



LOOSE LEADS

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1ST READING

WILLIAM A. MICHAELS – I have English Golden Retrievers. The classes I’ve taken are Puppy 1 & 2, FS 1, FS 2, FS3, Attention 1 & 2, Pre-Novice, Skills & Drills and Rally 1.

After taking many classes, I feel CABTC has given me great opportunities to get to the next level. I have received advice from instructors and other members that I could not possibly gain on my own. The club let me gain a greater relationship with my dogs and also have some fun at the same time taking classes and competing in trials. One of the highlights of joining CABTC is I am able to meet a lot of different people and dogs. There is a huge amount of expertise here at CABTC. Club members are always happy to help me. The main thing is am in an environment that everyone loves dogs.

I am willing to volunteer at club events and volunteered at the November Rally 4th and 5th and Obedience trials.

I recently had my dog, Denver, certified as a Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dog. He just earned his AKC Therapy Dog Novice title. I volunteer at Metro Hospital one to two times per week visiting patients and staff. He also has his BN, RN and CGC. Some of my hobbies: Running Marathons, Triathlons, and 1/2 Ironman’s. In my spare time I like to do some home brewing and wine making. I am a big OSU football fan.

Sponsors: Margie Wunderle and Mike Falatach

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2ND READING

EDIE LE BOUTON – I have Labrador retrievers. The classes I've taken are Puppy, Puppy 1, FS1, FS2, FS3, beginners agility, advanced beginners agility, advanced intermediate agility and advanced agility. Years ago, CABTC offered a weaving class where we learned to weave our dog into the first pole from any angle, Good Canine class. Four of my dogs have trained at CABTC.

My hours were cut during COVID and I had to buy my own insurance from the market place. I had little extra money so some things had to go. Membership at CABTC was one thing. Now I have money again. I still volunteer at special events and CABTC trials that are held at the building.

Back in the early 2000's, before I knew you could belong, I worked every single trial Yann, and I went to. After I joined the club, I worked every single trial Samson, and I went to and now I work every trial Hank and I go to. I have helped teach Puppy 1 and Puppy 2 and have worked in the office.

I've continued volunteering in 2023 and am willing to do it as I have already proven.

I retired from my tech job. I work with Hank (Samson is 13 now and has bad hips). Hank and I are working toward the field trials. I went and watched one recently and learned a lot while I was there. Hank runs in FastCat. I garden, read, and enjoy my life.

Sponsors: Cindy Chaytor and Shannon Boeset

3RD READING

GAYLE RANDALL – I have an English Springer Spaniel, Alvie, and a Brittany Spaniel. We have taken 19 classes including FS1, FS 2 and FS 3, Attention 1 & 2, three Rally classes and Tricks and Games.

I love taking classes and working with Alvie. I enjoy the training and I love learning from others. I'm hoping to learn more about showing.

I'm willing to volunteer at club events. I haven't yet because I didn't know was offered. I love learning and experiencing new things with Alvie.

I am an avid reader. I still work full-time. I love taking classes with Alvie. We are selling into our 150-year-old farmhouse and moving to a condo! I love to garden and will now have a much smaller yard. We walk/hike every day. I love to travel.

Sponsors: Margie Wunderle and Laura Comerford

KATRINA KOEHNLE – I have a Rottweiler and we've been taking agility classes on Wednesday mornings for three years.



I'm getting more involved with agility and went to Invitationals last year. I'm getting a puppy, hopefully, in the next few months. I tried agility with my other two dogs before and it didn't work out for them. I have volunteered at trials and am willing to continue to do so.

I'm also a horse-riding instructor, so I have teaching experience.

Sponsors: Kathie Lester and Janice Bourell-Casey



Alicia Aguilar – I have a Pembroke Welsh Corgi and a Cardigan Welsh Corgi. We've participated in Foundation Skills I, 2, and 3, Beginner Novice, Novice, Beginner Open, Utility A, Future Stars, and Agility 102.

I would like to get more involved in club activities, including helping out with trials. I have an interest in teaching classes eventually as well. I volunteer at all of the agility trials that I am at and try to help out others when they need it and would be willing to continue to volunteer.

I grew up in Oklahoma and moved to Cleveland for the MD/PhD program at Case Western Reserve University. I am currently working on my PhD in Immunology. I have gotten into strategy board games in the past couple years, so I'm doing a lot of that now. I also play the bassoon and piano and like to join games of pick-up soccer when I can.

Sponsors: Kay Wood and Janice Bourell-Casey



This *Thank You* note was received:

Thank you so much for the wonderful cards and flowers. I really appreciate everything!

It is great to be home now with the best therapy – my dog!

Thank you so much,

Marty Stefaniak



Thank you to everyone who attended the policy meetings, shared their thoughts, and worked to update our policies to fairly fit the needs of our members and students.

Life Membership Effective 11/12/2023

Purpose: To honor members who have shown a long commitment and dedication to the betterment of the Club.

Eligibility: To be nominated for Life Membership, a member needs to meet the following criteria:

- Hold a Regular Membership
- Membership for 20 years
- Service to the club throughout their membership years in a significant capacity, including but not limited to:
 - Trial secretary
 - Officer/member of the Board of Directors
 - Trial chairperson
 - Office Manager
 - Class instructor
 - Newsletter editor
 - Committee chair
 - Building manager
 - Class registration
 - Webmaster
- The focus for Life Membership is to see a pattern of service to the club of 10 or more years.

