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- Club Holiday Party December 16th
- Annual Meeting & Election January 20th
- LTDTC wins AKC Community Achievement Award

Doggie Doings

From the President by Aimee Busse

2008 has been one truly amazing year for LTDTC as it celebrates its 60th Anniversary ~ further illustrating the cohesiveness of a club coming together for one common goal. It's the dogs that bring us together, but it's the human members and their hearts that keep us together.

One of the biggest highlights this year for Lyons Township Dog Training Club was being named recipient of the American Kennel Club Community Achievement Award for its longtime dedication to educating the public about the responsibilities of dog ownership. Other positives mentioned by the AKC was the LTDTC Ben's Friends therapy group that visits libraries and nursing homes as well as fund raisers such as Vest-A-

Dog where LTDTC proudly vested five K-9 police dogs with bullet proof vests. LTDTC was one of only three AKC award recipients in the third quarter of 2008.



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portance of providing their community with tools to be responsible dog owners,” said Noreen Baxter, VP of Communications. “AKC is proud to recognize the club and its members for their hard work and dedication to the dog loving community.”

As club members are busy at the end of the year competing for legs, titles and awards, this is a great time to reflect on what the AKC community award really means to the club, and look within ourselves proudly asking “what can I do with my dog to brighten just one life today?”

The LTDTC Board of Directors recently voted in favor of purchasing five sets of animal oxygen masks for fire

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Annual Meeting & Election —January 20th by Andrew Ansenberger

Hello all,
Now that all that the national election stuff is over, the election that is really important is now coming up. It's that time of year for all members to participate to elect the Officers and Board of Directors of our club for 2009. A nominating committee consisting of your fellow members, Erin Rezmer, Donna Angeleri, Andrew Ansenberger, Pam Crawford,

and Bill Casey, with alternates of Phylis Langer and Donna Nuger, have presented the Board with the following candidates for next year's slate.

The proposed 2009 LTDTC Officers: Aimee Busse, President, Chris Zielinski, Vice President, Mel Tomeczko, Secretary and Dallas Ingold, Treasurer.

The two proposed mem-

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Separation Anxiety

by Dr. Jeff Vidt, Asst. Director of Training



Separation anxiety is just one of a wide variety of behavior disorders which can affect dogs in general. These include obsessive-compulsive disorders, various phobias, panic attacks, etc. These disorders are probably not new conditions, but research has now allowed us to name them and apply a combination of drug therapy, behavior modification techniques, and training methods to treat them. Separation anxiety appears to be one of the more common behavior disorders that veterinarians encounter. Symptoms of separation anxiety commonly occur in the owners absence and include:

1. Elimination — urinating and/or defecating indoors when the owner is gone.
2. Destruction — chewing woodwork, furniture, carpeting, etc. when the owner is not in the house. This also includes clawing or digging floors, walls, and doors. Damage also can occur to windows, drapes, and blinds.
3. Vocalization — barking, whining, crying in the owners absence.
4. Other signs — including loss of appetite, depression, diarrhea, vomiting, excessive licking, increased salivation, decreased activity, pacing, circling and trembling.
5. "Velcro" dogs — they stay physically close to their owners at all times. These dogs beg for attention and greet their owners over-enthusiastically.

Treatment involves the combination of behavior modification with or without drug therapy. Behavior modification consists of abolition of inappropriate behavior, teaching new behaviors, and general relaxation techniques.

SEPARATION ANXIETY

BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION

Teach the dog not to be anxious when left alone. This is done by utilizing the "sit", "stay" and "relax" commands while the owner does a variety of routine chores around the house — some of which may upset the dog (vacuum the house). The dog should eventually be able to do these behaviors without reacting adversely — in the house, outside the house, and for all family members. Next, teach the dog to be left alone for gradually increasing periods of time. Here consider taking the dog to work, hiring a pet sitter, or kenneling the dog during the day. In addition, the dog must respond to programs designed to support and encourage deferential behavior throughout the day i.e. less "babying" behavior. For example, the owner should only interact with the pet only at the owner's initiative and when the dog is relaxed. Obedience training would also be useful here as well. All these things foster independence in the dog.

