Tales of Lincolnwood

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Lincolnwood Training Club, Inc. for German Shepherd Dogs
2019 Outdoor Training Schedule -- Spring Session

Time            Class                                      Place/Instructor
Sunday          Lincolnwood Training Club               Central & Dearlove Rds.
(Starts 4/28/19) Glenview, IL
9:00 a.m.        Distractions                          Dave Perry
9:00 a.m.        AKC Training for Open Competition       Richard Lane
10:00 a.m.       Rally -- All Levels                   Greg Hayward
10:00 a.m.       Advanced Puppy                        Anne Feuerstein & Jane Eastman
10:00 a.m.       AKC Obedience -- Novice                 Cathy Stein
11:00 a.m.       AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy                     Anne Feuerstein
(8-week class, pre-enrollment required, starting 5/19/19)

Monday          Lincolnwood Training Club               Central & Dearlove Rds.
(Starts 6/03/19) Glenview, IL
6:30 p.m.        Beginner Nosework                      Lisa Wageman
(6-week class, pre-enrollment required, limit 8 dogs, starts 6/03/19)
7:30 p.m.        Advanced Nosework                      Lisa Wageman
(6-week class, pre-enrollment required, limit 8 dogs, starts 6/03/19)

Tuesday         Lincolnwood Training Club               Central & Dearlove Rds.
(Starts 4/30/19) Glenview, IL
6:30 p.m.        AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy                      Cathy Stein
(8-week class, pre-enrollment required, starts 4/30/19)
& Kathy Pairitz

Wednesday       Lincolnwood Training Club               Central & Dearlove Rds.
(Starts 5/01/19) Glenview, IL
6:30 p.m.        Distractions/Obedience                 Stu Unger
6:30 p.m.        Beginner Adult Dogs                   Tim Schaefer
6:30 p.m.        AKC Canine Good Citizen               Cathy Stein
(6-week class, pre-enrollment required, starts 6/05/19)
7:00 p.m.        Beginning Obedience                   Nancy Lane
7:00 p.m.        AKC Obedience -- Novice                Richard Lane

The fee and test is $125 for AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy, and $80 for CGC and CGCA. The fee is $165 for Nosework ($125 for Club members). All handlers must bring a copy of a current vet record to the first class. If classes are cancelled, you will be contacted and there will be a message on the Club phone: 847-299-7273. Questions? Please call the Club’s Director of Training Cathy Stein at 847-217-0527.

If you want more focus from your dog, you need to be more interesting than dirt.

nancytanner.com
Down on the Farm ...

Once again, Lincolnwood Training Club members have jumped on the newest AKC-sponsored dog sport and trained and titled their German Shepherds in the activity. Among the first to earn a Farm Dog Certified title, after their dog passed the FDC test twice with two different judges, were Izabela Raczynski and Apollo, Wendy Israel and Cassidy, and Pat Behles and Britta and Fritzi.

Says Izabela:

“The Farm Dog Certification test is a great way to get urban dogs and owners out to the country for a day of fresh air and fun. The 12 exercises include elements similar to those found in a Canine Good Citizen test but with a farm “twist,” such as walking around a farm on a loose leash and assessing the dog’s reaction to common farm sounds such as a tractor engine.

Some of the more challenging exercises for urban dogs include jumping up and staying on a bale of hay and encountering livestock such as sheep, ducks, or chickens. The dog must be able to remain calm and well behaved.”

Ruth Black’s recent post spine surgery rehab stay at a nursing home didn’t stop her from missing her celebrated German Shepherd Odin’s 11th birthday party. Neda Tkalcevic and friends simply brought the milestone party, cake, and two dogs to Ruth at the Whitehall of Deerfield.

As Ruth recounted:

“Since Mommy Ruth has to be in rehab at the Whitehall, Mommy Neda and Odin’s daughter, Liesl, and friends Marsha Boxer and Stu Unger planned a wonderful birthday party for Odin at the Whitehall.

“And since Odin and Liesl are raw fed, Mommy Neda created a beautiful ground sirloin cake decorated with cream cheese, doggie cookie crumbs, blueberries, and good wishes.

“We feel so blessed to have been able to share Odin’s life with him since he was 8 weeks old.

“He has given us his unconditional love, his joyful personality, and the unbelievable pride in him when he was named the 2012 North American Sieger for German Working Dogs by the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.

