“Hi, I’m Roxy. What’s your name?” (Recent Lincolnwood Training Club Tuesday S.T.A.R. Puppy Class. Photo by Cathy Stein)
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**Lincolnwood Training Club for German Shepherd Dogs**  
**2019 Outdoor Training Schedule -- Summer Session**

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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.
Kathy Pairitz’s Angel
Scores in Scent Work

"Angel really enjoys doing scent work," says her handler, Kathy Pairitz.
"It is very interesting to watch the dogs work and use their natural instinct."
"Like with obedience competition, the dog has to qualify (pass) three trials in order to receive a title in the class."
"Angel had a pretty good weekend recently at For Your K-9's Scentwork Trial. She qualified in five classes and earned her title in Advanced Exterior Scentwork and Advanced Interior Scentwork. "So now it’s on to the next level in this fun dog sport."

Charlie Steps It Up

"On March 24, a year to the day when my German Shepherd, Jon, got his Nose Work 1 title, Charlie earned his Nose Work 1 title through the National Association of Canine Scent Work," says handler and ex-policewoman Karen Johnson (pictured at left) with Charlie.
"The following weekend, Charlie had his first go at an AKC nosework event, earning second place for his first leg in Exterior Search Novice B and the following day earning first place for his second leg in Exterior Search Novice B. I am so proud of him!"

We all know how much dedication and time, blood, sweat and, yes, sometimes tears it takes to train our dogs. Years ago, obedience and tracking were about it as far as available competitive events. Today, the range of dog sports is mind-boggling. DO YOU HAVE A BRAG you’d like publicized in your newsletter? Just e-mail or snail-mail your info to Editor Judy Braginsky.

Club Needs Your Help

Volunteers are needed to help staff a range of certification and titling canine events in a few months.

Why not get some fresh air, admire your favorite breed, contribute some time to your Club, and lend a much-needed and appreciated hand?
- Mark your calendars for Lincolnwood Training Club’s premier event -- a combined Obedience and Rally Trial -- to be held Sunday, Sept. 15, at the Club.
- Helpers are needed for a range of support, from helping steward to setting up the rings. "Please step up when asked," said Trial Chairman Cathy Stevens.
- The following weekend, a German Shepherd Dog Club of America sponsored Temperament Test will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Club with Evaluator Jim York.
- Temperament Test Chairman Greg Hayward and Test Secretary Wendy Israel seek helpers for the various testing stations and to run the kitchen.
- And, a combined Tracking Dog/Tracking Dog Excellent Test will be held Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Burlington Prairie Forest Preserve in Sycamore, IL.
- The Tracking Test Secretary and Chairman Bobby Stevens needs volunteers to lay track and cross-tracks, help drive tracking teams to the tracking sites, and help organize the refreshments station.

A Special Invite

Evanston Hospital has asked Cathy Stein and her therapy dog Danny Boy (pictured at right with kitty friend, Miss Frankie) to begin therapy visits for their Pediatric Unit patients on request.

The pair has been visiting patients in the Rehabilitation Unit at Evanston Hospital for 7 years as well as at area nursing homes, hospitals, and schools. Recently, Danny Boy earned his Therapy Dog International Exceptional Volunteer Achievement title (TDIEVA) for 350 documented visits.
Yvesting OuR First Responders

Cathy Stein was honored by the Lincolnwood Police Foundation for a personal donation used to help purchase special ballistic vests for the Village of Lincolnwood police officers.

The Club’s Director of Training was presented with an engraved ceremonial police baton by Chief of Police Jason Parrott at an officers’ roll call held in late April.

"The police can’t do their jobs without the proper equipment," Cathy said.

"With all the outbreaks of violence in many different places across the country, I wanted to help the police in our own back yard."

"They were so grateful. They let me hold one of the vests, which weigh 22 pounds each."

"I am proud to support our police."

Chief Parrott said the vests are specifically rated to deter rifle shots and worn by policemen in the event of an active shooter.