Crate the dog or isolate it in a safe room — an area where the dog feels safe and secure.. Usually this area is brightly lit with a radio or TV on. Also have a signal that will tell the dog 15-20 minutes before you return that you'll be coming back (a light on a timer, etc.). Some dogs do better outside or if they can see outside.

Identify cues that make your dog realize you are about to leave. These cues may include putting on make-up, dressing in work clothes, picking up car keys, making a lunch, etc. Try to vary the cues by wearing different clothes, leave by a different door, water the plants before leaving — anything to change the pattern so the dog can't know when you are leaving the house. This will help the dog to become indifferent to departure cues.

MEDICATION

Most of the medications for separation anxiety are tricyclic antidepressants (TCA) which have selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) activity. They affect two brain neurotransmitters, serotonin and norepinephrine, and increase their concentration in the brain. The end result is a decrease in anxiety and an increase in learning ability. The only licensed medication for the treatment of separation anxiety at this time is Clomicalm® (clomipramine). Medication should never be used by itself — the drugs should always be combined with behavior modification.

Using the above therapies together often decreases the symptoms or eliminates them altogether. Often the drug therapy can be dropped and behavior modification alone can maintain control of the condition. To say that the dog is "cured" is probably not correct — one has to think in terms of "control".

Pawsitively in the News by Aimee Busse

LTDTC has recently been awarded one of the American Kennel Club's most prestigious community achievement awards along with a \$1000 check. This honor is especially eminent as the club celebrates its 60th Anniversary.



birth to editorial column "The Way We See It," and the many puzzles and quizzes featured in the publication. Sherry is the former *Doggie Doings* editor and deadline enforcer. Sherry has also held many prominent volunteer roles in the club. While Sherry and Ron have handed off

Our sympathies also go out to Jason Sheldon and his family for the loss of their Collie *Samson* in September, Meb and Dallas Ingold for the recent loss of their Golden Retriever *Maggie* and Nancy Pritz on the loss of her Border Collie *Robbie*.


The **Doggy Lama** says: *Grasshopper...One kind word can warm three winter months* (Japanese Proverb). With the winter solstice fast approaching the Midwest, take time out of the hus-

LTDTC member and rally/agility instructor Marie Starsiak quietly submitted the AKC community achievement award application and supporting documentation in the beginning of 2008 in hopes the club would be recognized for all its good community deeds over the past 60 years. In her letter to the AKC, Marie highlighted all of the special LTDTC programs and volunteer efforts including therapy group Ben's Friends and fund-raisers for Illinois Vest-A-Dog.

baton, they still continue to play vital and active roles in the club. They are both to be commended for their dedication and continued service to LTDTC. And as those famous words repeat, but will never be forgotten ... "til next time...that's just the way we see it...bye bye for now."



tles and bustles of life to share a kind word or even a smile today with a stranger, a fellow club member and even your fur friend. And

as Mahatma Gandhi once said, "be the change you want to see in the world." It all starts with a kind word or smile. 

"the American Kennel Club's most prestigious community achievement award"

In the **Volunteer Spotlight** ~ We salute long-time LTDTC members *Ron Gignac* and his wife *Sherry*. Ron is not only renowned for his expert raffle-master skills and "stinky" tracking feet, he is best known at



LTDTC as the former co-publisher and chief editor of the *Doggie Doings*. Ron spear-headed the project over 36 issues and six years ago. Ron also gave

New Puppy Breath: His and hers puppies? LTDTC welcomes Dallas and Meb Ingold's brother and sister Golden Retrievers Barron and Jetta.

In Consolation, we offer our deepest sympathies to the family of *Gail Gelushbia* who recently passed away. Gail was a long time LTDTC member and past president.

