect.

We discussed the need to fix and/or replace some of our agility equipment and I will bring this topic up to our club's board for approval. We are always looking to improve student experience and maintain safety at all cost.

The topic of appropriate training time has to be revisited on at least an annual basis so, here it goes. Due to club and Odeum insurance and other policy NO student is permitted to work and/or run their dog in any ring without a member of the instructing staff in attendance. There were a number of comments made by staff that this policy is being ignored. Only training staff is permitted to work their dogs before 6:25! All students may enter the ring to warm up their dogs at 6:25.

Crated dogs must be away from ring side or entrance, in fact as rule of thumb, all crating should be done as far away from training rings as possible to create a positive and safe training environment for all.

Plans are underway to offer future seminars on a variety of topics such as protocol in entering shows and exhibition, showing your mix breed in AKC venues, etc. If you have any suggestions don't hesitate to drop me an email.

Please be aware of where your dog's nose is at all times! The reality is that not all dogs love other dogs and regardless of training experiences they are animals and you can't guarantee how every dog combo will react. One incident can scar a dog mentally and possibly physically for life. You are responsible for your dog's actions within our training space regardless of in or outside of our training rings. Plus, to tie in to this line of thought, all dogs must be on leash at all times unless you are in the middle of performing a specific exercise with a member of the instructing staff, no exceptions.

Good luck to all of you currently competing throughout the remainder of the busy Fall-holiday show season and to the rest of you continued success with your training over the coming months.

Bill Casey

Director of Training

From the President (continued)

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LTDTC. LTDTC cares about all of our members and likes to let them know we are here for them.

Most of all, enjoy the holidays. Appreciate the family and friends that you have and the time you spend with one another. Time with those we care about are the best memories. If you know someone who will be alone for the holiday, add an extra chair at your table and invite them to join you; the smile on their face will make your holiday even more special.

I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season and a blessed New Year!

Elaine

Canine Good Citizen by Andrew Ansenberger, CGC Chairperson

Hello all,

Our Canine Good Citizen program has been very vibrant since July. During that time, evaluators Jan Salzman and Anne Baker have tested fifteen dogs and all have passed the required exercises. Because of popular demand, Bill Ca-

sey has increased the duration of the tests to every eight weeks, but we will now go back to a sixteen week duration during the winter months. Once springtime comes, we plan again to continue to conduct CGC test every eight weeks at the end of each training session. Our next session is scheduled for November 23,

2010, at 7:15 pm at the Odeum. Keep an eye on our Website for more details.

Andrew Ansenberger,
CGC Chairperson



Holiday party by Debbie Sazma

Once again the time is near,
The Holiday Party is near!!!

Hosted By: LTDTC

Where: The Odeum in Villa Park, IL.

When: December 14, 2010

Time: 7:00pm - until ???

Gus & Debbie will be bringing the main course, beef & sausage with all the trimmings! Sue is making her famous mostaccioli! There will be games, prizes and of course our wonderful raffle put together by Laura Plasketes and emceeding will be by the one and only Ron Gignac! We will be looking for donations for the raffle. Items can be new, slightly used, for dogs, humans and even cats.

There will be signup sheets out at classes every Tuesday from now un-

til December 7, 2010 .

Please sign up to bring in your favorite dish, just for fun bring in copies of your favorite recipe to exchange with other members.

We are in need of volunteers to help set up the raffle table, if you are able to spare an hour before the party to help please contact me, Debbie.

Any questions, please feel free to contact us at::

Debbie: prettyeyes913@sbcglobal.net

Sue @ suesob@msn.com

Debbie Sazma, Gus Pusateri & Sue Sobyra

Your Holiday Party Chairpersons



Meet STAR Puppy Trainer Sue Folkerts by Erin Rezmer

Think back to the day you took your first puppy home. You were excited. You had dreams about all the fun you were going to have with your puppy. Then panic struck as you realized that you needed to train your new puppy. For students attending LTDTC puppy class, you're in very good hands with Sue Folkerts, AKC STAR Puppy instructor.

