

	<h1>Ithaca Dog Training Club</h1>	Monthly Newsletter
		May 2020

June Meeting

4th Tuesday of every month.

Date: **CANCELLED**

Location: Baker Institute

Board meeting 6:30pm-via
Emergency e-mail

General meeting 7:00pm-none



Program - Cancelled

Letter from the President

The board has decided to take the following actions based on the state of emergency in Tompkins county and neighboring counties. This will be on the list but this our official notification.

June 23, 2020 meeting is cancelled

We will see how the situation is for having the July meeting. If we can meet it will be at Susan Morse's house and the club will purchase pizza and wings plus drinks and dessert. If we cannot meet we will try again in August.

Meanwhile, pending items are voting on incoming Board, awarding Life membership, and voting on new members. We will do this at the next meeting.

We will keep everyone posted about the club business as much as possible. Please, everyone stay safe and hug those pups. – Susan



From the Library Committee-

This month I asked Nancy Almann about her training background and what she recommends in the way of training, and here is what she wrote: I am an Akita-holic. I love virtually everything about the breed. Their intelligence, work ethic, senses of humor, loyalty, generosity and beauty. As long as I am physically able to manage an Akita, I will have at least one (and preferably two) in my life. My first experience with the breed was with a friend's rescue. Kuma was a smart, funny, sweet girl who was a wonderful companion. When I started considering getting a dog, Akitas were my first choice thanks to her. Because of her, I started volunteering in rescue. I've adopted seven Akitas, and fostered at least a dozen more. Most have been middle aged or older. And they were all pets. Kiyu (8 1/2 years old) and Toka (5 years old) are my first performance dogs. They're both deaf. I always laugh when people ask me 'what is it like to train a deaf dog?' I have no frame of reference, since I've never trained a dog with hearing in performance. Before Kiyu, the most training I'd done with my pets was to earn their CGCs.

Kiyu is remarkably talented and generous. She has also been patient and forgiving with my developing training and handling skills. I've always said that she succeeded despite me, not because of me. We dabbled in tricks, parkour, rally, barn hunt, agility, and of course nose work. This last is the sport we've focused on, and she has succeeded beyond my wildest dreams. She was recently featured in an article in the performance dog magazine Front and Finish. She so deserves those kudos! Toka has been easy to train because he is food motivated. If he knows there's a cookie to earn, he'll work. He too is a nose work superstar. He also loves agility.

The-National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) is viewed as the premier organization in the sport of nose work/ scent work. Kiyu is the first Akita to earn their prestigious titles of NW3, NW3 Elite, Elite 1, 2, 3 and then the Elite Championship. Because Kiyu had had so many firsts to her name, I focused on Toka's successes in the AKC so he could have his own 15 minutes of fame. He is the first Akita to have earned advanced, excellent, and master AKC scent work titles, including the overall scent work title for each of those levels. Kiyu was the second to earn the overall AKC scent work titles, which added to her list of firsts: first Akita to earn the NACSW Elite Championship and all AKC Master Scent Work titles. She is the second dog in the country to have earned both of those honors, too.

Nose work has become a central part of my life thanks to my dogs. I am a boutique trainer and run a handful of classes at various levels. It's been a thrill to work with handlers who have quickly moved up the ranks from novice to NW3 and elite! I am also an AKC scent work judge, and am certified to judge for CPE scent work and Performance Scent Dogs.

The training advice that I would give is the following:

- 1) I believe that dogs have the right to say no. Kiyu made it very clear that agility was not her favorite activity. I asked her to give me one CPE agility title, promising her that we were done with the sport when she did. I kept my promise because she wasn't having fun. We worked in various sports until we hit on nose work -- a sport that we both love!

- 2) Find an instructor who challenges, supports and inspires you. I personally prefer to work with trainers who compete in the sport I'm pursuing. They're up to date on the rules and regulations, and can give excellent advice on how to handle different challenges I experience in trials. It's a plus if they're a judge, too.

Find someone who wants you to be better than they are, and will work through the ups and downs of life. One of the greatest compliments I've received from a nose work student is 'you are so very generous with your time.' That's because I've had instructors who have been that generous to me.

3) Keep at it! Five years ago, I knew virtually nothing about the sport of nose work and was a green performance handler. Since then I've trained the top two Akitas (and top two deaf dogs) in the sport in the country, become a fully licensed AKC judge, and coached multiple students to titles at every level. Please believe me when I say this: If I can do it, you can, too.

Below are some links to nose work trials I have competed in, to give you an idea of what the sport is about:

Toka - NW2 Containers, Doswell VA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isv9KROZHCs>

Toka - NW2 Exteriors, Doswell VA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yn8HIRIqudY>

Kiyo - NW3 containers - Doswell VA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZU-PwPapEQ>

Kiyo - Elite - Hamburg NY

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2R_6a4UtOGk&t=6s

Librarian's Note:

Nancy tells me that there are not any good nose work/scent work books out there. However, she advises her students (me being one of them) to watch YouTube videos of the sport, like the ones noted above, to get a better idea of what it is all about. I've been a nose work student of Nancy's for almost two years, and my Rat Terrier Mac and I think it's a blast! Nancy is graciously donating, to the IDTC Library, a set of 6 DVDs (and one CD-ROM) called *Solving Fear and Aggression: Help Your Dog Achieve Its Potential* by Dr. Sophia Yin, DVM, copyright 2013. Thank you Nancy! I also want to mention I am adding the book *The Big Book of Tricks for the Best Dog Ever*, by Larry Kay and Chris Perondi, 2019, to the library. If you are attempting to get any of the AKC Trick Dog Titles (which can be submitted entirely on video now, due to the Pandemic), then this is the book for you.

