

Ithaca Dog Training Club

Monthly Newsletter

August 2020

Meeting

4th Tuesday of every month.

Date: September 22, 2020

Time:

Board Meeting-6:30pm

General Meeting-7:00pm



Place: Susan Morse – House (10 Sunset West Circle, Ithaca NY 14850) **Outside**

Directions: Take Route 13 North from Ithaca - Turn left on Pickney Road (2nd left after Lower Creek Road and 4-H acres) – Stop at stop sign (Lower Creek Road) – Go straight – Take the next left on to Sunset West Circle – Quick left at number 10. Drive up past the ring and park on grass – We will meet between house and training building.

Program: None - Please bring a chair, bug spray, light jacket, and anything else you will need. This meeting might be canceled at the last moment due to weather. Please check your e-mail.

Please note: There are no dogs allowed, no human bathrooms. Masks are required. Please practice social distance.

Letter from the President:

Thank you to all that came to the Aug meeting. We have been fortunate for two evening to be rather nice for meetings. It was a bit cooler than July but still a beautiful summer evening. Let us hope for one more. We will plan to have the Sept meeting again at my house.

We had great discussion on several topics that will be presented in the notes by Abby. However, I would like to put a plug in to EVERYONE! Cornell will not let us use the Pavilion due to that is one of the sights for testing COVID 19. In general Cornell is not allowing us to use their facilities. We can get

access to our stuff, but it has to be pre-arranged. As we approach fall-winter this is a problem for meetings as well as training. The training committee has done an excellent job and we will be using the Pavilion at 4-H acres for some classes two nights. This is good for beginners and puppies. We also will hope to schedule small classes inside at 4-H acres for the winter. Again, for the beginners and puppies limiting the class number.

We now need to look for a space for meetings that can accommodate 25-30 people and still have them social distance. I ask EVERYONE to check with their local community centers, fire companies and other to see if we can have meetings. Remember to inform them that we do public service in teaching our dogs in the area to be well mannered. This might encourage them to let us use the space for free or very nominal cost. We need to watch our money as now we are flush but not knowing what the future holds and income from classes, shows and other we might not be as flush.

Secondly and equally as important, can we find a spot we can use for classes. Will any of these places allow training to occur? Footing for advance classes are a concern. Fee again is a concern. If you have any contacts, please ask how much, times and details. For the classes – please contact one of the people on the training committee to help them out.

Ideally, we would like to stay near Ithaca but please make suggestions. Thanks - Susan

The following is a proposal to be put in the By-Laws. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

In the case of an emergency, pandemic or other that effects the Nation, State or local counties, IDTC may conduct meetings (board, regular, training club or other required meetings) via internet or teleconference. The IDTC President will make the determination rather we meet in person, internet/teleconference or cancel for board or general meetings. Other committee chairs will determine how they meet and have the same options.

August Meeting Minutes:

General Meeting:

12 members attending

Susan will post new membership list soon

No changes from last month's minutes

Report of the Board:

Talked about CPE trials

Training committee

See below for details

Report of Secretary:

Read thank you card for Susan Morse for gift card after surgery

Treasurer's Report: very little movement

Savings: \$6,703.64

Checking: \$21,054.41

CD 1: \$10,769.51

CD 2: \$6,674.37

CD 3: 25,674.21

Training Committee

Fall classes at 4H acres in pavilion

Wed: puppy, beg 1

Thurs: CGC, beg 2 Need assistants!

Club will provide hand sanitizer for classes at the facility

CPE trials: August/September cancelled

Several members participated in PFTF recent trial and will be looking into more information on policies for Nov/Dec trial. Cleaning person will be given free runs for the day (approved by board).

Holiday party cancelled. Will be talking to Betty about still putting together awards book still.

Spring Point Show: Debbie Keith will be chair, Fall will be Shirley.

