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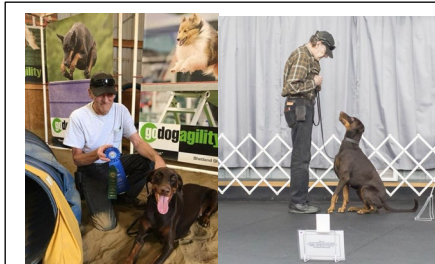
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In Memory Of **Charles Drew Brengel** 1948 - 2020 By Susan Soviero

I met my friend, Drew back around 2007 at Clever K9 Dog Training where he was taking lessons but more formally later on the BCDC board as we both came onto the board at the same time. Drew had accepted the treasurer position, which he excelled. He made the position his own and was the right person at the right time for the Shafto Rd property purchase and construction. It was Drew who noticed the property when it was for sale. It was an environmentally challenging property, having a C1 stream running through and wetlands on it but Undaunted Drew help persuade the board at that time to vote to purchase and ultimately encouraged the members to do the same. The club then closed on the purchase of the property and embarked on quite the journey over the next decade with Drew there every step of the way. To say the building project was his baby was an understatement, no one knew more about every inch of those buildings than Drew. Drew was tenacious about a project or conviction as the breed he so loved. His breed, Dobermans, are loyal, protective and love to work. I can see why Drew admired the breed so much. He worked the building project almost daily and would not forsake any piece of it or be told it could not be done. Over the next ten years Drew took me, as President during some of that time and all other members associated with the construction on Mr. Toad's Wild Ride. I greatly miss my friend Drew, his dry sense of humor, quick come backs, knowledge of all financial aspects of the club, his dedication and mostly his friendship.

I also missed what I called his "Drewisms". His perils of wisdom even though they were not my way of looking at things. Drew guarded his privacy but when you did get a glimpse you knew of his passions such as his RV, motorcycles, training his dogs, all things relating to technology to name of few. But most dear to him were his children, his dogs and his beloved Ginny. I hope he is up in Heaven having the time of his life running agility with his beloved Jackie and Razor or maybe cooking up a great meal. If they have a good project up there that needs fixing or starting I would say Drew would be their man. BCDC hit the jackpot when Drew joined the club. Our future as a Club is a bit more secure because of the dedication and tenacity of one Drew Brengel. Drew held the Treasurer position a total of 8 years on the off years he continued to service the board. Drew served the building committee as co chair throughout the tenure of the construction. He actively managed the building project on a daily basis. Drew was also responsible for building the website we have used for the last decade plus and served as webmaster. May Drew's legacy live through the club's membership both now and in the future as well as the enjoyment of our new home.

RIP Drew.



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In Memory Of Gene German

1939 – 2021

By Susan Soviero

I hardly seem worthy to even write the words for a remembrance for this amazing club member. Gene German was a Pillar of the club for about two decades. The one thing you can say about Gene is the grass never grew under his feet. When one project was done or had reached its end Gene had another in mind and a follow up besides. Gene had been a long time board member as both treasurer and Vice President. He was on the finance committee, ran the obedience trial committee, ran the first CATs, ran the yearly picnic, original member of the Building committee and various other endeavors. Gene brought the idea to BCDC years ago to hire professional instructors, this probably turned the corner of the Club but Gene wasn't done, he together with Lillian Hart stood the obedience trial committee back up, he then turned his sights to a new sport within the canine community. He was determined to introduce the Club to the new sport at the time of CAT. BCDC was the first or one of the first clubs to run successful CAT trials in the country. Gene then together with Carollyn Carson convinced we could do more explored successfully the Club ability to run what was just forming as Fast Cat. Gene engaged the East Freehold Park management to give us additional area and the CAT then Fast Cat developed to what it is today.

Gene worked tirelessly on the building committee, what people may or may not know about Gene was he liked to sow the seeds, get the idea off the ground, connect people with the successful idea and then take the training wheels off. He was committed to our building project and convinced if the Club didn't take the turn to a building of our own we would spin our wheels to the detriment of the club. He was a confidant of Drew and sounding board in the early days of the building development.

