

May Meeting

	<h1>Ithaca Dog Training Club</h1>	Monthly Newsletter
		April/May 2021

Meeting

4th Tuesday of every month.

Date: May 25, 2021

Time:

Board Meeting-6:30pm

General Meeting-7:00pm



Please social distance by bringing your own chair and wearing masks.

Place: Susan Morse's house – 10 Sunset West Circle

Directions: Take route 13N from Ithaca towards Dryden. Take a left just after the light of 366S onto Pickney Road across from NYSE & G service parking lot. Continue straight on Pickney. Stop at the stop sign of Lower Creek and continue straight on Pickney road. First left – dead end road. First place on left. Ring will be on the right as you drive up the drive. Drive up to the house. We will be meeting between house and big green metal barn. Park on grass is fine. Park either on left side of ring or between ring and barns.

Need to bring: chair, insect repellent, mask, clothes appropriate for weather, no dogs, no human bathrooms

Program: PLEASE attend this meeting. Many items to be voted on.

None - Nancy will be setting up Zoom programs. Check the list for more details.

Letter from the President:

Members –This is a member only meeting. Bring chairs and wear appropriate clothes for outside weather. We hope that everyone can attend as we will have many things to vote about. I am asking everyone to wear masks and social distance. Some people are still not vaccinated or in the process. Even vaccinated people need to be careful as no vaccination is 100%.

I am reposting information from last newsletter as this will all be reviewed and voted on in May.

The board has approved the following committee members:

Life Membership Committee Chair: Pat Welch Committee members: Tammy Osmeloski, Anne Williams, Deb Bain, and Marian Szebenyi

Nominating committee – Chair: Steve A. Committee members: Deb Bell, Suzanne Etherington, Marguerite Hart and Deb Keith

Training Committee –

Two-year position – Becky Robinson and Marguerite Hart

One-year position – Susanne Etherington and Kerry Boisvert

Continuing for second year – Lynne Anguish, Marian Szebenyi, Jean Bonasera

There is not a Training Director. Membership will vote in May on the new Committee.

The board has approved that \$50 will be given to speakers for their choice of dog charitable organization. Policy below has been approved by the board and will be voted on by general membership in May.

We will continue with the newsletter every month. The deadline for submissions is the week following the meeting which is normally the 4th Tuesday of the month. Thanks, Linda, for keeping this going and Deb too.

2 Policies to be voted on in May. Board has approved.

Added Section IV – General Policies

C Operational related Policies

- **Sickness, Lameness or other for dog and handler**

Dog

If your dog is sick or lame, please notify the instructor, leader of the class, practice, event or other that your dog is sick or lame. Do not bring the dog to the event. If it is a kind of illness that can be passed from dog to dog, like kennel cough, please let the instructor know when the dog was sick and diagnosed. The instructor or other should inform the training director/committee if there is a contagious sickness and may consult with them on appropriate actions. The instructor or person in charge as listed above, will then notify the class members as well as the place where the event has occurred so they can take the appropriate action. This is up to the instructor with consultation, to cancel classes, if necessary, to make sure no-one else dog get sick. If the dog is lame or the sickness is not contagious, the person can attend the event just not the dog. If the person has another dog that can substitute and the sickness is not contagious, they can ask the instructor if they can substitute dogs.

Females in heat must wear panties. They can attend events where the location and policies allow females in heat.

Person

If a participant is sick, or cannot attend the event, as noted above, the participant needs to notify the instructor, leader of the class, practice, event or other that the participant is sick and the participant cannot attend the event. If it a contagious sickness, the participant is to let the instructor or other of the event know what the sickness is such as flu or COVID or other, so they can inform the other participants of the issue. The participant is to let the instructor know when the participant was sick, test taken and diagnosed. The instructor or other should inform the training director/committee and the president if there is a contagious sickness and may consult with them on appropriate actions. It is the instructor's responsibility to inform the other participants, as they have the class list, of the situation and for the other participant to take the appropriate measures. Notification to the location of the event is the responsibility of the instructor. The instructor or other, if necessary, can choose to cancel the event or future events.

Refunds

There will be no refunds for these events due to sickness/lameness of dog or sickness of person.

