

Ithaca Dog Training Club

Monthly Newsletter

March 2021

Meeting

4th Tuesday of every month.

Date:

Time:

Board Meeting-6:30pm

General Meeting-7:00pm



Date: March and April Meetings are Canceled. Next general membership meeting will be May 25th.

Time:

Board meeting 6:30pm

General meeting 7:00pm

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

Directions: Will follow

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

Letter from the President:

Members –Our next meeting will be May 25th at Susan Morse’s house, outside. Be prepared for the weather. No dogs please. No human bathrooms. 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 reposting information from last newsletter as this will all be reviewed and voted on in May.

We had one CPE trial and will have a second one in April. Other classes and events are being planned on by the Training committee. Please volunteer to help teach or participate in events. This is your club! - Susan

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 and Lynne will be calling on the old TC to set up classes for Spring and the new TC will then take over after May’s vote. She will continue to call meetings for the group.

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—

This month I asked Diane Krause about her training background and what she recommends in the way of training and this is what she wrote:

"The first dog I trained was my Beagle named Skippy. I was a 12-year-old in Chemung County's 4H dog obedience program. We competed and actually we won the local competition for my beginner level - yep I was hooked!

I have owned a Beagle, Black Lab, Dobermans and German Shorthaired Pointers. I love all the dogs I have owned so it is very hard to pick a favorite breed. The GSP fit very nicely in my lifestyle since I am very active and my husband loves to hunt.

Prior to Covid I was living the dog enthusiasts dream. I show in conformation, obedience, tracking, nose work, agility, NAVHDA, Hunt tests and dabbled in a little training of dock diving. I give credit to my teachers because they showed me all the cool things out in the world there is to do with your dog!

I try to set goals for myself each year and then there are the dream goals - I want to put a UD on a dog, I want a Tracking Championship, MACH and of course to win the breed at Nationals! I have been in the Top Twenty in Confirmation, Top Twenty in Agility, and have owner handled many of my dogs to their Championship. Even more important to me is that the dogs I bred (Windkist is the name I have bred under, for Dobermans and German Shorthair Pointers) are health tested. You can't have performance dogs if they are not healthy. I don't breed a lot but try to do the best I can!

I am an AKC Pointing Breed Hunt Test judge, and eligible to judge all three levels, and have also judged sweepstakes at breed specialties."

You might ask what a Hunt Test is. The AKC defines a Hunt Test in their rules and regulations as the following:

"Purpose: The purpose of the Pointing Breed Hunting Test program is to afford an opportunity to demonstrate a dog's ability to perform the task for which they were

originally bred. Testing gauges the dogs natural hunting ability and training against these standards of performance - Junior Hunter, Senior Hunter, and Master Hunter."

The AKC describes the Standards for Junior, Senior and Master Hunting Tests as the following:

Junior Hunting Test. A Junior hunting dog must show a keen desire to hunt, be bold and independent, have a fast, yet attractive, manner of hunting, and demonstrate not only intelligence in seeking objectives, but also the ability to find game. A Junior hunting dog must establish point on at least fifty (50) percent of the pointable birds it encounters. It is up to the Judge to determine if a bird is pointable given the specifics of the situation. No additional credit shall be given for steadiness to wing and shot. If the handler is within reasonable gun range of a bird which has been flushed after a point, a blank cartridge must be fired by the handler. Junior hunting dogs must hold point until the handler gets within normal gunshot range. This requirement should be tempered by practical considerations such as the dog's distance from the handler when it finds a bird. Junior hunting dogs must also show reasonable obedience to their handler's commands.

Senior Hunting Test. A Senior hunting dog must show all of the attributes of a Junior hunting dog. In addition, the Senior hunting dog must be steady to wing on all pointed birds and must remain in position until the shot or they are released. A Senior hunting dog must retrieve. All birds that are pointed by the Senior dog in a bird field must be shot where safety allows. If gunning is being done on course, all birds pointed on course must be shot where safety allows. A legitimate attempt to retrieve all downed birds must be made. Conditions such as the type of cover where the bird landed, the terrain, and the condition of the downed bird, sometimes make a retrieve impossible, and this should not reflect negatively on the score of the Senior dog. Whenever it encounters its bracedmate on point, it must honor. A dog that steals its bracedmate's point cannot receive a Qualifying score.