I credibly can't list or describe Gene's value as a member but what I can do is ask every club member to become involved in something within the Club like Gene and really throw your heart and soul into it. The club needs people like those Gene tried to bring along and engage to be future leaders of the Club and dedicated members. I know, I was recruited by Gene for the board about 13 years ago. His enthusiasm was contagious, his dedication infectious. Let's all try and preserve Gene's memory as we work, play, trial and train in our new facility.

RIP to a very special club member, remember him fondly. I hope we can all be a little bit like Gene.



In Memory Of Marianne Higgs

1937-2021

By Anne Pritt

Marianne was born in Pittsburgh, but her childhood was spent in Northern Virginia. She graduated from WVU with a degree in music history with emphasis in classical saxophone. She taught in Ohio and Florida and then in Jackson NJ.

She had always planned to have a Sheltie with her and soon became aware of BCDC. A new Sheltie pup, Piper was soon enrolled in beginners class as there was no KPT then. After their first class, they were both hooked. The two continued to advance in BCDC's classes. This Sheltie eventually earned 3 UD degrees; AKC, CKC and UKC. At the same time she taught, took saxophone lessons in NYC, trained classes for BCDC, had private sax students, judged obedience trials for UKC, and served in several positions for sax concerts along the east coast.

Although Marianne was successful in all of these things for BCDC it was the initial work with bringing the very new dog sport of agility to BCDC. After some exposure to agility herself at seminars etc, she was very excited about it.

Serving as program director for club meetings Marianne contracted with Raa Tana judge and exhibitor to have her give a presentation at a meeting. From then on, with BCDC approval and other club members pitched in to build equipment and everything led to our first set of trials on the property of a club member all within 18 months. Our first AKC agility trial was shortly after that being the 2nd AKC trials in the nation.

All of you who are crazy about the sport and have prime equipment, grand trainers and ideal grounds to trial in, be sure to give credit and respect to those who started it all for everyone's benefit.



DON'T LEAVE YOUR PET IN THE CAR

How Long Does It Take For A Car to Get Hot?

| <u>OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE</u> | <u>TEMPERATURE IN CAR</u> | <u>TIME IT TAKES TO REACH</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 75 | 100 | 10 minutes |
| 75 | 120 | 30 minutes |
| 85 | 90 | 5 minutes |
| 85 | 100 | 7-10 minutes |
| 85 | 120 | 30 minutes |
| 100 | 140 | 15 minutes |

Every summer, animals left in unattended cars suffer brain damage and die from heatstroke: On mild or cloudy days, with windows open, a parked vehicle quickly becomes a furnace.

Car windows act to both absorb the sun's rays and insulate your vehicle: The inside of a car can heat up to 110 degrees Fahrenheit in only ten minutes on an 80° day

Install shade blinds on car windows and **never leave animals unattended**. A car can quickly become an oven. Also, **animals left alone are vulnerable to theft**.

Your companions are as vulnerable to sunburn and skin cancer as you are and may require sunscreen on their nose and ears. Light-colored animals are particularly sensitive to the sun.

Take special precautions with old or overweight animals, or those with heart or lung diseases, in hot weather. Snub-nosed dogs (bulldogs, Pekingese, Boston terriers, Lhasa apsos, Pugs, Shih Tzus, etc.) have compromised respiratory systems and must be kept in air-conditioning.

Heat Stroke in Dogs/Cats

Stroke is a dangerous condition that takes the lives of many animals every year. A dog's normal body temp is 99.5~102.5°. At 105~106°, the pet is at risk for developing heat exhaustion. If the body temperature rises to 107°, your pet has entered the critical zone of heat stroke. With heat stroke, irreversible damage and death can occur.

At Highest Risk: puppies to 6 months; older (large breeds 7+ years, small breeds 14+); short muzzle/snout; snort/wide head; overweight~over-exerted; black or thick coats; dehydrated; ANY existing medical conditions.

DANGER SIGNS: rapid panting • bright red tongue • red or pale gums • thick, sticky saliva depression • weak/dizzy • vomiting/diarrhea • shock • coma

An overheating dog may appear sluggish, unresponsive or disorientated... probably panting hard.

Gums, tongue and conjunctiva of the eyes may be bright red. He may even start vomiting.

Eventually he will collapse, suffer a seizure and may go into a coma.

A heat-stricken animal can die in minutes but proper care may save its life.

If you think your companion is suffering from heatstroke, immediately remove him or her to a cool, shady area.