“Happy, happy 11th birthday to our ‘baby boy.’ We love you to the moon and back.”

Dogs Rule at Lincolnwood

It’s been said that Lincolnwood Training Club has “gone to the dogs” but meant in a good way.

As ongoing policy, Club members can bring their dogs – if well behaved – to Club meetings, held on the third Wednesday of the month in the Clubhouse.

Jane Eastman’s German Shepherd, Velcro, took this doggie perk to heart at a recent Club meeting.

The imposing black dog “policed” the event and stayed uneventfully behind Jane and Club President Bobby Stevens (pictured above) as Jane announced the duly elected Club officers/trustees for 2019. They are:

President Bobby Stevens, Vice President Karen Johnson; Treasurer Sandy Tristano, Corresponding Secretary Kathy Pairitz, Recording Secretary Jane Eastman, and Historian Wendy Israel.


How’s Tricks?

An old adage goes that you can’t teach an old dog new tricks, but Teri Tognetti’s German Shepherd, Malachi, isn’t buying it.

At the ripe old age of 12, Malachi recently earned his AKC Novice Trick Dog title.

“It just goes to show that yes, you can,” Teri says.
2018 AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB TITLES

AKC Novice – Companion Dog (CD)
Bobby Stevens and Lili
Rosemary Lacey and Buddy
Stan Piotrowski and Nora

AKC Companion Dog Excellent (CDX)
Isabela Raczynski-Bell and Apollo
Richard Lane and Nellie

AKC Tracking Dog Urban (TDU)
Marie Goulden and Reye

AKC Rally Novice (RN)
Izabela Raczynski-Bell and Argos

AKC Rally Intermediate (RI)
Bobby Stevens and Lili

AKC Scent Work Container Novice (SCN)
Bobby Stevens and Lili
Wendy Israel and Cassidy
Mary Merlin and Gypsy
Kathy Pairitz and Angel

AKC Scent Work Interior Novice (SIN)
Bobby Stevens and Lili
Wendy Israel and Cassidy
Mary Merlin and Gypsy

AKC Scent Work Exterior Novice (SEN)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy
Bobby Stevens and Lili
Kathy Pairitz and Angel
John McNalis and Major

AKC Scent Work Buried Novice (SBN)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy
Mary Merlin and Gypsy
Bobby Stevens and Lili
Kathy Pairitz and Angel

AKC Scent Work Novice (SWN)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy
Bobby Stevens and Lili
Kathy Pairitz and Angel

AKC Scent Work Container Advanced (SCA)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy
Bobby Stevens and Lili

AKC Scent Work Interior Advanced (SIA)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy
Bobby Stevens and Lili

AKC Scent Work Exterior Advanced (SEA)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy
Bobby Stevens and Lili

AKC Scent Work Buried Advanced (SBA)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy

AKC Scent Work Advanced (SWA)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy

AKC Scent Work Container Excellent (SCE)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy

AKC Scent Work Interior Excellent (SIE)
Bobby Stevens and Lili
Wendy Israel and Cassidy

AKC Scent Work Exterior Excellent (SEE)
Bobby Stevens and Lili
Wendy Israel and Cassidy

AKC Herding Instinct Tested (IT)
Pat Behles and Fritz

AKC Herding Pre-Trial Tested (PT)
Pat Behles and Fritz

AKC Herding Tested (HT)
Pat Behles and Fritz

AKC Therapy Dog Novice (THDN)
Stu Unger and Roma

AKC Therapy Dog (THD)
Patti Barra and Nohea
Pat Speyer and Frankie

AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC)
Bobby Stevens and Lili
Curt Trefelner and Blaze

AKC Community Canine (CGCA)
Stu Unger and Phin

AKC Fast CAT (BCAT)
Bobby Stevens and Lili

AKC Farm Dog (FDC)
Izabela Raczynski-Bell and Apollo
Wendy Israel and Cassidy
Pat Behles and Britta
Pat Behles and Fritz

AKC Trick Dog Novice (TKN)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy

AKC Trick Dog Intermediate (TKI)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy

AKC Trick Dog Advanced (TKA)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy
Pat Behles and Fritz

AKC Working Dog Companion Dog (BH)
Izabela Raczynski-Bell and Argos

AKC Working Dog (IPO2)
Leslie Manzara and Axel

AKC Barn Hunt Crazy 8's Platinum (CZ8P)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy

