SUMMERTIME FUN. The Editor’s GSD, Kona, enjoys a new sprinkler contraption in a friend’s yard. (Photo by Diane Grassi)

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Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Please contact Director of Training Cathy Stein at 847-217-0527 to pre-register.

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All training is outdoors. The only part of the Clubhouse that will be available are the restrooms. Only one person at a time will be allowed in. Please park only in the parking lot and enter the field from the parking lot gate.

Also, please note:
* Facemasks and 6-foot social distancing are required.
* Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance to the field, in the restrooms, and the Clubhouse.
* Only dog handlers, dog handler guardians, and LTC staff are allowed on the field.
* Only pre-registered dogs are allowed on the field. (No drop-in training.)
* All classes will be conducted in a ring. Rings will be spaced a minimum of 8 feet apart.
* Classes will be limited to 45 minutes, allowing for safe entry and exit.
* Classes will be limited to 8 dogs.
* Handlers are to leave the field promptly at the end of class.

Classes are normally 8-week sessions unless otherwise noted. Pre-registration is required for all classes. The fee and test for AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy is $125. All dog breeds and mixed breeds are welcome to attend our classes. All handlers must bring a copy of the 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.
Good Therapy...

Rosemary Lacey’s Buddy and Cathy Stein’s Danny Boy both earned the AKC’s highest honor for working therapy dogs: the title of AKC Distinguished Therapy Dog (THDD), awarded after 400 recorded visits.

This accomplishment, which also puts the dogs’ photos on the Club’s Master Wall of Fame, is one of four newer titles the AKC added to its popular therapy dog program honoring those dogs that had already earned the AKC Therapy Dog (THD) title after 50 visits.

The AKC now offers the THDN (10 visits), AKC Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA) (100 visits), and AKC Therapy Dog Excellent (THDX) (200 visits), as well as the THD and THDD.

“Earning an AKC Therapy Dog title builds on the skills taught in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy and Canine Good Citizen programs that help create a sound and friendly temperament needed by a successful therapy dog,” said Lincolnwood’s Director of Training Cathy Stein. — The Editor

Lincolnwood & Club Shepherd Saluted

Lincolnwood Training Club’s newsletter, Tales of Lincolnwood, was featured in the first of a series of articles in the German Shepherd Dog Club of America’s magazine, the Review (above), spotlighting winning entries in the GSDCA’s annual club newsletter contest. Also, Wendy Israel’s Cassidy (pictured at right) was featured in an article published in The Daily Northwestern newspaper. Cassidy was cited for her participation in a Therapy Dogs International program, Tail Waggin’ Tutors, at Evanston Public Library. The program gives attendees a relaxed environment to practice reading skills. --- The Editor

There will come a time when you realize there is so much more than titles, ribbons, rankings, and finals.

There will come a time when you realize that just running around the ring is just as thrilling as bringing home a blue ribbon.

There will come a time when you realize there is nothing in the world that you love more than your dog, that you would do anything for, and every second you spend together with your dog is precious.

There will come a time when you realize the bond between you and your dog is greater than every champion ribbon in the world.

There will come a time when you realize this is what it means to be a dog handler.
2019 LTC Member Dog Titles & Accomplishments

Ksenia Banes and Gus
AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy

Patti Barra and Nohea
AKC Community Canine (CGCA)

Pat Behles and Britta
AKC Temperament Test (TC)

Pat Behles and Fritz
AKC Versatility (VER)
AKC Preferred Utility (PUTD)
AKC Temperament Test (TC)

Pat Behles and Ki
AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy
AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC)
AKC Trick Dog Novice (TKN)
Herding Instinct Certified (HIC)

Lana Berger and Harry
AKC Farm Dog Certified (FDC)

Judy Braginsky and Kona
GSDCA Temperament Certified (TC)

Mathew Cieplevicz and Max
AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy

Julie Cleary and Cooper
AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy

Margarita Gamba/Daniel Sieburg and Lainey
AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy

Karen Johnson and Charlie
AKC Scent Work Interior Novice (SIN)
AKC Scent Work Exterior Novice (SEN)
NACSW Nose Work 1 (NW1)

Karen Johnson and Jon
Protection Sports Association PDC-SD

Richard Lane and Nellie
AKC Utility Dog (UD)

Patty Larson and Ada
AKC Tracking Dog (TD)

Karen Melbinger and Bruno
AKC Companion Dog (CD)

Kathy Pairitz and Angel
AKC Scent Work Interior Advanced (SIA)
AKC Scent Work Exterior Advanced (SEA)
AKC Scent Work Buried Advanced (SBA)
AKC Scent Work Container Advanced (SCA)
AKC Scent Work Advanced (SWA)

