



FEBRUARY 2015

February Speaker:
Animal Communicator!

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Message from IDTC President

Thanks for electing me for another term as president!

What are your goals for the Club this year? My Club goal is to get the 501(c)3 status resolved during this term. Want to see barn hunt clinics? Want to help out with stewarding an obedience show? Want to help out with the agility trial? Pitch in! There are lots of opportunities to have fun with your dogs and to help out the Club at the same time.

See you in February! Bring your ideas and energy!

Suzanne Etherington

February Guest Speaker: The Animal Communicator

Congratulations to

Election Winners Officers:

President: Suzanne Etherington

VP: Lynn Anguish

Secretary: Hannah Robinson

Treasurer: Katie Barnaby

Board Members:

Karen Netherton

Margie Peech

Nancy Almann

Jackie Gumtow

Tiva Hoshizaki



Congratulations to New Lifetime Members

Debbie Keith

Chris O'Brien

*Thank you to the Nominating
Committees!*

FEBRUARY MEETING 4th Tues of each Month!

Date: 2/24/2015
Location: Baker
Board: 6:00pm
General: 7:00pm
Program: 7:30pm



DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER IS 3/3/2015

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Karen Netherton	(1/14-1/16)
Margie Peech	(1/14-1/16)
Nancy Almann	(1/14-1/15)
Jackie Gumtow	(1/15-1/17)
Tiva Hoshizaki	(1/15-1/16)

TRAINING COMMITTEE

Training Director

Tammy Osmeloski - ttia607@gmail.com

Co-Training Director

Tammy Snyder (2/14-2/16) appointed

Appointed Members

Sue Pfuntner	(2/14-2/16)
Joe Cowan	(2/14-2/15)

Elected Members

Lisa Mitchell	(2/14-2/16)
Marian Szebenyi	(2/14-2/15)
Joe Osmeloski	(2/13-2/15)

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Welcoming Chair: TBD

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Active members get lower rates for classes and other events than inactive members. More importantly, they are what makes the Club work. When you join IDTC, you are considered an active member for the first year. After that, active membership is maintained by putting in a minimum of 10 hours per year doing things for the Club, such as assisting or instructing a class, helping out at events (e. g. being a steward at trials, providing refreshments for a graduation, making arrangements to bring in a seminar speaker, etc.), or serving on a committee such as the Training Committee. Active members are also expected to regularly attend the monthly Club meetings. Your active/inactive status for a year is determined by your participation during the previous year.

General Meeting Minutes

IDTC General meeting Minutes

January 27, 2015

Submitted by: Kathy Hildreth, Acting Secretary

7:30pm President Suzanne Etherington called the meeting to order.

Secretary Report: The November meeting minutes as published in the newsletter was approved by the general membership. Club Secretary was absent. Kathy Hildreth subbed for Hannah Robinson

Treasurer Report: Reported by Katie Barnaby, Funds In \$1787.50, Funds Out \$4092.10, Total Club Cash on Hand as of January 27 2015 \$48878.40. Refunds were made to all those who had sent payment for the December 2015 Terry Clingerman Seminars that were canceled.

Training Committee Report: Reported by Tammy Snyder. Current Classes are going well. Next session will start around the end of March or early April, all the normal beginner and advanced classes should be offered. Please contact Tammy Snyder or Tammy Osmelowski to volunteer to Instruct or Assist. Training Committee is very interested in hearing members ideas/suggestions for new classes. One that is being considered for the future is a Barn Hunt class. Please let them know what type of specialty classes you would like the club to offer.

CPE 2015 Trial Report: Reported by Mallorie Morse. Trial Application was submitted to CPE, Mallorie is waiting for CPE to approve. Then she will submit the premium, which she hopes will be available to download from the CPE website by the end of March.

Report of the Board: Reported by Suzanne Etherington.

A new membership application and information sheets are being worked on. A Paypal component will be added to the website enabling the membership to renew dues thru the web page.

The 2014 Holiday Party was a success. Thanks go out to Joe O for organizing, to Betty Baldwin for Awards, to members who donated raffle items. Joe O has volunteered to organize the party again for 2015.

New Life Members. Lifetime Club Membership was awarded to Chris O'Brien, and Debbie Keith. They have both been members of the Club for at least 10 consecutive years and have shown outstanding service to the club. Thank you Chris and Debbie.