2018 AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATIONS

AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy
Judy Braginsky and Kona
David Dolan and Remo
Justin Downey and Moose
Sarah Verren and Bonza
Samantha Bukowski and Mischief
Maria Mavraganis and Stella

Marcin Franckiel and Bruno
Dolores Higgs and Sprinkles
Susan Shiba and Devin
Stu Unger and Roma

AKC Achiever Dog
Wendy Israel and Cassidy
Bobby Stevens and Lili
Izabela Raczynski-Bell and Apollo
Izabela Raczynski-Bell and Argos
Kathy Pairitz and Angel
Karen Johnson and Jon
Pat Behles and Britta
Pat Behles and Fritz
Pat Speyer and Frankie

OTHER DOG SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS CERTIFICATIONS

Herding Instinct Certified (HIC)
Karen Johnson and Charlie
Pat Behles and Britta
Pat Behles and Fritz

German Shepherd Dog Club of America
Beaglehunde Companion Dog (BH)
Izabela Raczynski-Bell and Argos

Beaglehundegrufung (BGH)
Izabela Raczynski-Bell and Argos

Protection 1 (SPI)
Izabela Raczynski-Bell and Apollo

International Prüfungs-Ordnung 2 (IPO2)
Leslie Manzara and Axel

Performance Award of Merit
Pat Behles and Keeshia

Temperament Certified (TC)
Guillermo Zamora and Reagan
Karen Melbinger and Bruno
Barbara Rueckert and Rye
Samantha Bukowski and Mischief
Pedro Forte and Kygo

National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW)

Odor Recognition Test (ORT) -- Birch
Marianne Perlman and Linc

Odor Recognition Test (ORT) -- Anise
Karen Johnson and Charlie
Marianne Perlman and Linc

Odor Recognition Test (ORT) -- Clove
Bobby Stevens and Lili

Nose Work 1 (NW1)
Karen Johnson and Jon
Alex Quezada and Klaus

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There are very strong reasons they call a dog man’s best friend.

Stu Unger’s German Shepherd, Phin, CDX, CGCA, CGC, TC, TDI, is a dog who is also a dog’s best friend. All told, the white German Shepherd has helped save the lives of some 15 ill or severely injured canines through his doggie blood donations over the last couple years.

Yes, a dog can donate blood to other dogs (and a cat to other cats, too).

Stu, a Lincolnwood Training Club instructor, heard about a local Premier Veterinary Group’s blood donor program and that there weren’t enough donors to meet a growing need.

“I also heard that one blood donation could be split into three different components and potentially help three different animals with each donation,” he says.

“I signed Phin up.”

Stu figures Phin has donated blood about five different times since then and continues to do so.

“I just feel it’s really a blessing to help save someone’s pet.”

Samantha Geertz is coordinator of the program at the animal emergency center facility.

She says that animal blood banks have been around for almost 50 years, especially at university settings.

They have only been popularized in recent years because of pets being accepted more as part of the family and less as property.

People today, she adds, are more willing to go to greater measures to save their family members.

Geertz says the Premier blood banks cater mostly to the three Premier hospitals in the Chicagoland region but will sell to hospitals on an emergency basis.

“Right now there is a national shortage at all the blood banks, sometimes fluctuating between cats and dogs,” she says.

“When animals require blood transfusions it’s usually in emergency situations where it is life saving, just like in human medicine.

“Medical problems that make transfusion therapy necessary include traumatic injury, where large volumes of blood have been lost; prolonged internal bleeding; parasitic diseases of the red blood cells; and diseases that can cause the body to destroy its own blood cells.

“Often, a blood transfusion may be the best life-saving treatment option available for these patients.”
German Shepherd Dogs and tracking History v 2018

by Jan July

The German Shepherd dog (GSD) has long been associated with tracking. This article attempts to document its place in AKC tracking history.

Tracking was part of the European working title requirements and was part of the original Utility Dog (UD) obedience titling for the American Kennel Club (AKC). Originally the track was to be one quarter mile long and a half-hour old and had to be passed before the UD title was awarded.

A Champion German Shepherd dog was the first dog to pass a tracking test.

Ch Schwarzpels von Mardex, owned by Walter P. Pfeiffer, passed at the first tracking test held under AKC rules. According to the AKC webpage, that first test took place on June 13, 1936.

A poodle passed after the GSD at the same tracking test, but had passed the obedience portion first, so the poodle was credited with the first Utility Dog title. That first test was held at Mount Kisco, NY, by the North Westchester Kennel Club.