Process: Any member in good standing may nominate any other member for Life Membership at any time. Life Membership nominations should be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary who will proceed as set forth in the Bylaws. Nominations should include a summary of the member's qualifications, service to the Club, and any other information pertinent to the Club's consideration of the nomination.

Per the Bylaws (Article III, Section 1)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP – may be conferred upon any regular member in recognition of service to the Club. A unanimous recommendation by the Board and the affirmative vote by ballot of two-thirds of the members in attendance at a regular meeting of the Club at which such membership is considered shall be required to elect a life member.





Policy for Free Classes Effective 11/12/2023

Purpose: To encourage, incentivize, and recognize members who contribute to the Club on a regular and ongoing basis by offering them the ability to earn free classes to train their personal dogs.

Once eligible, members may redeem their free class on any class offered by the Club. Upon reaching eligibility, members should email office@cabtc.org for additional information on how to redeem their free class.

Free classes must be redeemed within one (1) year of being earned. However, members may petition the Board regarding the ability to use earned classes at a later date and this will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Free classes cannot be transferred to others outside of the same household and they have no cash value.

CABTC understands there are situations where life commitments may require a sabbatical from a position that earns a free class. Although the need for an *occasional* sabbatical is understood, the intention of this Policy is that members must work consistently through the training year in order to maintain these privileges. Requests for sabbaticals must be submitted to the Training Director(s) for Instructors, Head Office Manager for Office Managers, and to the President for all other positions. Criteria in determining the ability to maintain receipt of a free class through a sabbatical would be length of membership and commitment to the Club, reason for the sabbatical, and length of time requested for the sabbatical. At the conclusion of the sabbatical, it is assumed the member will return to their position. Requests for a sabbatical will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Deviation from this Policy requires Board approval. The Board will review this policy each October to evaluate the eligibility criteria and Club positions that qualify.

Instructors

- Eligibility: New instructors must work three (3) consecutive sessions to qualify for their first free class.
- Frequency: Once eligible, instructors earn a free class for every complete session taught.

Head Office Manager

- Handles schedule for office managers, orders office supplies, handles management and organization of the office.
- Eligibility: Upon acceptance of position
- Frequency: Two classes per session.

Office Managers

- Eligibility: New office managers must work twenty-one (21) hours to qualify for their first free class.



- Frequency: One eligible, office managers must continue to work a minimum of seven (7) hours per session to earn a free class for that session.

Building Manager(s)

- Maintains the building on a regular basis, coordinates outside repairs, communicates with the Board regarding building needs.
- Eligibility: Upon acceptance of position
- Frequency: Two classes per session.

Loose Leads Editor

- Creates the club newsletter at least six (6) times per year so that the membership meetings are announced. Coordinates with the Communications Coordinator and Webmaster to publish and post Loose Leads.
- Eligibility: Upon acceptance of position
- Frequency: One class per session

Communications Coordinator

- Maintains the Club's email listserv and ensures Club communications and announcements are circulated on a regular basis.
- Eligibility: Upon acceptance of position
- Frequency: One class per session

Webmaster(s)

- Keeps the CABTC website up to date with announcements, schedules, etc.
- Eligibility: Upon acceptance of position
- Frequency: One class per session

Sunshine

- Sends out cards, flowers, etc. to members on an as needed basis. Reports activity to Corresponding Secretary prior to Board meetings so that Board can stay informed.
- Eligibility: Upon acceptance of position.
- Frequency: One class per quarter.

Trial Secretaries

- This includes agility, obedience, rally, scent, tracking events, and AKC family events.¹ This person may be the same for multiple trials or it may be a different person for each trial.
- Eligibility: Upon completion of trial.
- Frequency: Either two classes per trial day or other comparable benefit.

Trial Chairpersons

- This includes agility, obedience, rally, scent, and tracking events, and AKC family events. This person may be the same for multiple trials or it may be a different person for each trial.

¹ The current Agility Secretaries have elected not to receive free classes.



- Eligibility: Upon completion of trial.
- Frequency: Either one class per trial day or other comparable benefit.

Run-Thru Chairpersons

- This includes agility, obedience, rally, and scent run-thrus that are scheduled periodically during the year. This specifically includes virtual event organizers.
- Eligibility: This person must hold at least two (2) run thrus to qualify for a free class.
- Frequency: One class per run thru.

Run-Thru Instructors

- This includes the bi-monthly obedience run thrus during several months a year.
- Eligibility: This person must hold at least two (2) run thrus to qualify for a free class.
- Frequency: One class per session

Obedience/Rally Committee Chairperson

- Oversees the obedience/rally committee, schedules regular meetings open to the membership and communicates directly with the board.
- Eligibility: Upon acceptance of position.
- Frequency: One class every session.

