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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Summer's gone and here we are sliding head-first into fall. It happens every year, but I am amazed by how quickly the summer passes. This summer has been busy. We resumed the delayed Spring classes and even squeezed in some Summer classes. The roof has been repaired and hopefully we won't have any more leaks! We just held our first ATT trial. On a personal note, not only did I have fun stewarding and get to see a lot of really great teamwork between the handlers and their dogs, I also managed to get a title for my boy Bravo!

Don't worry if you didn't participate during these last few months, you still have a lot more opportunities to show your dog or steward in the next few months. If you don't know how to get involved or where to start, you just need to ask. We will gladly put you in touch with the right person. We can use your help.

Fall classes have begun and we are getting back into the groove of training. We ask you all to continue to wear your masks, keep your social distance, and to look out for one another.

Wishing you all the very best that this Fall has to offer. I look forward to seeing you all soon. Remember, we are still celebrating our 80th Anniversary!

Stay safe. Be strong. Be well.

Margie



APPLICANTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

1ST READING

Pete Swanson – Pete is a long-time dog lover and is now dedicated to training and competing with his Labrador Retriever. He has already volunteered at the obedience trial and is looking forward to Rally classes. He also competes in dock diving, barn hunt, and lure coursing.

Sponsors: Cliffette Thacker and Robin Fargus

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Bobbie Dulaney – Bobbie has owned giant breeds her whole life. She recently started working with Golden Retrievers. Bobbie volunteered at the Rally trial and is looking to help out at other events. She is looking forward to training in more venues with her dog, like therapy, trick dog, and agility.

Sponsors: Margie Wunderle and Bernadette McFadden

2ND 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

3RD READING/VOTING

Lois Rosenblum – Lois has 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.

NEWS FROM AKC

FINAL DECISIONS / ITEMS OF NOTE

Zoom Meetings. While AKC is in Covid-19 pandemic mode, the delegate meetings have been held via zoom. There are ten two-hour committee meetings plus the four-hour delegate meetings. The December delegate meeting will also be a zoom meeting.

AKC Canine Partners Program. The AKC Canine Partners program was ten years old this past July. In that time, over 400,000 dogs have been registered as Canine Partners and have earned over 21,000 titles! In 2019 alone, Canine Partners earned about 5,000 agility titles and another 1,600 titles in obedience, rally, and tracking combined.

Invitational/Nationals. Currently, the AKC is moving forward with the Agility Invitational and Rally National in Orlando. The 2020 Tracking Invitational was canceled but plans to hold it in the same location in 2021 are moving forward. The 2021 Agility National will be held in Tulsa.



Dog Coat Coloring. A year ago, the AKC allowed for a one-year trial period in which dogs whose coat had been colored could enter agility. The exact wording was *Dogs with artificial coloring in their coats may participate in AKC agility trials and ACT tests. The coloring must not cover more than one-third of the dog's coat. Coloring below the hocks and elbows may not be yellow. Colored markings on a dog must not be in poor taste and cannot contain profanity or conflict with a sponsor of a trial. It is the responsibility of the judge to decide if the coloring is acceptable.* That trial period was deemed successful and the “coloring of dogs in agility” is now permanent.

UNDER CONSIDERATION*

Temporarily Suspended / Modified Policies. The AKC staff will suggest to the AKC Board that, with the exception of the Event Application Late Fees, the policies that have been temporarily suspended or modified during the Covid-19 period be extended until July 2021 or possibly be made permanent. Regarding the Figure 8 in obedience, at the very least, the Companion Events Committee recommends that the rule to use stanchions or cones, instead of chairs, be a permanent change.

Virtual Programs. Virtual tests will probably be extended after the December 31, 2020 deadline when they are set to expire. It has been suggested that the AKC develop a virtual obedience program as an introduction to obedience, perhaps a pre-Beginner Novice-type program. Virtual Rally classes have been well received and the Rally Committee is looking to expand the Virtual Rally program beyond Rally Novice, launched in April, and Rally Intermediate, which was recently added. The Virtual Agility ACT1 program was launched in late July and ACT2 shortly thereafter.

ACT Jumpers. The AKC Agility Staff is considering an ACT Jumpers class.

Premium Lists. Because of the per-page cost superintendents charge to produce premium lists, the Dog Show Rules Committee is considering streamlining premium lists. The AKC Dog Show Rules Committee is suggesting, for example, the removal of the lengthy section on ribbon colors and replace it with a statement saying something like “Ribbons will be standard colors as defined in (insert link to section of AKC Dog Show rule book)”.