It was not until 1946 that a separate Tracking Dog (TD) test was developed and held in 1947. Initially a dog had to have Companion Dog (CD) title before entering a tracking test, but this requirement was dropped in 1952.

A tracking title certificate was issued when a dog was certified by two judges to have passed at a test “where a total of three or more dogs actually have participated in the test.” This rule was still in effect in 1995, but has since been omitted.

The Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) test was introduced on March 1, 1980 and on March 15, 1980 the first TDX test was held at the Dog Training Club of Tampa, FL. A dachshund bitch passed and became the first dog to earn a TDX title.

A few weeks later, an almost 6-year-old black and tan male shepherd, Weises Koenig UDT, became the first GSD to earn the TDX. He passed at the New England Dog Training Club, Hamilton, MA on April 23, 1980 and was owned by N. and N. Whittemore.

According to AKC Awards magazine, he is listed as the 6th dog to complete the advanced tracking test. The TDX test has a longer track (800-1000 yards), planned cross tracks, four articles, and obstacles and is aged 3-5 hours.

When the Variable Surface Tracking (VST) test and Champion Tracker (CT) titles were introduced in September 1, 1995, our breed again shone brightly. The first two dogs to pass a VST test and earn the CT were German Shepherd dogs. The Variable Surface Tracking test brought a new challenge to tracking:

- tracking on surfaces without vegetation (NV), including a 90-degree turn on an NV surface.
- Metal and plastic articles were added, along with the use of buildings. The tracks are usually plotted in an urban area, are 600-800 yards long and aged 3-5 hours.

A TD, or now a TDU, plus a TDX and VST titles are needed to earn a Champion Tracker certificate.

The first Champion Tracker was 11-year-old CT Sealair’s Raggedy Ann, UD (Ch Hohen-eichen’s Magnum ROM x Asta of Fran-Jol), owned by Bud and Darlene Ceretto and handled by Darlene (now Mrs. John Barnard).

Annie passed the VST test on September 10, 1995 at Northwest Obedience Club’s test held in Glenview, IL, under judges H. Ted Hoesel and Mrs. Bonnie Kircher.

This was the second VST test. The first VST test was held September 3, 1995 by the Dog Owners Training Club of MD, Endicott City, MD, and had no passing teams.

Bonnie Kircher bred and handled the second Champion Tracker, CT Antar’s Legend AM Tiergarten CDX (Antar’s Reno Vom DJ, UD, TDX x Antar’s Billy AM Tiergarten, TD) who earned his title March 10, 1996 at Lincolnwood Training Club for German Shepherd Dog’s test held in Wauconda, IL.

He subsequently became the first parent to have a CT offspring when his son, CT Antares Michelob Lite, CD, earned his CT on November 11, 1999, at the German Shepherd Dog Training Club of Chicago, Wheaton, IL.

The dogs were co-owned by Bonnie and her daughter, Donna Kircher.

Bonnie Kircher’s devotion to tracking began long before the advent of variable surface tracking.

Back in the early 1980’s, she decided to see how many puppies in her litter could earn tracking titles. She bred Antars My Sharona v Hey Jude, CD, TDX, Can TD to the top-producing German Shepherd dog, Ch Stuttgart’s Sundance Kid, ROM. On February 9, 1983 a whopping eleven puppies were whelped.

According to a 1984 newspaper article, seven of the “R” litter earned their TDs at 6 months of age, and four of those went on to earn their TDX at 9 months of age!

Eventually six of the “R” litter earned their TDXs. One of them was Antar’s Reno von DJ, UD, TDX, Donna’s dog, who was the sire of CT Antar’s Legend AM Tiergarten and CT Antares Gentry Baerentatz (who earned a CT title on October 29, 2000).

The VST and CT is usually earned by passing the TD first, then the TDX, followed by the VST test. The VST test is unique in that it may be attempted after earning just the TD or now a TDU title.*

And, you guessed it; in 1998 a German Shepherd dog was the first to earn the CT by passing the VST after the TD and before TDX. PAM CT Bittersweet Here I Am, UDX, HT (Ch Hohen-eichens Baretta Avalon CD TD x Ch Merkel’s Hearts Are Wild, CD, TD) was handled by her breeder/owner Jan July to the CT title.

