

# Blues News

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## "2011 BRDTC HAPPY HOWELLWEEN PARTY"



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"Outside of a dog, a book is probably man's best friend, and inside of a dog, it's too dark to read." -- Groucho Marx.







***"THE WINNERS OF THE HALLOWEEN CONTEST"***

*Most original: Joy, nemo, Isabel I a—Parrot heads  
Going to their first Jimmy Buffit Concert.*

*Look -A- Like: Kathi & Maggie—Football referees.*

*Cutest: Teri & Annette -Confederate General  
Rosie & Maggie—Southern Belle*

*Funniest: Vicky & Hickory—GI Joe home from Iraq  
Patsy & reese— Farmer in from the fields*

*Scariest: Kerri & Frances - Cassie & Piper  
Skeletons*

***Honorable Mention:***

*Barbara & Rex  
Charlie Browns great pumpkin*

*Theresa, Abby & Cowboy  
Lady Bug Bumble Bee*





## “Theresa Manchey Received the VA Federation Service Award”

September 8, 2011

Dear VA Federation Board members,

I would like to nominate my good friend Theresa Manchey for the VA Federation service award. Theresa is a long time resident of Strasburg, Virginia in Shenandoah County and has had dogs all of her life. She has been training her dogs formally and informally for many years and has been a member of Blue Ridge Dog Training Club for well over 10 years and is one of those people who are always there to help get things done for the club. Two years ago, Theresa retired from education after a distinguished career as an English teacher, debate coach and secondary English instructional coordinator.



What now is called “Paws for Reading” started with Theresa’s love for reading and a therapy dog named “Abby” and a desire to share Abby with children to help them develop a love of reading and dogs as well.

Upon retirement from her 30+ year career as an educator, Theresa hoped to find an opportunity to join a therapy dog group for a reading to dogs program. She reached out to different therapy dog organizations and groups around the area, but found no programs in or near her community. Where most people would have given up, Theresa started to attend workshops and talk with other therapy dog groups in other areas to learn about how they got started with their reading to dogs programs. Theresa took this information, developed her own program and was invited for a one time visit to the Bowman Library in Stephens City. That first visit included 5 therapy dogs ready to listen and a small group of children ready to read to them. From that first visit, she established the “Paws for Reading” therapy dog group. The “trial visit” has grown into regularly scheduled visits throughout the year and the initial group of 5 dogs has blossomed to 26 different dogs participating over the past 2 ½ years of the program. But Theresa didn’t stop there. From her years as a teacher then curriculum specialist in the school system she knew there was a need for therapy dogs in the schools, even if the school system didn’t quite know that yet. Despite a number of hurdles and an initial “no” from the board office, Theresa was determined to get the word out to the teachers in the school system. She and Abby met with school Librarians, ESL teachers and Reading teachers to share what the therapy dogs had to offer and share different resources showing the gains children can make by reading to dogs. After a short while, the first invite came in from a school inviting the therapy dogs to the school as part of the dog themed “anti-drug” program. It didn’t take long before the word got out and invites came in specifically for the “Paws for Reading” program to come to special family night activities at several different elementary schools. By the end of that school year, the group had visited 7 different elementary schools; 1 middle school and was working every other week with 2 additional groups of special needs students in Frederick County and Loudoun County. One of the newest facilities to work with the “Paws for Reading” program is the private residential school, Timber Ridge which is a school for troubled boys, where dogs visit twice a month.

To encourage participation in the reading programs, Theresa designed and printed bookmarks and cards for the children who participated in the program. The bookmark features a picture and name of each dog, so when the child reads to a certain dog they are given a bookmark with that dog’s picture on it. The children take these home and to school and hence, their friends get interested and want to start coming to read to the dogs also.

As well as the great (and growing) service to community this has enriched the lives of the handlers and dogs who participate. Nemo, one of the original 5 dogs, who is now a 16 year old 100 lb. Swiss Mountain mix, was finding it physically difficult to do therapy work in nursing homes and was going to have to retire; has been able “keep working” through the library and school visits. He loves this new experience of lying, sometimes napping while listening to the children read to him. So you see this program also provides a future for dogs and their owners once they are retired from competition or just getting along in years, as well as for the younger dogs. It’s a win, win situation for everyone.