- Try to slowly lower the animal's temperature by placing in cool, **not cold** water.
- Apply ice to the head and neck.
- **Get to a veterinarian as soon as possible as follow-up care will be critical to his survival**

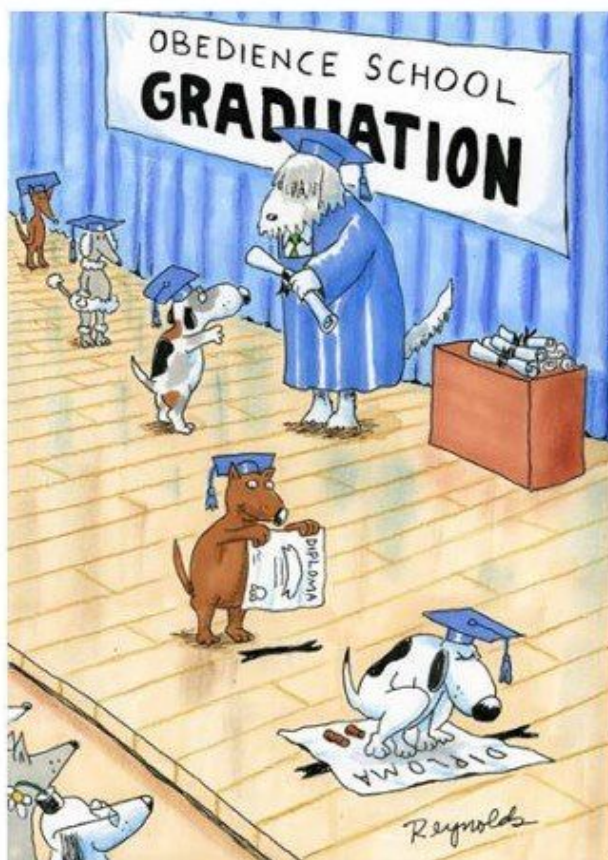
STORY OF A MIRACLE

By Karen Scheiner

I'm generally not a person to believe in miracles, but this is definitely the story of one. At age 10 days old, and weighing just 10 oz, my tiny dachshund puppy (called "Pink") was struggling to breathe in the middle of the night. She looked like she was gasping for air, something I had never seen in a young puppy. It was 3 AM (yes, that's when emergencies happen) and I was sitting with all six of my puppies. I was praying that "Pink" would come around. A nurse on the phone told me to give vitamin drops (yeh!) and formula, which advice was totally ineffective. Given that the puppy was not responding well to life, I was NOT going to sit there and let her die. Instead, I wrapped her in a million blankets and put them inside my warmest ski jacket and took her out in the freezing night in December to the closest emergency vet hospital. Two different vets saw her; sadly, they agreed that she was dehydrated and terminally sick with pneumonia. They predicted that she wouldn't survive the night and I should expect a fateful phone call. So here is my story of this beautiful miracle puppy who surpassed all odds. I did not get a call early the next morning, but instead, at 10 AM, the vet called to say she looked like she was recovering!! God bless Mt. Laurel Vet Hospital and the tenacity of this little puppy to pull through! She is 3 months old now and looking beautiful. Sorry for such a long spiel, but she is definitely worth it. Thank you for everyone who sent in prayers for her - they worked! Look for her at the next event at the Bayshore building! She is my keeper and she will be with me for a long time. I have named her "Harlequin Pretty in Pink ML."



DOG HUMOR



Our First Specialty & Beyond

by Susan Soviero



Without any blueprint I juggled, being on the road (chauffeured by his breeder Carolyn Iraggi), handlers, show schedules: grooming, conditioning, ads, breedings, my checkbook and my own successful showing of him in Agility, Rally and Obedience.

It isn't real easy to get yellow sand out of a show coat from the agility ring one weekend and put a fabulously groomed dog in the show ring the weekend after agility but we managed to keep the momentum going.

2011 was the first time I attended the PWDCA National Specialty. It was very exciting as my young dog, Decker, was in the Top Twenty in 2010 and it was the first Top Twenty to be held at our National Specialty. He went to the National Specialty as a Grand Champion, earned a rally title as a bonus and we had a very enjoyable, exciting time!

There is nothing like seeing your dog shown in the Top Twenty at the National. In our case not once but three times out of the four invited.

