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 2:30pm
 Agility Party—Fri 12/18/15 Groton



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Message from IDTC President

As some of you know, my doctorate is in history. This bent gives me a long view on most topics, including the IDTC. I've been looking through the minutes starting in 1950 and have found a few constants—getting and keeping members (there were eleven in 1951) and whether or not to merge with the FLKC or become an AKC affiliated club on our own was a recurring theme.

The Club's focus has shifted as well—while it began as an obedience training club it has expanded its offerings as the members' interests have expanded—just look at the classes/seminars/events of the past couple of years! Barn hunt, nose work, agility, and tracking have all joined obedience as members look for interesting ways to interact and train with their dogs.

I think it might be time for a reevaluation of the Club's mission and focus in 2016—the treasury is healthy with \$50k but we've all seen the list posts from the Training Committee about the difficulties in finding new instructors and assistants for the classes offered to non-club members who are the Club's primary source of income.

Here are some questions to get the discussion started—

- ◇ Should the Club have a reserve of \$50K? What is the point of having this amount of cash on hand?
- ◇ What can the Club be doing to attract members (besides obedience classes)? Could we offer beginner classes in some of these other areas to non-members? Sure, the non-member dogs would have to have some skills - perhaps after successfully completing a Beginner class a non-member could be offered a tracking class or a barn hunt class or....you get the idea.

I've enjoyed my three terms as president of IDTC—thanks for your support and confidence!

Suzanne Etherington

JANUARY MEETING
4th Tues of each Month!
 Date: 1/26/2016
 Location: TBD
 Board: 6:00pm
 Program: Elections
 General: to follow
Watch the e-LIST for updates!

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Don't forget to renew your membership for the new year. The 2016 online form is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCH2DZG>. Paypal is now an option for payment, please visit <https://www.paypal.com/home> and make a payment to the email ithacadogtrainingclub@gmail.com.

Thanks, Katelyn

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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

November 24, 2015

Submitted by: Hannah Robinson, Secretary

The meeting began at 7:10 pm, was interrupted when Leni Kaplan's lecture on worming and worm prevention began, and concluded after the lecture at 8:57 pm.

Secretary's Report: Newsletter minutes from October meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Accounts for the dates September 23rd – Nov 24th, 2015 (two months) including Checking, Savings and C.D.'s totaled \$50,340.56.

Funds in total \$2,429.50, with the great majority of income coming from the Beginner classes (\$1800.00) with the rest coming from advanced classes and Member applications. Funds out totaled \$5286.25, including the large donations made in September and October, pavilion rental and CPE Trial fees for 2016 being the largest expenses.

Training Committee: Need a person for at least the first two sessions of Beginner classes to fit collars and sell leads to new students. Tammy Snyder has been filling in on this job, but it is critical to have someone there so that

instructors can run and teach their class without worrying about fitting collars. The training committee will decide on incentives for the person who volunteers to make it more appealing. Marg Pough offered to teach a mini-session in collar fitting for those interested in learning or improving those skills.

There is still a need for instructors and assistants for the winter session. Please contact Tammy Snyder with offers of either. She will be sending out the exact class dates for the next session, for anyone "on the fence" about volunteering. A repeat of the "teaching the teacher/assistant" course came up as a way to pull more of the newer members toward teaching/assisting.

New Business: Two new membership applications approved by the board were also voted in by the general membership. These were Brenda Finnicum (previously a member), and Marty Gold.

Renewing Memberships – Katelyn Davis our membership secretary has asked that the board review the poli-

cies regarding membership due dates – to determine when the person loses their membership rights. This is a significant problem in January, as non-renewed members are not permitted to vote in the coming year's elections. There have also been non-current members who have signed up for classes. Suggestions for "end" dates for memberships have ranged from December 1st to May 1st, raising the membership rates, with discounts for those renewing before January 1st, to a late fee for those joining after a certain date. Many suggested a "boxed" announcement in the newsletters of October, November and December explaining the renewal date policy. The matter was tabled for further discussion.

Tammy Snyder agreed to co-chair the Spring Point Show, April 1st and 2nd. Please think about the Fall Point Show – which will also need a chairman.