When bred to Ch Dan Ann’s Nasdaq, ROM, her dam also produced the sister/brother CTs, PAM CT Bittersweet Times Remembered, VCD2, RE, AX, AXJ, and CT Bittersweet Times Square, CDX, RE.

*VST Note: When first offered, “the TD title must have been earned at least 6 months prior to the closing date of a test.” This restriction was later lifted in 2000.

The Tracking Dog Urban (TDU) test was first offered January 1, 2014. It is an urban version of the TD test including parking lots and short grass.

Several dogs passed on the first day the test became effective, including the 9-month-old German Shepherd dog handled by Jennifer Riess, Majestic’s Best of Dellhaven, RN (MACH7 Felix von der Eisenkaute, IPO3, CD, MXB3, MB3, MFB, TQX, T2B x Majestic’s Xquisite v Dellhaven, RN, PT) at the Show Me Agility Club of Central Missouri test.

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Lincolnwood Training Club held its annual tracking tests in early October, 2018 at the Burlington Forest Preserve in Kane County. We had crisp, windy weather and great field conditions for both the AKC Tracking Dog (TD) and Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) tests.

There were two German Shepherds entered in the TD event and one passed; and three dogs (two German Shepherds and one Pomeranian) entered in the TDX event and one German Shepherd passed.

**Our tracking Judges** Betsy Baird and Marilyn Johnson are both from Michigan and were great judges to work with on Saturday, October 13, when we laid track and on Sunday, October 14, for the tests.

Special thanks go out to our dedicated track layers, cross track layers and volunteers who made our 2018 tracking tests possible.

**They included Marie** Goulden, TDX2 tracklayer; Karen Grikstas, TDX1 tracklayer; Patti Barra, TD2 tracklayer; Bobby Stevens, test secretary/head tracklayer; judges Betsy Baird and Marilyn Johnson; and Greg Hayward, TDX1 tracklayer.

Other volunteers included Kirsten Scott, TD1 tracklayer; Cathy Stevens; Jonathan Stevens; Izabela Raczyński-Bell; and Jason Bell.

Thank you, volunteers.

Marie Goulden (photo above, from left). TDX2 tracklayer: Karen Grikstas, TDX1 tracklayer; Patti Barra, TD2 tracklayer; (kneeling) Bobby Stevens, test secretary/head tracklayer; judges Betsy Baird and Marilyn Johnson; and Greg Hayward, TDX1 tracklayer. (Photographers included Greg Hayward)
Club News, Legs

Welcome New Members

Lincolnwood Training Club welcomed into membership the following: Donna Kroger of Rolling Meadows, IL, and her bitch, Brook, born 9-19-17; Margaret and Mike Charzewicz of Des Plaines, IL, and their bitch, Lexi, born 11-16-17, sire: One, dam: Page, breeder: My Body Guard; Susan and Archie Shiba of Palatine, IL, and their dog Devin, sire: Jed vom Dutch Hill Farm, dam: Ava of Dutch Hill Farm, breeder: Karen Diemer; and Violetta Pekula of Mount Prospect, IL, and her dog, Misiek, sire: Dylan, dam: Misks, breeder: Samantha Skooleland.

Legs Up!

Pat Speyer’s Frankie, American Kennel Club Achiever Dog, December 18, 2018.

Richard Lane’s Nellie, Utility A, Leg #2, 1st Place, Land of Lincoln Golden Retriever Club of Illinois Obedience Trial, January 12, 2019, Judge Anna Lorenz.


Stanislaw Piotrowski’s Nora, Novice A, Leg #2, 1st place, Glenbard All-Breed OC, November 4, 2018, Judge Joseph Caputa.

Stanislaw Piotrowski’s Nora, Novice A, Leg #3, 2nd place, Car-Dun-Al Obedience DTC, November 11, 2018, Judge Kathleen Cook.

Marianne Perlman’s, Linc, National Association of Canine Scent Work Odor Recognition Test (ORT) for Birch and Anise, Passed, May 26, 2018, Evaluators Jill Snyder and Jeanine Barbour.

Wendy Israel’s Cassidy, Barn Hunt Senior B, Leg #1, 1st place, High in Class, Yorkville Paws & Claws Barn Hunt Trial, January 26, 2019, Judge Liz Hawkins.