Agility Committee Chairperson

- Oversees the agility committee, schedules regular meetings open to the membership and communicates directly to the board.
- Eligibility: Upon acceptance of position.
- Frequency: One class every session

Scent Committee Chairperson

- Oversees the scent committee, schedules regular meetings open to the membership and communicates directly to the board.
- Eligibility: Upon acceptance of position.
- Frequency: One class every session

Class Scheduler(s)

- Creates and maintains the class schedules for the respective classes and communicates them to all necessary individuals (website, Registration Administrators, office and Training Directors):
- Eligibility: Upon acceptance of position
- Frequency: One class every session

Registration Administrator(s)

- Verifies and confirms registrations, requests refunds as needed, responds to emails regarding registration questions, ensures registrations are processed in a timely manner. In the event of club closure or other notifications need to be sent urgently, will email the classes affected.
- Eligibility: Upon acceptance of position
- Frequency: Two classes every session



DogBiz Pro Administrator(s)

- Responsible for building and maintaining the class schedule within DBP. Responsible for building the actual class and class description within DBP. Responsible for creating Promo codes when necessary. Complete any major changes to the classes such as a rate increase.
- Eligibility: Upon acceptance of position
- Frequency: One class every session

DogBiz Pro Roster Coordinator

- Responsible for printing and re-printing as necessary the rosters for each class each week. This person is also responsible for getting the rosters to the club and making an additional copy for the office binders.
- Eligibility: Upon acceptance of position.
- Frequency: One class every session.

DogBiz Pro Homework Emailing System

- Responsible for building and maintaining the 'lists' for the emailing system, responsible for verifying that each class participant is on the 'emailing list' for their class, schedule the campaigns to send the homework and verify that the homework was sent. On occasion, needs to work with handler if homework was not received.
- Eligibility: Upon acceptance of position.
- Frequency: One class every session.

Agility Class Weekly Course Builder (Chief course builder and backup course builder)

- Builds course on a weekly basis for classes held at CABTC
- Eligibility: Upon acceptance of position
- Frequency: One class every session.

Obedience CGC Testing Coordinator

- Coordinates, markets, and runs the five (5) CGC tests held in combination with the completion of FSI, FSII, and FSIII. Submits all required paperwork to the AKC.
- Eligibility: Upon completion of first test.
- Frequency: One class every session in which a CGC test is held.

AKC Family Events Coordinator

- Coordinates, markets, and runs all of the AKC Family events (ex: ATT, ACT, etc.) Submits all required paperwork to the AKC.
- Eligibility: Upon completion of first event.
- Frequency: One class every session.

Rental Committee Chairperson

- Oversees all equipment and building rentals, including responding to inquiries, negotiation, pricing, contracts, scheduling, and interfacing with third parties.
- Eligibility: Upon acceptance of position.
- Frequency: One class every session

Board of Directors/Officers



- Eligibility: Current members of the board
- Frequency: One class every session

Lifetime Members

- Any member bestowed lifetime membership status under the Bylaws.
- Eligibility: Upon receiving lifetime membership and no longer eligible for a free class under another provision of this policy (ex: a lifetime member who retires from instructing).
- Frequency: One class every session.



Policy for Key Distribution & Utilization Effective 11/12/2023

Purpose: Becoming a key bearing member of the Club is a privilege provided to member in recognition of their ongoing support and commitment, which contributes substantially to the growth and financial well-being of our club. Key bearing members make it a priority to improve and support the Club with their time and expertise. It is expected that positions for which someone receives a key are filled in such a manner that the time spent preparing for attending the activities and/or fulfilling the responsibilities of the recognized position are relatively equal to that of an instructor or office manager who is eligible for a key. Additionally, these key bearing positions are those that may require access to the building during times when the building is locked.

1) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS: Members that hold one of following positions are eligible to receive a key and to train at the facility during off hours as discussed in more detail below. Unless otherwise stated, members are eligible for a key at the time they accept the position and must maintain the position to remain eligible to keep their key.

- Instructors - New instructors must work three (3) consecutive sessions to qualify for a key. Thereafter, instructors must teach a minimum of five (5) of six (6) sessions in obedience and six (6) of seven (7) sessions in agility to maintain their key privileges during the year.
- Head Office Manager
- Office Managers – All office managers will receive a key upon acceptance of the position to access the building during the hours they work in the office. However, new office managers must work twenty-one (21) hours to qualify to train in the building during off hours.
- Building Manager(s)
- Communications Coordinator
- Webmaster(s)
- Trial Secretaries
- Trial Organizers (in obedience these are the Trial Chairs, while in Agility and Scent these are the individuals that coordinate judges, volunteers, food, setup/teardown, etc., as well as ribbon managers, as approved by the respective groups)
- Run-Thru Chairperson – must conduct a minimum of two (2) run-thrus per year
- Obedience and Rally Committee Chairperson/Training Director
- Agility Committee Chairperson/Training Director



- Scent Committee Chairperson/Training Director
- Board of Directors/Officers
- Agility Class Weekly Course Builder (Chief course builder and backup course builder)
- Obedience CGC Testing Coordinator
- AKC Family Events Coordinator
- Rental Committee Chair
- Kitchen Manager
- Supplies Manager

Other positions eligible for full-time key bearing status may be considered by the Board when presented with such a request. Additionally, the respective Training Directors and/or President may assign keys to Club members on a temporary basis who require access to the building for performance of other Club functions. This key assignment does not imply full key bearing privileges (training during off hours) and the key must be returned within one (1) week of the event for which it was assigned. The key will also be turned off in the key system immediately after the event. In lieu of a physical key fob, the Training Directors and/or President may also grant access to a member via remote means.

