



# LOOSE LEADS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

What unprecedented times we are living in. Isn't that a real understatement! Seriously though, have you found things to do to keep yourself occupied? Are you working on old or new skills with your dog? I am doing my best to do some training every day with all three of my dogs. I hope to do even more when the weather warms up and we can get back outside.

The Board has now held several meetings via phone conference. Certainly you are all aware of the Board's decision to temporarily suspend all key-bearing members' use of our facility. Whether or not you agreed with this decision, know that it was given careful consideration. Ultimately, the Board voted by majority to comply with Governor DeWine's Stay-At-Home order. Again, this was *not* an arbitrary decision. Now that the Governor's original orders have been lifted, we are now able to allow key-bearing members who wish to train at the Club to return, effective May 12, 2020. For the health and safety of all, we ask that you observe all posted guidelines.

It is my personal hope that you and those you love are keeping safe and continue to be well. I hope that you have found something that gives you joy or a bit of a diversion during this incredibly difficult time. Thank heaven for your dog. I thank heaven for **my** dogs! And I wish to offer a truly heartfelt thank you to each one of you who have helped me with my training. It takes a village.

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors, thank you for your understanding and support while we figure out how to navigate our way through these difficult situations. We are going to need you, your ideas, and your assistance on the road ahead as we try to meet each challenge ahead. Let's do this.

Stay safe. Be strong. Be well.

Margie

## APPLICANTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

### 1ST READING

**Frances Bluhm** – Fran began breeding and showing standard Poodles. Her first litter, just recently born, had a total of 11 puppies! She competes in conformation and agility and has taken multiple classes from Puppy 1 to Foundations 1-2-3 to agility. Fran has already volunteered at our January agility trial.

**Sponsors:** Carolyn Lincoln and Edie LeBouton

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**Madeline Hasman** – Madeline is retired with a Jack Russell-mixed breed. She is excited to be a member of CABTC as she enjoys learning with her dog, Otis, and being around the other members and students. She has volunteered at both the Farm Dog run through and trial and looks forward to being involved.

*Sponsors:* Marilyn Richards and Shirley Riley

**Julie Lakas** – Julie is retired and enjoys most dog sports with her Bernese Mountain dogs. She is a life-long dog owner, originally owning Golden Retrievers, but not has more time to devote to training and competing. She is currently volunteering and competing in both Scent and Rally.

*Sponsors:* Cindy Chaytor and Karen Lippmann

## 2ND READING

**Lois Rosenblum** – Lois owned champion Briards for over 25 years. After losing her last Briard, she adopted an All American and decided to try agility. She has taken Puppy Performance and Foundations 1-2-3 and agility. Lois already volunteered at an agility trial.

*Sponsors:* Barb Brooks and Carolyn Lincoln.

## 3RD READING/VOTING

**Laura Comerford** – Laura has a Cardigan Welsh Corgi and has been coming to CABTC classes starting with Foundation 1 and 2. Her dog has already earned his CGC, TKN, and TKI. She volunteered at the October Obedience run through and trial.

*Sponsors:* Bernadette McFadden and Diane Brzezinski.

**Regina Sacha-Ujcz** – Regina has a German Shepherd and Bull Terrier/Rat Terrier mix. She has taken Foundations 1 and 3, Attention, and Therapy Dog training classes. Regina also rides horses and teaches dressage.

*Sponsors:* Deb Milhney and Kay Wood.

## IN THE KNOW

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## ROCKING IT!:



Tess earned High Combined and High Triple Combined at the second Medina Kennel Club Rally on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. She earned her second Rally Master (RM2) and her Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) on March 1<sup>st</sup>, and we received her Therapy Dog Advanced certificate on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

~ Deborah Foster-Koch



## CONDOLENCES

**JAKE** Boeset crossed the Rainbow Bridge, 9/1/06 – 3/10/20

As a child, I never had the opportunity to grow up with dogs in my home. Fortunate that my neighbor always had dogs, I took a special interest in their English Springer who I really enjoyed walking and playing with. I promised myself one day I'd own one. Shortly after getting my home in 2006, I adopted Jake. He was the last of the litter in Pinkerton, OH with mom and dad on premises. Had it not been for Jake, I would have not known about CABTC with our start in Obedience classes around December/ January '07. We had plenty of training between Puppy, Foundation Skills, Rally, and Agility. When Jake got a little older, we started trialing. At the age of ten, I retired him with titles in CGC, NA, NAJ, OAJ, and OA. Outside of CABTC, we'd go for long walks and hikes all over Cuyahoga County, played plenty games of fetch, and lots of swimming at Edgewater and various other lakes. Jake took a piece of my heart; he will be missed and never forgotten.

*~ Shanon Boeset*

## SPECIAL SERIES – THE FIRST 80 YEARS

### CLEVELAND ALL BREED TRAINING CLUB PART 2 OF 3

My first article of CABTC's history left off in 1970 which is when I began training. At the time, classes were held at the Masonic Temple Auditorium at East 36<sup>th</sup> Street and Chester Avenue.

In the Fall of 1970, I adopted my first dog, a German Shepherd I named Hobo. He proved to be a big challenge with every behavior issue known to man. When my parents told me he had to go, a coworker directed me to the Masonic Temple for training classes. Fortunately, a new class was starting that Thursday evening.