Editors note: The end of the training year is near. Please post all your legs and titles in the Brag Book as soon as possible. The data is needed so that award plaques can be ordered for the Awards Dinner. The data Andy has decoded from the Brag Book can be found on the LTDTC website. Please take a look and see if it is recorded correctly.

LTDTC Fall Tracking Trial

by Dallas & Meb Ingold, Tracking Trial Co-Chairs

2008 was a GREAT year for our tracking Trial.

This is the first trial that any active club members can remember having TWO dogs pass the TDX Test!

We had a great crew of track layers and absolutely wonderful weather.



We almost did not realize that the LTDTC Tracking Trial was really happening in such wonderful weather.

Many thanks to track layers John McDowell, Dave Crawford, Andrew Ansenberger, Jason Sheldon, Betty Smith and Dallas Ingold; crosstrackers

Roxanne Dwyer, Ed Buric, Debbie Sibrava, Samantha Sibrava, Bill Casey, Nancy Pritz and Sue Natale.

Our Judges were Ted Hoesel and Sue Boyd.

Special thanks to Elaine and John McDowell for their hospitality hosting Sue Boyd during the trial.

Pictures of the two

qualifiers Mary Haley and Ulysses James are shown below.

Many thanks to all who helped with the trail. 🐾



Thank You Sherry & Ron

by Nancy Pritz, Erin Rezmer & Amy Hanrahan

We, the new Doggie Doings Committee, would like to take this opportunity to say “Thank You Ron and Sherry”. For what you might ask – well let’s see.... first for the past seven years of service editing, publishing and distributing the Doggie Doings, second for the

wonderful 36 issues that you have undertaken, third for not saying “WHAT!?!?!”, are you guys crazy, you want all the work that goes into putting together the Doggie Doings together”, fourth for not laughing when we said “Yes” and fifth

for helping make the transition to this newsletter as smooth as it could be.

On behalf of the entire LTDTC, we Thank You. 🐾

Rover Reporter

by Rover Reporter

Hellooooooooooooo LTDTC people!

Still out wandering around, looking for what is out here to see. I never told you how I came to be a wandering Rover Reporter, did I? My folks left the gate open, which I took for an invitation, and off I went. Before I knew it, I found myself in all sorts of interesting places, and decided to see if I could adopt a “friend” along the way. But, were all cozy with their homes and didn’t want to see the world, so I’m still alone. I think I’ll go to Tasmania next.

I see by the news at the fireplugs around the world that there was some election excitement back home. Lots of people putting themselves behind black curtains or in front of three-sided boxes, and drawing lines, or punching little buttons. Hope your lines did what you wanted them to do. You know in the dog world, all we do is growl and show our teeth, perhaps bite the opponent a few times, and then somedog is the winner. Easier than drawing lines or pushing buttons,

You should try it sometime.

Well, I also see by the trees that winter is settling in back home, so New Zealand, Australia, and Tasmania are the places for me, at least for a few months. No snow to plow though looking for that “just right” spot, and my paws and private parts won’t get frozen either!

So, until the next letter, think of me in the southern most sunshine, and

I amRover Reporter 🐾

Club Holiday Party December 16th

by Debbie Sazma, Susan Sobyra, Cher Herlache

It is time for LTDTC's Annual Holiday Party. This year is an extra special occasion. We are celebrating our 60th Anniversary along with our annual holiday festivity. Can you believe it?

We hope that everyone can come and join in the fun on Tuesday, December 16th. You do NOT want to miss out on the fun! We will be providing DELICIOUS Italian beef plus sausage and peppers. The rest of the dishes will be a tantalizing assortment supplied by ----- guess who----- that's right ---you!!!!