It is important to note that while she did all of this for the Paws for Reading she additionally devotes many hours training her own dogs and helping to train other people and their dogs as a training assistant for the Blue Ridge Dog Training





Club. She constantly works behind the scenes helping set up, help during, and clean up from obedience/rally, agility, and tracking trials as well as the Canine Carnival and Patriotic Paws events for the local shelter. She is also a member of the "Blue Crew" which is a group that works with shelter dogs to prepare them to be adopted. She participates in other therapy dog visits to local nursing homes and through hospice. Theresa's love for what she does and belief in therapy dogs is proven further by the fact she has now trained and certified an additional therapy dog, Cowboy, so as to not overwork Abby. By the way, this special lady also trains and competes with these same two dogs in rally obedience and agility and has started training herding with both.

She is one of those rare people who have a dream, saw the need and took the initiative to get it done (despite the hurdles placed in her way). Theresa is a champion at bringing dogs and children together to help each other.

Thank you for considering her for this award, she is a very special woman and I'm proud to train my dogs with her and call her my good friend.

Joy Leslie Pitcher

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"Who Me?"



Theresa gave a great talk and there was a lot of interest in the program. She also won the drawing for a free night at the hotel. Joy made out big with the silent auction.





**New Members**

**Kathi Hall**

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**Barbara L. Zeiger**

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**Andrew Podolak**

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**Picture Of the Month**



**"I TOLD YOU Mom WE GO RIGHT"**

**Bobbie Lutz & Travis**

A girl was visiting her blonde friend, who had acquired two new dogs, and asked her what their names were. The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex. Her friend said, "Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?" "HELLLOOOOOOO..." answered the blonde. "They're watch dogs!"



**"Rainbow Bridge Memorial"**



We will be making a Rainbow Bridge Memorial in the Jan. Newsletter. If you have a special "friend" you would like to remember please e-mail me with the info and picture if you want to include one.

**"Doggie Horoscope"**

**Scorpio**  
October 23 to November 22  
Same as their human counterparts, Scorpio dogs never forget or forgive! Scorpio dogs never go the middle way. No other sign has such incorruptible, perceptive senses

**Sagittarius**  
November 23 to December 21  
Always take your Sagittarius dog with you on journeys. This ideal travel companion will enhance your trip.

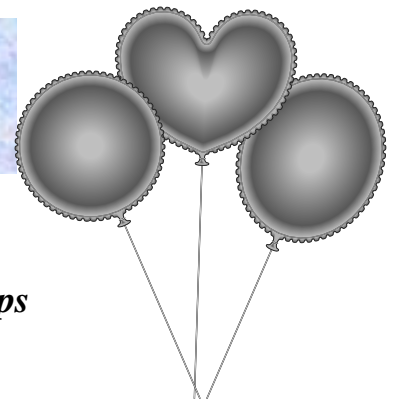
**Birthdays & Anniversary's December**

**Birthdays**

**Carley Keane  
12/6**

**Anniversary's**

**Clare & Jeff Phillips  
12/28  
Stacy & John Defilippi  
12/19/98**







# Mark Your Calendar



This year's parade is same format as last year's:

1. Date is the Monday after Thanksgiving Weekend – November 28, 2011
2. Line-up on Cameron Street – between Cork and Piccadilly streets
3. Route starts at Piccadilly to Braddock to Cork and ends at intersection of Cork and Loudoun
4. Reserved parking for school buses on north Cameron Street – all other participants need to park in public parking areas, garages or lots
5. Tree lighting event to immediately follow parade.
6. The start time is at 7:00pm – it was 6:30pm previously – to help alleviate the congestion between the timing of downtown workers leaving their offices and parade participants arriving for line-up. Parade expected to end at 8:00pm
7. Line-up begins at 6:15 pm.

We have done this in the past and it's so much fun. Everyone meets at an assigned area. We dress up and we dress our dogs up in bells, ribbons, Santa hats-whatever. Bernie has been known to wrap a battery powered Christmas lights on Bett & she blinked all the way. Some dogs also pulled wagons or sleds. The walk isn't a long walk. You need a friendly dog who is people oriented but friendly to other dogs. There will be a lot of people on the route some bring their dogs (usually not very many). They love seeing all the different breeds - some they have never seen before. They also like to pet the dogs along the way if you let them go to the curb.