Third-Party's Use of a Club's Name / Date. A Dog Show Rules committee member was approached about the buying of an agility club's name and date by a third-party to hold a trial. I don't know if this will go anywhere but the committee may feel it warrants consideration.

Bylaws. In an attempt to make it easier for Member clubs to change their bylaws, the Bylaws Committee is considering why AKC approval is required for bylaw changes for *Member* clubs but *not* for *Licensed* clubs.

Fast CAT coat coloring. While dogs with colored coats can now compete in agility, they *cannot* compete in Fast CAT. Although many dogs compete in both sports, the Herding Earthdog Coursing Committee is reluctant to allow dogs with colored coats to compete. I guess I have some letter writing to do.

I'm sure I've left out something but will leave that for the next issue of Loose Leads.

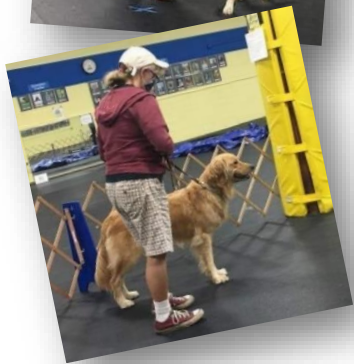
~ Maureen Setter

*These issues are only in the discussion phase.

GOOD DOG

Cleveland All-Breed's first AKC Temperament Test (ATT) on Saturday, August 29th, was a big success. Karen Lippmann and Rhadine Zabrecky, our judges, evaluated 18 dog-handler teams.

The ATT provides a meaningful evaluation to assess the temperament of our canine companions. The ATT evaluates how a dog reacts to a variety of stimuli. Desirable traits are emotional stability, inquisitiveness, cooperativeness, appropriate sociability for its breed, biddability, and the ability to recover from a startling situation in a reasonable amount of time.



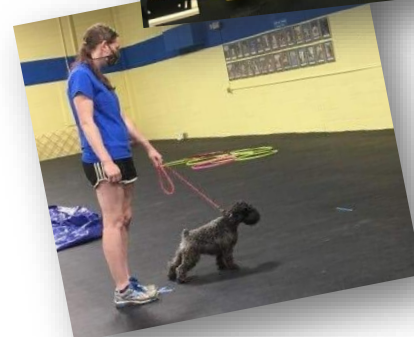
Undesirable traits are fear, shyness, lack of cooperation, and an inability to recover from unfamiliar or unexpected situations. Examples of undesirable behaviors include being afraid of friendly strangers or unfamiliar stimuli, obsessive barking, and aggression. In the ATT, dogs are tested in six categories of stimuli: social, auditory, visual, tactile, and proprioceptive (motion).

To ensure the health and safety of the participants and volunteers, teams were assigned test times, eliminating traffic in the building, and providing each handler a great experience.

None of the fun and camaraderie that an event like this generates, nor the financial income to help keep our Club going, would be possible without volunteers. It is their work, time, and knowledge that make an event successful! A heartfelt thank you goes out to our Trial Secretary, Amanda Kost, and her

right-hand person, Kari Baxter; our judges, Rhadine Zabrecky and Karen Lippmann; our stewards, Carol and Al Godzick, Jan Kren and granddaughter, Addy - our volunteer extraordinaire, Holly Koester, Sandy Novicky, Margie Wunderle, Deb Peck, Karen Bodner, and Laura Comeford. You are invaluable.

We will be having another test in 2021 so stayed tuned.



~ Cindy Chantor

ROCKING IT!

Congratulations to Mike MacDonald and Switch on their new WCX title. The duo competed at the Cuyahoga Valley Golder Retriever Club (GRC) on September 6th in Hambden.

Switch is RACH Gaylan's Lights On At Hy-Bar, UD JH RM2 RAE2 AX MXJ FDC WCX CCA CGCA CGCU TKA.

~ Linda MacDonald



Wynwood's Life Is Good, Zoe, got her Junior Hunter title in June. She also got her Working Certificate title sponsored by the Golden Retriever Club of America in September of this year.

~ Joan Durback

Congratulations to Karen Lippman and Dobby on their new PAX title earned at our September trial.