Please submit all your show and trial results to Betty Baldwin, and contact Joe Osmeloski immediately if you have not sent in your reservation for the Holiday Party on December 13th!

Attention Life members: Renewing your life membership is important to us. Please fill out a renewal application so that we can update your activity status for the new year as well as your contact information.



VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED: We need a person to co-chair the obedience at the spring point show.

Tammy Snyder is willing to help but needs someone to work with her. The show will be Saturday, April 2. We will be using the same building we used last spring at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse, NY. Let Tammy or me know if you are willing to help.

Now is also a good time to volunteer for the fall point show. This same job is open then.

Thanks. Pat Welch



Training Committee Updates

The training committee is losing 4 members in Feb. we will need a training director and 3 training committee members, 2 appointed I believe, and 2 elected. Members with interest in these positions should contact me. I will include a description of the job below to be included.

SECTION D. Training Committee

1. Membership: The Training Committee shall consist of eight members: The Training Director; three members appointed by the Board of Directors; three members elected by the general membership; and the President who is a non-voting ex-officio member. At the meetings of the Training Committee five members shall constitute a quorum. Members currently serving as Directors or Officers are ineligible to serve on the Training Committee.

a. Training Director: The Training Director shall be appointed every two years for a term of two years. The Training Director must be a current instructor of the Club with a minimum of three continuous years of instructing experience. A current instructor is one who has led at least one class in either the current or preceding Club year. The Training Director shall preside at all meetings of the Training Committee. The Training Director shall call for and meet with the Training Committee at least once each training session to observe classes. The Training Director shall maintain communications with the Board of Directors via written minutes of

committee meetings and an annual report to the membership. The Training Director shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, member of the Board.

b. Appointed Members. Two Committee members are appointed by the Board of Directors at the February meeting:

c. A current trainer (defined as one who has completed either an IDTC class or a companion or performance title in either the current or prior Club year) who shall serve for a term of two years; appointed only in odd-number years (2005, 2007, etc.).

d. A new instructor who has instructed at least two sessions but has not taught for more than two years; who shall serve two year term and be appointed in even-numbered years (2006, 2008 etc.). If no such person is available, a new assistant, or a relatively new instructor who has taught for more than two years, may be appointed.

e. A person from the membership at large, who shall serve a one year term; this appointment will be made each year.

f. Elected members: Two Committee members are elected at the February Club meeting. Each year the membership shall nominate at least three members for training committee positions. Voting shall be by secret ballot. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall serve a two-year term. The nominee receiving the second highest number of votes shall serve a one-year term.

g. President: The President of the Club shall be an ex-officio member with no voting privileges.

h. The Training Committee may ask any member, including past Training Directors, to act in an advisory capacity.

2. Purpose: The technical operation of the Club shall be under the guidance of the Training Committee.

The duties of the Committee are as follows:

- a. Standardize instruction goals.
- b. Assign instructors and assistants for each class.
- c. Select assistant instructors; supervise their apprenticeship; and recommend them as instructors on completion of their apprenticeship.
- d. Maintain the quality of instruction by evaluations of instructors and assistants and by periodic training sessions with instructors and assistants.
- e. schedule training classes.

3. Operating year: The operating year of the Training Committee shall be from the close of the February meeting until the close of the following February meeting.

Thank you to Marg Pough and Becky Robinson for volunteering to do collar fittings for beginner classes.

Thanks, Tammy S.

NOTE:

As changes are made more frequently than the newsletter is printed—please see the IDTC website for up-to-date Class Schedule, Class Information and Forms.

www.ithacadogtrainingclub.org/

Winter 2016 Class Schedule

Tuesdays - Advanced Obedience Classes -1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 3/1 (possible CGC test). 3/8 and 3/15 snow days. Meetings 1/26, 2/23

Register with Karen Netherton, 7 Cricket Lane, Freeville, NY 13068. Applications must be mailed (**NO** phone or e-mail). Registration: Monday Dec. 7th 2015-Friday Dec 18th. Any class application **NOT** received at the registrar by Dec. 18th will **NOT** be admitted to any advanced class. Incomplete applications (missing any or all of the following: waiver, vaccine information, or class fee) will be rejected.