It was surreal for me as in 2008 when I took Decker home as a puppy, I knew I wanted to put a breed championship on him. I'm not sure I even knew what that really meant, but I wanted to give it a try. Reading everything on the topic and "baptism by fire" produced a Champion and Grand Champion (newly introduced by the AKC) very fast and a climb into the Top Twenty.

From there I tried to speak to anyone who would speak to me about "specialing" a dog and basically went by my own instinct as Decker continued to go grand champion level by level to just shy of platinum grand championship by 70 points, along with four years in the top twenty competition, a top ranking of third in breed, and fourth in all breed. As we kept Decker in the breed ring, I also trained while he was at home in Agility, Obedience and Rally.

Many thanks to his handler at that time, Mark Desrosiers.

It also isn't easy to go across the state from a breed show to do a breeding and back the next day with a win to boot! Specialing Decker, was one of the most rewarding and frustrating experiences overall but I would not trade any of it and I wish I could do it all again. During this pandemic Decker, now 13 years old has earned two tricks titles and he continues his daily walks, plays with his toys and loves life and retirement. A pleasure to live with, my life is so enriched having him in it.

Decker is officially GCHG CH NorthStar's Hit The Deck Running BN RE CGC TKI AX AXJ OF AOM (2) MAC, multiple group winner and multiple group placer. A dog of a lifetime, a true competitive partner, successful sire, and a showman in every sense of the word. Decker passionately loves as he is loved by both my husband and myself.

We remain by his side as we started out when we brought him home as a puppy. Our experiences remain invaluable with all the relationships we have gained along the way.

Our sincerest thanks to Decker's breeder, Carolyn Iraggi. We hope we have made her proud and we have been delighted to have hung on to Decker's coat tails for the ride of a lifetime.



BCDC Agility Training Program Description

By Kelly Ely

As of January 1 2021, the Agility Training Committee put into place a different way to describe or level the classes. Having taken on the role of the ATC co-chair I felt that the method of describing class levels by competition level was vague and limiting for those that might have the skills but not be competing at that level. So, I met with all the instructors and we created a program based on skills descriptions. This skills list is not exhaustive with each instructor having the ability to address the needs of each individual team but the ATC is hoping that the below descriptions will decrease the age old question of “what class do I take or what class do I belong in?”

Foundation for Sports: dog learns how to learn, Crate games, crating ring side, social skill, come, sit, down, stay, introduction to wrapping (cone, station) introduction to contact behavior, restrained recalls, focus for handler, focus for work, movement boards,

Foundation skills: dog skills continue for contact behavior, wrapping, multi-wraps, obstacle commitment, tunnel skills, jump skills (depending on age), continue stays for start lines, focus for handler, introduction to teeter movement, (previously foundation or beginners class description)

Skills 1: introduction to front, rear, and blind crosses, common agility patterns (pinwheels, serps, threadles, etc) low contacts, continued commitment to obstacles, basic jumping skills, introduction of unique obstacles (broad jump, tire, wall, table) bypassing equipment, (previously beginners or beginners 2)

Skills 2: Weave foundation, continued obstacle independence, contact performance with ABLE (handler is ahead, behind, lateral, even) increase tunnel work (blind entries, turning out of, tunnel breaks) mini sequencing begins, continued handler cross work. Backsides and common agility patterns continue with mini sequencing, box work, (previously the pre-novice class)

Introduction to Course work: obstacle discrimination, full size contacts, weave poles, lead outs, continue with all handling crosses, short sequences leading to longer sequences, handler speed, dog speed, straight lines, 90-degree turn, recall, bypassing equipment, weave entries and exits, exits from contacts, (Novice level)

Course work 1: exploring handling options for a full course, lines, courses that include blind tunnel entrances, off set start/ finish jump, 270, 180, efficient turns, distance control, handler timing, threadles, serpentines, obvious backsides, (Novice Open level)

Course work 2: highest level, searching tunnel entrance, backsides on usual and unusual obstacles, independent discriminations, Unusual discriminations, weave independence & completion away from handler or with competing motion, sharp turn off a long jump, extreme weave entrances, multiple consecutive turns, line holding (anti-flick) 360 degree turn, blind approach to a skill, moving between or past obstacles, layering, (masters level and higher/international)



ALL ABOUT MEASURING FOR AKC AGILITY

by Paul Mount

Every dog running in an AKC Agility trial must have been measured, in a process that I describe here.