New Members: The following people were voted in as new members

Mike Hagin Dog: Bug (Shetland Sheepdog) Evaluated by Tammy O, took many classes in 2007 and titled a dog 2007

Holly Kalousdian (13 yr old --> Youth membership)

Dog: Carson (Golden Retriever)

Evaluated by Tammy O, currently enrolled in Agility 1, took classes at Pawsitively Fun

Nominating Committee: Kathy Hildreth reported for the Nominating Committee. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion was made and seconded and passed for the secretary to cast one ballot for the slate of officers and the selections for the Board positions. Nancy Almann and Jackie Guntow will each serve a two year term,

and Tiva Hoshizaki will serve the new member one year term.

New Business

The Early Spring AKC Salt City Show at the Fairgrounds needs one or two members of IDTC to be the Obedience Chair on March 28th 2015. Please Contact Marg Pough to volunteer.

Next Month: Two new Training Committee Members need to be appointed/elected. Please contact Training Directors, and/or Board Members to volunteer. This is a very necessary and important committee for the continued operations of the club.

Braggs:

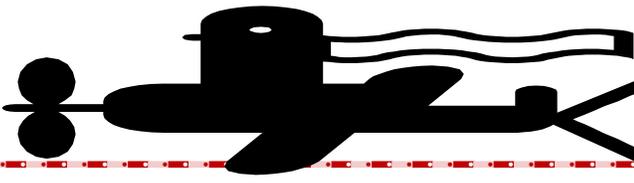
Kathy Hildreth reported her sheltie Magic completed QQ's #33, and #34 at the CNYSSC AKC Agility trial, and gained 76 points (amended by acting secretary) toward his MACH2, and has completed the 100 point requirement toward his T2B2 title.

Tammy Snyder reported her rottie Flare completed his MACH in December, and brought a MACH cake to celebrate at this meeting.

More braggs may be in the February newsletter.

Program for the evening was a Dish to Pass Supper.

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.



Training Committee

IMPORTANT NOTICE

IDTC members and especially instructors/assistants. We received the following from Cornell Animal Science department with regard to use of the pavilion. Please pass the info regarding feces removal on to your classes. If we want to continue using the pavilion we need to follow these guidelines.

Just a reminder to please pick up after all dogs while in and around the pavilion. When picking up dog feces, please use plastic bags and tie them tightly before throwing them in the trash bins, do NOT just toss feces in the trash using a shovel/rake.

Also, please remember to only use the pavilion during your scheduled times. If you need extra time during the day please let me know and I will see if we can work something out, but do not just go in and use the pavilion without checking with me first. There is some painting and other minor work being done in the building this week (during the day) so please be conscientious of any items left by the facilities group.

Cornell is making some improvements to the building and there have been some issues, a missing ladder was reported after a class night. If there are items that do not belong to IDTC on the floor, please don't move them. If they pose a danger to a class, stay away from that area, and report it as soon as possible to myself or Tammy O, so we can contact the appropriate people. We are paying to use this space, and if something is unsafe we need to address it. However, if it doesn't pose a problem to holding classes please leave non-IDTC equipment where it is.

We have use of the pavilion Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 pm to 9 pm, we need to stick to this as much as possible. We have discussed with animal science about IDTC doing the watering, and often need to do this just prior to the start of classes at 6 pm. I will make sure this is still O.K. as it has been in the past to get there a little early.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Class Updates:

For those considering teaching or assisting in the spring, I am including the dates of the classes, so that you can check your calendars.

Thanks to those who have volunteered so far to teach for the spring. We cannot make the classes happen without

you and do our service to members and the community with out. THANK YOU!

The following schedule is tentative, and subject to change depending on getting instructors and assistants

Tuesday: Dates: 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/26, 6/2 (Graduation) **Meetings will be on Tuesday 4/21, and 5/19. Please be aware these are NOT the 4th Tuesday of their respective months.**

- ◆ 6 pm Open/Utility NEED INSTRUCTOR
- ◆ 6 pm CGC NEED INSTRUCTOR, Assistant: Jackie Gumtow
- ◆ 7:15 pm AKC NOVICE Lisa Mitchell and Rue Chagoll
- ◆ 7:15 pm TBD
- ◆ 8:15 pm Tentative Jumping class??

Wednesday: 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13 (Graduation)

- ◆ 6 pm Beginner II Bill Hansen, NEED ASSISTANT
- ◆ 7:15 pm Puppy Lynne Anguish, NEED ASSISTANT
- ◆ 8:15 pm, Tentative Jumping class

We are also in need of an instructor and assistant to run a Beginner I class this session.

Also looking for ideas for another advanced class for members.