When I sat down to interview Sue Folkerts for this issue, I was not sure what to expect. I didn't really know her as a person since we had very little interaction on training nights. I quickly came to realize that she speaks very thoughtfully and is no ordinary obedience instructor. Sometimes to understand what makes a person a great instructor, you have to know a little about the journey taken that brought the person to where she/he is today.

You could say that Sue's love for animals began the moment she was born. "I love dogs. I grew up in a quiet area and had animals as friends rather than people," said Sue. "I feel a connection to animals. I enjoyed them and they became my best friends." As a child Sue's family had German Shepherds. As she recalls their names were pretty simple, "Shep 1...Shep 2...and so on." She began training as a child through 4-H. Her training was not limited to dogs. She also trained horses. As a kid, Sue gave horse lessons as a way of making money. So, I guess you could say she has been a professional trainer since childhood. Although she estimates her professional training days go

back 25 -30 years, she can't remember how she heard about LTDTC. She did recall training with the club at St. Joe's High School.

As all instructors at LTDTC are volunteers, so is Sue. But what most people don't know about Sue is that she earns her living as a professional trainer outside of LTDTC. Sue has trained many breeds of her own from German Shepherds, Golden Retrievers, Shelties to Border Collies. Sue said, "As an instructor, I'm blessed because I have the pleasure of training all sizes and shapes of dogs. I love helping peo-



ple to find that love relationship with their dog through training. I am someone who loves people. Working with people and their dogs is a just a joy and makes me happy. I love my job...love....love... love it. It is never boring and I don't want to do anything else."

When asked about some of the titles she has received with her dogs, Sue sat back and thought. "Everything is taking longer for me because of having a family. I have been married 32 years and have raised 4 children, with the youngest now twenty. Two of my children are now married and I'm soon going to be a grandma. Raising the children came first so I feel that now is my time. I feel I can take the time to train my dogs." She has trained a Golden to utility, earned a CD and CDX on another Golden, and a CD on another dog. She is currently training three puppies. Utility is the one title she has not yet achieved.

When asked to describe her training style, Sue stated, "I believe in positive training and proper corrections. My definition of proper corrections is to observe what a mother (bitch) may do with her puppies or how the littermates correct each other. I also use body language in training. I encourage the human and dog to become a team. I want my students to practice and give their puppies/dogs proper exercise. Dogs aren't meant to be couch potatoes. The best advice I received about training came from an older gentleman instructor who taught me all about horses. His advice to me, have patience."

At the end of each training session, Sue conducts an AKC STAR Puppy evaluation. The AKC S.T.A.R. (Socialization*Training*Activity*Responsibility) Puppy Program is an incentive program for loving dog owners who have taken the time to take their puppies through a basic training class. It teaches owner behaviors, puppy behaviors and is a natural lead to the Canine Good Citizen program. Participants receive information on puppy-raising questions including housetraining, chewing, and the most effective way to teach practical skills such as coming when called. "My students love the STAR program. When they receive their certificate at the end of evaluation, you can see the pride and sense of accomplishment on their faces. I have had students ask me to evaluate them on a special night if they are going to miss the actual evaluation night. It is nice to see their enthusiasm."

Not only is Sue a professional instructor, she is also a certified AKC Canine Good Citizen evaluator and Delta Therapy evaluator. "I'm active with Paws with a Cause. We train service dogs as well as the person the dog will be paired with until the team is certified. All of my dogs are service dogs. I'm also involved with border collie rescue."

So what does this busy instructor, mother, and wife do for fun? "I go horseback riding and play racquetball five days a week. I love to read. I'm a biblical counselor for women and children through my church. I'm blessed as I married my high school sweetheart, Joe. While my husband loves our animals, he leaves the training to me. Joe is a motorcycle guy. We joke that I have horse power and he has gas power. He keeps my life in balance." When asked if she could be any animal and why, Sue simply replied, "I guess you could say that I am a follower of Jesus Christ creatively disguised as a dog trainer. My life is so full I can't imagine being anything other than who I am." For all of us at LTDTTC, we couldn't agree with you more.