The purpose of measurement is to ensure that the dog is running in the correct jump height.

I am one of about six dozen official measurers for AKC, known as VMO, for Volunteer Measuring Official. This means I have been trained and observed by an AKC Agility rep, authorized to do measurements at AKC events. (Any AKC Agility Rep can also measure).

A dog as young as 15 months old can be officially measured for the first time.

So, suppose you have a dog entered in an AKC trial and you've never had it measured.

If there is not an official measurer at a trial, one of the judges of record measures the dog and that measurement is good for the weekend only.

To be officially measured, there is a form that any VMO, rep, and most Trial Secretaries has on hand. The form asks the dogs registration information and the owner's information. If there is a co-owner of the dog there is a place on the form for their information. Note that the dog's AKC number is found in your confirmation, at least if you are entered in a Fast Times Agility secretaried trial. There are actually two copies of this form, white on top and yellow underneath.

The measuring process involves standing your dog on a pause table, usually one specifically left out of the ring for measuring purpose, next to a calibrated wicket. Calibrated means that another object that is 12" high (like a ruler or triangle) is measured by the wicket, and the height of the wicket ruler is adjusted up or down if necessary.

The process in detail is this. The handler presents the measurer with the form, which is examined to make sure the needed information is provided. A properly completed form is required for a formal measurement; telling the measurer that the registration number is out in the car is not sufficient. There is a correct place to sign, on the line that says Owner's Signature, just under the line that asks for email. Do not sign the very bottom of the form, except as described later in this article.

The dog is put on the table, it can jump up or the handler can lift it up. The measurer greets the dog and touches the dog, in an effort to both comfort the dog and start to find the withers (shoulders). The handler meanwhile stands in front of the dog to try to assist the dog in standing naturally. Ideally the dog is still, while the arm of the wicket is brought over the dog's back and gently moved down to the dog's withers, without pushing down on the dog itself. The top reading of the ruled measuring stick is noted on the form.

The measurer fills out a few bits of data, signs it and hands the handler the yellow (carbon) copy. The VMO or trial secretary sends the white copies of forms directly to AKC. There is no temporary card. But after two measurements after age 2 that put the dog in the same jump height, a Permanent Height Card is issued, mailed to the handler. One should keep that card with them; taking a photo on their phone is a good idea as well. Once you have the Permanent Card, you don't need measuring again.

Generally, a dog gets measured once between the age of 15 months and 2 years, if it starts competing at that age. On and after age two, the dog needs two measurements that put the dog in the same jump height. If they don't agree, a third measurement is needed. That third measurement will dictate what height the dog jumps in.

There are exceptions.

If the 15 month old dog is over 22 inches tall, the handler can "X" and sign the very bottom of the measuring form, stating "Over 22" Request Permanent Jump Height Card"

There is also an appeal process called a challenge measurement. If two challenge measurements put the dog in a lower height, the dog can be moved to the lower height. Often this happens later in a dog's agility career when it has shrunk a little. Again if the two challenge measurements don't put the dog in the same height, a third measurement is needed. To be clear, a single challenge measurement that indicates a dog could move down in height is not enough. Two challenge measurements have to agree.

Handler should notify the Trial secretary of any measurement that requires a change of jump height. Sometimes a handler underestimates the size of the dog and finds it has to move up one jump height.

Alternately, they could keep the dog in the lower height by choosing to run "preferred" meaning they stay at the same height, run with the other preferred dogs, and even get a few extra seconds to complete the course. There is no shame in running preferred; preferred has its own titles like PAX and PACH and they even have a preferred class at the AKC Nationals.

Please email with any questions: pmbcdc@att.net

MEASURING FORM TIPS

By Paul Mount

MEASURING FORM TIPS

P. Mount 2021

BE SURE TO PRINT – YOU DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO BE RECORDED WRONG ABOUT YOU AND YOUR DOG!

LEAVE TOP SECTION BLANK ----->

FILL IN MIDDLE SECTION, WRITING ABOVE THE LINE

DON'T FORGET THE BIRTH DATE

Only fill out these 2 lines if there - Is a co-owner

SIGN THIS LINE ----->

AND LEAVE THE REST BLANK, HAND TO VMO OR REP.