6:00 PM CGC Lisa Mitchell/Anne Williams Limit 10 students

This class will be open to any member and to those coming out the beginner I and II classes for the early winter session.

6:00 AKC Novice Jan Estes Limit 6 students

Open to members who have previously completed the Novice class, or whose dog is being prepared for competition.

7:15 Advanced Run Thru's Tammy Snyder Limit 6-8 students

This class will be open to all members preparing for competition. We will do run-thru's for Novice, Open and Utility, with minimal instruction.

7:15 pm Rally Run Thru's **Need coordinator**

This class will be open to all members that are considering trialing in Rally to work on courses, entering and exiting the ring, and teamwork.

Wednesdays - Beginner-level Classes - 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17 (possible graduation). 2/24 and 3/2 Snow days

Register with Marian Szebenyi, 176 Jackson Hollow, Newfield, NY 14867. Applications can be mailed any time; they **MUST** include: class fee (\$85, except as noted on form), vaccination information and waiver. **Any incomplete applications will be rejected.** Applications must be received at least 1 week prior to start of class: Dec. 30th No exceptions. Any application received after Dec. 30th 2015 will be held for the next class session.

- ◆ 6:00 pm Beginner II Betty Baldwin/Janet Hansen
- ◆ Beginner I **Instructor**/Jenna Dockweiler (new assistant)
- ◆ STAR Puppy **instructor/assistant needed**

Fridays - Agility Classes - **There are NO agility classes planned at this time.**

Please note that IDTC is unable to accept aggressive or reactive dogs in our classes. If you are concerned that your dog is aggressive or reactive to people or other dogs, please ask for your vet for a referral to a certified animal behaviorist.

Special Classes

Nose Work Part 2 Nancy Almann

Dates: Mondays Time: 7 pm

Location: Ithaca College Boat House

Register with:

Nancy Almann, PO Box 789, Trumansburg, NY 14886

Checks made payable to IDTC

Who's Eligible? IDTC Members only, who have taken Nose work part 1 in the early winter 2015 session.

Nose Work 1

Dates: TBD Time: TBD

Location: Livestock Pavilion kitchen

Limited to 6 students

Register with: Nancy Almann

Who's eligible? IDTC members

Pesky Parasite Presentation

On November 24 Leni Kaplan, DVM spoke at the monthly general meeting on canine parasite prevention.

Dr. Kaplan covered a brief overview of diseases carried by fleas and ticks. Fleas can carry and infect their hosts with haemobartonella, tape worm, bubonic plague and can trigger flea bite hypersensitivity in some pets. Heavy infestations can lead to a flea anemia. Ticks can transmit Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Anaplasma, Erlichia, tularemia, and babesia. Some dogs can experience tick paralysis from a single feeding tick.

Heartworm is becoming increasingly prevalent in our region of NY. This is possibly due to increased frequency of traveling with pets and the more rescues bringing shelter animals in from southern states, some of whom are known to be positive. It is important to continue heartworm prevention year round in order for it to be effective as it only kills heartworms in one stage of their lifecycle. Monthly preventative treatment is ineffective against adult heartworms serving only to create resistance. Currently there are three strains of heartworm known to be resistant to preventatives, so routine testing is still important.

There are many options for the control of fleas, ticks and heartworm. Dr. Kaplan mentioned topical, collars, oral and topical options.

A new monthly oral product recently introduced to the market with efficacy against ticks and fleas is Nexgard. Nexgard shouldn't be used in pregnant or lactating animals or animals who have had seizures. Bravecto is another oral flea and tick preventative which lasts for three months. Seresto collars will repel fleas and ticks for eight months.

The majority of flea and tick prevention products are monthly topicals applied directly to a dogs skin. Frontline tritak kills fleas and ticks within three minutes. Frontline plus is a similar product that works more slowly.

There are many products available for heartworm prevention, both oral and topical. None of these products kill ticks except for Revolution which is only labeled for effectiveness against the American dog tick. It is the black legged tick that carries Lyme disease and Anaplasma.