Friday: 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/29 (Graduation) These days are tentative based on finding instructors and assistants for the classes below. Dates will be cancelled if no one volunteers.

Agility II NEED INSTRUCTOR AND ASSISTANTS

Open agility Training NEED COORDINATOR

Volunteers Needed!

The Club needs 2 evaluators for the current session beginner I and Beginner II classes. **The graduation is currently planned for 6 pm on Feb 18th.** If there is a snow day or 2 between now and then graduation will be pushed back to 2/25, or possibly 3/4.

Graduations for the public are very important as it is often a measure of their feeling of success. For those who have not done evals in awhile, there are forms to follow, and it's a pretty easy process, just takes time.

Contact the Training Committee.



Sports medicine and rehabilitation service gets Pets back in the game

By Carly Hodes

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From elite champions of the sporting circuits to old dogs who enjoy casual walks, most active animals suffer setbacks at some point. Cornell University Hospital for Animals has initiated a new Sports and Rehabilitation Medicine service to help them return to their feet and get back in the game.

Dr. Joseph Wakshlag, a member of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, directs the program. Specializing in rehabilitation, the service treats companion animals recovering from injuries or experiencing orthopedic or neurologic problems. Since launching this spring, the program has helped five to 10 patients per week recover performance abilities and stay active.

One patient, Wilson, a five-year-old Brittany, has returned to romping through the woods after a life-threatening ordeal.

One day he had awoken unable to stand and refusing to eat. His owner Jeffrey Smith took him to Cornell for critical care, where they found he had a temperature of 106, a cervical disc tear with resulting neurological disease, and severely swollen joints due to septic infection from a rotting tooth.



When Wilson stabilized, Dr. Christopher Frye '11, the first dual resident in Cornell's new residency combining Clinical Nutrition and Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, oversaw his rehabilitation sessions and taught the Smiths home exercises to help Wilson recover.

"When he returned home he couldn't walk, but Wilson has made remarkable progress," said Smith. "He can now walk several miles and trot at a good pace. Recently he returned to running in the field and enjoyed plowing through the brush! Wilson and our family wouldn't have

made it through this ordeal without Cornell's professionalism, compassion, and expertise."

Another patient, Tella, has battled worsening arthritis from a young age. Her owner, Judy Keil, likes to let her dogs out of the car at the start of her long driveway to run up to their house. But over the last few years Tella became unable to participate. Keil took her now 14-year-old companion to the Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation program, where she received platelet-rich plasma regenerative therapy to rejuvenate her joints, a technique adapted from human and equine medicine. She began a weekly regime of acupuncture and physical therapy including gentle exercise in the College's underwater treadmill.

"She's doing things now she hasn't done in years," said Keil. "Her legs are stronger and she has more endurance, going in the treadmill for a full 30 minutes. Now when I get to my driveway she crawls over me eagerly to be let out, and gallops up to the house. She's brave and has made extraordinary progress."

The program offers many modalities, including shockwave and therapeutic ultrasound, transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation, low-level light laser therapy for wound healing and chronic pain, and electro-acupuncture. A force plate, which measures how well an animal uses a limb, can validate whether and to what extent a treatment works.

Wakshlag is involved in studies to determine whether and how supplements enhance performance and how diet can influence recovery. The program is also conducting new research into regenerative medicine techniques such as platelet rich plasma therapy to help heal chronic joint disease. He will introduce basic rehabilitation lectures into the veterinary curricula, and students serving in the orthopedics and neurology rotations may spend time with the new program's patients.



IDTC 2015 Member Renewal Form

IDTC now has an additional method to renew your membership for 2015. To save paper and postage you may renew online at the club webpage under Members->Renewal. At this time we do not have a method to accept online payments so this method of renewal may be more useful for the lifetime members. Those needing to submit the membership fees will still have to send a cash or check to the address at the end of the survey or turn it in to Katelyn Davis (membership steward) by hand. Please let us know your thoughts and comments as we try to improve the club's operations.

Personal Information

Name			
Address			
Phone		Email	
Dog Breed(s)			

Membership Information

2015 Membership (circle one)	Single - \$30	Family - \$40	Life Member
Activity Status (circle one)	Active	Inactive	New within 1 year

Volunteer Activity & Meeting Attendance

To be considered an Active member for 2015, you must volunteer at least 10 hours of time to IDTC activities and attend at least 3 club meetings in 2014. Teaching a class counts for double hours. Report # of hours and # of meetings attended in 2014. Add a sheet or use back of page if necessary.