The equipment is worn outside and over an officer’s regular bullet-proof vest.

"We are very appreciative of Cathy’s kind donation," Chief Parrott said.

"These enhanced ballistic vests allow our officers an extra layer of protection."

"The 14 new vests are enough to adequately cover our officers who are on duty and responding to a shooting." --- The Editor

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Club Members Vest More Police Dogs

Two more working police dogs in Illinois will be a little more safer on the job with their own, bullet- and stab-resistant vest sponsored by Lincolnwood Training Club membership.

They are:

K-9 Bullet, (photo at far left) certified narcotic detection, tracking and apprehension with the Illinois State Police, handled by Trooper Stephanie Purtell.

K-9 Thor (photo near left), certified in patrol and narcotics detection with the Village of Lombard Police Department, partnered with Officer Joseph Statkus.

Lincolnwood Training Club has been sponsoring police dog vests since 2005, first through Vest-A-Dog and, more recently, Vested Interest in K9s.

Law enforcement dogs are often sent ahead of their handlers to check out dangerous situations and apprehend suspects — one of the toughest jobs in the canine world.

Unfortunately, many law enforcement groups lack the funds necessary to outfit their dogs with the life-saving vests. --- The Editor
Therapy Dogs & Finals Day

The ability of therapy dogs never seems to fail to surprise. Recently, Patti Barra and her therapy dog, Nohea, were invited to visit students at Notre Dame College Prep in Niles, IL, and provide a comforting presence on finals day.

**Patti and Nohea have logged** 75 visits elsewhere so far and attended this day as part of the Lincolnshire Animal Hospital Pet Therapy Group, one of the first such groups in the country.

Patti says:

"The boys and staff were so welcoming. It was finals day so you could see that they were so thrilled to see the dogs."

"They chatted with us. Told us about their own dogs."

"And anyone who said they had a puppy at home I told them about Lincolnwood Training Club and the training available.

"The students had refreshments for us. Also, they had gifts for us and the dogs.

"These young men that we met are not your typical high school boys.

"They were so respectful and appreciative of our visit with all our different breeds of dogs, including my German Shepherd, Nohea, CGC, TDI, TD, THN, THD, TT.

"**Nohea's been a therapy dog** for 10 years. "Visiting a college prep school was a nice change of pace for him from the more usual hospitals and nursing homes and facilities for the developmentally and physically disabled."

In recent years, as the need for mental health services on campuses has increased, more and more schools are introducing comfort dogs to often overwhelming environments.

**In Chicago, schools that** have adopted canine therapy include Columbia College, which brings therapy dogs to its library twice a semester, and the University of Chicago, where the trained dogs arrive once each quarter.

Indeed, Loyola University is the only college in the city that has recruited its own permanent therapy dog.

**Actually, Ashlar, a Great Pyrenees** mix, is Loyola’s third full-time trained and certified therapy dog.

He was adopted from Orphans of the Storm animal shelter in Grayslake. --- *The Editor*
It’s a mistake every pet owner could make. As spring, then summer approach, you head for the local home and garden store for mulch to freshen up your flower beds.

And next to the bags of traditional shredded much can be bags of a newer type -- cocoa bean mulch.

Cocoa bean mulch, which has been sold by Home Depot, Foreman’s Garden Supply, and other garden supply stores, smells like chocolate to humans and to dogs. The mulch does indeed come from cocoa beans, from which we get chocolate (the mulch is made from the shells).

Most dog owners know that chocolate is poisonous to dogs. Unfortunately, cocoa bean mulch can be poisonous, too.

According to National Cocoa Shell, the nation’s largest retailer of cocoa shell mulch, the material is left over from the cocoa bean roasting process, making the product more environmentally friendly than regular mulch.

Plus, who couldn’t resist putting chocolate-smelling mulch down in their garden.

For chocolate lovers across the country it’s a dream come true.

