

GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS



JUNE, 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.**

JUNE – Put FUN in Your Training!

CLUB BUSINESS & MORE

CLUB MEMBER NEWS

Club Member Amy is getting her dogs, Solm (German Shepherd) and Sam (Golden Retriever) a baby human! ETA September, 2017. Congrats Amy and Arnell!!

GND OC CLUB WEAR

We are placing another order for T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. Order blanks are at the building! Get your orders in NOW!!

SPOTLIGHT



Welcome to a new feature, Getting to Know You, which will introduce our Club Members. Our first volunteer is Andy Sklenar. Andy is currently training her two dogs, Rio, a Chesapeake Bay Retriever and Ben, a Portuguese Water Dog. Since Andy has 2 dogs, you'll get insight on her training 2 very different dogs with very different learning styles.

Here are some dog related questions I asked Andy:



**Did you have a dog growing up? What breed?
What was its name?**

My pet growing up was a Miniature Schnauzer. His name was Jonaire Pocono Sharpie's Boy, Poco for short.

What made you decide to take Obedience classes?

I wanted my dog to have what I call house manners, be housebroken and obey basic commands.

Did anyone influence you?

I remember my father taking our schnauzer to obedience school. It was called Kellog's College of Canine Knowledge.

If money was no object, what would you do?

If money were no object, I would go back to school for veterinary social work – there is such a specialty in social work. It is helping people - veterinarians and staff, people using animal assistance in their work, and animal abuse situations - in connection with their animals.

What was the easiest thing for you to teach your dog?

The easiest thing to teach Rio was to sit.
The easiest thing to teach Ben was to sit.

What is/was the hardest thing for you to teach your dog?

The hardest thing for Rio is not to creep forward on the signal exercise and moving stand.

The hardest thing to teach Ben is not to heel with his butt out.

What was the one thing you thought your dog would never learn?

I thought she'd never learn to stay in place for the signal exercise and moving stand.

Heeling with attention and not forging are things I wasn't sure Ben would learn. They are an ongoing challenge for Ben.

Is there anything you think your dog still will never learn?

I think Rio is capable of learning anything, but I have to be creative training her.

One thing I'm not sure Ben will ever learn is pay attention.

What is the worst thing that has happened while training your dog?

The worst thing that happened in training Rio is that she has decided to stop working with me. She suddenly refused to do any of the utility exercises she knows. It was very frustrating for me. Camille and I were challenged to understand what her behavior meant. We think a limited training schedule is the answer, but time will tell.

The worst thing that has happened while training Ben is having him do the 'zoomies.' I think every one of my dogs at one time or another has done the zoomies (That's when they don't come back at the end of an exercise and just run all around the room.)

What is your favorite memory from your training?

My favorite memory will be when Rio and I go back to being a team. Also, when she took high combined in rally advanced and excellent in Harrisburg.

My favorite memory training Ben is the way

he looks at me as if he's trying so hard to understand what I want him to do.

Camille's instruction and challenging classes have really added a lot of fun to training my dogs. Dog training isn't about learning a particular exercise, but the communication and relationship that develops between dog and handler. I read once that training is the common language that dog and human speak. If *you* aren't having fun, you can bet your dog isn't. Happy training.

Andy Sklenar

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Who would like to be the next Club Member in the Spotlight? ☺ If you are interested, please email me a picture of you and your dog, and your answers to the questions. Thanks!

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BRAGS

Camille and Maya (German Shepherd), Duncan (Sheltie) and Simon (large black dog) all earned their Lure Coursing Titles at the Trenton Kennel Club trial.

Maya has also earned her 4th UDX Leg! Great job! Only 6 more legs to go for your Utility Dog Excellent title!

Andy and her Portuguese Water Dog, Ben, earned their 2nd Beginner Novice Leg at the Philadelphia Dog Club trial in Colmar, PA, with a 188, improving his prior score by 10 points! Ben then went on to earn his Beginner Novice title with a score of 196 and a Third Place!

Doris and her Mini-Poodle, Nyssa also competed at the Lower Camden DTC in the Open A class. Out of 8 dogs that competed, only 2 qualified and Nyssa took 1st Place with a score of 188 ½! The positive progress from Doris's work on Nyssa's inattention issues between the exercises are evidences in them earning their 2nd CDX Leg toward their title. One more to go! Nyssa also earned 4 more legs at the Bayshore Kennel Club Lure Coursing trialss on 6/2/17 and 6/4/17 in Freehold, NJ towards her Coursing Ability Excellent title (*she has 16 legs and needs 25 for this next title*). Keep up the good work and Go Team Nyssa!!

Kathy and her Sheltie, Oskar, earned their 1st Beginner Novice Leg at the Philadelphia Dog Club trial in Colmar, PA, with a score of 186. The hardest part was working with all the distractions of the other handlers and dogs, but he made good progress. Oskar also earned 2 more legs at the Bayshore Kennel Club Lure Coursing trials on 6/4/17 in Freehold, NJ towards his Coursing Ability Advanced title (*he has 6 legs and needs 10 for this next title*).

