Tales of Lincolnwood

News from Lincolnwood Training Club, Inc. for German Shepherd Dogs

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### Lincolnwood Training Club for German Shepherd Dogs

#### 2020 Indoor Training Schedule -- Winter Session

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Registration is required for all classes. Classes are 8-week sessions. The training fee including test is $125 for the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy program.

All dog breeds and mixed breeds are welcome to attend our classes. All handlers must bring a copy of current vet record (“Boarding Pass”) 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.
Wanted: Stinky Feet!

Some might say tracklayers are the unsung heroes of the tracking dog sport. Lincolnwood Training Club agrees, but not about the "unsung" part.

For many years, the Club has given out a special award called the Stinky Foot to the tracklayer whose track was successfully completed at the Club's annual fall tracking tests.

Let's hear it then for Club members Marie Goulden (pictured from left in photos at right), Pat Behles, and Patti Barra, among those who laid a winning track at LTC's mid-October tracking tests. (Story on page 7.)

Marie laid a successful Tracking Dog Excellent track, while Pat and Patti laid successful Tracking Dog tracks. Also laying successful tracks were Kirsten Scott and Pam German.

Tales of Lincolnwood was awarded a first place in the 2019 German Shepherd Dog Club of America's club newsletter competition (large club division).

"The one thing I really like about this newsletter is that it's written to and for club members," said Contest Judge Susan Sacco. "They must feel good reading it.

I like Page 3 the best, where the Club members and their dogs are spotlighted for special recognition.

"Overall, it's another excellent job."

He-e-e-e’s Back

One of our training instructors, Dave Perry, returned to the competition ring after a 20-year absence.

In three weeks, he and his girl, Shonie, (pictured at left with Cindy Childers, Medallion Rottweiler Club Assistant Show Chairperson) completed three titles (Companion Dog, Rally Novice, and Rally Intermediate), with four placements out of the minimum nine legs.

There’s more! Their combined 299/300 Rally Intermediate class scores qualify them for the AKC Rally Nationals in June, according to Lincolnwood Training Club’s Director of Training Cathy Stein.

Scooby Who?

"Hello. What’s your name? I'm Liesl. I belong to Neda Tkalcevic & Ruth Black. Or, maybe they belong to me."

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See Spot Run (& Read)

Cassidy, Wendy Israel's GSD, along with two golden retrievers, a cocker spaniel, and a pomeranian, have been a Therapy Dogs International "Tail Waggin' Tutor" at Evanston Public Library.

"The program gives shy or struggling readers added confidence reading aloud in a judgement-free environment," Wendy says.

"Cassidy is a very popular tutor and has particularly enjoyed reading with one boy (pictured at right) who has 'claimed' her every time we go there."

Christmas Cheer for War Dogs & Handlers

Lincolnwood Training Club’s Director of Training Cathy Stein mailed off a box of holiday goodies to soldiers and their K-9s who are serving in Iraq.

The holiday mailing revives an LTC tradition of doing the same for K-9 teams in Afghanistan some years back.

The U.S. War Dog Assn. has a long-standing program for care packages donated to our military K-9s and handlers who are serving in the Middle East.

For more information on what and how to donate, visit the USWDA website: uswardogs.org.
“Friendly Stranger” Sandy Tristano (photo above, left, then clockwise) tests Dave May’s Penny for accepting some petting; Mary Whelan’s Grace is tested on a variable surface of plastic tarp with a wire surface; Steward Nancy Lane (right) queues up dog teams for the test; Pat Speyer tests Jennifer Calik’s Panzer with a noise-making can; Bobby Stevens (right) tests Stan Piotrowski’s Nora with several gun shots; and our volunteers who put it all together so ably were: Patti Barra (from left, photo at right), Wendy Israel, Cherie Forte, Pat Speyer, Barb Rueckert, Nancy Lane, Karen Melbinger, Bobby Stevens (kneeling), Evaluator Jim York, Greg Hayward, Sandy Tristano, Cathy Stein, Agnes Henicz-Szucs, and Pedro Forte.
Testing Their Mettle

By Greg Hayward and Wendy Israel

The overcast weather cooperated with only a sprinkle of rain for Lincolnwood Training Club’s annual German Shepherd Dog Club of America-sponsored Temperament Test held on Lincolnwood’s field September 21, 2019.