2) KEY APPROVAL AND REVIEW: All key distribution will be approved by the Board and deviation from any portion of this policy requires Board approval.

The respective Training Directors and Head Office Manager will do an annual review of eligible key bearing members during the month of September.

The Board will review the eligibility criteria and Club positions that qualify for a key annually and conduct a final review and approval of the key bearing members during the month of October. Periodic updates will take place as needed. Additionally, the Board reserves the right to deactivate a key and/or to request the key be returned as deemed necessary by the Board.

3) BUILDING USE:

Open floor time is given to CABTC members in recognition of their service to CABTC. Key bearing CABTC members using the building for training may be occasionally be accompanied by other CABTC members **currently** registered and attending CABTC classes. A CABTC instructor may occasionally be accompanied by a student currently registered and attending class.

It is recommended that the building be utilized in the spirit of cooperation. Every attempt will be made to post advance notice of such events at the building. However, priority for building utilization will be as follows:

- Regularly Scheduled Classes
- Make-up classes and/or scheduled club functions
- Cleaning, exterminating and other general building maintenance
- CABTC Key Bearing members training during off hours (note that instructors of any class “own” the floor for the 15 minutes before or after their class, class schedule permitting)



No member shall provide private lessons to anyone on the Club premises for which the member receives remuneration,² be it for a member or non-member. In addition, no member shall receive private lessons on the Club premises for which the member provides remuneration for said private lessons.

The building should always be left in ready condition for classes and properly secured according to the posted procedures.

4) SABBATICALS: CABTC understands there are situations where life commitments may require a sabbatical from a key bearing position. Although the need for an *occasional* sabbatical is understood, the intention of this Policy is that key bearing members work consistently through the training year in order to maintain both the key and its privileges. Requests for sabbaticals must be submitted to the Training Director(s) for Instructors, Head Office Manager for Office Managers, and to the President for all other positions. Criteria in determining the ability to maintain receipt of a key through a sabbatical would be length of membership and commitment to the Club, reason for the sabbatical, and length of time requested for the sabbatical. At the conclusion of the sabbatical it is assumed the member will return to their position. Requests for a sabbatical will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

5) POSSESSION OF KEY: Building keys may not be loaned to any other person for any reason. In the event a key is lost, stolen, or misplaced, notification must be immediately made to the President so that the key can be deactivated.

6) PERSONAL SAFETY: It is recommended that when training alone or during off hours that you lock yourself in the building. It is also recommended you carry a cell phone on your person when you are in the building or leave the building to go to the potty area/parking lot.

Any safety concerns should be immediately reported to 911 or the Brooklyn Heights Police Department (“BHPD”). We recommend that you save the number for BHPD (216-741-1327) in your phone in the event you ever need it. Should you ever need to call 911, because of the location of the building being near the city line, it was recommended by BHPD that you inform the dispatcher that you are located within Brooklyn Heights to save time on dispatching the correct agency. Emergency numbers, including BHPD and Brooklyn Heights Fire Department, as well as location of the AED, first aid kits, and the nearest emergency vets, are posted around the Club, including:

- In the gathering space on the bulletin board and by the computer;
- In the kitchen on the bulletin board;
- In the puppy room by the door to the hallway;
- In Suite A on the bulletin board by the doors to the kitchen and by the overhead door; and
- In Suite B on the bulletin board, by the cabinet, and by the entrance.

It is also your responsibility to ensure that the doors to the building are locked when you leave (or to ensure that someone else in the building has accepted responsibility for locking them).

² For purposes of this Policy, “remuneration” means payment in money, goods, and/or services, whether remuneration is made on or off the premises.



7) POLICY VIOLATIONS: Violation of this policy may result in suspension and/or loss of key bearing privileges. In the case of a violation, the Board will review and take appropriate action.

8) KEY RECEIPT: Individuals receiving a key must sign below to confirm receipt and acknowledgement that they understand and agree with the guidelines stated in this Policy.

Member Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____



We are looking to update the CABTC website with pictures of members' dogs. If you have some you would like to share, please send them to our webmaster, Chuck Pilny at cpilny@twc.com. Landscape format is the best.

If you notice any corrections that need to be made to the information on our website, please contact Chuck Pilny at cpilny@twc.com.

Thanks,

Chuck Pilny



Thanks to Carolyn Lincoln and Kara Girvin, we have active social media sites!

Carolyn manages the [Cleveland All-Breed Agility](#) Facebook group. If you're a group member you are permitted to post anything agility related. You don't need to send your post to Carolyn first for approval.

Kara manages the [Cleveland All-Breed Training Club](#) Facebook page. She's also working on our [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts. Don't forget to follow, friend and like us on social media! That's a great way to keep up with what everyone is doing.





PARKING UPFRONT AGAINST THE BUILDING IN DESIGNATED "INSTRUCTOR PARKING ONLY" SPOTS

Our obedience classes on Monday night run from 4:15pm to 8 pm and 5 pm to 8 pm Tuesday and Wednesday in Suite A. These times also include the Puppy I classes in the Puppy Room. On Monday nights there could be up to 16 instructors looking for parking spots just on Monday nights, 9 on Tuesday and 15 on Wednesday nights. Some instructors can be there from 6pm to 9pm or later teaching 2 classes.

