



LOOSE LEADS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

July 2020 and the Pandemic rages. CABTC has finished its Spring classes and was even able to add a summer offering of classes and trials. As both a Club and teaching facility, we are back up and running and working to find our new normal.

There are many people I need to thank but, because I wouldn't want to miss even one person, allow me some general thank yous. Thank you to everyone who taught or is teaching a new class; paid your annual membership dues early; bought treats at \$3.00 a bag; showed at our trials; stewarded at the trials; continue to adhere to the Club's mask wearing policy AT ALL TIMES; assisted with the roof repair, which is still ongoing; weeded the potty area; and replenished hand sanitizers, soaps, and disinfectants for the good of us all.

Additionally, I would like to thank Dave Liebitzke and Dr. Morgan Wanner of Animal Clinic Northview for the presentation on Lyme disease, including making the arrangements. I'd also like to thank Kevin, who is not a Club member himself, but still generously donated a gallon of hand sanitizer for our use!

A big thank you goes to Carolyn Lincoln and her team of volunteers for all the work and energy poured into the brainstorming, organizing, and emceeing of the Back from the Pandemic fund raiser. Of course, they couldn't have done it without all of the presenters, videographers, and directors for each offering. You all were great! There was an amazing array of topics and it sure was fun to watch. Whether you presented, purchased a ticket, or donated a door prize, your efforts are very much appreciated. There was a lot of information and a heck of a lot of money was raised for the Club. Thank you all.

There are so many who have done and are still doing so much to keep the Club going during this extremely difficult time, I am amazed. We are finding our way on how to survive. This is STILL our 80-year anniversary and deserves to be celebrated!

Stay safe. Be strong. Be well.

Margie

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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

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 Milhny and Kay Wood.

SPEAKING OF OBEDIENCE

First and foremost, I want to thank **AMANDA KOST** for all the hours she spent emailing students, keeping everyone up to date on the constantly changing class situation. I would also like to thank **AMANDA** and **KAY WOOD** for their efforts helping me plan and implement the schedule to finish the classes that were halted mid-session. Our tried-and-true scheduling process had to be revamped to consider social distancing, fewer students per class, flow patterns through the building, disinfecting the facilities, etc. to comply with State regulations. To add to the confusion, sessions had been halted at different stages of completion. Some classes had completed three lessons; others, four or five. Blood, sweat,



and tears were shed before we reached the final schedule. Not only did we finish up Session IV and Session V, we added Session VI Puppy I and FS I summer classes! Great job!

Words cannot express the gratitude I feel for all the instructors who stepped up to get the classes up and running, including but not limited to:

Cliffette Thacker	Amanda Kost	Win McCann	Joan Durbak
Kris Zielinski	Betsy Scala	Holly Koester	Cathy Flynn
Connie Rigotti	Kathi Smith	Bernadette McFadden	Jan Kren
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			Kay Wood

Now on to scheduling and starting up the CABTC Fall Class Session!!

~ Diane Brzezinski

ROCKING IT!



There is a new Golden at the Janoch house. His name is Duncan and he loves tugging with his dad, Finn.

~ Rosemary Janoch

SPECIAL SERIES – THE FIRST 80 YEARS

**CLEVELAND ALL BREED TRAINING CLUB
PART 3**

Lots of changes occurred in the '80's, including moving our Obedience Trial to Lakeland Community College in Mentor in 1981. Six obedience rings were set up in two gymnasiums with maximum entries in each class. Back then, we had only Utility B, Utility A, Open B, Open A, Novice B, and Novice A. It was the largest trial in the country.

In 1982, CABTC celebrated our 40th trial. We dressed in Halloween costumes, had lots of trophies, and special treats for exhibitors. We transported our equipment, ring gates, mats, and jumps in our new trailer. We only

lost the trailer once when Jack Jurzack drove too quickly over railroad tracks and it unhitched. It was recovered quickly and we were on our way again.

My favorite memories were of the costumes. Dodi Remen's mother was dressed as one of the cutest pumpkins. And then there was Delores N. Delores, having forgotten about the fall time change, had arrived early and set off the alarm when she tried to enter the building. When Mike and I arrived, the police had her in the back of their squad car and we were asked if we knew this person. Her costume was so good, Delores was unrecognizable. So, we said 'no' and began to walk away. It was not until she started talking to us that we recognized her voice and the situation was resolved, much to Delores' relief.

In the early 80's, Co-Directors of Training, Judy Byron and Jan Kren, implemented Bob Self's training methods as CABTC's new class curriculum. The goal was to have standard training methods from class to class. It was felt that this format was the most beneficial to the majority of dogs.

Soon afterward, I became the Training Director. One of my priorities was to start puppy classes. Another priority was to reduce the number of abandoned dogs.

Keep in mind that, because the training methods of the time generally used choke collars and harsh disciplines, puppies did not start training until they were six months old.

It was at that time that I met Nancy Matlock of St. Louis, MO, author of *Puppy Training*, at a National Obedience Gaines Tournament. After some discussion and reviewing her book, I knew that hers was the training method I wanted to use for CABTC's puppy classes. Her approach was so innovative that, not only could we start training puppies as young as 10 weeks old, veterinarians were reluctant to send clients to our puppy classes. It wasn't until our members took the time to visit the vets in person and convince them that the new methods worked that we started getting referrals again.

The only change to Nancy's approach resulted from our research on abandoned dogs. The number one reason a dog was abandoned was a lax or non-existent recall. So, with help from Nancy and Ian Dunbar, a modified recall was incorporated into CABTC's curriculum. It was and continues to be a huge success.

In the mid '80's, the neighborhood surrounding the Masonic Hall was becoming dangerous, from weekly blown out car windows to finding a dead body. We not only lost students, we lost many instructors. Not only did we lose their services, they started their own classes in the suburbs and became competitors. It became very apparent that the Club was going to disappear unless drastic measures were taken. We had to relocate. But our funds were desperately low. It was a sad time for CABTC.

My next article will talk about the search for a building and more history from the 1980's.

~ Linda MacDonald

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