But there’s a catch. Cocoa bean mulch is extremely toxic to pets, especially when curious dogs have access to the outdoors.

Doctor Maureen McMichael is a veterinarian at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana who specializes in emergency and critical care.

She says, “Cocoa bean mulch is significantly more toxic than milk chocolate or even baker’s chocolate because it has quite a bit more theobromine in it.

Theobromine is the toxic compound in most chocolates that is responsible in the clinical signs seen in pets after ingestion.

Though it, too, can be deadly to pets, milk chocolate has only 44 mg. per ounce of theobromine. Baking chocolate has nearly eight times the concentration of theobromine in it compared to milk chocolate, making it one of the most toxic kinds of chocolate, but still not as concentrated as cocoa bean mulch.

In addition to having more theobromine in it, cocoa bean mulch is also usually found in an “unlimited” supply to the pet by being spread on the ground.

Your German Shepherd may gobble that chocolate bar on the counter, but left to their own devices, most dogs will eat cocoa bean mulch until you catch them or toxic effects start to set in, leading to the ingestion of large amounts of the toxin.

“Unfortunately, many of the dogs that present with a history of eating cocoa bean mulch do not survive if they were not stopped quickly, Dr. McMichael noted.

Dogs that swallow too much can have vomiting, diarrhea, a very fast heart rate, tremors, and seizures.

There are anecdotal reports from gardeners who unknowingly purchased the mulch and later found their dog dead after a very short exposure time.

Incidents such as this are likely a result of heart arrhythmias that develop after ingestion.

How much cocoa bean mulch is too much?

It’s hard to know and depends on how much theobromine is in the mulch. There’s no way for a pet owner or gardener to tell.

The dog’s weight matters, too; the smaller the dog, the greater the danger. Also, the more mulch a dog eats, the greater the risk.

After time, the sweet smell of cocoa bean mulch will wear off; and some have questioned if, after that, it is safe for dogs to be around it.

Doctor McMichael cautions that “it is possible dogs are not attracted to it once the smell wears off but that does not eliminate its toxic load; it is still toxic.”

The moral of the story is: don’t purchase cocoa bean mulch if you have an outdoor pet.

That said, if you happen to make the mistake, time is of the essence.

The quicker you can get your dog to the veterinary emergency clinic, the better the chances are of its survival.

There are a lot of mulch choices. If you have pets you may want to leave the cocoa bean mulch behind in the garden center and choose an alternative.

If you have questions about cocoa bean mulch, theobromine, caffeine, or chocolate, you can call the poison specialists any time. The 24-hour number is 1-800-222-1222. -- The Editor

AKC tracking test Rule Changes

Changes to tracking test regulations were approved by the AKC Board of Directors at the Feb. 8, 2019 meeting.

These changes are meant to address issues and questions that have been raised by the tracking community regarding participation in the sport. None of the recommendations change the substance of the test.

They are in summary and include:
1) Allowing test secretaries to enter tracking tests. Current regulations do not allow tracking test secretaries to enter their tests.
2) Extending the tracking certification expiration date. This regulation change extends the expiration date to two years (24 months) to allow a handler more time to use the certificates before they expire.

This would enable the certification to span more than one tracking season and thereby not cause a hardship to participate (since some areas of the country have a much shorter window of opportunity for their tracking seasons due to weather, fox-tails, snakes, etc.).
3) Adding to the pool of tracking certification judges. This regulation change allows any person who has put a TDX or VST title on a dog within the past ten years to perform certifications. Clubs should accept certifications signed by evaluators.
4) Allowing dogs with physical challenges to participate in tracking.

This regulation change allows dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) to participate in AKC tracking tests, provided, in the opinion of the judge, the dogs display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the test.
5) Clarification of combined test entry limits.

In the tracking regulations, limits for combined tests are addressed on how a club may exchange tracks between tests levels based on the entries at closing.

