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There is no psychiatrist in the world ...

TRANSITIONS AHEAD. Linda Holway, Head Trainer for the NEDTC for the past 4 years, has tendered her resignation effective this fall. Linda wants to pursue the training of her own dogs into competition and found the schedule she had been keeping did not allow for any quality time with her own wonderful dogs. Linda has agreed to stay on through the fall to help with our search for and transition to a new Head Trainer. She has been a wonderful, valued asset to the club, a good friend and a good trainer. The Club is all the better for the gift of her service and commitment. Thank you Linda. We will miss you and wish you only good things as you follow your bliss.

Alas, **Gert Foster**, our wonderful and valued Puppy-K teacher, will be leaving as well. **Gert**, who will be getting a new Shiloh Shepherd puppy this month, will be continuing her work closer to home so that she, too, can devote more time to her furry family. I am hopeful, as I am sure you are, that we will see both **Linda** and **Gert** not only at trials but on a Thursday night in Cambridge every now and then. We love you both and wish you the best.

NEDTC's Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet was held on June 19th at the home of Barbara and Sheldon Sandler. The Board of Governors for the next year, consisting of **Marjie Alonso, Jean Berman, Kim Geary, Lucy Grant-Ruane, Monica Halpern, Lowry Heussler, Charlotte Moore, Pat Sullivan,** and **Nancy Thompson** was elected. Training Director **Marjie Alonso** presented the annual awards. **CGC's** were earned

by **Susan Crum** and **Golden Scout, Kim Geary/Jerry McIntyre** and **Dobie Jade**, and **Penny Shultz** with her **Yellow Lab Hawthorn**. **Novice Titles (CD)** were earned by **Sharon Long** and **GSD Shane** (who also earned a **UKC-CD**), and **Pat Sullivan** and her **Rough Collie Sky**. **Pat** and **Sky** also won the annual trophy for the **CD** earned with the highest total score. The only **Open Title (CDX)** went to **Penny Shultz** and her **Flatcoat Dixie**. **Penny** and **Dixie** also won the trophy for the **CDX** earned with the highest total score. Agility trophies were earned by **Barbara Beckedorff** and **Corgi Annie** who earned their **NJP**, **Joanie Muse** and **GSD Bessie** earned trophies for their **AJP** and **AXP**; and **Ruth Ivers** with **Beardie Spriggan** earned their **NAP**. Congratulations one and all!!

Sadly, **Penny Shultz** and **Joel Wolff** were not able to join us because they had just lost their **Golden Rowan**. **Anya Wittenborg** did the honors of accepting for **Penny**. Our condolences go out to **Penny** and **Joel**.

Jean Berman presented gifts to outgoing Board Members **Joice Himawan, Barbara** and **Sheldon Sandler** and **Margaret Ormes**.

In the **Special Achievement Category** **Nancy Thompson** and her **Collie Lexie** and cohorts **Marjie Alonso** and **Swissie Betty** became official Therapy Dogs with **Pets to People**. The folks they visit are in for some fun! **Jean** reported that her greyhound **Victor** *sat... on command... twice...in front of witnesses*. Anyone who knows greyhounds knows what an achievement this truly is.

The new Board met at the 99 Restaurant on 6/28 and the slate of officers was elected: **Pat Sullivan** - President; **Kim Geary** - Vice President; **Monica Halpern** - Secretary; **Jean Berman** - Treasurer; **Nancy Thompson**, Education Coordinator and **Marjie Alonso**, Training Director and Information Officer. Also at this meeting the date and site of next year's banquet was selected. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 25, 2005 when we will meet at **Marino's** in Cambridge. Following the resignation of **Lowry Heussler**, the Board voted to ask **Jerry McIntyre** to fill the vacancy and he has accepted. Thanks **Jerry**. For those of you who might not know **Jerry**, he's **Jade** the dobie's dad.

Seminar Update. We are in negotiations to host seminars with **Susan Clothier** and **Patricia McConnell**. **Suzanne** will be joining us on Saturday, November 20, 2004! **Patricia McConnell** is confirmed for Saturday, June 10, 2006. We are very excited about both of these seminars and can guarantee awesome events. So mark your calendars. We are hoping to be able to have the seminars at the Armory, but that is still up in the air. As soon as a venue is confirmed, you all will be alerted. Watch the website too.

Liz Sullivan has asked, and the Board has agreed, that the Club will offer a trophy at the Corgi National Specialty next year in memory of **Ted Sprague**. **Ted**, as many of you know, was a long time active member of the club who dearly loved NEDTC and his Cardigan Welsh Corgis. He served on the Board, as our AKC rep, Information Officer and, up until his death a few years ago, he opened his home to our monthly board meetings (even when he was no longer a board member). One of **Ted's** most impressive achievements was training one of his beloved Cardigans to a multi-service tracking title. The corgi specialty is being held in Massachusetts next year so it seems entirely

fitting and proper that a trophy in **Ted's** honor be offered there.