I also saw on Facebook that Club Member Michele and her Mini Longhaired Dachshund, Colby, had a terrific showing at their Nationals in Kentucky. Michele said: "Ecstatic to share that Colby took High in Trial (HIT) in obedience today at the Dachshund National Specialty show in Kentucky, out of the Open A class with a score of 192.5 (out of 200). This also was his final leg for his Companion Dog Excellent title! He is now officially, "CH Harlequin Little Deuce Coupe ML CDX RE MX MXJ". This is also MY first CDX title! Couldn't be prouder!" In addition, in the Nationals agility trial, Colby took 1st Place in Open Fast, 4th in Masters Standard, and a Q in Masters Jumpers. Great job!!!! Now, on to Utility, Michele!



KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, KEEP TRAINING, AND DON'T FORGET TO SEND ME YOUR BRAGS!!

Trick Title

The AKC has a new title that involves teaching your dog tricks!
Novice Trick Dog (TKN)

The dog performs 10 skills from the Novice list. (see link to "Application" below for lists of skills). If a dog has a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate or title on record at AKC, it can do 5 Novice tricks (CGC + 5) to earn the Novice title! Check out this link to learn more about this new title and how you and your dog can earn it!

http://images.akc.org/pdf/Trick_Dog_Title_NOVICE_Checksheets.pdf

CANINE INFLUENZA VIRUS

(written by Dr. Jerry Klein and distributed through AKC)

This notice is being sent out to provide up-to-date and accurate information about the Canine Influenza Virus to help prevent the spread of the virus to healthy (unexposed) dogs. The information provided is not intended to alarm dog owners and handlers.

Canine Influenza Virus is an extremely contagious airborne disease that is easily spread among dogs, and in rare instances, can be contagious to cats. **If you believe one of your dogs may have contracted the Canine Influenza Virus, immediately isolate it from other animals and contact your veterinarian.**

Here is some additional information about Canine Influenza Virus and tips for how to minimize the risk and reduce the spread of the disease:

Canine Influenza Virus

- Canine Influenza Virus is spread through:
- Close proximity to infected dogs (it is airborne and can travel up to 20 ft.)
- Contact with contaminated items (bowls, leashes, crates, tables, clothing, dog runs, etc.)
- People moving between infected and uninfected dogs
- 80% of all dogs that are exposed to the virus will contract it
- The virus lives up to 24 hours on soft surfaces and up to 48 hours on hard surfaces.
- Some exposed dogs will be subclinical carriers - meaning some dogs will contract and spread the virus without showing symptoms.
- Dogs show clinical signs within 24-48 hours and can shed the virus for up to 28 days from

exposure.

- Most dogs will completely recover with proper treatment.
- Dogs that regularly interact with dogs outside of their own family or frequent places where many dogs gather are most susceptible to exposure to Canine Influenza Virus.

Symptoms

- Dry, hacking cough (similar to kennel cough)
- Lack of appetite
- Lethargy
- Discharge from the nose or eyes
- Fever (normal temperature is 101 – 102)

Prevention

- The best protection is vaccination. There is now a single vaccination for both the H3N2 and H3N8 strains of the virus. The vaccination requires a booster shot two weeks after the initial vaccine. Vaccination provides the best chance of immunity within 7-14 days of booster shot.
- Isolate sick animals and keep them isolated for up to 30 days after symptoms subside.
- Practice good sanitation. Use a bleach and water mixture diluted to 1-part bleach x 30 parts water to disinfect common areas such as tables, bowls, leashes, crates, etc. Allow items to thoroughly air dry for a minimum of 10 minutes before exposing dogs to them. Bleach breaks down quickly so solution should be made daily. Keep in mind that bleach becomes inactive in UV light. If mopping use two buckets so as not to cross contaminate areas
- Wash your hands frequently, ideally between handling different dogs. At the very minimum, hand sanitizer should be used between handling dogs.
- Use disposable gowns or wipe down clothing and shoes with a bleach solution between dogs or after leaving an area where dogs congregate.
- Food/water bowls should be made of stainless steel instead of plastic because scratched plastic is hard to fully disinfect.

Treatment

- Treatment of Canine Influenza Virus requires veterinary assistance. *If you believe your dog may have Canine Influenza Virus, please contact your veterinarian immediately. Untreated, the illness may progress to pneumonia or other,*

more serious problems. H3N2 can lead to severe secondary pneumonia which can cause extremely sick dogs with potential fatalities.

- Most dogs take 2-3 weeks to recover from the illness.

Containment

- Any dog suspected of having Canine Influenza Virus should be immediately isolated from other dogs and should not attend dog shows, day care, grooming facilities, dog parks, or other places dogs gather. Dogs are contagious for up to 30 days once they have started showing symptoms.
- Contact your veterinarian to let them know that your dog may be showing symptoms of Canine Influenza Virus. *If your dog is going to a veterinary hospital or clinic, call ahead to let them know you have a suspected case of Canine Influenza Virus.* They may ask you to follow a specific protocol before entering the clinic to minimize the spread of the disease, including waiting in your car until they are ready to examine your dog.
- Keep sick dogs at home and isolated from other dogs and cats until you are certain the illness has run its course (typically 3-4 weeks).

[Dr. Jerry Klein is a veterinarian in the emergency room at Chicago's largest veterinary emergency and specialty center. He was personally involved in treating hundreds of dogs sickened by the H3N2 virus during its initial outbreak in Chicago in spring of 2015. He is also an AKC licensed judge.]

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Schedules, Club News, Closing
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