

TCDTA NEWSLETTER

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The Armory's major painting project has been completed and we are able to return to using this facility for our classes. Col. Daniel Pulvermacher, Director of Facility Management, has signed the necessary waiver for us to bring dogs into the Armory. We must continue to be diligent in following the conditions set forth in the contract to continue to receive this waiver. It is every member's responsibility to make sure dog waste is properly disposed of and that the drill floor is swept thoroughly each night after classes. We are very fortunate to be able to use this facility for our classes because the large area enables us to carry out our curriculum activities. I know I can continue to count on the members' assistance in following the Armory's guidelines so that we can keep using the Armory.

The fall session which started Sept 8 had good numbers in all classes and are going very well.

In spite of the rainy weather our Fun Fest went off without a hitch!!! Everyone involved did their part. Thanks to the Fun Fest Committee and all the members who helped set up on Friday night and those who worked on Saturday in all the events. Also thanks to the members of the Advanced class who participated in the demonstration. It was a very impressive demonstration.

Our last class of the Fall session is November 10. Our winter session begins January 5. Enjoy your Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Continue to work with your dog during this recess. I look forward to seeing many of you at class in 2016.

Viette Hornick
Club President



GENERAL MEETING

Our next General Meeting will be held at the Armory **January 5, 2016** after Orientation, approximately 7:45 P.M. Plan to attend this important meeting. Election of officers will be held. All positions for the officers are opened plus two of the board positions. Please consider running for one of the offices or as a board member.

Your 2016 dues need to be paid by that date in order for you to vote.

FALL SESSION TRAINERS AND ASSISTANTS

PUPPY - Sue Kitchens with Marria Valitchka, Brandy Dausey, and April Haubert as assistants.

BEGINNERS - Susan Cota and Amy Linstad with Jeff Starks, Vicki Palid, Jan Vallier, Jan Yoder, Brandy Dausey and Zach Zimmerman..

ADVANCED - Viette Hornick with Jeff Starks as assistant.

TRAINERS AND ASSISTANTS MEETING:

New schedules for our trainers and assistants meetings will be published in our January 2016 Special Edition Newsletter.



CONGRATULATIONS

At the Marquette Kennel Club Dog Show on the weekend of August 28-30. **Zach Zimmerman** and **Jasmine** earned the last 2 legs towards their RAE Rally title, taking 2 first places out of the 4 trials on Saturday. **Congratulations** on a job well done.

On September 27 Sue Bayer and Benson earned their Rally Advanced B title at the Winnegamie Dog Show.

At the Bark River Kennel Club in Ixonia Susan Cota and Rudy earned their UKC Rally Level 1 (UR01) title. Sue Bayer and Benson also earned their UR01 at that trial. Team Benson took third place on the Saturday trial.

On October 25 **Clover**, owned by **Connie Fletcher** and handled by **Susan Cota**, earned his first Rally Novice leg at the Oshkosh. **Congratulations to everyone.**

4-H COMPETITION

The results of the Marinette County Fair Dog Show held on Aug. 15, 2015 at Marinette County Fairgrounds in Wausaukee were:

The Grand Champion and winner of the \$75.00 prize/trophy was Sierra O'Mary.

The Reserve Champion and winner of the \$50.00 prize/trophy was Amber Rodgers

The Outstanding Non-Dog Exhibit winner of the \$25.00 prize/trophy was Andrew Peterson.

Congratulations to these young people on their good work.

TCDTA is proud to provide these awards and trophies.

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.



PARADE

One couldn't have asked for a better day for a parade. The following people and their dogs participated in the Peshtigo Historical Days Parade: **Sue Bayer, Sue Cota, Bea Teifke, Joe Andre, Bonnie Gay, April Haubert, Mark Ostrenga, Brandy Dausey, Tom Grun, Nancy Haulotte** and **Viette Hornick**. The members did a wonderful job of performing the many drill routines which the crowd enjoyed. **Donna Ostrenga** and **Beth LaCanne** carried the banner.

Thanks to all who gave their time to represent TCDTA. Everyone enjoyed participating.



FIRST ANNUAL FUN FEST

Well, the fun fest is completed, those who attended had a great time, people who participated in the raffle and won left with some terrific items. The truly wonderful thing all day was the comradery of the people who stayed and helped with the clean up and were there for the set up Friday night. You know who you are, and I admire all of you for pulling together for a club we love. You're all tops in my book.

The winners for the Obedience Trials are: Beginners Novice trial - **Brandy Dausey** and **Kaylie** - 1st; **Bonnie Gay** and **Chewie** - 2nd; and **April Haubert** and **Izzy**; 3rd. In the Novice trial **Zach Zimmerman** and **Jasmine** took 1st and **Sue Bayer** and **Benson** took 2nd. The Rally trials results were: Excellent Class- **Zach Zimmerman** and **Jasmine** took 1st with **Sue Bayer** and **Benson** taking 2nd. Advanced Class **Zach Zimmerman** and **Jasmine** took 1st, **Sue Bayer** and **Benson** 2nd and **Amy Linstad** and **Indy** 3rd. In the Novice Class **Karma Grabowski** and **Winter** - 1st; **Brandy Dausey** and **Kaylie** - 2nd and **Sue Cota** and **Clover** 3rd. **Zach Zimmerman** and **Jasmine** took High Combined. Congratulations to those who won, you're all winners even if you didn't leave with a trophy.

