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NEW ADDITIONS TO THE TRAINING STAFF!! Many of you may have already gotten this announcement from **Marjie Alonzo** via email, but for those who did not here's the good news. "I'm pleased to announce that **Susan Latham** will be joining us as a trainer. **Susan** is past-President of the Concord Dog Training Club and a very accomplished and experienced trainer. She started training 20 years ago with her Cairn Terrier "Ernie," and since then has posted 43 Obedience and Tracking titles on dogs from Terriers (she earned a CD and CDX with Ernie) to Rotties and Golden Retrievers. Her titles include 2 AKC OTCHs, 1 Canadian OTCH, a UDX and a TDX. Her Golden "Chopper" is close to completing his UDX, and they are hard at work on Variable Surface Tracking.

Susan's training method is full of motivation and play. She says "...Everything is taught in small steps so handler and dog are most always successful. I use corrections only when I am sure I've done my job to teach thoroughly. All dogs are different, and all handlers are different; there is no one way to teach an exercise. The only thing I insist on is fairness in training."

Susan will be teaching the Novice class and covering Open and Utility when **Ruth** is away.

"We're delighted that **Susan** is able to join us, and we're looking forward to an exciting year come September. We feel that **Susan** is the ideal person to continue our long-standing tradition of excellence that **Linda** so expertly conveyed in her work with us. This is very good news!" Thanks **Marjie**, for all your hard work. And you did it without a net *or* a kitchen!

The Fall Class Schedule! Please note some time changes.

6:30 pm: Puppy Kindergarten
Beginners Class
Open Class

7:30 pm Puppy Kindergarten
Beginners Class (2X)
Utility Class

8:30 pm Advanced Beginners
Novice Class

Full details and updates can be found on the website at www.nedtc.org.

Coming Attractions. Keep an eye on the website because some time later in the year we will be offering **Rally-O** class and you wouldn't want to miss that. The Club will also be hosting **run-thru nights** at various times throughout the training year. The dates and times will be posted on the

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website, as well as announced during the various classes.

Looks like a busy year coming up!

Trial Updates: **Jean Berman** (Fall 2004 and Spring 2005 Trial Chair) is looking for volunteers, most immediately for the Fall trial (stewards most urgently needed). It's also never too soon to volunteer for Spring. So make sure you talk to Jean or email her at atgarzoi@rcn.com.

Stewarding is an awesome way to learn about obedience competition and to get comfortable in the ring. Good stewards are a judge's and exhibitor's best friend at a trial. We welcome everyone to learn to steward by volunteering to help out at the run-thrus (details will be posted at the website) that will be offered throughout the training year. A run-thru is a simulated trial situation but without the clipboard and scoring. It's a time for handlers to practice reality obedience without the stress and strain of an actual trial. Treats, training and fun are allowed. It's a learning experience all around and a great way to learn the ins and outs of stewarding as well as competing. So join us for some play learning by participating in the run thru nights and volunteering to steward. You, and we, will be glad you did.

New Additions. **Linda Holway** has a new puppy. "On July 31st **Sienna** arrived in Westford, from Maine. She is a 3+ lb sable and white sheltie girl. I met her on vacation, but since she was the breeders' pick of the litter I did not hold out any hope of having her. The breeders were willing to let me have her if they could show her. They are

very good people and I will enjoy working with them to make **Sienna** a star. She will of course be doing obedience, maybe HIT some day. She did meet with an accident 4 days after her arrival and broke her tibia in her rear right leg. She is expected to make a full recovery. The cast has been signed by many friends and it has not stopped her from being an outgoing frisky pup."

BRAGS and BUST UPS.

Penny Shultz sends this brag that Flatcoat **Dix** and Yellow Lab **Thorn** become certified for therapy dog work. Young **Mr. Thorn** has also earned his Working Certificate for field work!

Judy Bailey's poodle **Xena** finished her CD July 11th in Vermont at the Green Mt Dog Club trial. YEAH!

Camille Segueria and Golden **Scooby** have been busy in agility over the summer. They got their NA and NAJ titles! Watch for them to burn up the mats at the Fall Obedience Trials!

GSD Shane and handler **Sharon Long** went to the ASCNE (ASCA) - Moose -A- Mania weekend trials, up in ME this summer and got their first two legs in ASCA - 4th place - 180 on Sat, 177 on Sunday. "We had a run off for 4 place, which we didn't get."

Sharon says "I wish I had my sister take a picture of the sits; all Aussies and in the middle, **Shane**. "I found out too late, that the Novice A class was all Aussies and one Chihuahua.; that really would have made a great picture. My sister **Chris [Weiner]** and **Mitzi** were in a CPE Agility trial in the field across from the OB trial. **Mitzi** and she

Q'd all their classes and got 1st prize in 6 of 8 classes.

"At St. Johns on "Saturday [8/21], after a good massage ,**Shane** did a decent heel - off and on leash. but blew the sit; the itch is mightier then the command. We went into the sits and downs with 125, the 30 points for the down only gave us.155; not even close to the 171 we need to Q. After the show we went see sightseeing, at the falls in St. John and **Shane** decided he could run up and down the stairs, with me in tow. Well, we knew Shane was going to be sore, so we gave him a good massage, and remedies to combat the soreness. Sunday, during warm ups, **Shane** didn't want to do any sits so I knew I was in trouble. After a good massage on the bench we went in , me with this big smile on my face hoping Shane would pick up on it. The judge did and thought I was nuts. He came over to see if I was all right and asked me what I was smiling about. I just told him "nerves". So he made small talk while I did some breathing exercises. Well, Shane did manage to heel close, but not next to me; maybe 2-3 sits and no front sit at the recall, but he nailed the sits and downs! So with a score of 175. Shane has his CKC - CD.