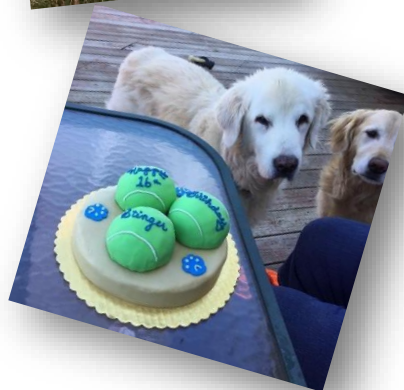
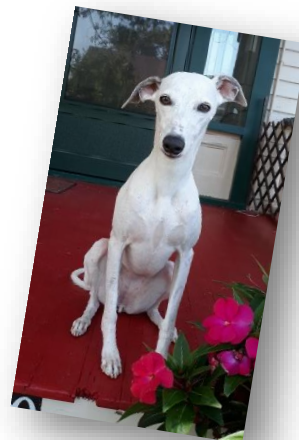
Rayne's been a very busy girl. She finished her Grand Championship in style, going Best of Breed on Thursday and Select on both Friday and Saturday at the Steel Valley Cluster at the end of July. On August 15th, she let loose at the Medina Kennel Club FastCat trial running the 100-yard dash with her best times ever, 7.30 and 7.31 seconds. And, on September 12th at the Licking River show, another Best of Breed.

~ Deb Hageman



My Irish Setter, GCH CH Jamonds Back in Style UDT, Cora, won the Veterans Sweepstakes at the ISCO Specialty on August 7th and my Whippet, Perri, finished her CD at CABTC's July trials. She had scores of 198, 197, 196.5 for a first & third place. She is now Shamasan's Who's on First? CD BN TD BCAT.

~ Cathy Flynn



Happy birthday to Otch One Ash Hornet's Tail Ale, Stinger, who turned 16 on September 4th!

ON A SAD NOTE

Jake Boeset crossed the Rainbow Bridge

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 not have known about CABTC. With our start in Obedience classes around December/ January '07, we had plenty of training - Puppy, Foundation Skills, Rally, and Agility. When Jake got a little older, we started trialing. By the time he retired at the age of 10, he had a 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 did lots of swimming at Edgewater and various other lakes. Jake took a piece of my heart. He will be missed and never forgotten.



Jake
9/1/06 - 3/10/20

**SPECIAL SERIES – THE FIRST 80 YEARS****CLEVELAND ALL BREED TRAINING CLUB****By Linda MacDonald****CABTC #4 History 1988 – 1990****“The Move To Brooklyn Heights”**

As I recall, Irma Dixon was still CABTC's president. Irma had trained with the famous Blanche Saunders while living in New York. She was also a longtime AKC judge and psychiatric nurse. She was well thought of and known around the country. She was also in charge of organizing many Obedience events and promoting our sport to breed clubs. Irma was president for a very long time.

Background info: In 1983, Mike obtained his first obedience dog, Sadie, from John Janoch at 18 months of age. Mike became a CABTC member shortly after as did John. Sadie became Mike's first dog to title and he took her from Novice to her OTCH in just one year. Yes, he is obsessive. Sadie appeared for many years in National Obedience ratings and place at 11 National Tournaments. She was featured in 2 Golden retriever books. Her signature High in Trial demo always ended with her jumping from heel position up into Mike's arms. This was a trick that John Janoch taught her and it was a crowd pleaser in many group rings during the High In Trial presentations that were done just before Best in Show competition. This was an honor award started by Irma Dixon to promote obedience.

Anyway, getting back to the club situation. Mike, John and I realized that we had to move the club because we had lost many good instructors who feared for their well being at the Masonic Hall. John ran for president against Irma and lost. Irma had quite a fan base and was loved by many including us. Mike spoke to Irma about this needed move for the club to survive. She did understand the urgency. However, Irma was not comfortable taking on such a big endeavor at her age and so she allowed Mike to run as president and she stepped aside the following year. In 1988 Mike was elected President of CABTC. Mike had already started looking at possible warehouse buildings in 1987. The criteria was to find a central location for both East and West siders that accepted dogs and had plenty of parking for at least 40 cars. The building had to be heated, large enough for 2 rings, have storage for our trial equipment, and not have drain holes or broken concrete.

My job as Training Director took on the task of developing a business plan and budget for a new facility outlining the number of classes and funds needed to run our club's training facility. Mike spent countless hours driving around and checking ordinances. He noticed that Weston had some vacancies. A prime location south in Brooklyn Heights off of the I-480 corridor that connects east to west siders in Cleveland looked very promising.