If you're a student of our classes and not yet a member and you want to be part of a group of true dog lovers talk to us about joining, you won't be disappointed.

Mark Ostrenga
Fun Fest Committee

EXPECTATION

When teaching or training your dog, you get only what you expect. If you think, "My dog will never do that", you can be quite sure that you are correct in your thinking.

A study on rats was made to see if their genetic intellectual tendencies might be influenced by bias in their trainers. One group was told that their rats were "maze bright" and would show evidence of learning very quickly and their performance would rapidly increase. The other group was told they would be working with "dull" rats and to expect little evidence of learning. Both groups used the same methods of positive training. At the end of the test the rats labeled "bright" did much better in their responses and performances. Of those labeled "dull" 2/3 stopped working altogether. The degree of trainer bias was nearly identical in both groups only in opposite directions. The truth was that each group of rats was ordinary laboratory rats random labeled as bright or dull.

What and how well your dog learns is closely connected to what you expect of him. Most of which may be transmitted via voice, touch and interaction. Bias either way towards a herding dog or hound can exaggerate their outcomes in performances. A trainer's effectiveness is heavily influenced by his/her expectation of success. This effect multiplies over time. Trainers who expect great things more than likely behave in ways to get great results. This cycle increases the trainer's effectiveness which in turn encourages him/her to take more risks and encourage learning. What a trainer expects of a dog is unknowingly conveyed; subtly, indirectly and effectively. So expect your dog to do its best and it very well may do so.

Viette Hornick
Advanced Class



RENNES WEST HEALTH CARE

Sue Bayer and **Bensen** braved the very rainy (downpour) weather and made the September 8th visit. If you are able to make these visits please do so because it is very important to the residents that they can have as much chance to interact with our dogs. Our next Rennes West visit will be **November 10, 2015**. Thanks to those club members who are able to make these visits and bring joy to the residents.

ResCare ADULT DAY SERVICE

April Hubert and **Izzy**, **Sue Bayer** and **Benson**, **Susan Cota** and **Rudy**, and **Viette Hornick** and **Nellie** made the first pet therapy visit to the Res Care site on October 14. It was a great experience. The dogs were excellent and did their part to make the people happy. One gentleman made a special effort to be there today to visit with our dogs. Our next visit is December 9, 2015.



CLUB PICNIC!

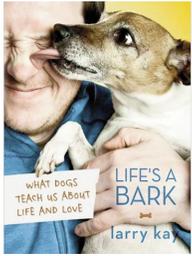
The annual Family Members' Club Picnic was held on August 18th at the Small Pavilion in Badger Park, Peshtigo. We were welcomed with an array of blue and white balloons and delicious food and desserts. Door prizes went to Bill Bayer, Shawn Monroe, Amber Rogers, Marria Valitchka and Ryan and Donna Ostrenga. It was enjoyable being able to reconnect after having the summer off from training.

Beth LaCanne and Viette Hornick
Co-Chairpersons



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

A sympathy card was sent to the Hemphill family on the passing of their Alaskan Malamute, Chase. Congratulations on your new baby to Paula and Miles Muckerheide and a Sympathy card to Jeanne and Steven Kovnesky on the passing of her sister. If you know of someone who has had a birth, is in the hospital, is in need of cheering, or has lost a loved one or loving pet please call **715-732-6391** and let **Nancy Haulotte** know.



LIFE'S A BARK: What Dogs Teach Us About Life and Love
By Larry Kay

This charming book is a guide for how to learn from our canine companions' positive outlooks. We give our canine companions our encouragement and love, but surprisingly, we don't always treat other humans, or even ourselves, the same way. There's so much our dogs can teach us about living a fun, fulfilling life-if only we'd sit up and listen!

You'll discover how to play fair, chase adventure, love unconditionally, and unleash your awesomeness by treating yourself-you guessed it-just like a beloved dog. Praise yourself as you do your dog.



DID YOU KNOW?

Artificial sweeteners can cause a dog's blood sugar levels to drop dangerously low, causing vomiting, seizures, liver failure and coma.

TRAINING TIP

After your dog has learned a command or exercise start rewarding randomly. Instead of providing a treat for every time your dog does the behavior reward only on the first or the fifth time on a random basis. Sometimes reward on the second and seventh time, etc. Occasionally offer a jackpot of treats.

By keeping your dog guessing, he/she will remain keen to earn the "jackpot". This is the same motivation that keep people playing a slot machine.

"I love a dog. He does nothing for political reasons."

Will Rogers

RINGWORM

Ringworm usually appears as a crusty or scaly patch on the skin with some hair loss. Sometimes the affected area becomes red or irritated looking and may itch. The best test to diagnose ringworm is a fungal culture which is also used to monitor the progress of treatment.