The sign up sheet will be available every Tuesday from now until the week before the party, so you will have plenty of time to decide what superb dish you would like to share with us. Please look for the sheets at the registrar's table and at the agility table. It is a great time to socialize with the wonderful *PEOPLE* in our club instead of just the dogs! Hopefully all of our best friends will forgive us!

We will be playing Secret Santa again this year 'cause it was so much fun last year. If you are interested in joining in that fun,

there is a sign-up at the Registrar's Table or email Cher Herlache at chawk23@comcast.net for details.

Of course, there is always our exciting raffle too, organized by Laura Plasketes with our very own raffle-master Ron Gignac. If you have any items to donate to the raffle please bring them on December 16th, because that would be dog-gone awesome! Seeing as it is the 60th Anniversary & Annual Holiday Party we will also have a few surprises!

So please come and join in all the fun!

AKC Honors LTDTC with Community Achievement Award

Press Release

[Friday, October 24, 2008]


New York, NY – The American Kennel Club® announced recently that the Lyons Township Dog Training Club (LTDTC) of Lyons Township, Illinois has been named a recipient of the AKC® Community Achievement Award for its longtime dedication to educating the public about the responsibilities of dog ownership. The LTDTC received one of three awards for the third quarter of 2008– Linda D. Witouski of Myrtle Beach Kennel Club and Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club also received recognition.

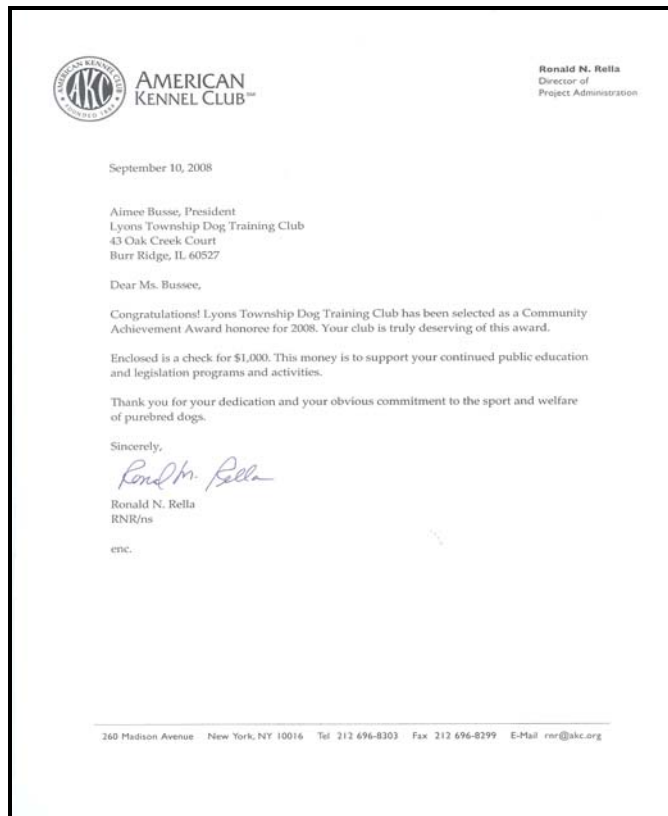
The AKC Community Achievement Awards support and recognize outstanding public education and legislation efforts of AKC-affiliated clubs, AKC-recognized federations and their members. The AKC selects award recipients who promote purebred dogs and responsible dog ownership within their communities or who have successfully introduced, monitored and responded to legislative issues affecting dog ownership. Celebrating 60 years of service to its community, the Lyons Township Dog Training Club provides obedience, tracking, agility, rally and conformation classes to residents of Chi-

cago's western suburbs. The club also hosts AKC Canine Good Citizen® testing, AKC trials and fun matches. The LTDTC sponsors Ben's Friends, a therapy-dog group that pays regular visits to libraries and three nursing homes. The club's annual fund-raisers support its "Vest A Dog" program, which has supplied bulletproof vests for five of the area's police dogs.