SOCIALIZATION ★ TRAINING ★ ACTIVITY ★ RESPONSIBILITY

Pawsitively in the News

Rainbow Bridge



A dog comes into your life for a reason. It all becomes clear after they have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. LTDTC mourns the passing of our canine members who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge:

- Nicky loved by Pat & Elmer Mauney
- Storm loved by Julie Kilner



Heal Soon So You Can Heel Again!

LTDTC wishes speedy healing to our canine and human members:

- Cocker Spaniel Bridgette as she recovers from a mast cell tumor removal and a ruptured ACL
- Frank Puncochar on his ailing back
- Thalia Puncochar on her ailing hip
- Debbie Sazma on her ailment

Family Member Passing

LTDTC extends our deepest sympathies to Synoma and Roxilana Hays and family on the loss of their mother, Delores Hays who passed away in September.



New Puppy Welcomes!!

The LTDTC family welcomes the following new canine member:

- Basset hound puppy Keleri's Oliver With a Twist (aka Ollie) who is busy training Julie Kilner



Happy Halloween!

Kevin Grudem wanted all his dog friends to see that his Golden Retrievers Kimi and Jazi had the Halloween spirit. Kevin claims his daughter put the costumes on the girls, but we don't have any proof of that being true. Jazi is starring as "Flower" and Kimi as "Bumblebee".



Ben's Friends by Gail Meyers

In years past we have not visited our friends at Lexington Square, Concorde Place and British Home in December, and we will not be doing so this year as well. We will, however, visit the Stone School on December 10th. So those of you that want to come and join us there, please let me know and I'll be glad to have you join us.

The big thing that is going on in December is the "Responsible Dog Ownership" program we are doing at the Berkeley Library on December 4th at 1:00 PM. It should be about an hour chat and then hands on and questions following. For this, you do not have to be a Ben's Friends team, just an LTDTTC member. The purpose of this program is to educate children and adults about responsible dog ownership. The librarians felt that early in December would be a good time to do this because of children getting puppies for Christmas. This way parents will be educated on the pros and cons of owning a dog and their children could hear from us about the joys and heartache sometimes of owning a puppy.



So, if any of you feel that this is something you'd like to do, please let me know. I'd like puppies and older dogs as well as the "teenagers and middle aged" dogs as well. Please either call me 708 449 5066, email me daldog2@att.net, or see me at class.

And to all of my Ben's Friends teams, thank you for all of your participation during 2010. I look forward to our visits in 2011.

Happy Holidays!

Gail Meyers

Ben's Friends Coordinator

Pooches Pose with Santa by Sharon Detro

Is That
Santa Paws?



Our new "Photos with Santa" fundraiser was a big success. I would first like to thank the following people: Gail Meyers for the great idea and for being the photographer, Erin Rezmer for creating and circulating the colorful flyers for the event via email and during training nights and Kevin Wyderka for advertising on the club Website. I would also like to extend a very special thank you to Dallas Ingold, for finding us such a wonderful "Santa Claus" in Marty Keller! Over 50 dogs were photographed resulting in more than \$300 raised for the club! Thank you to all of you who participated. I hope you were pleased with the results.

Sharon Detro

Fundraising Coordinator

The Top 10 Pet-Owner Mistakes by Megan Kaplan

Photos by Nancy Newberry

Mistake 1: Buying a pet spontaneously

Why this is a mistake: That doggie in the window may be darling, but he might not be the right fit for your family or lifestyle.

How to avoid it: Fully inform yourself before you bring home a pet. Every dog has its own needs, some of which are specific to the breed. Terriers tend to dig. If there's a breed that interests you, read up on it (try the Website of the American Kennel Club, at akc.org), talk to owners, and get to know someone else's Border collie. That said, not every dog is typical of its breed, so ask about the pet's history, health, and temperament. When dealing with a breeder, you should be shown where the pet was raised and meet his parents.

Mistake 2: Skipping obedience training

Why this is a mistake: Bad habits can be difficult to train out of a pet. So unless you have the know-how to school an animal, you need the help of a pro.



