

Monthly Newsletter

November 2019

# Ithaca Dog Training Club

## October Meeting

4th Tuesday of every month.

Date: Nov.26, 12019

Location: Baker Institute

Board meeting 6:30pm

General meeting 7:00pm

Program: None (If you would like a program or like to be program chair, let me know. I will not arrange it but will put it on the schedule.



### Reminders:

- 1) Renew your membership-Even if you are a life member, please make sure you complete the form
- 2) No meeting in Dec. 2019. Holiday party!
- 3) Sign up for League 2019/20 if you would like to play in the agility league.
- 4) If you are interested in the training committee or Director Position, please let one of the board members know. Please make sure per the By Laws that you qualify for these very important positions.
- 5) Think what you can do for your club and volunteer. We have several positions open.

## Letter from the President:

We have many fun activities coming up and we need volunteers to help with these activities. Remember – THIS IS YOUR CLUB. We seem to have a good core group of people that do most of the work. I would like to see this expand to others. If you are a member of IDTC, one should have some sort of position to help,. Thank you to those faithful people that do. We want this club to keep going, but some people are being a little burnt out and would like relief. What can you do? Many things behind the scenes or out in front. Please volunteer.

# October Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2019 @ 7pm  
General meeting, Baker Institute

No minutes submitted for this newsletter.

This was approved by the board on 9/24/19 and will be voted on by the general membership at the Nov 2019 meeting to be added to this section of policies.

## **Section III – Other Committees:**

Once the CPE trial has been approved by the board and a CPE Trial Chair has been selected along with their committee, the CPE Trial Chair and committee members will make all decisions about running the trial complying with the CPE policy and rules. This include the number of days, number of classes, order of classes, policies of running the classes and any other issues that may come up. If a member of IDTC has a suggestion, then they are to approach the Trial Chair. The Trial Chair with their committee can then take the suggestion under consideration but will ultimately make the decision for that trial. All final decisions of the nature will be by the Trial Chair



## From the Library Committee—

This month I asked Hannah Robinson about her training background and what she recommends in the way of training dogs. Here is her response: "I come from the horse side of animal training. Though I competed in several equine venues for over 35 years, I most enjoyed the training, rather than the competition. When my last dog Belle and I started agility, I saw the REAL difference between working with horses and dogs. While horses can FEEL what you are doing - if you're weight is evenly distributed for instance - a dog SEES all of the handler's gestures, and takes visual cues very quickly. This can be a real issue during an agility run – when the handler gestures, leans or looks in a direction – and the dog intuitively takes the hint, intended or not!

I grew up with dogs – most notably a Golden Retriever who arrived as a puppy the fall I went to first grade, and passed away the summer after I graduated from Ithaca College. Coalby, a Tompkins County SPCA rescue and I attended the Beginner Class with IDTC in 1979, when our two boys were three and one. The teacher looked terrifically familiar, but I just couldn't place her... It turned out to be Sue Suwinski who bred Rotweillers and taught classes at IDTC for some time. We had boarded our horses at the same barn above the hospital while I was a student at IC twelve years before. Ithaca is naughty but an oversized small town!

After our three kids were off on their own in 2005 I adopted a Golden Retriever cross from Joyful Rescues in western New York. My new recruit was sired by the local sheriff's purebred Golden, and the mother had (to quote the owner) been "tied outside so she wouldn't get bred". This birth control strategy produced 14 puppies. From the only photo I saw of the bitch, she was a tricolor Border Collie. I am NOT a fan of "designer" dog breeding, but Belle was a wonderful "mistake".

Belle was also the world's easiest dog to own and train (I KNOW that now....) She was a good traveler, was completely unphased by other dogs, (in at least five states) small boisterous children, loud very large machines (she often came to work at our excavating business) and groups of crazy unpredictable people doing nutty things in bizarre costumes (Ithaca Festival Parade). She went to Key West with us one winter and though she could not get over the hundreds of cats all over the streets (thanks Mr. Hemingway), she would lie down quietly at outdoor restaurants, ignoring hens and their fleets of chicks wandering all around her. That prey drive modification was pretty impressive, since she was a champion woodchuck killer, having taught some woodchucks to climb ten feet up trees to avoid certain death. And sometimes THAT didn't work either.

Belle and I worked our way through Beginners I and II, CGC Community Canine, Agility (CPE, NADAC and ASCA) Obedience through her CD, Rally (AKC & ASCA) through Excellent, then went on to the fun stuff – Barn Hunt, some tricks, a TD in Tracking (Florida) and beginning nose work. She caught on to new things almost instantly, and rarely forgot. The handler just tried to keep up.