"It is clear that the Lyons Township Dog Training Club is full of hardworking members who appreciate the importance of providing their community with the tools to be responsible dog owners," said Noreen Baxter, AKC's VP of Communications. "AKC is proud to recognize the club and its members for their hard work and dedication to the dog loving community."

Nominations for the AKC Community Achievement Awards are accepted year-round. Up to three honorees are named each quarter. They receive a

certificate of appreciation and a \$1,000 check payable to the club or federation's public education and canine legislation efforts. 



Happy Holidays from Ben's Friends

by Gail Meyers, Ben's Friends Coordinator

I want to take this time to thank all of you that gave up your free time to come out and visit. Those visits bring so much joy to the people we see, today we even had a lady singing to Willow!

Now, if this is the first time you've heard of Ben's Friends, or perhaps just decided that you had some free time to give and this may be a great way to spend it, let me tell you a bit about us, and how to get started.


To be a Ben's Friend, first you have to take a "team" test. A certified Delta Society evaluator evaluates you and your dog. This takes place approximately every 4 months, or every 16th week of class. Your dog must be at least 1 year of age, and controlled with just a buckle collar and a leash. When you pass this evaluation, you then purchase (about \$40 from LTDTC) or borrow a Delta Society book, read it and take an open book test.

When these things are completed, you

send the evaluation form, the test and other documents that are in the book or can be gotten on line, and a photo of you and your dog, headshot only, to Delta Society along with a check for \$85.00. This \$85.00 buys you membership for two years, and also liability insurance for therapy visits. You and your dog must be re-evaluated every two years, but you don't have to redo the book stuff. Once is all for that. If you have additional dogs you'd like tested, you just take the evaluation test with that dog, and send in the necessary papers and an additional \$20.00 per additional dog(s). If you are over 55, it is less.

Why "Ben's Friends"? Well, 20 years ago, a Dalmatian puppy came into my life, and into the lives of LTDTC. He loved to go to class, and to dog shows. But, Ben had health issues, and was on medication his whole life. When we were asked to start visiting Lexington Square, I thought this would be a great

way to expose people to "those hyper Dalmatians?". Ben was a love...he just wanted to be with everyone who lived in the homes we visited. We visited more than we do now, and he just considered everyone his friend, two legged and four. When Ben crossed over the Rainbow Bridge, the board members of LTDTC declared that Visiting Pets would, from then on, be known as "Ben's Friends". I can't tell you how moved I was that this honor was bestowed upon him. If he were here today, he'd be your friend, too.

So, come on, take the test, do the bookwork and join us on our 2009 visits. We do the second and fourth Saturdays at the British Home near the Zoo in Brookfield, and on the second Thursday of the month we alternate between Lexington Square in Lombard and Concorde Place in Northlake. Call me, or email me, if you need any more information. I'd love to talk to you. 708 449 5066 or daldog2@comcast.net 

Correction Matches

by Dave Crawford (Obedience), Debbie Sazma (Agility), Roxanne Dwyer (Rally)

Hi all, On October 27th we held our annual fall combined obedience, rally and agility fun match. I heard only compliments and no complaints so I am going to declare it a rousing success. One of the reasons that it was a success was because of an idea that was provided to me by Erin Rezmer. She suggested that we get dry erase boards for the tables so people can easily see what handler group was in the ring at any given time. This helps ease congestion at the stewards table. She then went and purchased them after board approval. Thank you Erin!!!

There were approximately 85 dog and handler teams run thru 4 obedience rings, 18 dogs run thru the rally ring and 37 dogs run thru the agility ring. Unfortunately, because of time constraints we had to turn away 10 teams.

A correction clinic is a useful tool for volunteers to view others' dog handling methods, tips, and tricks. And it's free!!!! All we ask is approximately 3 hours of your time. Additionally, all volunteers

are welcome to run their dogs thru – also free of charge. Please consider volunteering for the next clinic to be held in April, 2009.