Some oral preventatives mentioned were Sentinel Spectrum which doesn't kill ticks or adult fleas but prevents heartworm disease, hookworms, roundworms and whipworms. An important consideration is that the chews are beef and bacon flavored, which would be problematic in allergic dogs. There have been inconclusive studies in pregnant and breeding dogs. Another oral preventative is Interceptor, a cost friendly product which contains Novamycin; an effective broad spectrum dewormer that covers hook, round and whip worms. It is a good choice for dogs spending lots of time outdoors. Interceptor plus also contains a flea growth regulator, but because of this costs more. Oral trifexis is a monthly preventative that kills fleas, intestinal parasites and prevents heartworm. The chews contain soy and pork and it is not labeled for pregnant or lactating bitches. It can interact with ivermectin. Heartgard and Heartgard Plus prevent heartworm, roundworm and hookworm. These products are safe in lactating, breeding and pregnant animals. They aren't effective against whipworms.

Lastly some topical heartworm preventatives mentioned were; Advantage multi which will kill circulating microfilaria (infective life stage of the heartworm). It is also effective against roundworms, hookworms, whipworms and sarcoptic mange. Revolution is another heartworm preventative available for dogs, it doesn't cover any other internal parasites and only repels the American dog tick which doesn't carry Lyme disease. It can be used to treat very young puppies at 6 weeks of age.

Dr. Kaplan discussed reasons that preventatives don't effectively control canine parasites including poor owner compliance, climate changes in the winter months when owners sometimes skip doses, resistance and traveling with pets who are not pro-

tected against parasites endemic to the area they are visiting. These products discourage fleas and ticks but an overwhelming infestation may still mean dogs are affected. It is important to treat flea infestations with concurrent environmental control including vacuuming and washing items in the household every other day, using insect growth regulator sprays and treating the outdoor environment.

Precis from Dr. Kaplan:

Using flea/tick and heartworm preventives in our pets is crucial to protecting them from contracting infectious diseases and maintaining their overall health. Though many diseases are not directly passed from pets to their owners (such as Lyme disease), pets can carry these parasites into the home putting the owner at risk for exposure. There are a variety of flea/tick and heartworm preventives available through veterinarians and commercially. Make sure to discuss with your veterinarian which are the most efficacious, safe and appropriate preventives for your pet based on their lifestyle. Consistently and appropriately using these preventives will prevent infestations and product failure. Some useful owner-friendly websites include:

www.petsandparasites.org/
<http://www2.epa.gov/pets/controlling-fleas-and-ticks-your-pet#safety>
www.heartwormsociety.org/pet-owner-resources
<http://www2.epa.gov/pets/controlling-fleas-and-ticks-around-your-home>
http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/prev/in_the_yard.html
<http://www.veterinarypartner.com/Content.plx?P=A&S=0&C=0&A=3237>
<http://www.fleabusters.com/product/fleabusters-rx-for-fleas-plus>

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The Road to a UD
Or
"Are you crazy?! It's a Min Pin!"
By: Joan Shaw

When I started training my Min Pin I thought "I've trained Rottweilers, an Irish Setter and terriers." I've titled dogs in SchH, tracking, obedience, conformation and lure coursing. I started showing purebred dogs in obedience competitions in 1976. How hard could it be to train a Min Pin?" Many seasoned obedience competitors looked at me and shook their heads.

"Why do that to yourself?" they said. "Get an obedience breed like a Golden or a Border Collie if you want to compete in obedience."

I think almost any dog can attain novice level obedience titles and many are capable of higher level titles if trained properly and given a chance.

It does help if the dog is willing and eager to participate in your foolishness!

I got my dog at 5 months of age from Barbara Zagrodnick and co-breeder Evelyn Victor. He came with the call name of "Leroy" (The "L" litter including "Legend" owned by Barbara and "LuLu" owned by Sue Krom) but it didn't feel right. I re-named him "Victor" which seemed a much better fit of his personality. He was an active inquisitive puppy and quite independent. He was very affectionate but not "clingy" and learned things easily. He is very food motivated which is a Big help!