Hours	Event/Activity

Meeting Attendance: Members are required to attend 3 meetings per year to maintain active status.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Shared Personal Information:

Please **omit** part or all of my contact information in the IDTC membership Information to omit: _____

Newsletter/Roster Delivery: Offered to members who do not use internet options

- Please send a newsletter to my mailing address listed above.
- Please send a 2015 membership roster to my mailing address listed above.

Make checks payable to IDTC. Mail to:

Katelyn Davis, 9 Cardinal Drive, Ithaca, NY 14850

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IDTC BRAGS

Katelyn Davis—**Autumn** completed all of her CPE level 3 Q's at the Pawsitively Awesome Trial in Freeville. She had an amazing weekend full of fast and clean runs. It feels like our team is really starting to click! Since we are enjoying each other in the ring at the moment, we finally started to sign up for AKC trials and she has earned a Q for both Standard and Jumpers. Autumn (4 years old) 1/30 and Trig (1 year old) 1/29 had a joint birthday party this month complete with party hats!



Suzanne Etherington—Airedale **Morgan** Trueheart finished his CPE Level 4 Handler Games title in January.

Susan Morse—Belgian Malinois **Cane** attended the January weight pull – Pulling in the New Year (APDA). It was very cold (5 degrees) and the grease in the wheels were not turning so the first day he only pulled 675. Everyone said the cart pulled like it weighed more than 300 plus which is what he normally pulls. However his technique is improving and we had fun. The second day it was a bit warmer (25 degrees) and he pulled 925 pounds. This did not get his third leg to Level 2 but close and he won his weight class – B – the best overall percentage. The rest of the Morse pack—**Cane, Holly** and **Luna**—attended the CPE trial in Farmington. Cane did real well with 9 out of 10. Holly queued several times and Luna finished two more titles of Strategy Level 2 and Handlers Level 2. Luna now is in Level 3 in 5 of the games classes and in Level 2 in standards and one game class. She did get one Level 2 standards and one Level 3 game class. As she is progressing nicely due to her being worried she is not moving as fast as needed and Level 3 will be a challenged due to time not skill.

Karen Netherton—At DOTCORN Y on Sunday Labrador **Finn** earned his Rally Excellent title with a 97 and 1st place. He did tie for first and would you believe he won by time?!?! I was so proud of him- he went in happy and did everything I asked of him. Thanks to our great supporters and instruction we have been given. On to Open!!!

Chris O'Brien—Team Aussie had fun at the January CPE trial at Pawsitively Fun. Two dogs, two days, 8 events each—Whew! That's a lot of running. **Jazz** went 7/8, all placements and earning two titles: A 2nd place in Snooker L2 completed his CL2-S (Strategy) title as well as his overall CL-2 title. He also placed 1st in L4 FullHouse & L3 Wildcard; 2nd in L3 Colors & a L3 Standard; and 3rd in Jumpers L4 & another L3 Standard. **Fleck** Q'd 50% of the time and had a LOT of fun the other 50% of the time. She earned 2 2nd place bumper legs in L1 Standard; and 2 2nd places in Wildcard L2 & Jumpers L2.



IDTC BRAGS

Diane Krause—GSP **Kendyl** Krause earned RAE leg # 5 & Leg # 6 at a January trial.

Deb Bain—Springer **Dealer** showed in Nov B, for bumper legs, at DOTCORN. He was 3rd place Sat., and 2nd place on Sunday. Both days he had a score of 195. I'm very happy with his consistency!

Nancy Almann—**Kiyo** & I ventured to NJ February 1 for 2 Cyno-Sport Rally trials. It was our first time in the performance ring. Kiyo did great in the morning - earning a 3rd place with a score of 205/210. We were in class with a couple of very experienced



handlers, and they earned first & second place. I was a little worried about how she'd do in the afternoon trial, because she can be groggy after lunch. Was also concerned about the fact Winter Storm Linus was bearing down on us, and wanted to get on the road as quickly as possible. I knew she did well on that run, and I was packing up when the show secretary came over & handed me the blue ribbon! Kiyo scored 207 points. Very exciting for this novice team. (No photos of Kiyo with her blue ribbon & the judge because we hopped in the car to beat the storm). Nancy did share a video link on the IDTC Facebook page.

Jami Landry—**Freybug** competed in Beginner Novice A at the DOTCORN trial on February 1st in Farmington NY. They Q'd with a score of 194/200 and placed second in the class.