To clarify the combined test limits, the following table was added to the end of Chapter 1, Section 19:

Combined Tests Entry Limits (may be less):
- Up to 2 TD/TDU with up to 5 TDX or 5 VST entries
- Up to 4 TD/TDU with up to 4 TDX or 4 VST entries
- Up to 6 TD/TDU with up to 3 TDX or 3 VST entries
- Up to 8 TD/TDU with up to 2 TDX or 2 VST entries
- Up to 10 TD/TDU with up to 1 TDX or 1 VST entry
- TDX tracks combined with VST tracks are limited to 6 entries.

(Source: www.akc.org/sports/tracking)

Why Does My Dog Stare At Me?

Submitted by Greg Hayward

As you go about your daily activities, you might notice your dog quietly staring at you.

Rather than assuming the worst, rest assured your dog’s stare is not a judgement of your personal appearance.

Dogs have developed a close, domesticated relationship with humans over thousands of years. This relationship has allowed dogs to become adept at observing and responding to human behavior.

In many instances, a stare is normal dog behavior that is used to communicate some type of emotion, want, or need. If you catch your dog staring at you, it’s likely for one of the following reasons:

ANTICIPATION OR DESIRE -- Other than mealtime, when he’s waiting to be fed, your dog may stare at you because he wants to play. If your dog needs to relieve himself, he’ll be staring at you to communicate his need to go outside.

WANTING DIRECTION -- When your dog is well trained, he will stare at you to wait for a cue. Your dog wants to please you, so his stare will serve as a question as to what he should do next to make you happy.

SHOWING AFFECTION -- A dog’s unconditional love is often irresistible. When a dog and pet parent have developed a close and emotional bond, the dog will sometimes use his stare to demonstrate affection.

With an affectionate stare, a dog will have a soft expression on his face, with his eyes slightly squinted.

NEEDING PROTECTION -- When a dog defecates, he’s relatively defenseless. He will stare up at you when he’s pooping for reassurance that you will protect him while he’s in a vulnerable position.

READING YOUR FACE -- Dogs are excellent at reading and interpreting human facial expressions. Your dog might be staring at you to read your facial expression and determine what he should do next.

For example, if you have a worried expression on your face, your dog may decide to cuddle up next to you to try to comfort you.

DISPLAYING AGGRESSION -- This is when dog staring behavior is a problem. If your dog is possessive of an object, such as his dog toys or dog bowl, he will give you a hard stare and growl as warnings to back off.

If your dog gives you this stare, slowly back away and do not continue the stare.

Aggressive stares signal a behavioral problem. Seek consultation with your veterinarian or a veterinary behaviorist to correct this problem.

In general, dog stares are a good thing and communicate positive signals between dogs and people.

(Source of article: m.petmd.com/news)

The Editor’s German Shepherd, Kona, shows his “I love you, Mom” stare. Or, maybe he just wants to go out to pee.
Welcome New Members

Lincolnwood Training Club welcomed the following into Club membership:

- Gail Dieterich of Mt. Prospect, IL, and Maple, bitch, adopted through rescue.
- Attila and Agnes Hencz of Evanston, IL, and Nara, bitch, born 7/19/2018, sire: Karat’s Kimbo, dam: Inga Von Schneiden Fels, breeders: Jeff Lund and Pat Kennedy.
- Also, Club member Sylvia Olechno recorded a new dog, Lyka, bitch, born 1/01/2012, adopted through rescue.

All Dogs Go to Heaven

Lincolnwood Training Club sends its condolences to the following Club members on the passing of their GSD:


Steve Stembridge Given Ann Scarnavack Service Award

Club member Steve Stembridge was presented with the Ann Scarnavack Service Award fpr 2018 at the Club’s 76th annual awards banquet held in mid-April at the Wildwood Tavern in Niles, IL.

A 13-year member of the Club, Steve was cited for devoting numerous hours of volunteer time to Lincolnwood Training Club, whether with training classes and cooking for Club events to working on our field.