I've been a member of IDTC for about twelve years. I can't tell you how many times when I'm struggling with some issue or wonder about something dog-related – a member will walk by and throw out a comment, as if it's the most obvious solution. That's the value of experience – we have lots of members with knowledge in every facet of dog training, care, (including veterinarians and other canine health professionals) showing and trialing, breeds and dog equipment.

To take advantage of this information source, new members need to jump into the fray – take classes, attend clinics, seminars, (some put on by Cornell), come to meetings and listen to ALL the things people are doing with their dogs, ask questions, and take books or videos out of the Club's extensive library.

**Dog Sports** If you are starting a young dog remember that some dog sports are better started when the dog is young (around 2) like agility, lure coursing, dock diving and flyball. While they can (and should be!) started anytime, tracking, nose work and obedience, including rally can be done as the dog ages as well – so you both can enjoy a lifetime of dog sports.

*Information I've found useful:*

**Crate training** – I was a died-in-the wool dis-approver of this tool until I started trialing and taking my dog places. Even if you are fortunate enough to have loads of fenced in outdoor space at home – eventually your dog is going to have go to the vet (neutering, injuries), go for a spell in a boarding facility, or be in a safe place at a trial, clinic, or class, while you listen to the instructor, fill out paperwork, watch demonstrations, or walk a course. It is a great cruelty to your dog, I'm thinking, to

suddenly one day just be jammed into a strange crate or kennel, by people he/she doesn't know, when they have never been so confined. Instead, a crate should be introduced at puppyhood if possible, (there are several good books on crate training in the Club's library), or at the soonest possible opportunity. The crate should be a comfortable, secure space large enough for the dog, but not so vast that it is another "room". I realize what a safe haven the crate can be for a reactive and anxious dog (my present herding mix dog). Fortunately, the rescue where she came from did a great job with crate training.

**Off-lead training.** If you plan to walk your dog, do agility, or anything else with the dog off lead, there needs to be some serious and lengthy training on a long lead before the dog EVER gets the privilege of complete freedom. While I think there are some dogs, and some breeds of dogs for whom complete liberty is not in the cards, even the most Velcro and home bound can become a real hazard to themselves and others without some "structure". With my last dog I allowed her to run free on walks (we are fortunate to have about 400 acres on top of a hill in Candor) from the time she could follow me as a puppy. She quickly deduced that she didn't need to be satisfied with just a 45 minute walk – when she could zoom around as long as she wanted.

After the fact RECALL training is a really tough skill. Belle was NEVER very good at recalls in the field if there was something intriguing to chase. (She was however, nearly perfect at recalls in the obedience ring....) My current herding mix was on various lengths of long line for almost two years before complete release. We still practice recalls on EVERY walk, and if she ignores me, she goes back on the long line for a time, depending on the transgression. She's a very smart cookie, and REALLY values her freedom. Buy a 10' or 15' and a 20' long line and figure out how to use them. The retractable leashes have their uses but are NOT useful in the woods or deep fields as they wrap up in everything, and they can be dangerous if you are walking with other dogs (either in the open or in urban areas).

**Meeting other Dogs:** If you have a dog that is either shy, anxious, or downright terrified of other dogs, try this when someone asks you to come along on a walk with your dog. Instead of the traditional face to face greeting at the beginning – (which for some dogs looks like a Mexican standoff resulting in disaster) start the walk in an open area (park, wide trail) with the dogs on a short (heeling) leash by each handler's side. Walk *briskly*, and allow the dogs to glance at each other, (keeping a respectful distance). Keep walking. Bring high value treats along, and if there is ANY sign of wide-eyed, panting, whining, staring looks, encourage the dog to look at you, then treat and KEEP WALKING.

Widen the distance between the dogs as necessary, allow more freedom as they become comfortable, but don't allow them to come up behind another dog, or place them in a position where a dog feels cornered next to a tree, wall, bench or other barrier. After a few minutes walking, and keeping the distance between them – allow the dogs to stop and sniff the ground (loosen the leashes a little), as long as they are giving each other space, but keep moving forward a little. Go for 20 minutes or so – sniffing as much as possible and call it a day. Try another day following the same routine. I've found this system will allow the dogs time to get acquainted without the face to face pressure and eventually they should be relaxed, often companionable at least with that dog."

**Note from the librarian:**

Our library contains the video "Crate Games" by Susan Garrett which has some good ideas on how to get a dog comfortable with a crate.