Wendy Israel’s Cassidy, WI-IL Agility Group AKC Scent Work Trial results: Handler Discrimination Novice A, Leg #3, 2nd Place, Scent Work Handler Discrimination Novice (SHDN) Title, February 9, 2019, Judge Dave Conroy; Handler Discrimination Novice A, Leg #4, 3rd Place, February 9, 2019, Judge Dave Conroy; Interior Master, Leg #1, 2nd Place, February 9, 2019, Judge Dave Conroy; Handler Discrimination Advanced, Leg #1, 1st Place, February 10, 2019, Judge Christine Kozanda; Handler Discrimination Advanced, Leg #3, Scent Work Buried Advanced (SBA) Title, February 10, 2019, Judge Christine Kozanda; Buried Advanced, Leg #3, Scent Work Buried Advanced (SBA) Title, February 10, 2019, Judge Christine Kozanda; Scent Work Advanced (SWA) Title, February 10, 2019; Container Excellent, Leg #1, 2nd Place, February 10, 2019, Judge Dave Conroy.

Richard Lane and Nelly, Utility B, Leg #4, February 16, 2019, Topline GSDCI, February 16, 2019, Judge Joseph Caputa.

All Dogs Go to Heaven


Lincolnwood Training Club didn’t let Chicago’s wintertime temps put a crimp in training. Sunday morning and Wednesday night classes were held indoors through March 14 at King’s Kennels in Riverwoods, IL and were full. Instructors included Dave Perry, Richard Lane, Greg Hayward, Anne Feuerstein, Cathy Stein, Stu Unger, Tim Schaefer, and Nancy Lane. (Photos by Cathy Stein)

(Above photo, then clockwise): Stu Unger’s distractions class; Greg Hayward’s rally class; & guest trainers Niles Police Detective Danielle Helma & Bodhi, Darek Czyzewski & Janek, Elise Deterich, whose rescue pup, Maple, decided this was the night to join the class after watching from the corner for a few weeks, and Sally Marken & Quincy in Dave Perry’s distractions class. (Photos by Cathy Stein)
Happy Birthday!

Kira 1/01/12  Marianne Zielinski
Jäger 1/10/15  Kathy and Chris Kaporis
Major 1/12/10  John McNalis
Emma 1/13/17  Greg and Josie Nejman
Hardy 1/14/15  Guillermo and Ramona Zamora
Abbey 1/14/08  Peter Feraci
Nellie 1/16/11  Richard and Nancy Lane
Reagan 1/27/17  Guillermo and Ramona Zamora
Wohlstend 2/05/12  Camille Stauber
Pip 2/08/12  Adrienne Scheuneman
Selene 2/12/14  Gail Krogstad
Zari 2/13/10  Karan Volltrauer
Bruno 2/16/18  Marcin and Marzena Frackiel
Vlad 2/17/18  Jane Eastman
Odin 2/21/08  Ruth Black
Janek 2/22/17  Darek Czyzewski
Sam 2/28/13  Richard and Nancy Lane
Rocko 3/01/14  Edmond Bahi
Apollo 3/10/11  Jason Bell and Izabela Raczynski-Bell
Moose 3/20/17  Justin Downey and Nicolette Lindberg
Nohea 3/26/07  Patti Barra
Angel 3/27/10  Kathy Pairitz
Lexi 3/28/14  Ramona Zamora
New Fun Classes this Spring!

by Karen Johnson

Spring is right around the corner. Have you been curious about other activities you might enjoy doing with your canine companion to enhance the bond you have been building with your dog in obedience or rally class? Would you like to explore some fun new ways to interact with your dog, build your dog’s confidence or offer structured activity to a dog with boundless energy?

If any of this resonates with you, I’m pleased to announce that LTC will again be offering nosework classes. Plus there is something new that Lincolnwood Training Club is bringing back by popular demand: agility.

This agility class will be a basic introductory agility class. This is a great way to learn about agility in a safe, supportive environment. It will be a hands-on way to gain a better understanding of what is involved if it might be something you and your dog enjoy, and whether or not it’s an activity you might like to pursue further.

Our instructor for both nosework and agility is Lisa Wageman. She is a knowledgeable, patient teacher who is very supportive and willing to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Lisa’s love of dogs is heartfelt and her enthusiasm is contagious.

Lisa actively competes with her beautiful Dalmatian dogs. AKC nosework is relatively new and becoming immensely popular. In class your dog learns to search containers and in various environments looking for a particular odor they are taught to detect.