We had 34 dogs in the test, including 30 German shepherd dogs, an Irish Setter, an Austrian shepherd, an American Staffordshire terrier/treeing Tennessee brindle mix, and a Doberman Pinscher.

Jim York, the GSDCA evaluator, and the volunteers graciously donated their time to make a lasting memory for all of the 34 dog teams that exceeded our normal 30-dog limit.

We received comments like: “I’m in German Shepherd Heaven!” and “Thank you so much for having me! We had a wonderful time!” People came from WI, IA, MO, IN, and IL.

Eight GSD teams entered from the same Wisconsin breeder, thanks to LTC member Izabela Raczyński-Bell’s referral.

At lunch, Jim York said: “No club does it better than LTC. I only do the LTC test because we are family and I’d hate to see you pay travel expenses for an out-of-town evaluator.”

Jim agreed to be our evaluator in 2020.

Special thanks and gratitude goes to Jim York and to all our volunteers, including Test Chairman: Greg Hayward, Test Secretary: Wendy Israel, Check-In: Wendy Israel, Patti Barra, and Nancy Lane; Demo Team: Greg Hayward and Ulysses; Steward: Nancy Lane; Neutral Stranger: Pedro Forte; Friendly Stranger: Sandy Tristano; Hidden Noise: Pat Speyer; Umbrella Opener: Patti Barra; Gun Shots: Bobby Stevens; and Scary Stranger: Ken Porrello.

Also, Back-up for the Stations: Cathy Stein; Photography: Agnes Hencz-Szucs; Kitchen Hospitality: Cherie Forte (Pedro’s wife), Barb Rueckert, and Karen Melbinger; and to everyone who donated food.

“Scary Stranger” Ken Porrello (left in photo above) tests Judy Braginsky’s Kona, handled by breeder Janet Contursi, as Kona shows he can defend and protect Janet from Porrello. In photo on top, Patti Barra opens an umbrella to test Wioletta Pekaa’s Misiek. In this exercise, the dog can react but must recover and investigate.
the Artful German Shepherd

By Jan July

In 1997, when my Sweetie, PAM CT Bittersweet Here I Am UDX HT, passed her Variable Surface Tracking (VST) test, Pam German was there to support us, cheer us on, and take some treasured photographs of Sweetie tracking.

When I noticed that Georgia Cawley, who had drawn many pictures of German shepherd dogs working and playing, didn’t have a German shepherd tracking in her portfolio, I sent her a copy of the photo that Pam had taken of Sweetie.

I was delighted when I saw Sweetie’s image gracing sweatshirts and T-shirts at the 2002 German Shepherd Dog Club of America’s National Specialty -- and proudly carried a T-shirt home to Pam.

Georgia, being a member of Lincolnwood Training Club for German Shepherd Dogs, had allowed the Club to use the image of her tracking German shepherd for its premiums and other publicity.

Fast forward to 2019:

Pam, who previously owned and trained golden retrievers, now finally owned a German shepherd, Goldust der Leageah, that she had trained to Tracking Dog (TD), Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX), and VST.

All Leageah needed to complete her Champion Tracker title was a TDX. Leageah duly passed her TDX at Lincolnwood’s test on October 13, 2019 and the Club’s award medallion was draped around Leageah’s neck.

Pam gasped when she realized the image on her new TDX medallion was from the photo she had taken 22 years earlier!

Making the event even more special for Pam, her golden retriever, CT CH Malagold’s Patriot, had earned his CT on the same date in 2014.

Pam credits his “presence” for their success.

Was it coincidence? Fate? Or serendipity?