My first introduction to CABTC was impressive. I didn't know that new dogs were not invited to the registration and demonstration. First mistake – I brought Hobo with me. The second mistake occurred during the demo. When I noticed Hobo growing more and more excited, I wrapped my chain leash around my wrist and held on. I remember hearing my watch fall to the floor and looked down to see a broken chain. Hobo was now part of the demo! A tall man, Lloyd, put his large Malamute on a down stay and went to retrieve Hobo. Upon his return, Hobo in hand, he asked, "Is this your dog?" Behaving as any self-respecting dog owner would – I crawled from beneath my chair and said "No." Lloyd smiled and said, "Don't worry, we can help you." And so, my journey began.

The instructors were very helpful with my problem child. Extra help from Irma Dixon, Lou Kratzer, Dick Holcomb, Marge Sacerich, Jennie and Richard Corbett, and Art Dartt, along with reading many behavior books, saved this dog. In 1971 and 1972 respectively, I received two silver mini poodles, Lonnie and Dink, from Art Dartt. Much easier to train!

Around 1971, I was introduced to scent work by our club's Scent Hurdle Relay Team. A team of four dogs ran, relay style, over four jumps to a huge wooden tray that was sectioned into four quadrants, each painted a different color. The colors matched the circles painted on the ends of wooden dumbbells and the circles on the vest worn by the dogs. Dogs would be put on a stay as their owners walked out to place their scented dumbbells in the corresponding color section and hand an alternate dumbbell to the steward at the tray. The dogs would have to find their color-specific dumbbell and return before the next dog could run. A person



would stand at the tray replacing dumbbells so there were always four dumbbells from which to choose. My Lonnie's mother was on the first-string team with Art and I quickly realized that joining this competitive team was going to be a challenge. They competed against other awesome club teams and did a lot of winning. Lonnie and I finally did make it to the second-string team and ran a couple of races. It was a crowd-pleasing event.

Initially limited to one trial per year, CABTC's first licensed Obedience Trial was held on October 24, 1943. All trials were benched until 1971. In 1945, CABTC added a tracking test to the obedience event with tracking on Saturday and obedience on Sunday. Mildred Sheldon recalls attending her first trial in 1954.

My friend, Barb Kaplan, shared info from trials in the 70's and early 80's. Barb was our Trial Secretary for ten of those years starting in 1975. Back then, class entries were not limited, and the average number of entries ranged from 51 to 70 dogs. Because the judge was limited to eight hours of judging, some classes had to be split into two parts. Our biggest Novice A entry was 70 dogs in 1977. In 1983, CABTC had the largest trial in the country with 413 entries. Many club fundraisers were held to support the trial trophies, ribbons, facility rental, and judges.

I found the catalog for the 1980 CABTC Trial at Masonic Hall where I showed my first Golden, Meadowpond Randy, in the Novice B class. It was fun to see all the names of members showing and working. In 1981, our trial moved to Lakeland Community College with six rings in two gymnasiums – a huge trial that entailed lots of work and volunteers.

Classes continued at the beautiful Masonic Hall until 1988. The Training Directors, starting in 1970, were Lou Kratzer, Dick Holcomb, Dave Powell, Judy Byron/Jan Kren, and finally me. Every Thursday we would roll out six rings of mats, conduct two hours of classes, then roll up all those mats and put them back on a rolling cart that was then stuffed into a cabinet with our jumps. It was a lot of work, but we were much younger then. At the end of the class, I recall Mildred blowing a whistle to signal us to end the class and start the next class hour. After the second class, we put everything away. If we hung around more than 10 minutes to chit chat, I remember Mildred flicking the lights on and off to signal us it was time to exit so she and Harry could lock the outside door. We then walked up the steep ramp and back to our cars.

Sometime in the 1980's, when Dick Holcomb was Training Director, I was allowed to be an assistant instructor. It was a privilege and an honor. I was assigned to instructor Marge Sacerich who kept me in line.

In 1975, the world of Obedience really started to change. AKC introduced the Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH) title so dogs with a UD title could continue competing. Training methods began changing to maintain the dogs' attitude and precision for the additional years of competition the OTCH title provided.

I attended my first Detroit Windsor Assoc. World Series Tournament with Dink in Detroit and then Canada (it alternated between the two every other year). I recall the onset of many obedience training seminars and the fabulous *Front and Finish* magazine. Statistical systems like the Delaney & Shuman systems were created to track the best dogs in the country. I went to every seminar available and learned every method presented by talented trainers from across the country, including Jack Godsil and Bob Self, Sr., Mary Lee Whiting, Max Paris,



Barb Goodman & Pauline Czarnecki, Buzz Taylor, Diane Bauman, Janice Demello, Terry Arnold, Bernie Brown, Ann Marie Silverton, Ian Dunbar, Judy Howard, Sharon Long & Bob Self, and Patty Russo. It was a time of change and improving ourselves as trainers.

During this time, a new, prestigious tournament was created and sponsored by the Gaines dog food company called the *Gaines Tournaments*. It was a grueling endurance tournament for both handler and dog. The Novice and Open divisions trialed three times, but the Super Dog division trialed six times, three in Utility and three in Open along with three sets of group out-of-sight stays. It was created to showcase the best dogs in the country. Qualifying trials included three regionals and the *The Classic* at the end of the year. Regional Division winners automatically qualified for the classic and the top winners received plane fares for handlers and their dogs. This event truly catered to the exhibitors. Why do I mention this in a CABTC article? Many of our members not only competed but placed at these great tournaments. Our instructors learned from the greats in Obedience by attending their seminars, reading their books, and viewing their videos. Several of these trainers are still with us.

I will pick up this article with the 1980's starting with our trials at Lakeland Community College, introducing the first Puppy class in our area, and the ending of classes at the Masonic Hall.

~ Linda MacDonald



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