Agility League: waiting to see how things go, don't want to have to have people crate in their cars in the winter. Will depend on how many people could be in the building. Might not be able to make a decision until closer. Teleconference meeting proposal, to vote on at next meeting. Will need to be bylaw amendment not policy. In the case of an emergency, pandemic or other that effects the Nation, State or local counties, IDTC may conduct meetings (board, regular, training club or other required meetings) via internet or teleconference. The IDTC President will make the determination rather we meet in person, internet/teleconference or cancel for board or general meetings. Other committee chairs will determine how they meet and have the same options.

Next month: hoping to meet. May be looking for indoor place to hold, if not at Susan's house if weather holds (short meeting).

Livestock pavilion: COVID testing site, Marian will be contact if we need to get equipment out of there, but classes out for the foreseeable future

Cornell has banned all in person meetings/gatherings through the end of September (likely to be extended), so Baker Institute is out for meetings for the foreseeable future as well

Might need to start looking for another place to hold classes if livestock pavilion is out for a while. 4H acres is good for small classes. Maybe PFTF, but would be pricey. Anyone know of other local places that might be an option for either classes or meetings?

Adjourned



From the Library Committee—

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

I have owned dogs since I was 13 and my dogs have always been well-mannered. I knew nothing about dog shows or competitions when I was a kid (and neither did my parents). When I was in college I accidentally acquired a German Shepherd. He was a great dog and I thought maybe we would try some real obedience training. This was 50 years ago and I don't remember much of the only class I ever took him to. I just know that I came home in tears and the techniques they taught in that class were nothing I wanted anything to do with (and neither did my dog). But even without that formal training he must have been a pretty good dog because he was welcome in my classes, at faculty parties, and everywhere on campus all through our college career (it was a different time back then).

I didn't actually look into any kind of formal classes until many years later when my kids started acquiring dogs. We did several local community manners classes over the years, but it wasn't until I saw a notice for a 4H dog club when my two youngest were about 8 and 11 that I started with any kind of formalized training. That first year Cortland had someone to lead the club and train the dogs, but she left and what I like to call the suck-in phenomenon familiar to many parents was operational in full force. Somehow (and I'm still not clear on exactly how it happened) Debbie Keith and I found ourselves as co-leaders of the Cortland 4H dog club. Debbie being the incredibly drivey person she is (there is a reason she is so good with Malinois!), found people to help us train kids and dogs and that is how I met Dave Spring and Keith Vanderburg. They were great mentors, for the kids and for me, and it wasn't long before I joined InterBark and started training for competition for real. The dog I was training at that time was a really great mixed breed boy that somebody dumped in my yard one day when he was about 6 months old. This was before AKC allowed mixed breeds, so our competition venues were ASCA, UKC, and AMBOR. Murphy got CDs from two venues (we won't talk about his scores although he did get High in Trial at a VERY small ASCA trial out of the Novice A class!) but where he really shone, and where he really had fun, was on the stage. He played Sandy in Annie for several local theater companies. He taught me a lot and was the dog who really started me on my training journey. When InterBark folded I joined IDTC.

The dog who moved me to a whole new level of skill and understanding, though, was Tristan because it was through him that I met Kayce Cover. Tristan was a Pyrenean Shepherd. I got him, again sort of accidentally, when he was about 12 months old. He was as close to feral as any dog I am ever likely to have. Some of you may remember him. When I got him, no one could touch him including me. If he got out of his crate in the house it could take an hour or more to round him up again. It was in searching for help for him, and for the two of us as a team, that I met Kayce. She is not specifically a dog trainer. She is an animal trainer, with experience with a wide variety of species both domestic and exotic. Seals, wolves, rhinos, dolphins, rays, monkeys, cows, pigs, horses, dogs, cats, and birds. And those are just the ones I have heard stories about. Kayce's techniques for working with and communicating with animals have a different focus than most of the techniques commonly used. She has a cognitive approach that was particularly well-suited to what Tristan needed. I know the people who met him when I first got him didn't think we were going to do much, but he got his beginner novice title in AKC and rally novice titles in both AKC and ASCA before the stroke

sidelined us. He was almost ready to try for some progress toward a CD when our career ended.