Wioletta Pekala and Misiek
GSDCA Temperament Certified (TC)

Marianne Perlman and Linc
UKC Novice Exterior (NE)
UKC Novice Container (NC)

Izabela Racynski-Bell and Argos
AKC Farm Dog Certified (FDC)

Cathy Stein and Danny Boy
Therapy Dogs International Exceptional Volunteer Achievement (TDIEVA)

Bobby Stevens and Lili
AKC Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX)
AKC Scent Work Buried Advanced (SBA)
AKC Scent Work Advanced (SWA)
AKC Scent Work Container Excellent (SCE)

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UKC Novice Container (NC)

Stan Piotrowski and Nora
GSDCA Temperament Certified (TC)
The Thirteen Club is one of many committees that make up the German Shepherd Dog Club of America. The club was created in 1993 by the GSDCA to collect information from owners of German Shepherds age 12 years or older towards finding factors common to the longevity of these dogs and using that information to help add years to the breed. Anyone with a registered German Shepherd living past its 12th birthday can join.

Upon completion of the application process, the owners will receive a certificate of recognition from the GSDCA and have the dog and its sire and dam’s names published in the German Shepherd Dog Review. An application form is available by going to the site: gsdca.org/german-shepherd-dogs/the-13-club.

Many different health issues affect our German Shepherds as they age. Yet owners give many reasons for the longevity of their dogs, according to past Thirteen Club surveys. One surveyed owner said “training, training, training.” Another said “daily exercise, long walks, a predictable routine, good veterinary care, and life-long companionship with other dogs and humans” were reasons for the long life of her dog.

Many owners felt the love and attention you gave your dog and the sharing of your life gave the dog a reason, a purpose to live.

A compilation of longevity data appears in the Redbook, a year in review that is available at the GSDCA’s National Show each year.

--- The Editor

**LTC Member Dogs 12+ Years Old At Age of Passing**

- Tony and Kris Montagano’s Xena 6/01/96-11/03/10 (14)
- Elaine and Eric Plummer’s Ajax 8/02/92-1/28/12 (13)
- Patti Barra’s Baby 10/17/91-6/30/05 (13), and Kika 12/27/03-6/29/18 (14)
- Donna and Bonnie Kirchner’s Mikey 5/20/96-4/30/09 (one month shy of 13)
- Mary Merlin’s Rosie 5/31/04-7/01/17 (13)
- Karen Johnson’s Josie 1/21/04-4/26/18 (14)
- Ramona Zamora’s Xillo 9/19/04-12/02/16 (12)
- Ed Lamasky’s Payton 7/29/07-8/19/19 (12)
- Janet Culotta’s DJ 7/01/90-8/03/05 (15)
- Georgia Cawley’s Dondo 9/08/96-12/29/09 (13)
- Elaine Vedder’s Elsa 8/15/06-10/07/19 (13)
- Donna Kircher’s Gentry 10/17/91-5/18/04 (12)
- Mary Even’s Gracie 8/12/04-3/26/18 (13)
- Anne Lindquist’s Gretta 12/19/92-5/21/07 (14)
- Colleen Breslin’s Gertrude 3/07/03-1/23/17 (13, almost 14); Rommel 1/05/96-2/24/09 (13); and Thunder 12/20/06-1/23/20 (13)
- Daniel Meyer’s Katie 4/03/05-9/30/19 (14)
- Kathy Urbanus’ Kona 20/2/92-11/22/04 (12)
- Camille Stauber’s Liebe 5/31/96-10/07/11 (15)
- Lana Berger’s Heidi 3/17/97-10/30/09 (12)
- Mary Breaux’s Maverick 12/31/97-7/25/11 (13)
- Richard and Nancy Lane’s Daisy 2/04/98-7/21/10 (12)
- Patti Barra’s Bear 10/17/91-12/22/03 (12)
- Sue Czuchra’s Regatta 2/10/96-4/28/09 (13)
- Margo Tsim’s Mica 12/16/06-7/21/19 (12)
- Michael and Laurie Kinney’s Kara 5/19/04-4/01/17 (12, almost 13)
- Sandra Rodriguez’ Reina 12/07/97-6/20/12 (14)
- Larry Green’s Rex 2/11/00-5/09/14 (14)
- Patti Barra’s Nohea 3/26/07-1/14/20 (12)
- Judy Braginsky’s Molly 10/17/93-4/17/07 (13)
- Joanne Schummer’s Dampf 12/12/03-3/18/17 (13)
- Sue and Pete Czuchra’s Ursus 5/02/00-4/09/14 (13, almost 14)
- Anne Riba’s BJ 5/05/93-5/01/06 (four days shy of 13) and Clipper 11/13/94-2/05/09 (14)
- Linda Witt’s Zoe 11/21/06-8/28/19 (12)
- Norbert and Mary Opon’s Buddy 4/04/02-11/17/14 (12)

(List compiled by Club Historian Wendy Israel)
COVID-19 Precautions told as Club Reopens:

Best Practices for the COVID-19 Era at Lincolnwood Training Club

With a situation that is continually evolving, Lincolnwood Training Club is trying to get folks back to training while keeping its members and their dogs safe.