Congratulations go out to **Kay Barry** who celebrates 50 years as a member of NEDTC. The Club is thrilled to honor this milestone in her life by bestowing on **Kay** a Lifetime Honorary Membership with all the rights and privileges of full membership. Thanks **Kay** for such being a supportive, active member and an inspiration to us all.

CGC Recipients. June 24th, the last day of the training year, a **CGC** (Canine Good Citizen) test was held at the Armory. And what a night it was. There were 24 applicants and 20 passed with flying colors; 14 of those were students at and/or members of NEDTC.

Sarah Mendelsohn	Stella
Nancy Thompson	Lexi
Claudia Goldin	Prairie
Laura Lafranci	Blaze
Luce Grant-Ruane	Sarah
Andrea Whitaker	Lucie
Beth Heller	Russell
Ari Goldberg	Boomer
Shirley Blakely	Amy
Meg Gurney	Sadie
Teta Wernimont	JetZun
Sara McDonnell	Emma
Susan Lungwitz	Baloo
Gert Foster	Kandi

Congratulations one and all. This is a testament to the hard work people have done with their dogs. A few of these dogs, when they first started coming around, found it difficult to control themselves around other dogs and would bark and carry on. With consistent, positive training they have come around and are now reaping the benefits of all their hard work.

Update on Ernie (Rescue's Hero). This lab-boxer mix with the classic good looks of an American Staffordshire Terrier was found by Cambridge Animal Control wandering in

Somerville. **Lowry Heussler** had been fostering him and reports that "Ernie is the newest member of an anonymous family in the MetroWest area." **Lowry** offered to give them a membership in NEDTC, but the Animal Rescue League informed her that "Ernie (a) eats everything put in front of him, (b) does in 3 nylabones a week, (c) goes running in the morning with mom, and (d) sleeps on the couch the rest of the time. The family sees no need to modify his behavior! A good home for a good dog." Well done, **Lowry**.

Frances Waksler has an article entitled "Gardening with Gillian" appearing in the summer issue of **The Bark** magazine. Go to their website, at <http://www.thebark.com/> for a list of stores that carry it.

"At 9 months of age Gillian started classes at NEDTC with George Hanson on Hemenway Street in Boston. Obedience was not her strong suit! My husband Norman entered his mixed breed Hokus and I entered Gillian in 3 all-American obedience events; Hokus got her CD and Gillian didn't qualify once. She did, however, make the judge laugh when she did her "heel off leash" perfectly, following everything I did, but from 10 feet behind me. And Gillian had the shrillest bark in the world, which she used constantly. In spite of these eccentricities she was a wonderful, funny, loving, joyful dog who lived to age 18. And every word in my article is true. Fran" Thanks Fran. I look forward to picking up my copy.

New Additions. **Marjie Alonso's** life just got more interesting. She has added another Swissie to her household. **Betty** now has a puppy to raise. Adeline (now 3 months old)

Tails from the Zelda Zone. **Zelda** got her ILP number from AKC the other day and we look forward to commencing competition.

THIS JUST IN. **Has she gone Hollywood?** **All the world wants to know.** We know that

Bessie (Joanie Muse's super GSD) excels in agility. Why just recently she got a Standard Masters Ex. B. P. leg at the Yankee Golden Retriever Club with a score of 100; placing first!!

But it's those "**Be[ssi]e Davis**" eyes that win hearts and minds. **Bessie** had her first photo shoot last Tuesday for Iams dog food. At first she only had to pose and look beautiful (easy money) while the photographer ran 3 rolls of film. Ever **patient** **Bessie** took this in stride. Then she was asked to hold a metal food bowl in her mouth which she did, without complaint, for another four to 6 rolls of film. Then the photographer decided they wanted another backdrop for the bowl photos, so it was up to a kitchen set where she was asked to do it again. By this time **Bessie** is wondering what it takes for this guy to get it right. I mean, how perfect does one dog have to be? Well, after about three more rolls of film **Ms. Bess** had had enough so she dropped the bowl! No problem, thinks **Joanie** as she picks it up and gives it back to **Bess**. **Bessie** took it but... as **Joanie** turned her back - **BANG** - on the floor again! The look in those eyes spoke volumes. **Bessie** the star was done with this posing business. They called it a wrap and told **Joanie** that **Bess** was the best dog they'd worked with. In true star fashion, **Bessie**, looking for a comfortable place to lay her head, found a soft couch with a pretty model on it whom she could tell needed a gorgeous GSD on her lap to give hugs too. **Joanie** tells me that **Bessie** loved this part!!!! She adds that although **Bess** is a star she hasn't gone Hollywood; she'll still give kisses to everyone.

THAT'S A WRAP FOR THIS YEAR.

SEE YOU IN THE FALL

Until next time...

Pat "Scoop" Sullivan