There are only eight regular parking spots along the front side of Suite A, as you can see, not enough for all the instructors who are teaching. We do have access to three spots behind Wise's building next to the dumpster. There should be no parking beside Wise's building beyond their sign tagged Wise parking only all the way up to the front of their building. Thank you to those instructors who have so kindly chosen to park in those spots and along the corner in the front of the main building (tagged instructor parking) so up-front spots can then be utilized by other instructors.

There are signs that say, "Instructor Parking Only". Instructor Parking means if you are an instructor and you are teaching that night. Out of courtesy for your fellow instructors who come in to teach later and who are picking up the "night shift" and must leave after dark, please do not park up front against the building if you are not teaching that night.

Instructors, please remind students at the beginning of class (or before class starts if possible) that if they are parked in these spots, they need to move their cars to another location before participating in class.

Your consideration for your fellow instructors will be graciously appreciated - Thank You!

CABTC OB Dir of Training Team



There is a **FREE STUFF CORNER** in the Gathering Area. Donations from AG, SCWK, and other stuff from deep in storage. Please take a look in the corner and take it away!

If anyone else finds stuff that is no longer needed for classes, please feel free to add it to the **FREE STUFF CORNER!**

AND...as more stuff is found it will be added to the corner, so keep checking back. I'm working my way around the storage areas and corners to organize what we have and free up space where possible. The Maintenance cabinets and the space over the bathrooms in Suite B are on the list.

Enjoy, there may be some real treasures in there.

Deb Kaufman



Beginning January 2024, the non-members class prices will increase by \$10. Member class prices will not change.



CABTC FUNDRAISING EXTRAVAGANZA!



Our Maui Fundraising event was not only great fun, but a resounding success! Kudos to Cindy Chaytor, Amada Kost and everyone who worked to put this event together. There was a human and doggy bake sale, crafts, run-thrus and title opportunities!







Dear Maui Humane Society,

The members of Cleveland All-Breed Training Club, Inc. (“CABTC”) have been inspired to find ways to help the pets in Maui during their time of crisis, relocation, and healing. Drawing on CABTC’s relationship with the American Kennel Club and the members’ years of training experience and love of dogs, CABTC recently held a fundraising “extravaganza” with several events, trials, and a craft and bake sale.

In that spirit, please find the enclosed check for \$3,877.00 as a donation to be earmarked specifically to help pets that have been injured and/or displaced from their homes in Maui due to the recent fires. Just as our pets unselfishly comfort us when we need it most, it is our hope that this donation will bring some relief, reassurance, and hope to those Maui animals when they have been uprooted from their homes and safety.

We understand that you are incredibly busy, but if you have a moment in the coming weeks, we would love to receive an update from you that we can share with our members. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to all the pets of Maui.

Kind Regards,

Audrey K. Bentz

President, Cleveland All-Breed Training Club



Our membership meetings are held six times a year at the Cleveland All-Breed facility, Suite A. You can attend in person or via Zoom. Links to the Board and Membership meetings are sent out a few days ahead of time via email. Membership meetings generally last a half-hour to an hour and start at 7pm. Join us and get *ALL* the gossip firsthand!

2023 Meeting Dates

November 16

Board Meetings are held via Zoom on the second Sunday of each month at 730 pm.



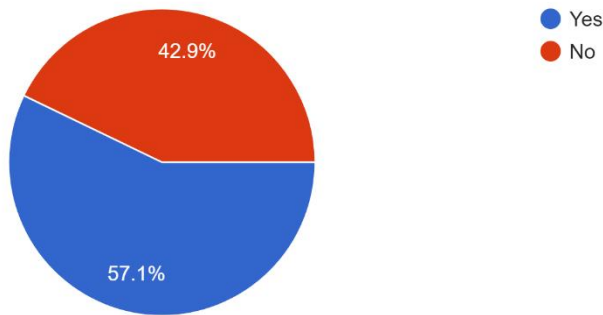
Below are the “In-Person Membership Meeting” survey results for your review. Big thanks to the 71 members who took the time to answer the brief questionnaire! Next steps discussion will be on the agenda at our Thursday, November 16, membership meeting. You can join in at 7 p.m. via Zoom or in person at the Club. The Zoom call link will be shared later this week.

Fran Dacek

Thank you, Fran, for this undertaking.

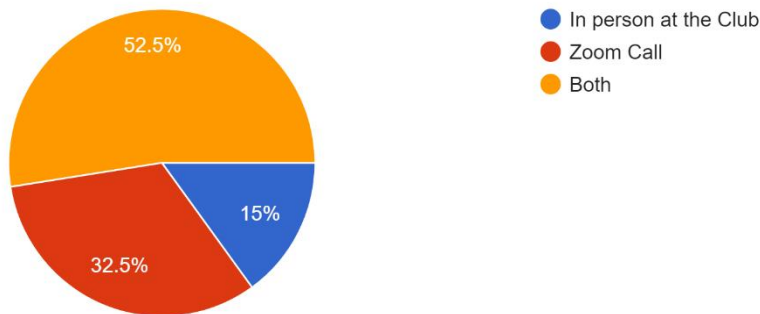
Have you attended any CABTC Membership Meetings so far in 2023?

