

Diane Level 1 & 2, Rally O, Agility & Flyball Instructor

Over a decade ago, if someone said to Diane she'd be an instructor in training dogs, she would have said "yeh, right!" or "no way"! Diane started training her German Shepherd "Logan" in 1989 at K-9 Studio, and was immediately hooked on training dogs. By the time Logan was 3 years old, he was an Obedience Trial Champion (Utility Dog), Flyball Dog Champion and a USDAA Agility Dog, so his registered name read Can. Obedience Trial Champion Lindau's Chartreuse T,T, AD. Linda's Task and Logan were the first dogs in Thunder Bay to have their Agility titles. From the very beginning, Diane exhibited a natural ability to communicate with her dogs, and to watch them work together was a joy to see.

Then came Hunter (Lindau's Hunter Echo CDX) and Ben (Can. Ch. Lindau Echoes of Big Ben CDX). By two and a half years of age, they both had their Companion Dog Excellent titles. Hunter had his Flyball Excellent and Herding Dog titles. Ben had his Junior Herding Dog Certificate. Both dogs were trained in agility and flyball, but only performed demo's due to health issues. Both Ben and Hunter had won the Lucille Siczkar Aggregate Score Trophy, and a local kennel club aggregate trophy.

Diane inherited two golden retrievers, one whom she lost early to cancer, but Bailey still continues to accompany Diane to events as a social butterfly. Bailey came to Diane at the age of 6 1/2 years, and had no previous training, but did have good manners. In March 2003, Bailey received her Companion Dog title in four straight trials, placing within the top ten of a class of 24 very competitive dogs. They have also been active competing in Rally O, earning their CARO Advanced title, with one leg towards her excellent title, and her CKC RN.

Currently Diane has her hands full with Brinkley, a gorgeous Golden Retriever (Clitheroe, Susan's kennel) who is a teenager, and an even younger project, Maggie, a German Shepherd from Vonmatris (Trish). Brinkley and Diane have earned their CKC & CARO Novice Rally titles.

Her goal is to be the best instructor she can be, helping people understand their dogs and to know that any dog at any age can be trained to be a wonderful companion. She tries to be a fountain of information by learning, listening and participating in classes and workshops/seminars.

Diane has trained flyball, and has developed a successful program. What is unfortunate, is that K-9 Studio needs to be able to clone Diane to teach more!!!!