The club is always looking for ways of doing things better. So if you have any ideas please bring them to me when you see me at Lyons. I'm the dummy with the smart Basset Hound at the end of his leash. (Dave Crawford)

I would like to thank all of the people who helped at the agility fun match on Monday October 27, 2008.

Without the volunteers fun matches and correction clinics can not happen.


This fun match was a huge success, I did something a little different this time, I had 3 courses nested into one. People had the chance to run their furry friends at the Novice, Open or Excellent level. If you are just coming out to run your friend for fun, remember at fun matches you can use training tools such as toys, treats and click-

ers and you don't have to do the course that is laid out, you can do whatever obstacles you choose. It is your 2 minutes, have fun with it.

For the most part I received a lot of positive feedback. So this might be something to look forward to for future fun matches.

I am planning on hosting more fun matches in 2009, so keep an eye open for upcoming dates. (Debbie Sazma)

The Rally ring has hit its stride in efficiency by using two judges and a course design that satisfies AKC regulations yet is fully nested with all three levels. Even better, we love seeing so many of our run-through registrants out at shows earning legs. (Roxanne Dwyer)

Editor comment: All of the coordinators would like to sincerely thank the many volunteers who made this night possible. Without you it couldn't have been done. Thank you so much for your time and effort! 

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departments in the surrounding area. The monies used for this purchase came from recent LTDTC fund raising efforts. The idea was brought before the board by Debbie Sibrava after losing many of her pets in a house fire early this year. Unfortunately, the many area fire departments are not equipped with these specialized oxygen masks. The conical pet apparatus are sized to fit any dog snout or even a bird's beak.

On Tuesday, December 16, the 60th Anniversary Celebration will continue with the club's annual holiday party and raffle fund raiser. Party co-chairs Susan Sobyra and Debbie Sazma promise an evening of great food and fun along with some very special LTDTC memorabilia and club history. Once again this year, Laura Plasketes is organizing the raffle and Ron

Gignac will serve as raffle-master with the assistance of his "Ronettes." LTDTC Secret Santa hostess Cher Herlache will facilitate the gifting night for Secret Santa participants.

The holiday party is a great opportunity for members and "members to be" to gather together in unison and reminisce on the events of the past and dream of the future that lies before us.

As most of you are aware, in the last issue of the



Doggie Doings, chief editor Ron Gignac published his last editorial "The Way We See It" and announced his retirement. Editor Sherry Gignac has retired from the *Doings* as well. LTDTC greatly appreciates Ron and Sherry's journalistic contributions over the last six years.

Please welcome new Editor-In-Chief Nancy Pritz and new staff members Erin Rezmer and Amy Hanrahan who have graciously volunteered to take on this huge responsibility in producing this informative club newsletter.

Happy Paw-i-days! And Cheers! To a prosperous and healthy 2009!

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bers who will replace Gail Meyers and Anne Baker on the 2009 Board of Directors: Amy Hanrahan and Ronald McGrath. The slate of candidates will again be announced at the Christmas Party

and on the www.ltdtc.org website on the "Members Only" page. The actual election will take place Tuesday, January 20th, 2009, 7:30 PM at the Odeum. Details of the nominating process and the election protocols can be downloaded from the club website. See me if you have ques-

tions.

Thanks to Gail Meyers and Anne Baker for the last two years of service as Board of Director members and to the staff of the Nominating Committee.

Doggie Sudoku by Amy Hanrahan

(If you find yourself stumped and need the answer, e-mail doggiedoings@mindspring.com.)