In this age of the corona virus and no meetings, it's hard to get books or DVDs to dog club members. Some of us have more time on our hands for dog training due to the Pandemic. If you'd like to supplement your training with library materials, you can find an updated list of library materials on the club website. Contact me at idtclibrary@gmail.com with any requests and I'll find a way to get you anything you would like from the library. The virus lives on hard surfaces like cardboard or plastic anywhere from one to three days. You could always "quarantine" a book or DVD for a while once you get it.

2019-20 (updated 5/26/20)

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Officers and Board members will continue on until we can get an official membership meeting.

Training Committee 2020-21

Two-year term:

Member: Marian Szebenyi (3/20-2/22 – 2 years) dms35@cornell.edu/564-7230
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Member: Betty Baldwin (3/19-2/21 – 2 yrs.) bhb5@cornell.edu
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Member: Anne Williams (2/20-3/21- 1 yr.) no e-mail 607-277-7219
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Note – There is no Training Director for 20-21 – Jobs will be distributed and Posted

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A.T.T.S. Lynne Anguish & Tom Szebenyi 564-7230 – Pending date
CPE Agility Trials 2020 – committee members pending

These trials are pending---

Aug 29 & 30 – Tammy O. Chair, Linda C. Sec.

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

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2019 ACT Test: Pending - **Vacant**

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Newsletter copying/ mailing: Deb Bain

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Agility: Instructor registering their own classes

Nosework: Instructor registering their own classes

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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

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Have an
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Summer!

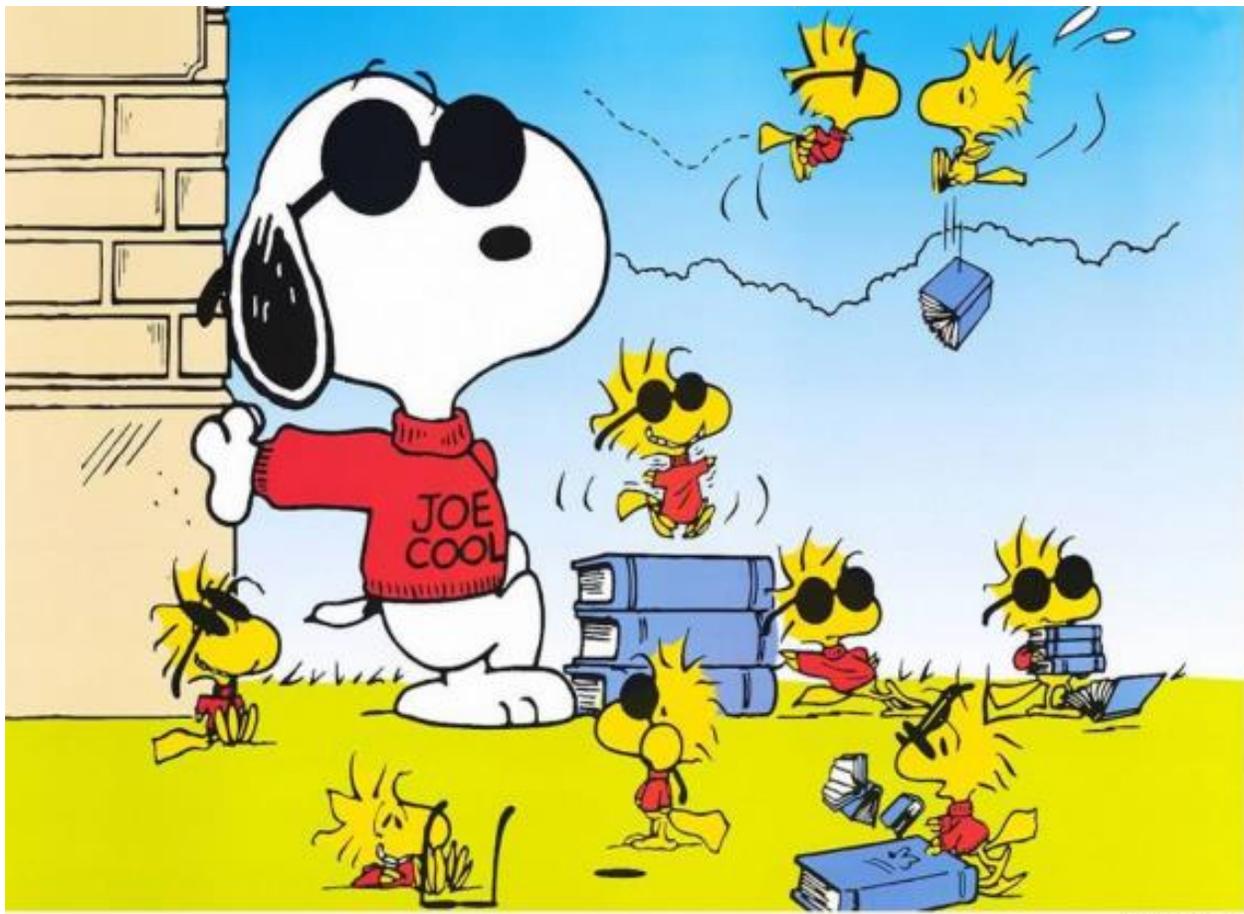


Submission date for newsletter: The 5th of each month

Please send anything you might like me to publish: articles, pictures, brags, short stories of some you're 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.



Thanks in advance for making this a fun newsletter to read. Linda - BlackdogColby@gmail.com



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