How to avoid it: Even before a puppy starts formal training, teach him simple commands, such as sit and stay. A puppy can begin formal training at eight weeks (and ideally before 12 weeks), after he has had his shots. "Between the ages of 8 and 16 weeks, puppies readily absorb information about the world around them," says Andrea Arden, author of *Dog-Friendly Training*. To help a dog stick with good behaviors, every few years take him for a refresher course.

Mistake 3: Being inconsistent with the rules

Why this is a mistake: If one child lets Fifi on the bed and another punishes her for it, the animal will be confused. Bad behavior is inevitable.

How to avoid it: Make sure everyone in your household knows—and follows—the rules, says Arden. "You want your dog to sit before eating a treat? Then figure out a

system that will help your pet succeed." Pets thrive with a sense of order, so discuss with your family when yours should be fed, exercised, and even given a treat.

Mistake 4: Dispensing too many free treats

Why this is a mistake: Treats lose their training value if your pet gets them for no reason.

How to avoid it: "Think of treats as currency given to a pet to reward good behavior," says Marty Becker, a veterinarian and a coeditor of *Petconnection.com*. Assign each type of treat a value, and pay according to how well your pet behaves. Kibble is worth a dollar; a chicken strip, five; bologna, 10. "But it's important to not pay off the good behavior all the time," Becker says. "That way, your dog will always hope he might get that piece of bologna, and he'll eventually perform without seeing a treat."

Mistake 5: Neglecting to socialize your pet

Why this is a mistake: Pets that aren't exposed to a variety of animals and people at a very young age can develop fears and aggressive behavior.

How to avoid it: Introduce your pet to adults, kids, animals, and environments so he'll take every novelty in stride. It's optimal for a pet to start the process before you bring him home, since the critical socialization period is early in life. "For a dog, it's between the ages of 3 and 12 weeks," says Nicholas Dodman, director of the Animal Behavior Clinic at the Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, in North Grafton, Massachusetts. The breeder or the shelter's adoption counselor can tell you how much socialization an animal has had.

Mistake 6: Skimping on exercise

Why this is a mistake: Pets have pent-up energy that

needs to be unleashed through physical activity. Otherwise it will be channeled into barking, jumping, or even hostile behavior.

How to avoid it: “Walk your dog at least twice a day for a minimum of 30 minutes each time,” says Cesar Millan, host of *The Dog Whisperer*, on the National Geographic Channel. “To your dog, that’s a primal activity—birds fly, fish swim, and dogs walk.” Pamela Reid, vice president of the ASPCA’s Animal-Behavior Center in Urbana, Illinois, recommends that dogs get at least 40 minutes of aerobic exercise daily. “Dogs need more exercise than people do,” says Reid. Try running or biking with your dog or playing fetch or Frisbee.



Mistake 7: Neglecting to keep your pet mentally active

Why this is a mistake: Bored pets are more likely to get into trouble.

How to avoid it: Give your pets something to do. For a dog, that can mean having him hunt for food. Place a meal or treats in spots around the house for him to sniff out, or “feed him out of a food-dispensing puzzle toy instead of his bowl,” says Andrea Arden.

Mistake 8: Leaving a pet alone for too long

Why this is a mistake: A lack of proper companionship can lead to separation anxiety and destructive behaviors.

How to avoid it: “Don’t leave a puppy alone for eight hours,” says Reid. Hire someone to watch him or drop him off at a doggie day-care center. Your puppy will need to learn how to be alone for a few hours each day, however, so “teach him to self-pacify almost immediately,” says Andrea Arden. Put him in a crate (or leash him to a stable object) a foot or two away from you, then gradually increase the distance over the course of a week. Then make sure that he spends escalating amounts of time alone in his crate or confined to a room. Break up the day for dogs of any age with a visit from a dog walker or a neighbor, and give your pet access to toys and visual stimuli.

Mistake 9: Failing to make your home pet-friendly

Why this is a mistake: A dog without a cozy bed will end up on the couch.

How to avoid it: Dogs are far less persnickety about where they relieve themselves, but do them the favor of regularly picking up the poop in the backyard. Dogs also need a spot where they can cuddle up and feel safe. “A dog needs a crate like a teenager needs a room,” says Dodman. Provide a crate or a cozy bed, and make it taboo for your family to pester the dog while he’s in it.