A bad experience at a pet store made him leery of strangers and I wondered if a CD would be possible. He would not stand still for a person to touch him, he would try to get away from them unless I was physically preventing him.

We started competing in conformation at 8 months of age and he was very showy, self stacking beautifully and won a Group First under judge Joe Tacker at his very first show! His championship was completed very quickly in 2007 and his Rally Novice title in 2008. Rally Advanced and his CD followed in 2009, once he understood the stand/stay exercise. I decided

then to try to get his Open title, even though he wasn't much of a retriever. I began training with Brenda Finnicum of K-9Stein Institute in Freeville NY. That's when it became apparent-this is no easy obedience breed.

"Victor" was very smart but had his own way of doing things. He did not like the dumbbell at all and had to be force trained to retrieve. I used a micro prong collar and just tightened it up to ask him to take the dumbbell. It was followed immediately by a piece of food. He learned to hold it, take it and finally to retrieve and jump with it.

The next hurdle was the out of sight stays. He was always reliable in the Novice stays so I didn't worry too much about the out of sight stays. He did very well as I lengthened the time slowly. I did worry about showing at all breed shows, I had heard horror stories of dogs being attacked and killed at a show during out of sight stays.

His off lead heeling has always been a bit sketchy, very good in practice and at training but like most Min Pins, very easily distracted at shows! Heeling can be very boring, for the trainer as well as the dog, so I tried to keep things light and fun. Varying short heeling patterns with other exercises and lots of food rewards. We would practice one step changes in heel position so he always had to adjust to stay correct and earn the food. He learned heel position well, always finding it even if he had drifted away. It came in very handy when we started to enter shows as he would always come back to me when I halted and get back in heel position.

At the Yankee Specialty in Nov 2012 he did his "thing" in Open, drifting out about 15 feet and looking towards the ring gate. The judge called for a halt and "Victor" looked back and scurried into heel position. I didn't think the judge would qualify the heeling but she said "It's a MinPin and a Specialty...just points off." In spite of his mistakes we went High in Trial in the first show and placed second in Open B in the second show.

We leaned heavily on what we call

"Victor's cuteness points", as several judges smiled and said "He gets extra points for cuteness!" He has a way of sitting down and scooting backwards into heel position that never fails to bring smiles to spectators and judges alike.

We entered our first Open trials in July of 2012, earning his title in September, showing in five trials and qualifying in four, with a second and third place at all breed trials. "That was easy" I thought, "Maybe we should try Utility" and I purchased a set of scent articles from Max 200, setting into motion the course of the next two and a half years!

"Victor" was a great partner, always willing and tried his best to understand the often complicated Utility exercises. He had the most trouble with Signals and Go Outs/ Directed Jumping. Like many dogs, the distance becomes a problem with signals—he did fine up close but as you went further away he had difficulties. He would stand there looking directly at me but maybe his brain was in neutral—I would give the drop signal and he would either continue to stand there or he would sit, promptly and nicely as if that is what I asked him to do. I finally started giving signals before each of his meals, that helped because if he didn't do the entire sequence of stand, down, sit and come, he would have to start over at the beginning before he could have his meal. We went every where and did signals, at the local tractor supply, at Lowe's and Home Depot, at work and friend's homes as well as our local Tompkins Trust Bank. The ladies at the West End office were wonderful, eagerly helping to scent articles, doing an exam for the moving stand exercise and allowing us to weave our way around other patrons as we practiced heeling and signals.

If I went to the bank without "Victor" all I would hear is, "Where is he? How did he do at his last show? How come you didn't bring "Victor" with you?" "Are you going to practice today?"

For go outs we did targeting--placing a small bit of food on the ring gate and sending him to it—he got an immediate reward and learned to race to the other end of the ring. Slowly we introduced the

turn and sit, alternating with just go outs with reward versus the go out, turn and sit then reward. We would average 15-30 go outs a session and finally saw improvement. Then slowly starting to do a jump after a turn and sit, always alternate then straight go outs.