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- **Speakers and Gift to speakers**

Speakers:

Speakers for the IDTC will be given \$50 to donate to a charity of their choice in their name. As we would prefer to have them donate to a dog related charity it is not a requirement. Small tokens like a lead or t-shirt maybe given to them as well.

Host of Clinic or Seminar:

The person who is the host of the clinic or seminar will receive their fee requirements (food, housing, and fee) and can be given small token like a lead or t-shirt as well.

From the Library Committee—



April 2021

This month I asked Linda Pacioretty about her training background and what she recommends in the way of training, and here is what she wrote:

I have been training dogs for 26 years. My Novice A dog was a Belgian Sheepdog, a retired show dog. I never went beyond a CD. The breed with which I became committed to training is the Dogue de Bordeaux (DDB). I married into the breed. John and his sons wanted a DDB after

seeing Turner and Hooch



I had no idea what a “Hooch” was, which was probably a good thing. While both males and females make great family dogs, I have found the females of this breed to be serious, smart, motivated, driven and good workers. Many people are surprised to hear this, including most DDB owners who consider DDB couch potatoes. Sadly, very few DDB owners work their dogs. The DDB is my favorite breed because they are smart and capable workers, easy to live with (if you are not drool adverse), personable and affectionate. And, that face!

The venues I have trained in are obedience, rally, agility, and tracking. Favorites are obedience, agility and tracking.

The DDB was not recognized as an AKC breed until 2008. As such, I was only able to show in UKC obedience and did earn UCD's on my first 2 DDB. Once the breed received FSS status prior to full AKC recognition, I was able to show in AKC companion events. It was a game changer and increased my interest and involvement in training. I have achieved many ‘firsts’ with my DDB, most of them with one very special dog, Maqui. Maqui was from our first and only litter and was special from the get-go. She was smart, driven and had a strong work ethic. Although she has been gone since 2018, she remains near and dear to my heart. The many DDB firsts she achieved were: UD, GO, VERS, PCDX, TD, VCD1, VCD2, ASCA CDX, Novice, Open, Excellent and Master agility titles, and a TKN. In addition, she received invitations to 3 Eukanuba Agility Invitationals. She also earned IDTC awards, the Frosty Award and the Marie Reed Award. She was definitely not a couch potato! Other ‘firsts’ achieved with my DDB include UCD, CD, GN and RAE.

The DDB is a guardian breed, they want to know what is going on around them and notice subtle changes in their environment. This can make training and trialing a bit challenging. I feel it's important to know the purpose of your breed and take that into account in your training. Training can not be “one size fits all”. Every dog is different. Dogs of the same breed are different, as are dogs from the same litter. Train the dog you have, not the dog you had or the dog you wish you had. The advice I would give to novice trainers - there is always more than one way to train something. Don't

despair or get frustrated. Ask around for suggestions. IDTC club members are experienced in training many different breeds using a variety of methods.

Dogue de Bordeaux

- Temperament: [Affectionate, Loyal, Courageous](#)
 - AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 67 of 197
 - Height: 23.27 inches (male), 23-26 inches (female)
 - Weight: 110 pounds & up (male), 99 pounds & up (female)
 - Life Expectancy: 5-8 years
 - Group: [Working Group](#)
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May 2021

This month I asked Lucille Straub about her training background and what she recommends in the way of training, and here is what she wrote:

"As Bruce Coleman observed, doing this task brings back a lot of dog memories, and as the club historian I'm including some thoughts about events in the IDTC over the years.

My second dog training attempt began in 1979 when Bill and I had two German Shepherd Dog (GSD) puppies. He was going to train the male, Nikita, and I the female, Elfie. That lasted through Puppy class and one Beginner class, and then I was on my own. Bill was a "drop out". Trying to train two dogs of the same age is not a good plan, but I did it.

At the time training equipment consisted of a metal choke collar and a 6 foot leash. No food or toys, just you as the handler could give praise or a brief pat. I had problems keeping Nikita's nose up out of the smelly sawdust or outside from the grass. Luckily the club held a seminar with Jack and Wendy Volhard. I adopted their way of teaching a dog to heel, went to their summer training camps and took lessons with them for several years. Finally I had some success in the obedience ring!