The award is named for the Club’s former Treasurer, the late Ann Scarnavack, who looked after the Club’s finances from 1970 to 2002.

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Legs Up!

Wendy Israel’s Cassidy, Barn Hunt, Senior B, Pass-ed, 1st Place, High in Class, Leg #2, February 23, 2019, Cudahy KC, Judge Patti Burgess; Barn Hunt, Senior B, Passed, 1st Place, High in Class, Leg #3, February 24, 2019, Judge Bonnie Gutzwiler.

Wendy Israel’s Cassidy, No-Z K9 Scent Work Club of Northwest Indiana Scent Work Trial results: Open, Passed, 1st Place, High in Class, Leg #1, March 23, 2019, Judge Deb Chvilicek; Open, Passed, 1st Place, High in Class, Leg #2, March 23, 2019, Judge Deb Chvilicek; Open, Passed, 1st Place, High in Class, Leg #3, March 24, 2019, Judge Deb Chvilicek; Crazy 8’s, 6,000 Points, Crazy 8’s Platinum 3 (CZ8P3) Title, March 24, 2019, Judge Deb Chvilicek.


Kathy Pairitz’s Angel, Greater Chicago Area Scentwork Association Scent Work Trial results: Interior Advanced, Leg #3, Scent Work Interior Advanced (SIA) Title, March 30, 2019, Judge Amy Wukotich; Exterior Advanced, Leg #3, Scent Work Exterior Advanced (SEA) Title, March 30, Judge Joanne Soyste; Container Advanced, Leg #1, March 30, 2019, Judge Erin Rezmer; Container Advanced, Leg #2, March 31, 2019, Judge Erin Rezmer; Buried Advanced, Leg #1, March 31, 2019, Judge Erin Rezmer.


Wendy Israel’s Cassidy, Cudahy Kennel Club AKC Scentwork Trial results: Exterior Novice A, Leg #1, 2nd Place, March 30, 2019, Judge Joanne Soyste; Interior Novice A, Leg #1, March 30, 2019, Judge Amy Wukotich; Exterior Novice A, Leg #2, 1st Place, March 31, 2019, Judge Amy Wukotich.

Wendy Israel’s Cassidy, Cudahy Kennel Club AKC Scentwork Trial results: Exterior Novice B, Leg #4, 3rd Place, April 6, 2019, Judge Holly Bushard; Interior Novice B, Leg #5, 1st Place, April 6, 2019, Judge Holly Bushard; Handler Discrimination Advanced, Leg #2, 1st Place, April 7, 2019, Judge Bonnie Gutzwiler; Interior Novice B, Leg #6, April 7, 2019, Judge Sharon Jonas; Interior Novice B, Leg #7, 4th Place, April 7, 2019, Judge Sharon Jonas.


Bobby Stevens’ Lili, Open A, Leg #1, April 20, 2019, Car-Dun-Al DTC, Judge Virginia Kinion.


Cathy Stein’s Danny Boy, Therapy Dog International Exceptional Volunteer Achievement (TDIEVA) Award, 350 Therapy Dog Visits, April 15, 2019.

Pat Behles’ Fritzi, Preferred Utility, 1st Place, Leg #1, April 20, 2019, Car-Dun-Al DTC, Judge Rich Garvin.

Leah Swanquist’s Lexi, National Association of Canine Scent Work Nosework 1 (NW1) Title, May 19, 2019, Narnia Pet Behavior & Training, Judges Elad Bachar and Dave Conroy.

Wendy Israel’s Cassidy, Crazy 8’s, 6,500 Points, Crazy 8’s Platinum 3 Bronze (CZ8P3) Title, June 1, 2019, Happy Feet K-9, Judge Elizabeth Staley.