In the spring of 2015 I thought he might really be ready to try for his title. We entered several trials with out qualifying until finally earning our first leg at the Toy Classic shows in Massachusetts Memorial day weekend. At the last trial of the cluster Judge Evelyn Van Uden gave him a generous 190 and our first success! Only two more to go! Leg number two came at the Springfield shows Fourth of July weekend. I finally thought the end might be in sight. We entered the Binghamton NY obedience trials in mid July with high hopes.

"Victor" had started to embellish his routines to the delight of the spectators and my chagrin. On one directed retrieve exercise he ran to the correct glove, snatched it up, raced to the bar jump, leaped over it and returned the glove to me in a beautiful front. He had also started to do a graceful pirouette in the middle of his go outs! Sometimes two pirouettes!

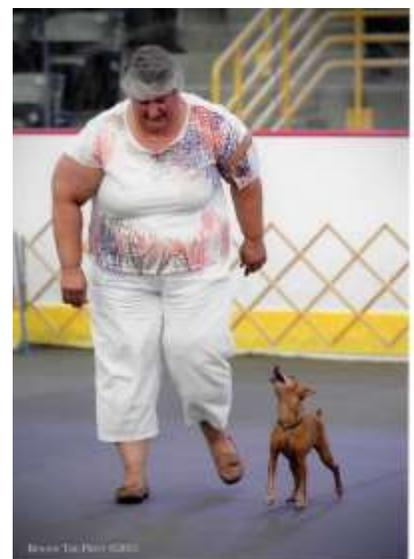
I entered the ring on Sunday after NQ'ing on Friday and Saturday, with diminishing hope of qualifying. I could not get "Victor's" attention as we prepared to start the Signal exercise. I desperately

gave my heel signal and started forward at the judge's command. "Victor" raced ahead of me to the opposite side of the ring and stuck his head into the next ring to see what was going on over there! I made a left turn alone and stopped in the center of the ring at the halt command. "Victor" somehow got his act together and came to heel position, finishing the rest of the pattern with me. His signal responses were wonderful and I wondered how much his little lapse in attention would cost us. On to the scent discrimination exercise. "Victor" was determined to give me heart failure as he ran out on command and found the correct article quickly, however he had second thoughts and spit it out to go back to the pile and search again. After a quick foray to peek into the adjoining ring again he returned to the pile and searched, finally seeing the article he spit out two feet away and checked it, decided it was the right one after all and brought in to me. The second article was handled in about the same fashion, finally bringing me the correct article after much consideration and rechecking of the pile.

The directed retrieve and the moving stand exercises were completed nicely and hope started to rise in my chest. Only the directed jumping to go. We had been practicing so hard and doing so well in the go out and jumps I thought we might have a chance. His first go out, he stopped mid ring, thought a moment and continued to the other end of the ring. He turned and remained standing, ignor-

ing the sit command. The judge indicated the bar jump on the right. The bar jump was always his most difficult jump, "Victor" seemed to have trouble judging the height of the jump and sometimes came crashing down on top of the bar, causing a set back in his training more than once. This time however after a tiny hesitation and a bit of a twist over the jump, he cleared it nicely. "One more time" I repeated to myself as we prepared for the last go out. He leaped up, ran to the center of the ring, stopped, looked back at me, did a pirouette and ran to the other end of the ring, again ignoring the sit but staying in a stand. "High jump left" the judge commanded and I frantically gave him what I hoped would be his final jump signal. He ran to the high jump and jumped in easily, but fronted a bit far away. Would the judge qualify it? After a moment he said "Finish" and "Victor" did his signature spin and scoot backwards into heel position. The judge stood looking at his notes for a moment, then said, "I'm going to qualify that— Congratulations!" What a relief!! I threw my hands in the air and whooped with joy!! We had done it—"Victor" was a Utility Dog!! The long journey had finally come to a satisfying end. "Victor" was now:

Group One winning UKC CH/AKC GrCH Goldmedal Victor's Leroy UD GO BN RA CA CGCA, becoming the FIRST male GRCH/UD Min Pin in HISTORY!!



I D T C B R A G S

Bruce & Audrey Coleman—Congratulations to you both on 50 years of marriage! Happy Anniversary!