Tracking Test volunteers included Pat Behles (photo above, from left), Pat Zarnoth & Snickers (kneeling), Brian Scott, Sandy Tristano, Wendy Israel, Bobby Stevens (kneeling), Greg Hayward, Judges Carla Ogert and Donna Kircher, and Patti Barra; new Champion Tracker CT Goldust der Leageah & Pam German, congratulated by Judges Donna Kircher and Carla Ogert; & future tracking dogs Pam German’s Fritz and Pat Zarnoth’s Snickers.
Tracking Test Results: Following “Ghosts”

By Greg Hayward and Bobby Stevens

Lincolnwood Training Club held its annual tracking tests in mid-October at the Burlington Forest Preserve in Kane County.

We had crisp, slightly windy weather and great field conditions for both the AKC Tracking Dog (TD) and Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) tests.

Our tracking Judges lifetime Club member Donna Kircher and Carla Ogert plotted wonderful tracks and were great judges to work with on plotting day and test day (Oct. 13).

Lincolnwood Training Club had three TD entries and all passed: a German shepherd, golden retriever, and Belgian Tervuren

There were four GSDs entries for the TDX test and two passed.

Special thanks go out to our dedicated tracklayers, cross-tracklayers, volunteers, and test organizers who made our 2019 tracking tests possible.

Committed Volunteers: Tracklayers were Pam German TD1, Patti Barra TD2, Pat Behles TD3, Kirsten Scott TDX1, Marie Bueche TDX2, Dan Aguirre TDX3, Marie Goulden TDX4 and Bobby Stevens, test secretary and head tracklayer.

Tracking Dog Excellent cross-trackers included Jeff Beatty, Pat Zarnoth, Patty Larsen, Chris Larsen, Brian Scott, and Bobby Stevens.

Hospitality was led by Wendy Israel, Sandy Tristano, and Bobby Stevens, with many donations of sides dishes and desserts from members and friends of LTC.

Photography was by Pat Behles and Agnes Hencz-Szucs.

We encourage members and friends to volunteer to help at the next LTC tracking tests scheduled for October 11, 2020, and watch our future tracking dogs.

The Tracking Dog (TD) group (photo above, from left): tracklayer Pat Behles; successful entrants Patty Larsen & Royalair’s Ada, TD; Donna Hartwig & MVP’s Dy-No-Mite, TD; Rosie Hatcher Pientok & Sensation’s Carmelitan Impish Vibrato, TD; Judge Carla Ogert; tracklayer Pam German; Judge Donna Kircher; & tracklayer Patti Barra.

Pam German begins the test towards her TDX & Champion Tracker title (photo at left, clockwise): Patti Larsen (left) Ada, & Judge Donna Kircher. Patti earned their 2nd TD.
therapy Dogs Certified

By Cathy Stein, Director of Training, & TDI Evaluator

Congratulations to Sylvia Olechno and GSD Sasha, Laurie Gorby and GSD X-O, Maggie Sullivan and corgi Tuggs, and Ilise Schwartzwald and poodle Lulu for passing the Therapy Dog International’s therapy dog certification testing held in early October at Lincolnwood Training Club. The TDI test is designed to simulate a visit with a therapy dog at a facility.

Exercises include exposure to a helper on crutches, wheelchair, and a walker; being handled by another person out of sight of the handler; mingling in a crowd with another dog; avoiding food placed in its path with a “leave it” command; and group sits and downs.

Thanks, too, to all the volunteers for making this day a success: Kathy Pairitz and Angel, Pat Speyer, Sue Disch, Agnes Hencz-Szuc, and Ramona Guillermo and their beautiful daughters. (We cannot conduct a TDI test unless there are children present).

Marijuana Proves Perilous to Pets

By Laura Klivans
Minneapolis Tribune News Service

As pot (weed, marijuana) has become easier for people to get, it has also become a greater hazard for pets. Thirty-three states and the District of Columbia have legalized pot in some form. And since Colorado ushered in recreational marijuana in 2014, nine more states and D.C. have followed.

In Illinois, using recreational pot will become legal in January, 2020.

 Dogs commonly ingest marijuana by eating the remainder of a joint, or getting into someone’s edible marijuana, either at home, on the street, or in parks, says Dr. Dorrie Black of the San Francisco-based veterinary clinic, Animal Internal Medicine and Specialty Services.