When I first met her, I attended two or three of Kayce's seminars, then for four or five years I brought her up here for seminars. That was certainly an experience! Full immersion in a philosophy of relating to animals like no one else I have ever met. Especially the year she brought her monkey with her!

It wasn't long after I joined IDTC that I began teaching the Beginner classes. Maybe a year. I was Bill Hansen's helper for one and then Marian Szebenyi's helper for another, and then the club saw fit to send me out on my own. It wasn't long after that that my youngest daughter, Sarah (who has been training dogs since she was 8 and helped me with the 4H club after Debbie's kids aged out), became my co-instructor. We taught classes together for several years until she decided to get her own life and move to Texas. I taught beginner classes almost every session until I had the stroke. (Whoever took that class over for me, I never thanked you!) The little training booklet I just published on Kindle came out of the emails I used to write to my students after those classes.

It's unlikely I will ever have a puppy again, but that's all right. There are plenty of dogs who will need me whenever I feel the need for another dog. My 8-year-old Aussie is one of those. Emmy Lou died very unexpectedly last summer and my old guys were just not quite taking up the slack. Harvey had been returned to his breeder through no fault of his own and she very kindly rehomed him with me.

The breeds I have worked with are: German Shepherds, Collies, Australian Shepherds, a Pyrenean Shepherd, a variety of scent hounds, several different terriers and terrier mixes, a setter mix, some lab mixes, several other less identifiable mixes. I prefer larger dogs and I probably get along best with herding dogs, but I don't really care. They all have their pluses and their quirks.

Right now I have two Aussies but I can't say I am currently training. With my disabilities I have not figured out how to train again but I am getting a scooter soon so who knows, I might make it into the obedience and rally rings again. The dogs I have now are an 8-year-old Aussie, and an Aussie who will be 16 in August. I just lost the Pyrenean Shepherd, who would have been 16 in October. My absolute favorite I have to say has been the Pyrenean Shepherd. They are a quirky little breed. Tristan was far and away the most brilliant dog I have ever met. He understood almost instantly, drew conclusions quickly, generalized without a problem, etc. etc. I have no idea how large his vocabulary was. Another very important dog in my life and in my training evolution was an Aussie, Dot, Silvertone Dot Com. She was another somewhat accidental acquisition (are you sensing a theme here?). I got Dot when she was 5. She had been a kennel dog her whole life and for part of that had been in pretty bad circumstances. She required the absolute gentlest of training techniques because any sort of pressure confused and upset her. But she loved me with every fiber of her being and I have to say I felt the same about her. She was, however, quite scornful of my abilities as an adult. Living with her was like living with my mother. She would greet me at the door

every evening with “You’re late! Where have you been?” She was also quite scornful of my daughter’s abilities as a mother. She was adamant that my newborn granddaughter belonged in the whelping box with her puppies. HER babies didn’t cry like that! I still miss her every day. But my heart breed has always been rough collies - from the very first Albert Payson Terhune story I read as a kid.

I have trained in obedience, rally, agility, mantrailing (that is specifically a bloodhound venue and is quite different from tracking), herding, and air-scenting for search and rescue (never made it to operational though). I have competed in obedience and rally. I like training in agility, but I never had any desire to compete. My favorites would probably be mantrailing and herding, but I do love the intricacies of competition obedience. Oh, and work on the stage. That’s fun.

I do have a few dogs who have titled in the lower levels of obedience and rally, mostly in ASCA, but what I do now is act as trial secretary three times a year for my local ASCA club for their obedience and rally trials. That’s how I stay engaged since the stroke. Of course, the pandemic has put that on hold.

Advice I would give to people training their dogs is don’t give up. Go to classes, seminars, workshops. Don’t just stick with one trainer and one style of training. If something is not working for you or your dog, it’s not your fault. It’s not your dog’s fault (it’s never your dog’s fault!). It just isn’t right for you and your dog. But somewhere there is a technique or a philosophy that is right for the two of you.