Manny McGovern-Landry—Not to be left at home, Manny and **Blitzen** also competed in Beginner Novice A with Blitzen, winning the class with a score of 197/200.

Kathy Hildreth—Sheltie, **Magic** had a good showing at the CNYSSC 3 day agility trial January 16-18. Magic completed QQ #32 and #33, He had a 2nd, a 4th and a 3rd in MAS Standard, a 2nd and 6th in MAS JWW. 4 High Scoring Sheltie Awards. Total accumulation of points was 47. He is on the way to MACH2. For



little **Wizard** groupies: he got a Q and 1st place in Novice Standard, and a Q 3rd place in Novice JWW. He had fun...ran around in the ring after a standard run taking more obstacles, showing he was capable of more and how much fun he had. And after a JWW run he left the ring to quickly visit another dog before his leash was on. He is a fun boy! *(Picture reprinted with permission from PhotoShelter).*



Winter Pet Safety Reminders

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When the temperature drops, extra care is needed.

With autumn nearly behind us and the holidays quickly approaching, veterinarian Dr. Brian Collins (left), from the Cornell University Hospital for Animals, urges pet owners to be cautious of frigid temperatures and household hazards.

As people prepare for the holidays, interesting items may attract the attention of your pets. In particular, Collins advises that your **pets may find a variety of non-food items more appealing** than the food in their dishes.

For instance:

1. Ribbons, ornaments, tinsel, and other linear foreign bodies are best to be avoided whenever possible. If used, owners should be careful to keep pets away from them.
2. Extension cords and holiday lights may cause electrocution, burns, unconsciousness, and death. Electrical shock can cause burns, difficulty breathing, abnormal heart rhythm, loss of consciousness, and death. Collins advises that owners avoid these items whenever possible, devise ways to keep animals out of reach, and unplug when possible.
3. Pets can choke on wrapped gifts. Ingesting can lead to vomiting and bleeding from mouth.

A variety of common **holiday plants** can also cause issues for our beloved companions.

1. Poinsettias are not very toxic to pets but do contain a milky sap that can irritate their mouths. Signs of ingestion are usually mild.
2. Any part of the mistletoe plant can be very toxic to animals. Ingestion may cause vomiting, severe diarrhea, difficulty breathing, shock and death within hours of ingestion.
3. The berries and leaves of many species of holly may also be poisonous. Signs of poisonings are generally mild, and include vomiting, stomach pain, and diarrhea.
4. All parts of the lily plant are toxic, including the pollen. Ingesting the plant has been linked to kidney failure.



we're introducing potential hazards," said Collins. "It's not that we need to forego participating in the festivities, we just need to be aware of how our animals will react."

For instance, he said, pine trees – real and artificial – may entice some animals to climb. Further, if the tree is living and chemicals are used to keep it fresh longer, pet owners are encouraged to look for pet-safe options.

"Candles are particularly dangerous for cats – who are able to find candles, no matter how far from the edge of the counter we put them," said Collins. "In addition to burning themselves, cats can easily knock over lit candles, creating a fire hazard. In general, this is another good time to make sure that carbon monoxide and smoke/fire alarms are working properly."

Once the holidays are behind us, Collins noted that for many, the season's **cold temperatures will continue posing dangers** for our pets. The active ingredient in most brands of antifreeze is ethylene glycol, a sweet-tasting liquid that can be attractive to an animal, but is highly toxic. The ashes from wood stoves and fireplaces can burn pets if they are allowed to get too close. Young animals, geriatric animals, and breeds with sparse coats are at risk for hypothermia, a potentially fatal drop in body temperature that can result from prolonged exposure to a freezing environment.

Collins offers these recommendations for people living in cold weather climates:

1. Small and short-haired dogs may need coats when it is cold/windy.
2. Similarly they may need boots if outside for longer periods of time. If the dog is picking up his/her feet or reluctant to walk this may be a sign that he/she is too cold.
3. Dogs may also become lame from walking on salty surfaces and may need boots and/or to have their feet washed off when coming indoors.
4. Longer-haired dogs may collect ice/snow on their feet. Owners should check regularly while outdoors or consider trimming feet to help prevent ice accumulation.
5. Doors on clothes dryers should be kept closed. Cats are drawn to the warmth.
6. If cats go outside or there are outdoor cats in the neighborhood, be aware that cats are drawn to the warmth of car engines. Get in the habit of knocking on your hood to scare cats away before starting your engine to help prevent injuries.
7. Dogs and cats who spend time outdoors should have shelter from the wind and cold as well as a source of fresh water.
8. Straw works well in dog houses.