Mistake 10: Punishing your pet

Why this is a mistake: You might think Chewie knows you’re screaming at him because he ate the loaf of bread on the counter, but he won’t connect your behavior with his action.

How to avoid it: Never physically punish your pet; he’ll just learn to fear you. It’s OK to startle a pet out of a behavior, but only if you catch him in the act. Command him with a firm “No!” or “Down!” and he’ll connect the reaction with what he’s doing and learn that it’s not OK. Otherwise, the punishment should come from the environment. Teach a dog to stay off the counter, say, by arranging sheet pans in a pile that will clatter to the floor if he jumps up. The counter, not you, will become the thing to fear.



Trial Quotes

After our Sept issue went to print, Sally Davis emailed this brag:

"I have some great news to share with all of you. Torch - AKA Blitzen's Carry the Torch UDX OM2 MX MXJ XF RN HSAs got the last points for his OTCH. It has been a wild ride. I felt as if Father Time were breathing down my neck ever since he turned 10, but the old ham still has it in him. Now he gets to herd ducks, which he loves."

—Sally Davis



"Max is my basset hound (co-owned by Elaine McDowell) and John showed him for me in DeKalb due to my having sprained my ankle. John, along with Max got his 2nd leg toward his CD."

"In October Max earned his CD title and second place (novice B) at the Basset Hound Club of America Nationals under Ed Haas."

—Julie Kilner



"At the Golden Retriever Club of Illinois Agility Trial Abby received 4 first places, 2 double Q's and 100 MACH pts in one 2 day weekend Oct. 9 & 10, 2010. This was an outside trial in 87 degree heat and full sun."

—Carol Ely

"Please change your records to indicate JEM General Ike Eisenhower CD, RE. Ike finished his Rally Excellent title on Nov 7th. I believe 3 titles in 9 consecutive shows! Thanks to Pam Crawford!"

—John McDowell



Braggs

Please enter your legs and titles in the Brag Book on the Registrar's table as soon as possible. It is very important they are entered for timely ordering of plates/plaques for the upcoming award banquet.

OBEDIENCE BRAGS

Sue Folkerts and her Border Collie "Houston" have earned their Companion Dog Title (CD)

Marilyn Lada and her Golden Retriever "Wood E" have earned two legs toward their Companion Dog Excellent Title (CDX)

Julie Kilner and her Basset Hound "Max" have their earned CD

Marie Starsiak and her Brittany Spaniel "Delta" have earned a leg toward their CDX

RALLY BRAGS

Donna Angeleri and her Pug "Lily" have earned their Rally Advanced Title (RA)

Donna Angeleri and her Rottweiler "Beary" have earned two legs toward their Rally Novice Title (RN)

John McDowell and his Basset Hound "Ike" have earned their Rally Excellent Title (RE) and a leg in Brace with "Ike" and "Nike"

Betty Smith and her Golden Retriever "Jason" have earned two legs toward their RN

RALLY BRAGS (CONTINUED)

Debbie Sazma and her Cocker Spaniel "Bridgette" have earned a leg toward their RE

Debbie Sazma and her Cocker Spaniels "Brandy" and "Chesie" have earned additional legs toward their RA

Pam Crawford and her Basset Hounds "Holly" and "Red Rose" have earned additional legs toward their additional Rally Advanced Excellent RAE

AGILITY BRAGS

Tom Rezmer and his Boxer "Killian" have earned a leg toward their Excellent Agility Jumpers with Weaves

Erin Rezmer and her Boxer "Kahlua" have earned a leg toward their OAJ



Braggs (continued)

AGILITY BRAGS (CONTINUED)

Debbie Sazma and her Cocker Spaniel “Brandy” have earned their Agility Novice Fast Preferred Title (NFP)

Debbie Sazma and her Cocker Spaniel “Chesie” have earned two legs toward their NFP

Virginia Sensenbrenner and her Cocker Spaniel “Basil” have earned an additional leg toward their Agility Open Jumpers with Weaves (OAJ)