It’s an activity where your dog immediately earns treats and praise for finding the odor. What dog doesn’t love that! You will learn new things about your dog as well as yourself while building a bond and having fun. Our LTC students from the last two years have gone on to earn titles in AKC nosework and titled in trials offered through the National Association of Canine Nosework.

If competition is not your goal, nosework has practical applications like teaching your dog to help you find lost car keys or your misplaced cell phone.

This spring the classes are limited. This allows for much more individual attention as well as more time to practice the new skills you will be learning. Sign up early to reserve your place. Not only does limited class size offer more one-on-one individual attention, it also promotes a sense of camaraderie among the participants. If you would like to get to know fellow Club members better this is a great way to do it while having fun with your canine companion.

Paw Power  Continued from page 4

BARN HUNT ASSOCIATION (BHA)
Barn Hunt Champion Excellent 3 (RATCHX3)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy

Barn Hunt Champion Excellent 4 (RATCHX 4)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy

Crazy 8’s Platinum (CZ8P)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy

Crazy 8’s Platinum Bronze (CZ8PB)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy

Crazy 8’s Platinum Silver (CZ8PS)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy

Crazy 8’s Platinum Gold (CZ8PG)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy

Crazy 8’s Platinum 2 (CZ8P2)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy

Crazy 8’s Platinum 2 Bronze (CZ8P2B)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy

Crazy 8’s Platinum 2 Silver (CZ8P2S)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy

Crazy 8’s Platinum 2 Gold (CZ8P2G)
Wendy Israel and Cassidy

2018 GUEST TRAINER ACHIEVEMENTS
World Cynosport Rally
Rally Level 3 Award of Excellence
Anne Feuerstein and Dinah

How to Be a Good Dog

“Step one: Find yourself a good person.
A good person will know that you are a good dog.
You will not need to prove it.”
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.
Application for Membership

Requirements: Minimum age of 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. Membership includes subscription to The German Shepherd Dog Review. Must be sponsored by two members in good standing of the GSDCA.

Membership Type: (check one)
___ Single $36.00  ___ Family*$66.00 Outside the United States add $24.

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Bren’s breeders/owners are Jennifer Riess and Diane Roberts.
In 1981, the first Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH) dog to earn a TDX was OTCH Billy von Curley. He was owned and trained by John Curley.
The first OTCH to pass the VST (March 30, 2003 at Pecatonica Tracking Club’s test in Delavan, WI) and earn the Champion Tracker title was German Shepherd dog CT OTCH Ashmead’s Con Brio of Dulcimer, UDX (Chucho Vom Schloss Guttenberg out of LuJon’s Dulcimer of Ashmead UDX).
The judges were Pam German, Bonnie Kircher, and Donna Kircher. Brio, a sable dog, was bred and owned by Amy and Bill Vose and handled by Amy.
Although several Champion GSDs were trained for VST, none succeeded until 2016.
PAM CT Ch Lewellyn’s Robin Hood, RN, HT (GCH CH Chad von Loar x Nike Clayfield Keepsake Angel, NCP) passed at the German Shepherd Dog Club of San Diego County’s VST test on June 12, 2016 at Southwestern College, Chula Vista, CA under judges Sally Elkins and Sally Nesbitt. He was trained and handled by co-owner Elizabeth Hartwig.
Flynn’s breeders/owners are Elizabeth Hartwig, Dr. Gloria Rice and Sharlonna McGaha.

While not tracking, but GSD history, the addition of a tracking title earned by the 1962 GV Ch Bonnie Bergere of Ken-Rose, UDT, ROM, helped make her the most titled German Shepherd Dog of her era (1967).
Bonnie Berge, a sable, was owned and titled by Wade Sanders and Erwin Lange.
And now you know what I know about German Shepherd dogs and tracking.
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just 'do' It...

“It is absolutely impossible to teach a dog ‘don’t.’ Don’t pull on leash, don’t jump on strangers, don’t chase the deer. Don’t. Don’t. Don’t. However, it is incredibly easy to teach a dog ‘do.’ Do walk calmly by my side. Do sit politely for petting. Do come instantly when I call. This may seem like a subtle and negligible difference -- do versus don’t -- and you are right. It is subtle but very important. If you are always focused on what you don’t want your dog to do, you may lose sight of the real picture: what you want the dog to do instead. Once you have your ‘do’s’ in place, you’ll be able to fix any problem that comes down the pike.” (Source: Pam Dennison’s Positive Dogs)