70 responses



If yes, how did you attend?

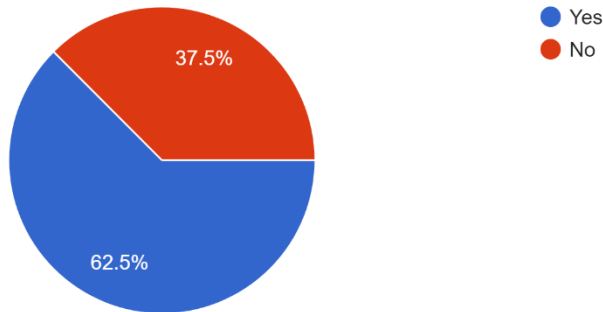
40 responses





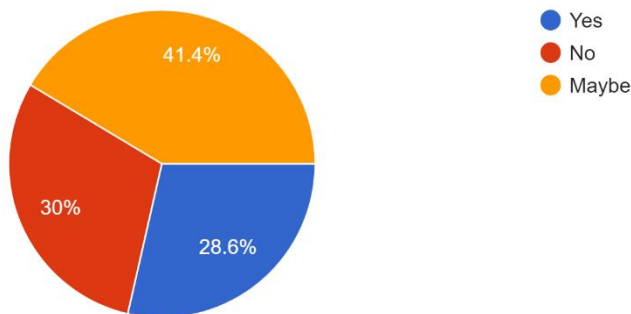
Do you see value in planning more face to face interactions in 2024?

64 responses



Would you attend three in-person membership meetings in 2024?

70 responses



If no, or maybe, what are your concerns? 40 responses

Covid

I don't drive after dark

Maybe 2 would be a better start.

Zoom is so much more convenient and efficient

I just don't have time to attend due to full time job.

I think two potlucks and membership meetings would be fun. I would not attend more.

I prefer zoom



I live 29 miles away from CABTC and it takes 45 minutes to drive there. Because of the time involved and the cost of gasoline, I have been trying to drive there no more than three times per week. If I participate in the fundraisers, go to committee meetings, or volunteer at run-throughs or trials, that adds a fourth trip in a week.

there have been a number of covid outbreaks at trials - trying to limit in-person activity

I have no concerns about in person meetings

I live out of state

I am down at the club so much can not do an extra night

Im always there

I don't drive after dark.

Do a lot of therapy work and not always sure if I will be able to attend.

It's a long way to travel in the evening. I have found virtual business meeting are the best use of everyone's time.

Schedule conflict for Thursday evenings

Sunday nights are hard to make

Very busy and the meetings may hard to fit in

Randomly thinking about the recent increase in Covid

I am out of town for almost 5 months a year.

would attendance make a difference

I teach on Thursday nights. It is nice to have the night off for membership meetings.

I would not be able to make in-person meetings due to family

Finding the time, it's hard when having to work

Meetings on Zoom are focused, less contentious and shorter.

I do not do much driving at night any more particularly in the winter. That means that I most likely would not attend the Nov. Jan & March meetings assuming they are held at night. I would enjoy attending CABTC



Membership meetings again. Would it be possible to schedule one or two in person meetings on a Saturday or Sunday maybe at 11am or later, particularly the January or March meeting? I know lots of people go to trials on the weekends but usually not much happening in January. I've been a member since at least 2000. The meetings in those days were usually well attended because it was the only way you could find out what was happening at CABTC. Technology is great for many things but it's not good for having that personal connection with members we don't see very often.

Scheduling conflicts

Very busy in the evenings. Don't see any value.

Weather. Driving distance. Time interference with work.

I don't drive at night

I, personally, can rarely attend due to another obligation on Thursdays.

conflict with work on Thursdays

Availability

Prefer zoom due to covid

I don't like evening events as I live 35 minutes from the club.

I believe most people's concerns would be related to schedule or weather!

Im so busy with my dogs as a breeder and trainer and competitor in both show and performance I have very little time to go to meetings. I read the minutes and volunteer usually for obedience and scent work but even that this year has been tough with my husband's full knee replacement surgery, and breeding and 2 week old puppies at home. All is well however. Thanks for asking us!

It depends if I have plans that evening. I usually have a conflict.

What other comments or ideas do you have about meetings? 29 responses.

Definitely need pot luck

In the past, we used to have a speaker come in and talk briefly on a topic when everyone was enjoying their meal.... Hutch gave a talk on OFA health checks, someone gave a talk on the benefits of raw food and so on..... meetings were definitely better attended... maybe it was the food :)

I love that they are short. I think they should either be ALL virtual or in person. Having some people virtually and others in person doesn't make sense.



Food - it's important for us to share community time & programs

I am happy the way they are

Need value to the meetings

Like zoom

None

No

Have food.

Different nights and educational speakers

In-person membership meetings are more personal and a warmer way sharing time with members you don't see often because of the different days class are held on.

Most people are so busy with activities they do not have time to add more

I would be more interested in attending if after the meeting there would be an activity I could do with my dog. Having a runthru or learning a skill or trick.

While I like to see my fellow club members, I get most of my info via email.

The only comment was it was hard to hear in the bigger room with the number of people we had. I would consider keeping the option of zoom in addition to in-person

Keeping the meetings short

I think the July meeting was an indication that people will attend in person. COVID put a stop to in person. Previously all meetings were in person which gave people a chance to get to know each other a bit better.