THE MEASURER WILL TALK TO YOU IN ORDER TO FILL OUT THE REST OF THE FORM AS APPLICABLE



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB®

AKC® Agility Measurement Form
Please clearly print in blue or black ink only.
Complete all blanks.

(Circle Measurement #)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> TEMP (dog under 2 yrs) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent (dog 2 yrs & over) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Challenge | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Address | | | |

Dog's AKC Name

Call Name

AKC Number

Breed

Birth Date

Owner's Name

E-mail

Address

City, State

Zip Code

Phone #

Co-owner's Name

E-mail

Owner's Signature

For AKC Purposes Only

Date of Measurement Time

Height at Withers Measurement

AKC Rep. / VMO Signature

☐ Over 22" Request Permanent Jump Height Card

Owner's Signature

(Signature above is required in order to request a permanent jump height card be issued for dogs measuring over 22" at the withers.)

DOGGIE DELIGHTS



Breakfast Bars for Dogs

12 cups of oatmeal
 2/3 cup honey
 4 cups whole wheat flour
 1/2 cup molasses
 8 eggs
 2 cups of milk
 3/4 cups of oil
 1 large can solid pack pumpkin

Preheat oven to 325. Grease 2 cookies sheets. Put everything together into a very large bowl. Mix together (using hands if necessary), pat onto greased cookie sheets and bake at 325 for 1 hour. After 1 hour turn off oven, crack open door and allow to cool in oven. Break into whatever size you want.

Frosty Paws with Apple

32 ounces of plain non-fat yogurt
 16 ounces low-sodium chicken broth
 46 ounces natural applesauce

Mix all ingredients. Pour into ice cube trays. Place into freezer and once frozen pop out for a treat.



An Apple a Day Dog Treat

- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup unbleached flour
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 1 apple -- chopped or grated
- 1 egg – beaten
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar, packed
- 3/8 cup water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray cookie sheet with vegetable oil spray. Lightly dust work surface with flour. Blend flours and cornmeal in large mixing bowl. Add apple, egg, oil, brown sugar and water; mix until well blended.

On floured surface, roll dough out to 7/8-inch thickness. Cut with cookie cutters of desired shape and size. Place treats on prepared sheet.

Bake in preheated oven 35 to 40 minutes. Turn off oven. Leave door closed 1 hour to crisp treats. Remove treats from oven. Store baked treats in airtight container or plastic bag and place in refrigerator or freezer.
 Makes 2 to 2 1/2 dozen

Banana Bites

- 2 1/4 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup powdered milk -- nonfat
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup banana -- ripe, mashed
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 beef bouillon cube
- 1/2 cup water -- hot
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar

Mix all ingredients until well blended. Knead for 2 minutes on a floured surface. Roll to 1/4 " thickness. Use a 2 1/2" bone shaped cookie cutter (or any one you prefer). Bake for 30 minutes in a 300 degrees oven on ungreased cookie pans

UPCOMING EVENTS-ITEMS OF INTEREST

June 4-6 – Agility, FAST CAT and CAT Trials – East Freehold Park

June 9-10 – Jenn Crank and Abbey Beasley Agility Seminar – Building B

June 13-14 – Scent Work Trial – Buildings A & B

June 15 – Club Meeting Awards Dinner – Building B

July 10-11 – UKI Trial – Building B

July 18 – Obedience Match – Building A

July 24-25 - Anne Andrlle Agility Seminars - Building B

August 6-7 – AKC Obedience Trail – Building A

August 8 – Rally Trial – Building A

August 11 – Club Meeting – At Home

August 14-15 – Scent Work Trial – Building A & B

August 29- Obedience Match- Building A

September 16 – Club Meeting – At Home

September 19- Obedience Match- Building A

October 1-3 – Agility, FAST CAT and CAT Trials – East Freehold Park

October 23-24 – UKI Trial – Building B

October 30-31 – Seminar Lee Gibson – Building B

November 13-14– AKC Obedience Trail – Building A

November 20-21 Scent Work Trial – Building A & B

November 26 – UKI Trial – Building B

December 31, January 1-2 – Agility Trail -- Sportika in Manalapan

February 26-27 2022– AKC Rally trials **Tentative**

March 5-6 2022– AKC Rally trials **(May not run this date)**