During the 80s and 90s the IDTC held lots of classes, sometimes with two or three groups at a time sharing the pavilion. At the end of each session, which I think was ten weeks long, a graduation was held. It was competitive with placements and ribbons being awarded at the end. Obedience matches were held fairly frequently and both

those things gave trainers/handlers an idea of what to expect if they decided to go on and show at an Obedience Trial.

In addition to showing in AKC events, many of us also showed dogs in UKC and Canadian trials. My dogs Polly, Oobleck, Twinkie and Blitz all had titles from all three venues.

Almost everyone I know who has trained a dog to advanced titles has found a trainer or two who have been especially helpful. I've already mentioned the Volhards. After they retired and moved south, I trained Blitz with Debbie Zappia, and Cody and Piper with Tricia Pray and Brenda Finnicum (a club member!) All three of these dogs, at some point, earned an Obedience High in Trial.

Another note on showing in the past, in both obedience and agility, was the fact that most shows in this area were held outside. This started in the spring (wind, rain, mud, some snow), through summer (heat, sun, thunderstorms), and fall (rain, wind, mud). The rings were set up with only a rope, about 3 feet high, strung between posts stuck into the ground. It sometimes made for interesting things to occur - like dogs taking off or visiting other rings. None of my dogs ever left the ring but on a hot summer day Twinkie was known to go into the shade under the Judge's table.

Sometime in the 80's the IDTC held a Tracking Seminar with Glen Johnson, THE big name in tracking. Nikita, the dog with his nose in everything signed up, and turned out to be a terrific tracker. I bought Johnson's book, followed it religiously and after many long days in fields around the area he earned a TD and a TDX. Elfie, the little female, could also track, but sadly died very young before I could enter her in a trial. In the next several years three more GSDs earned tracking titles: Oobleck, Polly and Dasher.

And then along came Agility!! Another club, the FLAOA also trained at the pavilion and began to offer agility classes. At first it was almost the blind leading the blind, but it was fun so we continued. Thanks to Joe and Tammy Osmeloskis' persistence, the IDTC introduced agility classes and many members caught the "agility bug". In addition to classes, Joe and Tammy introduced the Agility League team competitions to get us through long, cold winters. It has been a big success for - how many? - years now. And here's an unofficial "title" for my dog Piper. She has been on the winning Agility League team for the past two years!

Some other venues offered Agility Trials before AKC and still do. I have only shown my dogs in AKC and CPE agility. Dasher, Comet, Cody and Piper have all earned titles. Dasher through Masters, and Cody and Piper through Excellent. Cody and Piper also earned CPE CATCH titles. Agility became my favorite event to both train and show. I've taken classes with Diane Eggleston and Brenda Finnicum, who have been great coaches/instructors.

The breeds I've trained have all been GSDs except for one, a Silky Terrier named Twinkie. She was a big dog in a little body. In AKC, UKC, and Canadian venues she earned 3 CDs, 3CDXs and one AKC Utility leg. But why do I like GSDs so much? I

have no answer other than I always loved their "look" and have found them to be wonderful companions. Smart, trainable, very loyal and great watch dogs. With the question of male versus female I have found that females seem to learn more readily, but once trained I have no preference. I do think a beginning handler is better off with a female, especially if it is a large breed.

The advice I would give a novice trainer is the following: Take a class or classes. Ask a classmate to meet and train/practice together. Play with your dog. Don't take showing/competing too seriously. If you get "stuck", take a break. Play, go sniff the flowers. Go back later and try again. The training materials and equipment I would recommend are the following: I would never use a chain choke collar on a dog again. I have used a nylon snap on choke or a pinch/prong collar. Beginners should check with an experienced person before using either. Until then a flat leather/fabric collar is fine. I do not care for a Halti or head harnesses. For beginners, a soft cotton web leash is the easiest to handle. Use a ball, soft toy, chunk of hose - something to use as a reinforcer that your dog LOVES!

There are many good dog training books in the IDTC Library. One old favorite of mine, which is available from the Library, is *Play Training Your Dog* by Patricia Gail Burnham. It convinced a lot of us to approach training differently.

My last piece of advice: Love and be your dog's best friend. They are only loaned to us for a very short time.