2019 ANNUAL AWARDS  
OBEDIENCE / PERFORMANCE TITLES EARNED BY IDTC MEMBERS

Each IDTC member that earned a title in 2019 will be recognized at the Annual Holiday Party with a certificate recognizing that achievement and will be able to choose an IDTC trinket – one for each dog.

**About the Owner / Handler:** \*Name:  
Email Address and/or phone number (in case additional information is needed):

**About the Dog:** Call Name:  
Registered Name (if you'd like it on the certificate):

\*Breed:  
Date of Birth:

**About the Title(s):**  
\*Titling Organization (AKC, CKC, CPE, ASCA, AMBOR, etc.):  
\*Title (s):  
Scores obtained in earning title:  
Other special achievements worthy of note (HIT's, class placements, etc):

\*Required information (It is not necessary to use the form or to fill out a form for each title as long as the information is clear).

**Special Awards**

Please read the list below and if you qualify for any of the special awards (e.g. junior or senior handler, IDTC puppy graduate, and especially Novice A (vs Novice B) for CD and Open A (vs Open B)), please be sure the pertinent information is included. For the Kiss award, please indicate qualifying non-agility title(s).

*Anke Award:* senior dog ( $\geq 6$  years old) with 3 Highest Scores (HS) earning a First CD

*Bonnie Jean Memorial Award:* senior handler ( $\geq 65$  years old) with 3 HS in AKC Open A or Utility A Obedience

*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.)

**Memorials to Dogs Lost in 2019** (to be included in Holiday Party booklet)

If you have a dog that you would like to honor, please include any or all of the following:

Your Name:

Dog's Name:

Titles:

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 to Betty Baldwin by Thanksgiving (November 28, 2019). 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](mailto:bhb5@cornell.edu)

or by snail mail to 590 Asbury Rd  
Freeville, NY 13068

The form is also on the IDTC website.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Well, it's almost that time of year. Yes, party time.

The club's annual gala will be held December 8. Guests can start arriving at 11 AM. Same place as last year-the Clarion Inn, 2310 N. Triphammer Road.

Attire-Naughty or nice. This year we will hold an ugly holiday sweater contest. So search through the closet for the one you almost gave away. It could be worth a big prize.

We will have the raffle that helps pay for the party. One person's trash is another's treasure. So please consider sponsoring a raffle item.

The gift exchange is always a popular event. Joe the Elf (not to be confused with Joe the Leprechaun or Joe the Easter Bunny) will be making his triumphal return. As Santa's emissary, he will oversee all gift related exchanges. (Please keep gift value 15 dollars or less).

Our historian will be back, taking us down memory lane.

Contact Betty Baldwin for title submissions for our annual year book.

Active members' meals are free. Inactive and non-member guests pay \$16.00

Contact Pat Welch at [pwelch@twcny.rr.com](mailto:pwelch@twcny.rr.com) to reserve your spot.

**2019** (updated 10/25/19)

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*Aug 31 & Sept 1 (5 runs a day)*

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*Nov 29 & Nov 30 & Dec 1 (3 days)*

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2020 CPE trial dates reserved – committee members pending

Feb 29 & March 1 – Tammy O. Chair, Linda C. Sec. judge Bob Domfort

April 4 & 5 – Kathy H. Chair, Linda C. Sec.

June 13 & 14 – Marian Chair, Linda C. Sec.

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

Nov 27 & 28 & 29 – Debbie K. Chair, Suzanne E. Sec.

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## 2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

### Personal Information

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| Name |  |
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| Address      |  |       |  |
| Phone        |  | Email |  |
| Dog Breed(s) |  |       |  |

### Membership Information

|                              |               |               |                   |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 2019 Membership (circle one) | Single - \$30 | Family - \$40 | Life Member       | Junior - \$15 |
| Activity Status (circle one) | Active        | Inactive      | New within 1 year |               |

### Volunteer Activity & Meeting Attendance

| To be considered an Active member for 2020, you must volunteer at least 10 hours of time to IDTC activities and attend at least 3 club meetings in 2019. Teaching a class counts for double hours. Report # of hours and # of meetings attended in 2019. Add a sheet or use back of page if necessary. |                |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
|--|----------------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Hours  | Event/Activity |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
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| <b>Meeting Attendance:</b> 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 |

### Shared Personal Information:

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

Please **do not** sign me up for the IDTC Yahoo Group List (you can unsubscribe at any time)

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Please send a newsletter to my mailing address listed above.

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**CGC Graduates – 10/16/2019**



**Submission date for newsletter: The 5<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

Please send anything you might like me to publish: articles, pictures, 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](mailto:BlackdogColby@gmail.com)



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