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Introducing **Darlene Brushwein** **Treasurer**

Darlene is a Mainiac!!!

To clarify, Darlene was born and raised in the state of Maine. She attended the University of Maine where she met her husband Kurt. She graduated on one weekend and Kurt dragged her to Portland, Oregon a week later. 3000 miles away from family and friends in an entirely new place, Darlene initially wondered how long they would be there.

Fast forward almost 40 years later and the Pacific Northwest is certainly home. Darlene and Kurt raised two great kids, Kyle and Leah. They have been living in the same home in Beaverton for the past 30 years.

Over the years Darlene has been very engaged in the community working with various groups including Washington County ARC as treasurer, Girl Scouts as the cookie coordinator for the district, and the Beaverton High School Booster Club as treasurer.

She was the Business Manager for a local preschool for 25 years. While she retired in 2013 there has been no slowing down for her.

Of course, one main focus over the past 8 years has been her dog (yes - he is a great family dog but we know who the Alpha is!) Portuguese Water Dog, Rawley. Ziggy is the new addition!

Between dog classes, obedience, rally and water trials, Darlene and Rawley are continually on the go.

2021 Virtual Titles Available

Amanda Ford

The pandemic restrictions have taken a real toll on training and trialing opportunities, but AKC has several video title programs that they have developed to allow our dogs to continue to compete and earn titles from the safety of our own “bubbles.” Some of us need the goal of a title for that extra motivation to get out there and train. And for those with younger dogs, you don’t want to wait until things get back to normal to really start working with your dogs. Check out these video title programs for more information:

Obedience

AKC has created two new virtual Obedience titles— Beginner Novice Virtual (BNV) and Companion Dog Virtual (CDV). Exercises for these titles are a bit different than for the regular BN and CD titles since there is no judge interaction or group exercises, but it is still a great way to train for Obedience and prep for the ring. This program starts March 1, 2021. AKC does not yet have details posted on their web site, but program info is available at www.akc.org/sports/obedience/news-updates/ (Scroll down to

I asked....You replied!

I have removed owner names from these commitments as promised. We can celebrate your accomplishments as they occur.

My resolutions are to work more on impulse control and also to do more dry land training in preparation for water season. Specifically to go out to and past the marker.

In August I'd had enough NOT being on the water (sailing) and ordered a couple kayaks. I was inspired by a photo I saw on a PWD FB post someone kayaking w/their PWD!!! A couple weeks ago the kayaks arrived. Looking forward to installing the kayak racks on the car and giving this a try. My goal... is to have ___join me!!

The 12 year old will compete in at least 2 Nose Work Elite trials and will earn at least 100 Elite trial points.

The puppy will pass all three NACSW odor recognition tests and be eligible for her first Nose Work Level 1 trial by year's end.

The goal for this year is to get our UD in AKC and UKC.

Of course, the ever-elusive Courier Water Title.

Goal is to have a cooperative dog when it comes to nail grinding and not having to have someone help. It's my fault so I need to correct it.



find info on the Virtual Obedience Test program.)

Rally

Two virtual Rally titles are available (RN and RI) and these are considered equivalent to titles earned in regular competition. Info is available at www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry-pilot/

Agility

For dogs who have not earned a regular AKC agility title, there are two Agility Course Tested titles available through AKC (ACT-1 and ACT-2). Even if you have qualifying legs in AKC agility you can earn the ACT titles as long as you have not earned a title. Info is available at

www.akc.org/sports/agility/act-program/act-virtual-program/

Trick Dog

There are five AKC Trick Dog titles that you can earn virtually, from the Novice TKN through Elite Performer TKE. Info is available at

www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/

Other At-Home Activities

For information on other at-home activities from AKC, including Virtual Home Manners and Fit Dog, go to www.akc.org/expert-

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JUNO SPEAKS

Well, here we are again.....Mom struggling with formatting this newsletter. No one asked me for advice so I will just give it anyway.

We had a little chat about the New Year goals many of you are setting and we hope you do well. We will be waiting to hear about accomplishments. Remember there should be lots of rewards involved! We do have a new recipe from Suzanne Malick but haven't tried it yet. Our container is not very full so I am sure we will soon.

Mom did make us a couple of small snuffle mats ... they are **really** small so don't hold many treats. Personally, I think they should be bigger but she doesn't want us eat too much. What's going on there??? I think next month she will include the directions and pictures.

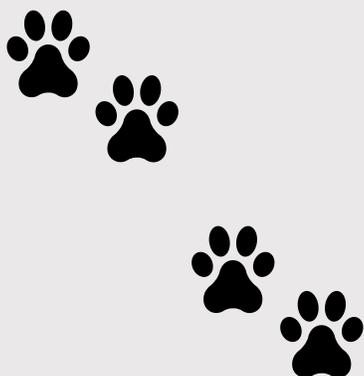
I hope you are all taking good care of your people.

Love, Juno

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programs-can-home/

There are also a number of non-AKC virtual programs such as USDAA agility, Parkour, and Outdoor Dog, among others. Search for those on the web to find more information.

It is my understanding that a virtual CD Obedience title will be available in March. Will let you know. JJ



FROM THE EDITOR and staff

Well....Here it is the 3rd issue of this newsletter. I want to thank the folks who have sent columns and information to publish. That would be Mandy, Darlene, Val, and the members who shared their New Year's resolutions. I also want to thank Mandy for putting the newsletter on both the WEB page and the FB page. I have kept back a couple of things I have for the next issue as I was having trouble with the format I was using. I will be experimenting with format before the next issue so you may see changes.

Articles and photos are always welcome especially if they are ready to copy and paste.

It looks like some shows will be coming back so be sure to share your brags! I know I will if I ever have some.

Staff appears to be on break!