But while it can be easy for dogs to find marijuana, it’s not always easy to determine if a dog has ingested it.

Doctor Benjamin Otten of All-Creatures Veterinary Clinic in El Cerrito, CA, said he looks for these telltale symptoms when identifying marijuana toxicity in a dog: wobbly movements like a person who is drunk, dribbling urine, a dazed or glazed look in their eyes, and nervousness.

 Dogs exhibit these symptoms because THC, the psychoactive element in marijuana, is poisonous to them.

“There’s nothing about that actual drug itself that will kill them,” Black said. “It doesn’t cause any organ failure. It doesn’t cause liver failure or renal failure.”

 What can happen is that the drug can sedate a dog so fully that it can inhale its own vomit, which can be lethal. For that reason, Black cautions pet owners to play it safe.

“If you do not know the quantity that the dog got into, go to your vet,” Black added.

Cannabinoid, or CBD, on the other hand, is actively being marketed to pet owners for a variety of pet ailments.

But the research is incomplete about its efficacy for treating such things as animal anxiety and seizures, and veterinarians are not allowed to recommend CBD to patients.

It’s not known how many dogs have died as the result of ingesting THC. But calls to the ASPCA’s Animal Poison Control Center about dogs eating weed have increased sevenfold since last year, and calls to the Pet Poison Helpline have quadrupled in the past five years.

John de Jong, president of the American Veterinary Medical Association, is seeing more incidences of marijuana toxicity in pets in those states that have legalized marijuana.

To reduce marijuana’s effects on a dog, Black said, options include pumping a dog’s stomach or giving the dog activated charcoal. Cost of treatment can vary widely. DeJong said cases that require interventions such as blood work and IV fluids could cost up to $1,000.

DeJong said he hasn’t seen any cases of high cats but, he added, some cats like to chew on plants, which could be an issue if someone is growing marijuana at home.

Versatility: Heeling Into the Unknown

By Pat Behles

Versatility! It’s an optional obedience titling class that few people risk entering.

In my opinion, it is the most difficult of all AKC obedience classes.

The class is made up of six exercises, 2 from each level: Novice, Open, and Utility. AKC’s Obedience Regulations book has 12 different combinations of these exercises. At first glance, you might think it’s an easy title.

Once upon a time, each exhibitor could choose the combination they felt their dogs could successfully complete. That was great. One knew exactly what they were walking into.

Ah, not so in today’s competition world. Today, entering the Versatility ring is a gamble, or like Forrest Gump’s mama told him, it’s “like a box of chocolates, Forrest. You never know what you’re gonna get.”

The judge, deciding what combination will be run, has it posted ringside usually at the beginning of the day.

So your dog has competed in all levels of obedience, but the tricks in some of these combinations are, for instance, let’s say you have to do a straight Novice Recall, and the very next exercise is the Open Drop on Recall.

Will your dog drop or come straight to you again? Or have you glove #3 on the Directed Retrieve, and then the next exercise is the Directed Jumping? Will your dog run back to where he just picked up the glove or do a proper go-out?

More than 2½ years ago, my girl, Fritzi, with two Versatility legs under her belt, injured a rear foot. No jumping for more than a year, then slowly got her up to jumping only 16”.

For years I had assumed her jump height was 24”, but people started telling me she was on the small size. So finally, she was officially measured. They were right. She was only 22”.

That was great...so I thought. That 2” can be a big deal over the high jump, but along with that comes a difference in the broad jump, too.

The width of the broad jump is double the inches of the high jump. So, at 24” high, she would jump 48” wide over four boards. 22” high makes for 44” wide, BUT only three boards.

To throw some math at you, each board is 8” wide. So four boards give you 32” of actual jump surface. The space between each board is just over 5” bringing the width to 48”.

But, with only three boards, that gives you 24” of jump surface and 10” between each board. So the ground space between the boards is actually wider than each board, which can be way, way confusing to the dog.