Ringworm is a fungus that infects the outer layer of skin and hair. It can be transmitted from pets to humans, or people to pets, therefore, it is a zoonotic disease. There are numerous species of ringworm. Ringworm can be very contagious. Anyone that has come into contact with the infected animal or its environment has the chance of contracting ringworm.

Ringworm is easily treatable in humans with only topical medication. In order to eliminate ringworm from animals, topical and oral anti-fungal medications are required, and it often takes months for complete resolution. Consult your veterinarian for the proper treatment. Dermatologists recommend that treatment be continued for one month beyond the second negative culture. It is important that your pet receive their medication and treatment regularly.

Ringworm spores can survive in the environment for two years. Pets and people can become re-infected if the house isn't properly cleaned.

- The best product to kill ringworm is bleach (1:10 dilution with hot water). You can also use Lysol with Bleach or 409. Make sure to use any product liberally and repeat cleaning daily.

- Vacuum carpets, floors, and furniture frequently and dispose of the vacuum bag immediately.

- All curtains, comforters, etc. should be dry cleaned at a professional cleaner.

- Clean all air vents and change filters often.

- It is also recommended that items that cannot be bleached (e.g. floor, rug, couch, etc.) be placed outside in the sun on a hot day.

- Wash all sheets, blankets, towels, pet beds, plush toys, pet brushes, etc., bleaching items when possible.

- Throw away anything that cannot be fully cleaned.



If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way your mom told you in the beginning.

INFORMATION PAGE

SETTING UP FOR CLASSES

1. Lay out the mats.
2. Set up the PA system.
3. Put out a table.
4. Set up several chairs.
5. Get out the cleaning supplies.

The mats are in the study room. The chairs in the room between the bathrooms and kitchen. The supplies are in the two cabinets.

CLEANING UP AFTER CLASS

1. First clean the mats with the blue mops that are in the tall cabinet.
2. Roll the mats. When rolling try to get them to roll evenly. Do not bang the ends on the floor to get them even as this tears the edges. Rolling them in a cone shape stretches the edges of the mats and they will not lay flat.
3. Take down the PA system.
4. Mop the entire floor with the large blue mops that are in the cabinet.
5. Vacuum the rugs and the runner. Be sure to empty the dirt canister.
6. Put the table and chairs away
7. Put the cleaning supplies and any other equipment in the cabinets.
8. Lock the cabinets.
9. Check that nothing is left in the Drill Floor area.
10. Turn off the Armory lights and lock the door.

It takes lots of help to get the armory drill floor prepared for classes and to put the things away. Please try to come early and help with set up. All members of the Advanced class are asked to stay and do their part in cleaning up.

CLASS CANCELLATION

In the event that classes need to be cancelled, notifications will be found in the following places:

Facebook (all places)

TCDTA website

Area radio stations - 95.1, 103.7, 96.3 FM and 1340, 570 AM

TV Channels - 2, 5, 11, 26 - when there is availability.

Phone number - 906-792-5989

Website - www.tricountydogtraining.org

PEOPLE TO CONTACT

Achievement Certificates - Marria V.

Advertising - Paula Muckerheide

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Leashes - Connie Fletcher

Maintenance - April Haubert

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Nominating Committee - Beth L/Marria V.

Outreach - Sue Kitchens

Parade - Donna Thiesen

Phone - Sue Kitchens/Paula M.

Social - Beth LaCanne/Viette Hornick

Sunshine - Nancy Haulotte

Website - Mark Ostrenga

RENNES WEST HEALTH CARE VISITS

Our club makes a visit to Rennes West on the second Tuesday of every other month starting with the month of January each year.

TRAINERS AND ASSISTANTS MEETINGS

These meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the months that there is not a members meeting. They are held right after the Advanced class at the Armory building.

ADVANCED CLASS PERFORMANCES

The Advanced class puts on a demonstration for orientation night each session. They do a different one for achievement night. All class members are encouraged to participate.

CLASS TIMES

Puppy Class - 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Beginners Class - 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Advanced Class - 8:00 pm - 8:45 pm

ENROLLING IN CLASSES

You need to sign up if you plan on taking a class so the instructors have an idea of their numbers.

You may come on a time to time basis because some people have a long travel distance and others have work schedules that do not allow continuous training.

You are allowed one dog per person, one person per dog and one dog per class.

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Viette Hornick
Vice President: Sue Kitchens
Secretary/Treasurer: Marria Valitchka
Recording Secretary: Mark Ostrenga
Elected Board Members: April Haubert, Joe Andre & Zach Zimmerman
Charter Lifetime Member: Viette Hornick & Beth LaCanne

A mistake repeated more than once is a decision.

Paulo Coelho

REMINDER:
 General meetings are held each Jan., Mar. June, Sept., Nov. approximately 7:45 P.M.
 All members are encouraged to attend.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

| 2016 | Winter Session | Spring Session | Summer Session | Fall Session |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Orientation 7:00 P.M. | January 5 | Mar 29 | mat washing July 19 | Sept. 13 |
| Achievement 6:30 P.M. All Classes | March 8 | May 31 | Picnic Aug. 16 | Nov. 15 |
| Anual Fund Raiser | | | | Oct. 22 |

TO:

FIRST CLASS MAIL

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