Onward to ASCA in Oct." **Sharon** and UCD - **White Shane's Chance -Amer./Can. CD**

Eleanor Campbell send this update on how and what she and her brood of fur kids are doing.

Monday, August 16, at the Briard Club of America agility trial in Westfield, MA, my 4 1/2 year old Sheltie, "**Presto**", finished his MACH and is now MACH O' Bay Dunstnburgh Rapid Tempo OAC, OJC, NGC, WV-N, TN-N!

(The titles at the end are NADAC agility titles.) Since I grew up in Massachusetts and started working with dogs at the NEDTC in Massachusetts, it seemed only fitting I should finish my very first performance championship in my former home state.

Sadly, on June 7, my GSP, "**Sage**" died at the venerable age of 14 years, 4 months. She was my second GSP, my first UD and my first agility dog. (OA, OAJ plus a NADAC EAC-V.) She also had earned her U-UD and many breed and obedience titles in other countries. She was stubborn, independent, devoted and my constant companion. I miss her very much. I have been reading Rudyard Kipling's wonderful poem and all it says about "giving your heart to a dog to tear" is so very true. I miss her so much.

In May, "**Sydney**," my 7-year old GSP, won HC at the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America's National Specialty. Her son, "**Price**" age 3, finished both his OA and OAJ titles at the GSP-only agility trial. He worked beautifully in Open B, too, but lay down at the end of the long sit...:-) But it was a good Nationals, all in all.

My Sheltie, "**Dash**" turned 12 and is in good health. That is the news of my four. I hope you are having a nice summer." Thanks Eleanor. So very sorry to hear about **Sage's** passing to the Rainbow Bridge. No matter how long they are with us, the time is always too short.

Vacation adventures with Keeper . Bici writes... "The last three mornings I've been playing music at the church in town, where the one good piano is (me playing flute and my amazing pianist friend James on piano).

Of course **Keeper** goes with me, and sleeps quietly on the floor [most of the time], but can go out if he wants. The first day, he went out and came back with a new yellow tennis ball. (When he found out I wasn't about to throw it for him in the church, he lay under the piano gently chewing it.) The second day he went out, he came back with a gray stuffed toy bunny. Turns out he had gone into the thrift shop next door and carefully selected it out of the box of children's things on the floor. Of course I had to buy it for him, as it was all spitty (25 cents). The third day he went out, he came back with something I didn't see because I was too busy to pay attention. I did hear him under the piano gently chewing, but on what I had no idea. When I finally was able to look, I found that he had was one of those little vanilla puddings in a plastic cup. He'd gotten the top off and was happily licking up the contents. Lord knows whose grocery bag he stole it from! He thinks "town" is cool!!

P.S. Turns out the vanilla pudding was the last bit of the minister's lunch - **Keeper** took it off his desk!" Thanks **Bici**. What a dog!

And speaking of Whatadogs! Joanie Muse has her first Utility Dog in **Bessie**!! In **Joanie's** words: "I can't believe it!!!! Am I excited or what!!!!!!!! Today (8/20) in Springfield **Bessie** got a 180 $\frac{1}{2}$ taking 5th place in Utility A. Out of class of 31, 6 passed!!! It was worth waiting most of my life for!!! What a feeling!!!!!!!! I finally have a UD!!!!!!!! What a dog!!!!!!!! She's done everything I've asked of her and more, and I must say without an awful lot of help from

her partner, that would be me!!!!" Way to Go You Guys!!! (And **Joanie** is way too humble. She and **Bessie** are one heck of a team. **Bessie** does it because she loves you **Joanie**!! Enjoy! You've both earned it.

Linda Bids Farewell

To members of the NEDTC: Most of you may already be aware that I will not be returning to NEDTC as your Head Trainer this fall. I am so very grateful to have had the opportunity to work with you and your canine friends. It has been rewarding to see the relationships you have developed with your dogs, the training you have accomplished and in some cases the titles you have earned. For me it has been lots of fun and a joy to meet so many wonderful people and dogs.

For me it is bitter sweet. I love teaching, but love showing my dogs and spending time training and having fun with them. My schedule has been so busy that I have not been able to give my own dogs the time they need and deserve. The decision was hard to make, but the reason made it easier. Noah deserves more of my time, Pryde is waiting to get his obedience career started and the pup has great potential. As for Brady, Promise and Katie, they need my time for cuddling, brushing, walking and playing. My desire to get back in the ring means having to give up some things to gain something that I want to do badly. So with great sadness I leave NEDTC to move on with my fur family. I wish you all the best and I know you will have a new and very capable trainer this fall. Please always remember to keep your training positive and learn to

Speak your dog's language and know they are capable of developing a deep and rich relationship with you. "Nobody can fully understand the meaning of love unless he or she is owned by a dog." Gene Hill. Happy Heeling, **Linda**

Until next time...

Pat "Scoop" Sullivan