As far as recommendations for training materials: well, of course, first I’m going to mention my daughter’s website therationaldog.com. She is building up a library of video courses especially geared toward new puppy owners who are NOT experienced trainers. So far she has a potty training course and a couple of beginning manners and obedience courses. During the pandemic lockdown she found herself with two puppies, a throwaway puppy she pulled out of a roadside ditch on Christmas Day, who was about 6 months old when the pandemic lockdown started, and her new baby bloodhound which she got during the lockdown, so she had lots of material for her videos.

As to other trainers –

Kayce Cover – synalia.com I mentioned her above. She changed how I live with my animals in a deeply fundamental way.

Brenda Aloff has some excellent materials – brendaaloff.com Her stuff is more general living with dogs and is very well suited to the pet people who come through our beginner classes and want to understand their dogs and maybe deal with some problems but are not into competitions and dog sports. Her photographic guide on dog body language is invaluable. It was one of the books I recommended to my puppy people back when I was able to breed my dogs.

Another one I really like just for stories and general tips is Monique Anstee of The Naughty Dogge. She does have a website, but she posts almost daily on Facebook.

And, of course, Kate and Deb Eldredge's books. Kate's book *Head of the Class* should be required for every family that has dogs and kids. I'm not sure you can get it in print any more but it is on Kindle. And she has a trick training book too.

Patricia McConnell and Jean Donaldson of course! They both have websites.

As for competition trainers – Connie Cleveland, Adele Yunck, Denise Fenzi, Terri Arnold, Bridget Carlsen – all of them have great materials to help with the precision needed to be a successful obedience competitor.

Librarian's Note:

Susan herself has written a Kindle book that is available on Amazon for \$2.99. Here is the link. <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B089ZVRDKV>. Susan says about this book "Back when I used to be able to teach our classes I used to love the Beginner Obedience classes. But on the way home Sarah (she was usually my helper) and I would discuss the class and say, " Oh! I forgot to tell them this!" or "Darn! I missed that!" So I would go home and write up the things I forgot and send them to the students in an email. Over the years those emails evolved into some short articles. I have finally gotten my act together and put those articles up in Amazon Kindle form." She goes on to say about her book, "If you do happen to take a look I would love it if you left a review!"

Some of the trainers Susan mentions above are already in our library in book or DVD form including: Brenda Aloff's book and DVD set: *Get Connected with Your Dog: Emphasizing the Relationship While Training Your Dog*, 2007

Jean Donaldson's book *Culture Clash: A Revolutionary New Way to Understanding the Relationship Between Humans and Domestic Dogs*, 1996

Patricia B. McConnell book *The Other End of the Leash, Why We Do What We Do Around Dogs*, 2002

Connie Cleveland's 3DVD set *Dogs Are Problem Solvers: The Complete Connie Cleveland Method*, (no year)

Terri Arnold's book *Steppin' Up to Success, with Terri Arnold, Book 1, Theory, Footwork, Handling and Attention*, 1999

Terri Arnold's book *Steppin' Up to Success with Terri Arnold, Book 2, Novice*, 1999

Terri Arnold's book *Steppin' Up to Success with Terri Arnold, Book 3, Open and Utility*, 1999

Judy Byron & Adele Yuncks' book *Competition Obedience, A Balancing Act*, 1998

BREED OF THE MONTH

Australian Shepherd



Temperament: [Smart, Work-Oriented, Exuberant](#)

AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 17 of 196

Height: 20-23 inches (male), 18-21 inches (female)

Weight: 50-65 pounds (male), 40-55 pounds (female)

Life Expectancy: 12-15 years

Group: [Herding Group](#)

About the Australian Shepherd

The Australian Shepherd, the cowboy's herding dog of choice, is a medium-sized worker with a keen, penetrating gaze in the eye. Aussie coats offer different looks, including merle (a mottled pattern with contrasting shades of blue or red). In all ways, they're the picture of rugged and agile movers of stock. Aussies exhibit an irresistible impulse to herd, anything: birds, dogs, kids. This strong work drive can make Aussies too much dog for a sedentary pet owner. Aussies are remarkably intelligent, quite capable of hoodwinking an unsuspecting novice owner. In short, this isn't the pet for everyone. But if you're looking for a brainy, tireless, and trainable partner for work or sport, your search might end here.