Diane Krause—Kendyl Krause took a 3 point major & finished her championship in Springfield Mass. on 11/20/15.



Suzanne Etherington—Airedales Verbena Grace and Morgan Trueheart competed at the November CPE trial. Verbena: completed her CPE Level 1 title, her L2 Standard title and her L2 Strategy Games title. Morgan is continuing to chip away at completing his Level 4.



Nancy Almann—Kiyo earned her advanced trick dog title. She especially excelled at the use of hand cues rather than verbal cues! That's one benefit to training a deaf dog.

Chris O'Brien—Aussies Jazz & Fleck had a busy weekend at the November CPE trial at the Finger Lakes Pet Resort (formerly BoomeTowne). Final tally: 2 dogs, 18 runs, 2 days, no titles earned but tons of Qs! 13 of them! All placements! Jazz: completed his L4 Jumpers and a bumper leg (because the handler missed moving him up to L5) both with 1st places; 1st in L3 Snooker; a 1st and a 2nd in L4 Standard; 2nd in L4 Colors; and a 2nd in L4 Fullhouse. Fleck: completed her L2 Colors with a 3rd, 1st in L2 Jackpot; 2nd in L2 Snooker with 50 points; two 1st place bumper legs in L1 Standard; and a 3rd in her debut L3 Jumpers which was run on the "big dog" courser (L4,5,C).



Tammy Roberson—It has been an exciting year for my boy Levi (Belgian Malinois) and I. We have not submitted anything to the newsletter all year so we are including our 2015 year all inclusive. We started participating in CPE agility this year and earned a # of Titles. From May-October 2015 Team Levi earned the following CPE titles: CL1-R CL1-S CL1-H CL1-F, CL1, CL2-R CL2-S CL2-H CL2-F, CL2, CL3-R CL3-S CL3-H CL3-F, CL3. By completing all titles in level 1, 2, and 3 and now at level 4 in all classes we have qualified to participate in the 2016 CPE Nationals. We earned 52 Qs in CPE so far this year and our journey together has been a blast! Love my Levi so much and so proud of him. In September 2015 Levi earned his AKC CA (Coursing Ability) title I discovered Lure Coursing is Levi's true love after me!



Jami McGovern-Landry—Australian Cattle Dog Freybug earned the second leg of their CD with a first place at the AKC Central New York Kennel Club November trial in Syracuse. At the Thanksgiving CPE trial at BoomeTowne, Freybug earned a perfect 5/5 with Qs in L3 Standard and Jumpers and L4 Colors, Wildcard and Jackpot. And 9-month old Bulgarian street puppy Rossytsa earned the CGC title in November. She was adopted from Animal Rescue Sophia when the organization ran a free spay/neuter clinic for street dogs in June. Street dogs in Bulgaria are managed much like feral cats in the USA: with trap, neuter, release programs. Rossytsa even has an ear notch like a feral cat.



Mikhail McGovern-Landry—Sheltie Blitzen finished their Beginner Novice Title with a second place.

Susan Morse—At the November Boom Towne CPE trails, Cane 11-year-old Belgian Malinois went 15 for 15 qualifying, first places for a perfect weekend in Level C. The old fellow is now in Specialist division and jumps 12". Mom had to push him a bit as he is not the fastest dog and never was but still did it all even with two Jackpots!



IDTC 2016 Member Renewal Form

IDTC now has an additional method to renew your membership for 2016. To save paper and postage you may renew online at the club webpage under Members->Renewal. 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.

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Name			
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Membership Information

2016 Membership (circle one)	Single - \$30	Family - \$40	Life Member
Activity Status (circle one)	Active	Inactive	New within 1 year

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To be considered an Active member for 2016, you must volunteer at least 10 hours of time to IDTC activities and attend at least 3 club meetings in 2015. Teaching a class counts for double hours. Report # of hours and # of meetings attended in 2015. Add a sheet or use back of page if necessary.											
Hours	Event/Activity										
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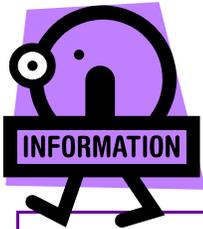
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