Director of Training Cathy Stein began a partial opening of training classes in mid-June with an AKC S.T.A.R. puppy class that was limited to 8 dogs.

A partial opening means some classes will resume with conditions and others, such as scent work and agility, will be on hold.

Further classes to have begun in early July are listed in the summer training schedule on page 2 of the newsletter.

Our general practices going forward are also listed on page 2 of this newsletter in the summer training schedule.

Restated, precautions to be taken when training your dog at Lincolnwood include:

1) Practicing 6-foot social distancing with current guidelines.
2) Wearing a mask while at Lincolnwood.
3) Using hand sanitizer that will be available at the field entrance, in the restroom, and in the Clubhouse.
4) Limiting presence on the field to only dog handlers, dog handler guardians, and LTC staff.
5) Limiting each class to 8 dogs.
6) Allowing only pre-registered dogs per class.
7) Limiting classes to 45 minutes, allowing for safe entry and exit.
8) Asking handlers to leave the field promptly at the end of class.

All training at this time will be outdoors. The only part of the Clubhouse that will be available are the restrooms. And only one person at a time will be allowed in.

COVID-19 Canine Scent Detection Study Launched

By Martin Hackett

April 28, 2020, PHILADELPHIA – A pilot training program using scent detection dogs to discriminate between samples from COVID-19 positive and COVID-19 negative patients is the focus of a new research initiative at the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Veterinary Medicine (Penn Vet).

With up to 300 million smell receptors – compared to six million in humans – dogs are uniquely positioned to aid in disease detection. This pioneering study – that will explore the sensitivity and specificity of scent – sets the stage for dogs to be a force multiplier in the mission to detect COVID-19, particularly among asymptomatic patients, or hospital or business environments where testing is most challenging.

Preliminary screening of live humans by trained dogs could begin as early as July.

Penn Vet will initially begin the study with eight dogs to perform this precise detection work. Over the course of three weeks through a process called odor imprinting, the dogs will be exposed to COVID-19 positive saliva and urine samples in a laboratory setting, establishing the platform for testing to determine if the dogs can identify COVID-19 infected people.

“Scent detection dogs can accurately detect low concentrations of volatile organic compounds, otherwise known as VOCs, associated with various diseases such as ovarian cancer, bacterial infections, and nasal tumors. These VOCs are present in human blood, saliva, urine or breath,” said Cynthia Otto, DVM, PhD, professor of Working Dog Sciences and Sports Medicine and director of Penn Vet’s Working Dog Center.

“The potential impact of these dogs and their capacity to detect COVID-19 could be substantial, with the goal of reducing community spread.”

Otto will lead a group of multi-disciplinary researchers from across the University of Pennsylvania. Susan Weiss, PhD, and Ian Frank, MD, both from the Penn Center for Research on Coronavirus and Other Emerging Pathogens and the Perelman School of Medicine, will lead the protocols to collect samples from adult patients being screened at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Audrey Odom John, MD, PhD, from the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, will collect samples from children screened at that facility. Richard Berk, PhD, from Penn Arts and Sciences, will assist in research study design and analysis of canine performance data.

Canine surveillance could play a key role as the United States re-opens and anticipates a possible second wave amid virus fears, the educators said. Source of article: www.vet.upenn.edu)
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.

NAME(S) __________________________________________
ADDRESS __________________________________________
CITY ______________________________________________
PHONE(S) __________________________________________

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.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____________________________________________
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PRINTED NAME & SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR* ______________________________
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Chesapeake, VA 23322
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*Per GSDCA policy, if no sponsors are available, membership applications may be signed by the GSDCA President and the Membership Chair.

Birthday-ing recently were Pat Speyer’s Frankie (at left, clockwise), Lana Berger’s Harry, and Karen Johnson’s Charlie.
Be Tick AWARE

A = AVOID high tick areas, such as tall grass
W = WEAR proper clothing (long pants, sleeves, socks)
A = APPLY EPA-Approved tick repellent
R = REMOVE clothing when back indoors
E = EXAMINE yourself for ticks daily!