2019-20 (updated 8/12/20)

Officers

President: Susan Morse sm32@cornell.edu/607-347-4860

Vice President: Linda Centurelli blackdogcolby@gmail.com

Secretary: Abby Christman: ajc93@cornell.edu

Treasurer Pat Welch: pawelch1164@gmail.com

Board Members

Tammy Osmeloski (5/20 to 5/22) TTIA607@gmail.com

Steve Anderson (5/20 to 5/22) sta111@verizon.net

Shirley Kielmann (5/19 to 5/21) mskielmann@yahoo.com

Kathy Hildreth (5/19 to 5/21) kphildreth@yahoo.com

Martine Gold (5/20 to 5/21) martinegold105@gmail.com

Training Committee 2020-21

Two-year term:

Member: Marian Szebenyi (3/20-2/22 – 2 years) dms35@cornell.edu/564-7230

Member: Lynne Anguish (3/20-2/22 – 2 years) lja2@cornell.edu

Member: Jean Bonasera (3/20-2/22 – 2 years) ausabledogs@yahoo.com

Second part Two-year term:

Member: Betty Baldwin (3/19-2/21 – 2 yrs.) bhb5@cornell.edu

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

One-year Term:

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

Address Corrections:

Susan Beals

bealsie2@gmail.com

7400 W. Keeney Road

Cuyler, NY 13158

607-423-5576

Newsletter Editor

Linda Centurelli

blackdogcolby@gmail.com

Misc. Committees

A.T.T.S. Lynne Anguish & Tom Szebenyi 564-7230 – Pending date

CPE Agility Trials 2020 – committee members pending

These trials are pending---

Nov 27 & 28 & 29 –Debbie Keith (chair) debbiek@rom27.com

Suzanne Etherington (secretary) etherington1@juno.com

CPE Agility Trials 2021 – Pending-committee members pending

March 6 & 7 – Chair – Tammy Osmeloski- Sec Linda Centurelli

April 10 & 11 – Chair – Kathy Hildreth – Sec - Linda Centurelli

June 19 & 20 – Chair - Marian Szebenyi – Sec – Linda Centurelli

Sept 4 & 5 – Chair – Pending-Sec – Linda Centurelli

Dec 3 & 4 & 5 – Chair- Debbie Keith (chair) crazyboutdogs1@gmail.com

Suzanne Etherington (secretary) etherington1@juno.com

CU/Pavilion Coordinator: Deb Watrous dwatrous22@gmail.com

Class Materials Coordinator: Jean Bonasera ausabledogs@yahoo.com

Equipment Maintenance – Agility only – Joe and Tammy Osmeloski

Equipment Maintenance – Other: **Vacant**

Equipment Sales/collar fitting: Kathy Hughes kahughes1907@gmail.com/607-379-1907

Finance Committee – Anne Williams, Betty Baldwin, Pat Welch

FLKC Liaison: Marg Pough

Graduations:

Beginners: Eva Stilwell emb38@cornell.edu

Advance: Eva Stilwell emb38@cornell.edu

CGC: Hannah Robinson hannahL6@yahoo.com
2019 ACT Test: Pending - **Vacant**
Historian: Lucille Straub lucillestraub@me.com
Holiday Party 2021: Brenda Finnicum dogweaver@frontier.com
IDTC Yahoo list serve Linda Pacioretty lp@bionxs.com
Interclub: Deb Bain dab14@cornell.edu /347-6518
Judges Selection: Deb Bain dab14@cornell.edu /347-6518
Library: Marguerite Hart meh120000@gmail.com
Match Show Chair: **Vacant**
Membership Steward: Susan Beals (see above)
Newsletter copying/ mailing: Deb Bain
Paws for Thought Coordinator: Tammy Osmeloski
Photographer: **Vacant**
Point Show Spring 2021: Debbie Keith
Point show Fall 2021: Shirley Kielmann mskielmann@yahoo.com/607-229-9495-Chair, Jean Bonasera
Co-Chair
Programs: Nancy Almann willowcreekakitas@yahoo.com
Public Information: Betsy Root 387-7082 loveapoodle@yahoo.com
Registrar:
 Beginners: Marian Szebenyi
 Advance: Judy Roberts winddance@zoom-dsl.com
 Agility: Instructor registering their own classes
 Nosework: Instructor registering their own classes
Refreshments:
 Meetings: Diana Travis dianatravis2@gmail.com
 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:
 General: Marian Szebenyi
 Facebook & List serve updates: Linda Pacioretty lp@bionxs.com
Welcoming Chair: Abby Christman ajc93@cornell.edu/440-532-9545

Note from the Trophy Chair:

Fellow dog people,
These past months have been trying times for all of us. Nevertheless we've all continued to love and care for our dogs and a number of you have continued to engage in competitive activity, even though much might have been virtual.

As you know, the annual Holiday Party for 2020 has been cancelled (or at least postponed until next year). I would still like to collect information on titles our IDTC members earned before the shutdown, during the shutdown or might still earn before the end of 2020. The goal is to produce the annual booklet of statistics to be posted on the IDTC website or distributed as a hardcopy to those without access to the internet. I will also provide IDTC certificates to those who would like them.

The annual special awards would be presented at a future club meeting. The 10 awards are as follows:

Anke Award: senior dog (> 6 years old) with 3 Highest Scores (HS) earning a First CD

Bonnie Jean Memorial Award: senior handler (> 65 years old) with 3 HS in AKC Open A or Utility A.

Carol Matyas Award: junior handler (age 6-18) with 3 HS in AKC Novice A Obedience

Dusty Award: 3 HS in AKC Novice A Obedience

Frosty Award: 3 HS in AKC Open A Obedience

Kiss MACH and Performance Award: any dog earning a MACH that also has title(s) in performance event(s) (obedience, rally, herding, hunting, etc.)

MACH Magic Agility Award: any dog earning a high level championship (MACH, CATE, ADCH, etc.) earned by IDTC beginning agility graduate

Marie Reed Award: 3 HS in AKC Regular Obedience Classes (tie goes to the HS while earning a title)

Rosy Ann Memorial Award: 3 HS while earning a CKC title

Skookie Memorial Plaque: 3 HS in earning a First club or AKC CD (i.e. from Novice A) by a graduate of the IDTC Puppy Class (S.T.A.R.)

Finally, memorials to honor those special dogs that we lost this year would be included.

It's early now, but that gives you plenty of time to gather information. I would need final information by December 12, but would appreciate anything you can send me long before then.

Title information needed:

Your name, email address and/or phone number (in case I have questions).

Dog's call name, sex, breed, date of birth; include registered name if you'd like it on certificate.

Title(s) earned, including titling organization(s). Brief description of criteria met for earning title if it's an obscure title and/or organization would be appreciated.

Include scores if applicable, especially for consideration for special award.

Other special achievements worthy of note (HIT's, class placements, etc):

Please let me know if you'd like a certificate.

Memorial information needed:

Your name, email address and/or phone number in case I have questions.

Dog's name, sex, breed, date of birth, date of death (or age).

Please attach any narrative tribute (including picture(s) by email) you would like for the dog.

Please send information (or questions) to Betty Baldwin. Even if you previously submitted information for newsletter brags, etc., please send it to me so that it doesn't get missed!

Information can be sent by email to bhb5@cornell.edu

or by snail mail to 590 Asbury Rd

Freeville, NY 13068

THANK-YOU!





shutterstock + 489006448



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**.





Monthly Newsletter

Monthly Newsletter Editor
Linda Centurelli
2545 County Line Road
Watkins Glen, N.Y. 14891