"When we bring symbols of the holidays into our homes,

Buddy and Missy update!

By Sue Rady



Last Spring, I wrote an article in your Newsletter sharing with you the difficulties I had experienced in raising my much loved but rather reactive sibling Dalmatians.

I shared with you how I had introduced agility into Buddy and Missy's training in the hope of installing confidence. Buddy particularly took a shine to the sport and we have since been entering a number of agility trials. I am so happy to report that Buddy earned his AX and AXJ at the Shetland Sheepdog trial in January. The ribbons, rosettes and titles are lovely to have but more importantly is what agility has brought to Buddy. As a young dog, Buddy was extremely nervous. He would growl and attempt to lunge at anything that came in his eye shot. It took over 4 years of training before I felt that Buddy was safe and comfortable to enter an agility trial. 2014 was a super exciting agility year for us!



I never dreamed that Buddy would ever enter the Masters level of AKC agility. Buddy has

taught me the true meaning of patience and perseverance ... I couldn't ask for a more hard-working and dedicated agility partner.

Missy, Buddy's sister continues to thrive as our family pet. She enjoys a little backyard agility (when she's in the mood!) but she chooses a much more relaxed and non-competitive approach to life!



Tuna Fudge Dog Training Treats

Shared by Katelyn Davis

I'm always looking for creative and cheap training treats other than the usual cheese stick or hot dogs. Here is a recipe that a friend shared with me that I make quite often for my pups. I love the consistency this recipe gives -soft and chewy without any sliminess or crumbling.

Ingredients:

Yield: 1 pan

1. 2 (6 ounce) cans tuna (do not drain)
2. 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour (you can get creative and substitute with better flours and wheat free things)
3. 2 eggs, lightly beaten
4. 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

Directions:

1. Mix all ingredients with an electric mixer until well blended.
2. Spread mixture into a greased 9x9 cake pan.
3. Bake covered at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.
4. Store in refrigerator or freeze.

Thanks Katelyn!

Do you have a favorite recipe to share with IDTC members? Send it to the Newsletter Editor.

Do you remember...

The excitement of last year's 1st EVER Westminster Agility with our very own Debbie Bell and RR Tavari? I was jumping out of my chair hooting and cheering them on. Well..... They're back!

Cheer on our local RR and Belgian Malinois—because you know her too—it's Rose!—as they race around the agility ring! Let's see if they have the opportunity to sit in the "big chair" (please let's hope that the chair is actually NOT there this year!). The event will be held on Saturday February 14, 2015. Preliminary rounds will take place from 8 AM - 4 PM and finals will begin at 7 PM. The event will be staged at Pier 94 located at 711 12th Ave. (55th St. and the West Side Hwy.) in New York City. The event will be televised on Sunday, February 15, 2015 from 12PM to 2PM on Fox Sports 1.

Class Hgt:	24	Yards:	168	SCT:	63			
2410	Roo!	Campbell	24201	30.28	100	1	Q	
2406	Wizard	Swancer	24213	33.68	100	2	Q	
2408	Ruse	Fischer	24235	36.60	100	3	Q	
2403	Tavari	Bell	24214	60.93	100	4	Q	



Volunteers Needed! Spring 2015 Point Show

I have offered to chair the Obedience show at the March FLKC Point Show, **Saturday, March 28, 2015**. With only about six weeks before this show, I am begging for volunteers to steward. Stewarding is an excellent way to gain insight into the Obedience ring. You not only have a bird's eye view of performances, but you are privy to the judges comments and scoring. Please consider helping out!

Please email me privately at debbiek@wendcentral.com if you are able to steward. Don't be afraid if you haven't done it before, as you will be coupled with more experience stewards at the same ring. Great opportunity to learn the ropes! As always, this counts as time towards Active Membership!

Thanks in advance for stepping up! Debbie Keith





Annual Election Night at
Baker Lab

Dish to Pass and
Elections!

And freezing temperatures!



FEBRUARY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 	3—Classes	4—Classes 	5	6—Classes	7
8	9	10—Classes	11—Classes	12	13—Classes	14 
15	16 	17—Classes	18— Graduation	19 	20—Classes	21
22	23	24—Meeting	25—snow date	26	27—snow date	28

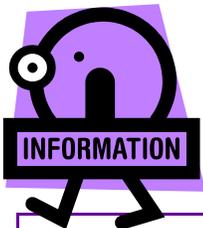
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