Suddenly, Fritzi, who has earned both her AKC and UKC CDXs, and her Preferred CDX plus 3 extra legs, couldn’t figure out how to go over the broad jump.

She trotted over them like a horse going through cavaletti. She got so confused it didn’t make any difference whether she was jumping two, three, or four boards.

Sometimes you need to go back to the basics, and start again. Getting frustrated and angry does nothing but make things worse.

Every aspect of training had to be fun and motivating, running with her or calling her over the jump.

Throwing toys and treats.

Lots of games.

IT WORKED!! Fritzi easily stresses in the ring so I worked so hard pumping her up before we walked into the ring for the Versatility class, and before and between each exercise that I was dripping with sweat.

The judge had decided on a combination that included that dreaded broad jump.

When I got Fritzi set up for that exercise, I bend down close to her, getting her motivated, “Ready? Ready? Ready? You can do this!”

She showed me she could.

My eyes welled with tears as she overcame her fears and flew over the jump!

She did it!

Honestly, I thought this was one title that would elude us.

But Fritzi worked through her anxieties and stress to give it all she had to finally earn that third leg, AND the hardest title offered, Versatility title (VER).

That brings the number of titles Fritzi has earned to 39. Not too bad for the dog who was “worthless and would never accomplish anything.”

She is only the second dog in LTC’s history to accomplish this feat. Her mom, Britta, is the first.

I cannot be any prouder!!
Welcome New Members


Chicago, IL, and GSD Panzer, 8/16/2013, breeder: Robin Krumm. And, Peter and Linca Faraci registered GSD Falco’s Faylene, breeder: Robin Krumm.


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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.

*Family is defined as same household or significant other. Dues are not tax deductible.

Make checks payable to GSDCA.

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I (We) hereby make application to the above Club and agree, if accepted for membership, to abide by all AKC and GSDCA rules and policies. Upon application I will be eligible for all privileges except the right to vote. Thirty days after my name has been published in the Review, provided no objections have been filed, I will be granted the right to vote.

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Happy Birthday!

Birthday doggos (from top photo, down) Thunder, Linc, & Star

Connor 10/01/2008 James/Barbara Murray
Guinness 10/05/2013 Peter O’Malley
Mikey 10/11/2016 Donna Kircher
Elke 10/12/2006 Frank Koszyk
Kane 10/15/2016 Mary Even
Danny Boy 10/25/2009 Cathy Stein
Sasha 10/26/2018 Frank Saez
Jordan 10/29/2015 Ramona/Guillermo Zamora
Gandalf 10/30/2014 Joe Lim

Linc 12/09/2012 Marianne/Jason Perlman
Lainey 12/12/2018 Margarita Gamba/Daniel Sieburg
Maya 12/14/2013 James/Barbara Murray
Cinda 12/17/2013 Patricia Revis
Gipp 12/17/2015 Steve Stembridge
Liesel 12/18/2012 Ruth Black/Neda Tkalcievic
Thunder 2/20/2006 Colleen Breslin
Bonna 12/24/2017 Saranjargal Verren
Buddy 12/25/2010 Rosemary Lacey
Roxy 12/25/2018 Cammi Gibbons
Tommy 12/26/2011 Margaret Gibbs
Bear 12/28/2012 William Schlichtman

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Tommy 12/26/2011 Margaret Gibbs
Bear 12/28/2012 William Schlichtman
Lincolnwood Obedience trial memories...

Lincolnwood Training Club’s 79th annual Obedience Trial and 15th annual Rally Trial are now a memory as another successful dog sport event.

Held in mid-September, the trials offered 13 different classes in which to compete and show one’s handling skills.

Six Club members earned qualifying legs, placements, and/or a title.

Enjoy the photos here, taken by Club member Sylvia Olechno.

Featured below (clockwise) are Club President Bobby Stevens and Trial Chairman Cathy Stevens; Stewards Rosemary Lacey (left) and Sandra Kalhauge; and Izabela Raczynski-Bell and Argos, competing in Rally Advanced and Open.

More photos will be featured in the next issue of Tales of Lincolnwood.