Karen Wierdak and her Golden Retriever “Glory” have their Agility Novice Jumpers with Weaves Title (NAJ) and a leg toward their OAJ

Jim Wierdak and his Golden Retriever “Marley” have their OAJ

Synoma Hayes and Dachs-hunds “Tarragon” and “Asti” have been out having fun earning CPE Agility Legs in Snooker, Full House and Standard, along with legs in Agility Novice Preferred and Agility Novice Preferred Jumpers with Weaves

Terri Rice and her Papillon “Sare” have earned their first leg in Novice Agility Standard

Betty Smith and her Golden Retriever “Jason” have earned their OAJ and a leg in Novice Agility Standard (NA)

Betty Smith and her Golden Retriever “Mattie” have additional legs toward their MAJ and MX Titles

Marie Starsiak and her Brittany Spaniel “Delta” have earned their Agility Excellent Jumpers with Weaves (AXJ)

NEW TRAINING SCHEDULE IN EFFECT THROUGH MARCH

As a reminder, the **next training session begins on November 30th**, with some changes. We will be having alternating weeks of training. What does this mean?

It means that on November 30th, only obedience/rally classes will be training on the upper level of the Odeum. The following week will be agility classes only. While the dates below only reflect the training schedule through December, the alternating schedule will be in effect through March. Be sure to check the club Website at www.ltdtc.org and the last page of this issue for the dates.

November 30 Obedience/Rally training night

December 7 Agility training night

December 14 Obedience/Rally training night/Holiday party

December 21 Agility training night

December 28 Obedience/Rally training night



LTDTC Award Banquet

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!! The annual LTDTC Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2011 and we want to see YOU there. No excuses. Start saving your pennies now, so you'll be able to join us at the most fun activity of the new year. It won't be the same without you there. We have some wonderful raffle items, terrific company (without our dogs) and great food. More information will be coming after the first of the year, but I wanted to give you a "heads up" now, so you'll have no excuse.

See you then,
Gail Meyers
Awards Banquet Chairperson



Fundraiser Corner by Sharon Detro

Plans are in the works to continue the "banner" fundraiser for our trial next May. Please consider your own employer or a company who might want to "showcase" their business on a quality vinyl 2x5 banner.

The cost will be \$125.00. Or, perhaps you'd like to purchase a banner to "showcase" your dog during the two-day trial. A discount for members to showcase their dogs is being considered. More details on pricing will be forthcoming.

All that is required (with your payment) is print ready artwork for the banner layout in PDF, jpg, or other universal file format. So, lets get started getting creative to showcase your "canine wonder" at our trial!

If anyone has ideas for future fundraising opportunities or would like to assist, please feel free to phone or email me at: (630) 985-8670 or shardetro@sbcglobal.net.

Sharon Detro
Fundraising Coordinator



**Banners on display at
LTDTC Trial!!**

Calendar of Events: NEW ALTERNATE TRAINING SCHEDULE

November 30 - Start of Session, Obedience/Rally only training night

December 1 - LTDTTC Board Meeting (all members are welcome)

December 7 - Agility only training night

December 14 - Obedience/Rally only training night & Holiday Party

December 21 - Agility only training night

December 28 - Obedience/Rally only training night

January 4 - Agility only training night

January 5 - LTDTTC Board Meeting (all members are welcome)

January 11 - Obedience/Rally only training night

January 18 - Agility only training night

January 25 - Obedience/Rally only training night

February 1 - Agility only training night

February 2 - LTDTTC Board Meeting (all members are welcome)

February 8 - Obedience/Rally only training night

February 15 - Agility only training night

February 22 - Obedience/Rally only training night

March 1 - Agility only training night

March 2 - LTDTTC Board Meeting (all members are welcome)

March 8 - Obedience/Rally only training night

March 15 - Agility only training night

****Soccer is starting on November 23rd****

Lyons Township Dog
Training Club
doggiedoings@ltdtc.org

LTDTTC Doggie Doings
C/O Erin Rezmer
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Lombard, IL 60148



*An AKC Training Club
training at the Odeum
in Villa Park.*