I like the idea of focus groups and small meetings to accomplish specific tasks where members with vested interests can participate.

In the past we've had a potluck of some type. That seemed to have brought out members. Ex.: Appetizers night, Potato bar, Taco night, Pizza extravaganza, Dessert night, etc.



It would be nice to have at least a rough outline of what might be discussed at a particular meeting so if that topic is of particular interest the member could plan to attend the meeting. Thanks. Betsy Kapp

Really think we should check with AKC about amending our New Member voting policies to allow remote (email/voting software) and/or only board vote approvals.

if you feed people, they tend to show up in person more. we always had food at the meeting before covid. i think if you go back to that, more people will show up.

Possibly an occasional in person meeting for special events or reasons would be warranted. activities as a club would be fun- making toys, share treat samples and recipies, learn some fun but unusual tricks, learn a few freestyle moves,

In person meetings are good to help put faces to names. To encourage these meetings could we have a pot luck dinner for one out of three to encourage people to come down? It could be very, very casual to minimize planning, set up, and clean up. More like a casual social gathering.

I really don't know I zoom to my regional club meeting and with a group in California -0 its very hard I know to accommodate everyone.

I thought it was better when we shared a meal.





The Thea Hynes Memorial Versatility Award recognizes Pyrs whose activities are focused first on Service to their owner and others. This award was designed by Thea, whose Service Dog Pyr assisted with her many daily activities and saved her life several times. This award is given once in the dog's lifetime. This year Thea Hynes Memorial Versatility Award is given to:

GCH CH Rivergroves She Loves a Parade CGCA CGCU THDA TKI ATT VHMA (Macee), owned by Michael Falatach of Ohio.

Seven-year-old Macee from Ohio is our fourth Great Pyrenees to earn this award. Macee earned her Versatility Emissary and Versatility Excellent titles this past year. She travels to St. Augustine Health Campus, the Metro Health Hospital Campus, Cleveland Clinic Avon, and Case Western Reserve

University as a therapy dog. She has completed close to 200 visits as a certified therapy dog with Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs. In addition to her therapy dog work, Macee is a Grand Champion, has all three Canine Good Citizen certificates, has passed the American Temperament Test, enjoys hiking and has participated in Public Education about Great Pyrenees.

Macee receives this permanent trophy in recognition for her work and the Thea Hynes Memorial Traveling Trophy, which she will keep until the 2024 GPCA National Specialty.





GCH CH Rivergroves Chateau de Castlenau CGCA CGCU TKN VHMA VA (Castle), was awarded the Versatility Emissary and Versatility Excellent from the Great Pyrenees Club of America.

Castle Rocks White Rose BN FDC THDA CGCA CGCU TKI ATT VHMA VA (Rosie) was awarded her Versatility Emissary with 150 therapy dog visits from the Great Pyrenees Club of America.





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Mike Falatach



Butter earned her Rally Championship "RACH" October 27th at Youngstown ABTC. She finished in 20 trials meeting all requirements. She also earned 10 HTQ's (High Triple Q Awards) and 10 HC's (High Combined Awards). She started her RACH journey in July.



Linda MacDonald

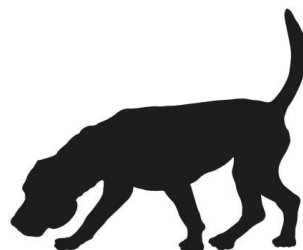


Oct 7&8, 2023
Briard Club of
America Herding
National Trial
found me on
Cloud Nine with
my Briard Trevor.
He had just
finished his
Started C Course
Sheep title



September 15 and we decided to take the big jump to the Advanced class for the National. He was expertly handled by Viola Dyer and received 2 legs toward Advanced. Saturday, he took 2nd Place, High Scoring Briard. Sunday, he took 1st Place, High Scoring Briard, and HIGH IN TRIAL! He was the youngest dog to compete and had some stiff competition. The C course trials are few and far between so receiving 5 legs out of 5 trials this year made me especially proud. Love this boy!

Sonia Collander!



Cleveland All Breed held a 4 dog TDX test at the lovely Sunnybank farm, home of member Lisa Trombo. Our esteemed judges were Ken Barna from Burton, Ohio and Sandy McMillan from Rochester, Illinois. Julie Blair was the secretary of the day and Lisa Trombo the chair of the event. Our tracklayers were Linda Lombardi, Janet Dayton, Lois Dayton, Chris Jurey, Diana Simpson, Diamond Lanham and Tara Petry. Despite the lovely grounds, weather and excellent tracks none of the four dogs. This is not an easy test and only approximately 15% of dogs pass. It takes a lot of work to put on a test and we truly appreciate all of the effort from the whole group! Looking forward to our next CABTC tracking test in May 2024.

Suzy Pare



Cheryl and Rigel completed a herding championship thru AHBA. They scored the last 4 legs in the >90/100 range to finish. Rigel already had a herding championship thru AKC and he is only 3yrs old!



Cheryl Sacerich and Shelties



At CABTC Saturday trial we got Highest Triple and High Combined in Rally.

At Youngstown trial on Friday we had a First place in Novice B and High in Trial and on Saturday we got our CD title and First Place.