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A digging dog always has

The fourth row has a hidden message

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| 1= i | 4= t | 7= r |
| 2= a | 5= s | 8= d |
| 3= p | 6= w | 9= y |

Meet the New Editors by Amy Hanrahan

Nancy

I started training in the early 80's with Border Collies. Over the years I have trained a variety of breeds and currently have a Belgian Malinois ("Kimo") and a Border Collie ("Robbie"). I have participated to varying degrees in obedience, herding, dock diving, agility, tracking, weight pulling, French Ring, and Schutzhund. If it involves dogs, me and my four legged companions will give it a go, but my favorite activities are AKC obedience, Schutzhund & AKC tracking. My current Malinois, Kimo has his CD,



CDX, CGC, SchH BH and AD titles/certificate, and we are currently working in FUtility... oops, I mean Utility. I am currently an LTDTC beginners class instructor.

Erin

I grew up always having dogs in my family. During my college years, I worked for an animal clinic and as a pet sitter for a few of their clients. There was one client that had the most lovable creature; a Boxer and I loved everything about him. When Tom (My husband) and I decided it was time to expand the family by getting our first dog together, how could we choose anything else but a Boxer? A breeder recommended LTDTC to us. We came and observed a class. It was the night of the club's Holiday Party (great timing). Both of us were impressed with

the kindness of everyone, the enthusiasm of the trainers and then the icing on the cake was when we were informed all these wonderful people were volunteers. So here we are almost 3 years later with both of us training Killian and now Kahlua (of course two trainers require two dogs, just ask anyone here). We train in Rally, Obedience and Agility. Tuesday nights for us is not just about going to training, but also seeing our friends, both human and four-legged. Thanks LTDTC for being so welcoming to us new comers!

Amy

I started training a little over 6 years ago. Starting with a puppy class then on to agility and dabbling in a new form of obedience called Rally. Then the injury happened, a September evening three years ago Peanut ruptured her first cruciate ligament. After the surgery I retired Peanut, devastated

thinking our training days together were over. Peanut had other ideas, she wanted a job, and sitting around the house keeping the couch warm was not her idea of a job. So with a bored Shar-pei driving me crazy and a friend (who was a trainer at LTDTC – thanks Anne) giving me encouragement, Peanut and I enrolled in our first "traditional" show obedience



class. After that first session we were hooked thanks to Meb and Mel. Peanut and I currently train in Novice and Rally and she has two legs toward her CD. Peanut also has her CGC and RN. We have also dabbled in freestyle and tracking. As if training one Pei was not enough, Murphy was added to our family and is currently training in Obedience, Rally and Agility. Murphy also has his CGC and is a registered Delta Society Pet Partner. I share my life with my husband Chad, and our three rescued Shar-pei; Peanut, Guinness and Murphy.

Deadline for submission of articles for the March 1 issue of Doggie Doings is February 15th. Please submit your articles to doggiedoings@mindspring.com



Braggs

Our Club Members sure have been busy earning titles and legs toward titles over the past couple of months (since the last publishing of Doggie Doings). We have a number of teams to congratulate.

Obedience Brags:

Andrew Ansenberger and his Cocker Spaniel, "*Oliver*" earned their AKC Companion Dog Title (CD) and followed that up with earning their fourth CD leg

Dave Crawford and his Basset Hound, "*Holly*" earned a High in Trial score for their performance in the Open ring at the Basset Hound Club of America, and his Basset Hound "*Red Rose*" earned their 4th CD leg

Betty Smith and her Golden Retriever, "*Mattie*" earned their AKC Companion Dog Excellent Title (CDX), and have also gone on to earn their 5th CDX leg

Debbie Sazma and her Cocker Spaniels "*Bridgette*" and "*Brandy*" have both gone on to earn the 11th CD legs

Rally Brags:

Erin Rezmer and her Boxer, "*Kablua*" earned their AKC Rally Advanced Title (RA) and followed it up with their AKC Rally Excellent Title (RE) and a fourth RE leg

Loretta Marchese and her Shetland Sheepdog, "*Maggie*" earned their AKC Rally Advanced Title (RA)

Marilyn Lada and her Golden Retriever, "*Belle*" earned their AKC Rally Novice Title (RN)

Julie Kilner and her Basset Hound "*Max*" have earned their first leg toward an AKC Rally Novice Title