Wendy Israel’s Cassidy, Greater Chicago Area Scentwork Association trial results: Buried Novice B, Leg #4, June 15, 2019, Judge: Melanie Herbst; Container Novice B, Leg #4, June 15, 2019, Judge Melanie Herbst; Buried Novice B, Leg #5, June 16, 2019, Judge Melanie Herbst; Container Novice B, Leg #5, June 16, 2019, Judge Melanie Herbst.

Kathy Pairitz’s Angel, Greater Chicago Area Scentwork Association trial results: Advanced Container, Leg #3, Scent Work Container Advanced (SCA) Title, June 15, 2019, Judge Melanie Herbst; Interior Excellent, Leg #1, June 15, 2019, Judge Amy Wukotich; Interior Excellent, Leg #2, June 16, 2019, Judge Joanne Soyste; Exterior Excellent, Leg #1, June 16, 2019; Judge Amy Wukotich; Advanced Buried, Leg #2, June 16, 2019, Judge Melanie Herbst.

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MEET STU UNGER’S NEW PUP, Freja (photo at left). Freja is a daughter of Ruth Black & Neda Tkalcevic’s Odin. The famous sire’s photo is pictured here hanging above the pair on Lincolnwood Training Club’s Achievement Wall of Fame. Odin was named the 2012 North American Sieger (Champion) for German Working Dogs by the United Schutzhund Clubs of America. You can add that Odin was judged 5 times VA (Excellent Select), to illustrate this extraordinary dog’s considerable achievement in the highly competitive world of Sieger shows.

PUT YOUR PAWS TOGETHER for barn hunt whiz Wendy Israel’s Cassidy (photo above). This remarkable dog just earned her Barn Hunt Crazy 8’s Platinum 3 Bronze Title. This means that the German Shepherd has correctly sniffed out and alerted to hundreds of rats hidden among barn hunt trial hay bales over the past couple of years.

THE GERMAN DOG SPORT called Schutzhund is a difficult, rigorous endeavor and to title is just cause for all-out celebration. Says Leslie Manzara, talking about her Axel’s IPO2 title, hard earned in 2018: “I am so touched that my awesome AKC GSD club (Lincolnwood Training Club for German Shepherd Dogs) awarded me with this plaque today, delivered by the Club President Bobby Stevens, no less. And a certificate signed by the DOT Cathy Stein. Wow.” (Photos of Axel at left, his title plaque above)
The amount of force used to train a dog is proportional to the amount of skill someone has.

The more force, the less skilled.
The more skilled, the less force.
**Birthday doggos**
(from top photo, down) Frankie, 6; Jon, 7; & Kairo, 1

**Happy Birthday!**

Blaze 4/01/2017 Curt and Christine Trefelner
Kairo 4/01/2018 Gail Krogstad
Katie 4/03/2005 Daniel Meyers
Otis 4/08/2015 Todd Kaiser
Chance 4/11/2015 Ken and Kim Kupczyk
Jon 4/14/2012 Karen Johnson
Frankie 4/19/2013 Patricia Speyer

Diesel 5/01/2016 Thomas and Mary Vogenthaler
Harry 5/03/2012 Lana Berger
Gina 5/04/2015 Janet Culotta
Stella 5/06/2017 Nicole and Maria Mavraganis
Axel 5/07/2011 Leslie Manzara
Lili 5/07/2016 Bobby and Cathy Stevens
Charlie 5/13/2017 Karen Johnson
Devin 5/14/2018 Archie and Susan Shiba
Tundra 5/16/2012 Joanne Schummer
Lazarus 5/19/2010 Kenneth Porrello
Dexter 5/27/2012 Sylvia Olechno
Sprinkles 5/31/2017 Dolores and Douglas Higgs

Honcho 6/07/2007 Mary and Daniel Breaux
Heidi 6/08/2013 Robin Thybony
Lou 6/09/2010 Stu Unger
Gypsy 6/11/2014 Mary Merlin
Kona 6/12/2017 Judy Braginsky
Zolte 6/16/2011 Shirley A. Stegner
Britta 6/27/2008 Pat Behles

**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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