I remember the day Mike asked John and I to look at “Suite H” at 210 Hayes Drive. He was so excited and began to point out every detail so vividly that I began to see the finished product. I actually forgot that I was standing in a dirty warehouse that used to be a battery shop and was still full of junk, cars and lots of dirt. The warehouse was 34 feet wide and long enough to fit two back to back rings and a storage area. It also had a one toilet bathroom and office area. We all agreed that it could be cleaned up with lots of work.

We knew selling this building to the membership would be a huge task and even harder to the board. Mike, John and I decided that if the club did not buy into this building move that we would start our own training classes here. The next few months were not fun. The board members were frightened of taking on such a big step financially. Also, they were



not convinced the membership could or would support it. Mike and I worked on a financial plan and budget from soup to nuts to convince the board to support the move but they didn't budge.

Mike as president called for a special membership meeting at Suite "H". They showed up in numbers not seen at our meetings in a long time. Mike wanted to show the board that the instructors would come back and that the membership would support this big move. Mike had a member, Jack Jurzack call for a public vote of the board in front of the membership. They were hesitant to say no with the show of support so the move was a go! Mike then tackled the very involved lease with Westin. Knowing the mechanicals were 20+ years old Mike knew we could not afford to replace anything and it was a big issue in the lease. It was not easy but it helped that the Westin manager at the time was a dog Field Trialer and wanted to help us. It took quite a lot to negotiate a financially safe lease for CABTC. Since CABTC was lacking funds, Mike wrote a personal check for the first month's rent out of our account to secure classes starting up in January 1989.

Members returned to help. We spent many days and hours cleaning everything. It was December and we had no heat. I recall Joan Inman wearing her fur coat and scrubbing our bathroom including the toilet. Many donations came in especially from Mike, John and Maureen Setter. Appearing quickly was a conference room table, chairs, wall partitions to close it off from the entry, a phone number 216-398- 1118, a phone, an answering machine, a desk and rolling chair, office supplies, toilet paper, paper towels. The club funds were low so every bit helped. Our members were great. I contacted previous instructors and explained the first "Key Bearing" members policy. Lead instructors were given keys and could enter the building and train anytime. John Janoch stamped numbers on the keys and kept a list of key bearers which was very small. The Assistant instructors were evaluated by the lead instructors and were awarded with a lead instructor title if they made the criteria. Instructors also had to instruct 8 semesters, basically 2 years, before a key was awarded.

We quickly put a business add into the Ohio Bell Yellow Pages for dog training. We enlisted the membership to get business cards and flyers out to all the vets in the surrounding area. Member Dave Cook made up our sign for our front window. We had to look like a business and we did. In January we had 2 days of registration and an open house. If there was any doubt in our minds it disappeared. We took in over \$5,000 dollars and classes only cost \$60 at that time.

As Training Director, I drew up a plan to have 2 training rings and 4 classes a night at 6:45pm and 8pm from Monday thru Thursday. So sixteen classes a week. I asked the instructors to teach 2 classes a week and I assigned a lead instructor that had an assistant that they trained. We were off to a good start and making money! 1989 was a good year with lots of hard work and dedicated members. Maureen Setter, Mike and I worked the office every night and took calls at home. I worked up an accounting plan to make sure funds were registered and banking was correct. Everything was paper back then. I remember being very busy during this transition, working and getting a promotion with lots of travelling, along with beginning my AKC judging career and campaigning dogs on the weekends.

In 1989 our annual Fall Obedience Trial was in jeopardy. A new athletic director at Lakeland Community College came in and cancelled everything, including our trial just 3 months before. Mike contacted our Weston landlord and asked if there was a vacant building that they were willing to rent. We were lucky that the landlord was very involved in dog field work and sensitive to our needs. There was an old sweater factory in Strongsville where they made the old high school letterman sweaters. It was the right size for our 6 ring trial. Mike negotiated a one month lease with Weston. We then held a clean-up day to scrub floors and put in new lights and some light fixtures. It looked fabulous! We then had an obedience match the week prior to our trial so that we could work out any bugs and we raised all the money needed to pay for the rent. We also had a food truck outside. Well the trial was a great success and the big news was we didn't



lose any money. The members started looking for a new trial site for next year. We knew the following year was going to be busy.



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