Here's to my longest/oldest friend in the IDTC, who encouraged me, and is the most common sense trainer I know, and also a breeder of wonderful, stable GSD's - Grazyna Gross. And here's to: Donka, Nikita, Elfie, Oobleck, Polly, Twinkie, Blitz, Donner, Dasher, Comet, Cody, Nick and Piper. My best friends."

Librarian's Note:

In this age of the coronavirus, it's hard to get books or DVDs to dog club members. If you'd like to supplement your training with Library materials, you can find an updated list on the Club Website, or I'm happy to email you the very latest list of books and DVDs in our Library as well. Contact me at idtclibrary@gmail.com, and I will find a way to get you anything you would like from the Library.

German Shepherd Dog

- Temperament: [Confident, Courageous, Smart](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 2 of 197
- Height: 24-26 inches (male), 22-24 inches (female)
- Weight: 65-90 pounds (male), 50-70 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 12-14 years
- Group: [Herding Group](#)



2021 (updated 3-13-21)

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Member: Marg Pough (3/19-2/21 – 2 yrs.) mbp1@cornell.edu

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Member: Anne Williams (2/20-3/21- 1 yr.) no e-mail 607-277-7219

Member: Deb Bain (2/20-3/21- 1 yr.) dab14@cornell.edu

Note – There is no Training Director for 20-21 – Jobs will be distributed and Posted

Training Committee will continue until May and set up the Spring classes.

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CPE Agility Trials 2021 – Pending-committee members pending

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Sept 4 & 5 – Chair-Tammy Osmeloski –Sec – Linda Centurelli
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Photographer: **Vacant**
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Beg Graduations: Diana Travis

Advance Graduations: Diana Travis or instructor if off site

Sunshine: Deb Bain & Pat Welch

T-shirt coordinator: Sue Yanoff

Trophies Ribbons & end of year awards: Betty Baldwin: bhb5@cornell.edu/257-1683

Web Pages:

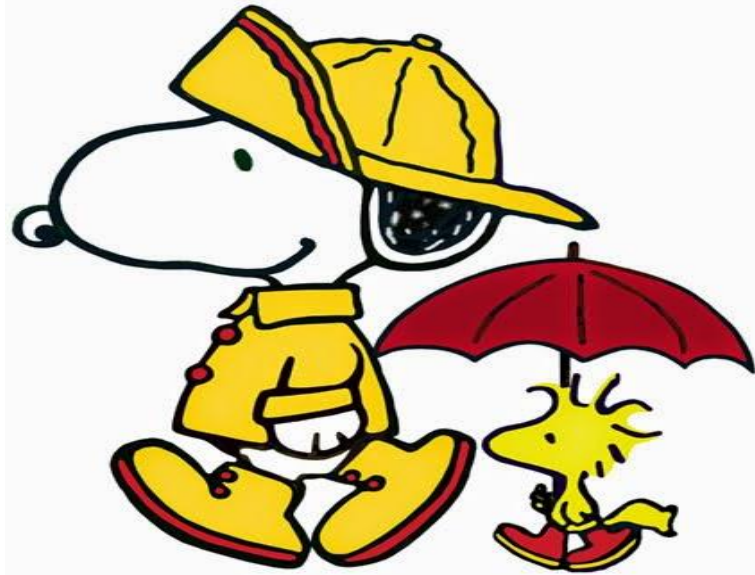
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Submitted by Nancy Given:

Reverence Training Center located in Mecklenburg will hold in June of 2021 (Date TBD) the AKC ACT Jumpers I and II and the AKC ACT I and II Standards will take place in October 2021 (Date TBD). Although ACT's held here are not typically open to teams other than those who are enrolled in classes at Reverence, we thought this year we would open the tests up to Ithaca Dog Training Club members who might wish to enter. The entire day will unfold in a manner that simulates an AKC agility trial. If you wish to receive email announcements regarding the dates and other related details, etc. please contact me at reverence@ottcmail.com.



Submission date for newsletter: The 5th of each month. Please send anything you might like me to publish: articles, pictures, short stories of some your events, silly stories, jokes, etc. Club members will enjoy reading these and it brings our members closer since we all have the same love-our dogs. ❤️





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