Pam Crawford has worked with her Basset Hound "*Holly*" to earn 4 RAE legs

Paul Garrett and his Dalmatian "*Ivy*" have earned 2 legs toward their AKC Rally Novice Title

Karen Wierdak and her Golden Retrievers "*Glory*" and "*Marley*" have earned their 1st legs toward an AKC Rally Novice Title

Aimee Busse and her Leonberger, "*Mikki*" earned their APDT Rally Level 1 Title (RL1), along with her Siberian Husky, "*Java*" earning their APDT Rally Level 1 Title (RL1)

Agility Brags:

Marie Starsiak and her Brittany Spaniel, "*Delta*" earned their AKC Agility Open Standard (OA) and AKC Agility Open Jumpers with Weaves Title (OAJ) and their 1st leg toward an Agility Novice Fast title

Virginia Sensenbrenner and her Cocker Spaniel, "*Basil*" earned their AKC Agility Open Standard Preferred Title (OAP), two legs toward their Agility Novice Fast and Agility Open Jumpers with Weave Titles

Debbie Sazma and her Cocker Spaniel, "*Becky*" earned their AKC Agility Novice Fast Preferred Title (NFP) and their 2nd leg toward their Agility Open Jumpers with Weaves title

Carol Ely and her Toy Poodle, "*Abby*" earned their AKC Master Agility Excellent Title (MX), their TDAA Master of Agility Games Title (TMAG) and their 5th leg of a Master of Agility Standard

Carol Ely and her Toy Poodle "*Magique*" earned their 4th leg of their AKC Agility Excellent Jumpers with Weaves (AXJ) and their 2nd leg toward a TDAA Intermediate Standard title

Betty Smith and her Golden Retriever, "*Mattie*" earned their AKC Agility Excellent Jumpers with Weaves Title (AXJ), one leg toward their Agility Excellent Standard title and two legs toward their Agility Open Fast title

Debbie Sazma and her Cocker Spaniel, "*Brandy*" earned their AKC Agility Novice Fast Title (NF)

Jim Wierdak and his Golden Retriever "*Marley*" earned 2 legs toward their AKC Novice Jumpers with Weaves title

Tom Rezmer and his Boxer "*Killian*" earned two legs toward their Agility Novice Standard title

Loretta Marchese and her Shetland Sheepdog, "*Brandy*" earned their 2nd leg toward a UKC AGII title

OTHER Brags:

Marilyn Lada and her Golden Retriever, "*Wood E*" earned their AKC Junior Hunting Title (JH), and followed that up by earning their 4th JH leg

Synoma Hays and her Longhaired Dachshund, "*Saffron*" earned their AKC Tracking Dog Title (TD)

Marie Starsiak and her Brittany Spaniel Delta have earned their 2nd leg toward the AKC Junior Hunting Title (JH)

Erin Rezmer with both of her Boxer "*Kablua*" and "*Killian*" have earned a Rally Pairs Leg

Please enter your legs and titles in the Brag Book on the registrar's table as soon as possible. You can check your entries for accuracy on the LTDTC website. If you have any corrections to your entries, please contact Andy Ansenberger at andy@doginstructors.com

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Calendar of Events

Dec	2nd	Training
Dec	3rd	Board Meeting (Open to all members)
Dec	9th	Training
Dec	16th	Christmas Party - Puppy, Beginner, Adv Beginner, Rally & Agility Classes only!
Dec	23rd	NO Training!!
Dec	30th	NO Training!!
Jan	6th	All classes resume
Jan	7th	Board Meeting (Open to all members)
Jan	13th	Training
Jan	20th	Training, Annual Meeting & Election
Jan	27th	Last night of session (Open & Utility run-throughs)
Feb	3rd	Training (1st night of new session)
Feb	4th	Board Meeting (Open to all members)
Feb	10th	Training
Feb	17th	Training
Feb	24th	Training