Bernadette McFadden and Ivy



Gif earned her FCAT6 in style running 30.21 mph at Dog Sports Unlimited in New Smyrna FL.

Maureen Setter



During Halloween week we attended the Border Collie Nationals held at Purina Farms. This has been a "Bucket List" event for me. Happily, it was such a fun week for us. Cassi amazed me with her accomplishments in Rally, Agility and Scent Work. We also made a number of wonderful new friends throughout the week. The accomplishment I would like to share is our Scent Work success. We entered in each Excellent element. Cassi took 1st place in Interior, Exterior and Container with a 2nd place in Buried. This resulted in her receiving both the Excellent High in Trial and Highest Scoring Border Collie awards. She is the best teammate ever. Tom turkey helps Cassi show off her fabulous High in Trial ribbon.

Doreen Barren

In September Xtra at 16 months earned her ATT, TKN and TKI. Styx at 8 1/2 months earned his CGC, TKN and TKI. So proud of these two.

Sandy Novicky



Huge Congratulations to the Excellent/Master Scent Work class for their outstanding achievements at the CABTC October Scent Work trial. As their instructor, I am so very proud of them.

Standing from left are Barb Kaplan with Max, Suzanne Stachurski with Aria and Rae Smedley with Manchester. Front from left are Eugenia Aranovsky with Rosie, Diann Hach with P'Zazz and Mary Kotabish with Zipper. Every team experienced success and many demonstrated that they could work with confidence while moving up to higher levels.

Max got legs in Exterior Excellent and Interior Excellent as well as finishing his Buried Master title.

Aria Completed her overall Excellent title.

Manchester earned 2 Qs in Interior Excellent to finish his overall Excellent title and went on to qualify in Buried Master and Exterior Master.

Rosie earned two Qs and a 3rd place in Interior Advanced to finish her Interior Advanced title. She also had 2Qs each in Container Excellent (2nd & 1st place) and Buried Excellent (1st & 3rd place).

P'Zazz (15 years young) finished her Interior Novice title with a 3rd place.

Zipper (12 years young) earned 2 Exterior Master legs (1st place in both) to get her Exterior Master title. She also got 2 Interior Master legs (1st & 3rd place). In two of her runs she was the only dog to qualify. In addition, Zipper and Mary made their debut in Detective. While they did not qualify, they had very respectable runs.

Doreen Barren





My 8-year-old Golden, Spock (Emeline's One Hot Vulcan, CDX, MH17, WCX, CCA, VC) earned his CDX on 11/4 at the Cleveland All-breed trial!

It's been about 20 years since my last CDX. I'm super grateful to the supportive obedience community here in NEO and particularly to Joan Durback. You all have reignited my fire for doing competitive obedience.

On to UD.

Ann Lynn

My new addition is Brynlea Fraggie Rock call name: Mayhem. I haven't had a puppy in the house in about 9 years. When I heard Brenda Stiles had a litter of Pembroke Welsh Corgis down, I couldn't pass up the chance to have another Brynlea Pembroke. I picked the name Mayhem because currently my life is a little hectic. Mayhem may show up in the conformation ring at some point.

Libby Kraus





Michael "Mike" Falatach is a recipient of a [2023 Medical Mutual Outstanding Senior Volunteer Award](#). The program shines a spotlight on some of the most impactful yet unsung heroes across Ohio and celebrates older adults who selflessly give of their time and talent to help the people and communities around them.

At MetroHealth, Mike and his dogs volunteer with Loving Paws, a program that brings teams of therapy dogs and their handlers for short meet-and-greet sessions with patients, visitors and employees.

Mike's calling as a provider of healing through therapy dogs began 33 years ago, when his family got a "big, white and hairy" show-dog Great Pyrenees. They had the dog complete the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen training program, which teaches good manners to dogs and responsible dog ownership to their owners.

After that, Mike started doing therapy work with dogs. Since retiring, he has turned his volunteer work into an almost-full-time endeavor, training other dogs, mentoring dog owners, organizing and scheduling an entire corps of volunteer dog owners and, of course, visiting patients and caregivers at MetroHealth, other area hospitals, nursing homes, and more.

According to the award nomination, hugging, petting and loving Mike's dogs do different things for different people. For some patients, the interactions are simply comfort at a difficult time. For others, the dogs ease the sadness of being separated from their own pets. For MetroHealth employees, it's a comforting and boosting reprieve from a long shift of hard work.

The impact and inspiration of Mike and his dogs – and the network of handlers he's built and mentored – are truly immeasurable. In just the last three years, Mike's 600 visits have touched an estimated 50,000 patients, impacting their health and their lives, and inspiring them to become better owners of their own pets.

Mike's tireless passion to share the healing power of therapy dogs epitomizes the highest ideals of volunteer service: to give away our most precious resource, our time, to help and to serve our community and our neighbors.



Mike Falatach



DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
NOVEMBER 16	7 pm	Membership Meeting	CABTC/ZOOM
DECEMBER 2	8:00 am	Agility Run-Thru	CABTC
DECEMBER 8-10		Agility Trial	CABTC
DECEMBER 16-17		Scent Work Trial	CABTC
DECEMBER 21	6:30 pm	CGC Test	CABTC





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See you in 2024!