

GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS



JANUARY, 2017

**Training Schedule:
Class Sessions Can Be
Found on the GND OC
Website**

**INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED Classes are still
held on Saturday mornings. Space is limited, so
make sure to sign up for the classes you want!**

JANUARY – Happy New Year!!

CLUB BUSINESS & MORE

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL!

Announcement of cancellation will be by email.
Make sure your email is correct as listed on the
membership list.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is due by January 15, 2017. Cost is still \$65/year. **Forms are available at the club. Please note we need a completed Membership form each year. Please print legibly.**

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS: On Monday evening, 1/30/2017, there will be a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test held at the Club. For those interested, a review of the exercises in the CGC test will be held Monday, 1/23/2017.

Cheryl wanted me to also mention that a review of the requirements for Therapy Dog testing will also be available, with the CGC, on January 23 & 30. Same process of review on the 23rd and test on the 30th. As a heads up, Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. has a \$20.00 test fee. Also people can go to their website and look at the test. People will see in Bright & Beautiful, a CGC is not required; however, if people go to the Nor'wester Therapy Dog site they will find they require the CGC and clearances. This is a good starting place, especially if people have an interest in reading programs with kids.

ANNUAL CLUB AWARD BRUNCH: Our Annual Club Brunch will be held at Gracie's located at 17 Limekiln Pike in Glenside, PA (beside the Pizza Box) on Sunday, 2/26/2017 at 11:00 a.m.. **Please RSVP to Andrea so she can give the restaurant an accurate count. Phone is 215-542-9715; cell is (215) 801-4067 and email is asklenar2@verizon.net .**

*** NOTE REGARDING AWARD PLAQUES:** For those Club Members who have earned their first Obedience title this year, we also need information about the titles you earned in this format:

AKC CD 2016

Remember, once you and your dog earn your first Obedience title, then your other titles from other venues can be added to your plaque. For those Club Members that have plaques if 2016 titles need to be added, please bring your plaque to class.

BRAGS

Nyssa's Brag:

I don't know how I missed the news that Mini-Poodle, Nyssa and Doris earned their AKC CD title in October, 2016, despite the handler (*Doris's words – not mine!!*) with a great score of 190!! Congrats to you both and it's great to see you training and doing so well in Open!

Andy and her Chessie, Rio, and Portie, Ben, have been showing successfully in Rally. Here are their brags:

Rio's Brag:

Rio successfully completed her RAE (rally advanced excellent) title on November 6th at Back Mountain Kennel Club in Bloomsburg, PA. An RAE is the rally equivalent of a UDX, the team must qualify in two classes (Advanced and Excellent) at the same trial to get a leg. To get the RAE, the team must qualify at 10 trials.

Rio and I started Rally with the goal of becoming more confident as a team; getting more ring time and experiencing many different trial locations. We did not start with an RAE as the goal. Because we were having fun and qualifying, i.e. Rio was gaining confidence in the ring and we were becoming a team, I wanted to continue competing and RAE was the next level.

I learned that Rio really needed praise and worked with more enthusiasm when she got it. Rio and I keep building on everything we accomplished while competing in Rally. We still use Rally exercises in our warm up.

Ben's Brag:

Ben completed his Rally Novice title on November 20th at Dauphin Dog Training Club in Harrisburg. He had a 94 and a 4th place (there were only 4 dogs) at National Capital Kennel Club in West Friendship, MD; a 95 at Back Mountain Kennel Club in Bloomsburg; and a 92 at Dauphin Dog Training Club. The scores may sound good, but criteria and scoring in Rally is more generous than Obedience.

My goals for Ben were for him to be comfortable on long car rides. I wanted him calm and quiet in his crate in unfamiliar buildings, especially when I was especially when I was working Rio. I wanted to get and keep Ben's attention for short periods of time. The long car ride and the new buildings were not a problem. He was quiet and well behaved in his crate. The attention is an ongoing goal.

I didn't think that after 3 trials Ben's attention would be significantly improved. He needed longer warm ups than Rio. I made sure that I had his attention entering the ring and starting off. Ben got lots of praise when he was with me and reminders to stay in heel position and watch me as needed. Even with all of this, his attention was inconsistent. He is a work in progress.

Ben and I will continue going to class and showing in Rally as long as it reinforces our

obedience. Since Rally Advanced and Excellent are off lead it will be some time before we are ready for this level, but practicing a few simple exercises off lead may be a start.

☞ And a very flattering aside to Rio and Ben's Rally work is that Andy received an email from the AKC that they both are eligible to enter the 4th Annual AKC Rally National Championship being held in Perry, GA in March, 2017! Andy does not plan on attending as she will be working with Rio in Utility, but it is certainly nice to know how well they did and flattering to be invited to enter a championship trial.

Mia's Brag:

Linda and her GSD, Mia, earned their AKC RAE title in Bloomsburg in November, 2016. Great work, Linda!!

GREAT WORK, ALL!!

KEEP TRAINING, AND DON'T FORGET TO
SEND ME YOUR BRAGS!!

WHITE BOARD – 'MINI' BRAGS**Oskar's Brag:**

Oskar actually remained in position for a 3 Minute Sit Stay and a 5 Minute Down Stay without his usual fidgeting! A first for him!

2017 TRAINING GOALS

The Training Goals list is once again attached. How many more exercises have you and your dog learned since last year? This list is a valuable tool to check the status of what you know and decide what you want to learn in the future. (Forms will also be available at the training center)

Use it!

ANIMAL REHAB NOW CLOSE BY!

Cheryl recently sent me an email that Horsham Veterinary Hospital has recently leased some of their space to WAG, the Whole Animal

Gym, which specializes in pain management, fitness, rehabilitation, etc. It is run by a veterinarian, and uses largely alternative treatments to accomplish their goals.

What is animal physical rehabilitation?

Animal physical rehabilitation can make a difference in the lives of all animals. Physical rehabilitation treats animals with dysfunction, injury, pain or physical abnormalities through the application of physics, biomechanics, anatomy, physiology, and psychology. Treatment techniques include modalities (ice, heat, electrical stimulation, and laser), joint mobilization, soft tissue mobilization and massage, therapeutic exercise, aquatic therapy and acupuncture.

Sit

You want me to sit?
You'd like me to sit?
You need me to sit?
You're asking me to sit?
You're saying louder for me to sit?
You're yelling for me to sit?
You're begging for me to sit?
You're pleading for me to sit?
You say the word sit
Like I have any clue what it means
But I love your enthusiasm
So I jump up and down with joy
for the both of us.

-Francesco Marciuliano
*I Could Chew on This
and Other Poems by Dogs*



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Website for Class Schedules, Club News,
Closing for weather, etc., etc.
Our website is: www.gndog.com**

Please feel free to send me any newsworthy tales, stories, jokes, articles (recipes?) or anything else you think may be of interest to our Members for inclusion in future newsletters! Emails are:
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