Master Hunting Test. A Master hunting dog must give a finished performance and demonstrate clearly that it deserves to be qualified as such. This is the complete hunting companion that any hunter would be proud to own. It must be under its handler's control at all times, and handle kindly, with an absolute minimum of noise and hacking by the handler. A Master hunting dog must show a keen desire to hunt, must have a bold and attractive manner of running, and must demonstrate not only intelligence in seeking objectives, but also the ability to find game. The dog must hunt for its handler at all times at a range suitable for a handler on foot, and should show or check in front of its handler frequently. It must cover adequate ground but never range out-of-sight for a length of time that would detract from its usefulness as a practical hunting companion. The dog must locate game, must point staunchly, and must be steady to wing and shot on all birds and if it breaks, it cannot receive a Qualifying score. Intelligent use of the wind and terrain in locating game, accurate nose, and intensity on point are essential. Whenever it encounters its bracedmate on point, it must honor. A dog that steals its bracedmate's point cannot receive a Qualifying score. A Master hunting dog is not allowed to be collared unless the Judge deems the situation to be so unusual as to instruct the handler to collar the dog. A Master hunting dog must positively demonstrate its steadiness to wing and shot. All birds that are pointed by the Master dog in a bird field must be shot where safety allows. If gunning is being done on course,

all birds pointed on course must be shot where safety allows. Gunning must be done by Official Guns only. A legitimate attempt to retrieve all downed birds must be made. Conditions such as the type of cover, where the birds landed, the terrain, and the condition of the downed bird, sometimes make a retrieve impossible and this should not reflect negatively on the score of the Master dog. All killed birds must be retrieved promptly, tenderly and absolutely to hand. The handler shall not command or signal the dog to retrieve until positive steadiness has been demonstrated.

Librarian's Note:

Many thanks to Hannah Robinson and Nancy Almann for their recent book donations to the Library! 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 Shorthaired Pointer](#)

- Temperament: [Friendly, Smart, Willing to Please](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 9 of 197
- Height: 23-25 inches (male), 21-23 inches (female)
- Weight: 55-70 pounds (male), 45-60 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 10-12 years
- Group: [Sporting Group](#)





2021 (updated 3-13-21)

Officers

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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

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

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Misc. Committees

A.T.T.S. Lynne Anguish & Tom Szebenyi 564-7230 – Pending date
CPE Agility Trials 2021 – Pending-committee members pending

April 10 & 11 – Chair — Debbie Keith (co-chair) crazyboutdogs1@gmail.com
Suzanne Etherington (co-chair) etherington1@juno.com
Sec - Linda Centurelli
June 19 & 20 – Chair - Marian Szebenyi – Sec – Linda Centurelli
Sept 4 & 5 – Chair-Tammy Osmeloski —Sec – Linda Centurelli
Dec 3 & 4 & 5 – Chair- Debbie Keith (chair) crazyboutdogs1@gmail.com
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Photographer: **Vacant**
Point Show Spring 2021: Debbie Keith CANCELED!
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Agility: Instructor registering their own classes
Nose work: 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

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Welcoming Chair: Abby Christman ajc93@cornell.edu/440-532-9545

CONGRATULATIONS

Nancy Almann reports that she and her Akita Kiyō have been accepted at AKC Canine Ambassadors. The Canine Ambassador program was implemented to have people and their AKC registered dogs engage in 'public education efforts by visiting classrooms and community youth organizations to ... [promote] ... responsible dog ownership and safety around dogs.

Nancy states that Kiyō will make a wonderful ambassador because of her sunny, outgoing nature - the traits that make her a good therapy dog. Kiyō has retired from competing in nose work; public relations and therapy work will provide enrichment during her later years. "Even at 9 1/2 years old, Kiyō likes to keep active!"





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.

Virtual Beginning Nose Work

Abby Christman, Joby Cowulich & Marian Szebenyi and Dawn Sedorous signed up for Virtual Beginning Nose Work, the inaugural on-line nose work club for the club. Students taped themselves working their dogs learning how to find odor. By the end of the class, each team was completing simple searches for 'hides' (small packets of cotton swabs scented with birch essential oil).

Instructors Becky Robinson and Nancy Almann said they had so much fun with the teams that they'll run another virtual class in future. Having students post short videos to the group Facebook page when convenient for them made the class fun; all could learn from watching the videos and reading detailed analysis for each clip.

Marian stated "Although not the same as an in-person class, I found this video-based experience to be very enlightening - Nancy's and Becky's comments showed me how to improve Luna's nose work a lot, even though we had been doing it on our own for some time. As a bonus, my video-taking skills have also improved!"

Abby talked to the instructors after the class. "Argo (and Mickey, because if I'm going to pull out odor for one dog, the other one gets to play too) really enjoyed it. It did point out (again) how different my dogs are and cracking Argo's pretending to be helpless when things get hard is going to make me think about nose work in a whole different way!"

Joby described her dog Betty poignantly. Betty is a COVID baby born in October 2019 at a puppy Mill in Ohio, came to Rochester NY in February 2020 to a rescue because she had pulmonic stenosis and needed heart surgery. She moved in with me In March of 2020 and has had 2 heart surgeries but of course we had trouble socializing and being able to go anywhere. We were registered for obedience classes, but they kept being cancelled due to COVID. Thank goodness for Beginner Scent Work! It gave us both a purpose and something to work towards and was perfect for Betty and her heart condition. She loves it, has gained confidence and we have developed a closer bond from working together.





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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