**If you are interested in doing this please contact Donna T, and let her know.**

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*BRDTC  
Christmas  
Auction &  
Dinner  
Dec 17th  
Starts at 5 pm  
Jim Barnett  
Park*

Our Christmas dinner & auction is just weeks away. I'm hoping that you're looking in those drawers, closets, attic, basement & garage for those treasures you would like to share. Doggie items, breed related or not are popular. No used clothing please! This is a good time to get a head start on the Christmas shopping for friends & family (both two & four legged). **Don't think you can't afford to come. You can't afford not to**-grab that change jar. Everything starts at a whopping **\$1.00 & goes up. It's the best time ever & our biggest fund raiser.** Santa Bernie & his helpers will be auctioning off the goodies. Start looking for those favorite family recipes to share. The Club brings the meat & drinks. So mark your calendar & get ready to have a great time.

We will be voting on Officers and the Service Award.

Each year we recognize an individual for their outstanding contributions to our club and their unflinching good sportsmanship in all activities. Take a moment to think of the member you would like to nominate for this honor.

**This is a "Life Time Achievement Award" and can only be given one time to a member.** The following members have received this award and CAN NOT be nominated again.

They are: Bernie Thompson, Kitty Bowman, Donna Thompson, Kathy Brunner, Martha Butler, Beth Anderson, Amy Grimm, Donna Richardson, Vicki Gilley & Janice Morton, Stacy & John Deflippi, Ed Strowsnyder. Theresa Manchey.



**AWARDS  
DINNER  
Feb 11, 2012**

*Time fly's when you are having fun and this is the fun time of the year with the Christmas auction and the Awards Dinner in Feb.*

***Get your list ready!!!***

*There are forms on the web site and at the end of this newsletter. If you have a plaque please bring it to the Christmas Auction with your forms filled out or you can drop it off at*

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*She will make sure that Donna gets them.*

***Slate for 2012***



***The Nominees will  
be  
Voted on at  
The Christmas Dinner***

***President  
John Defilippi***

***Vice President  
Donna Richardson***

***Secretary  
Donna Smith***

***Treasurer  
Vickie Gilley***

***New Board Member  
Kathy Brunner***

***Existing Board Members  
Ed Strawsnyder  
Janice Morton  
Joy Pitcher***



***Pictures with  
Santa  
At the  
Esther Boyd Shelter  
December 3rd  
Starts at 10 am till 3 pm  
Pictures are \$5 for  
Each dog***

***All money goes to  
The Shelter  
Pictures by  
Memory Photos***



***Share  
Your  
Christmas  
With the  
Esther Boyd  
Shelter***

They are in need of the following items:

- Brooms & Dust Pans
- Plain non-clumping cat litter
- Window cleaner
- Liquid dish soap
- Liquid hand soap
- Paper towels
- Ink Pens
- Multi purpose copy paper
- Latex gloves
- Canned dog & cat food
- Dry puppy & kitten food
- Cheap disposable cat toys
- Kong dog toys
- Clorox bleach
- Post it notes
- General office supplies (staples, paper clips)
- Large industrial trash bags





## Turkey Loaf for Dogs



- 2 pounds ground turkey
- 1/2 cup cooked mixed vegetables
- 1 T. garlic powder
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup barley
- 1 cup quick cooking oats
- 1/2 cup canned low-fat gravy

Preparation -

Grease a 9" loaf pan; set aside. In a large mixing bowl, combine the ground turkey, vegetables, garlic powder, egg, barley and oats. Mix the ingredients together well and place the mixture into the prepared loaf pan. Press the mixture to flatten and level, then use a table knife to cut a few shallow slits on top. Pour the gravy over the loaf and bake in a preheated oven at 350° for 1 to 1-1/4 hours or until nicely browned on top. Cool, then cut the loaf into about six slices. Wrap in plastic wrap or foil and store in the refrigerator. To feed - Break the slices into bite-size pieces



## Turkey Gobblers

- 2 cups cooked turkey, cut up or shredded
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 tsp. grated parmesan cheese
- 1 T. parsley, finely chopped
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 2 T. brewers yeast

2 T. vegetable oil

Preparation -

In a large mixing bowl, combine the cooked turkey, garlic, grated cheese and parsley. Mix well. Add beaten eggs; mix again. Add flour, brewers yeast, and oil and mix thoroughly until all ingredients are well-blended. Drop by rounded teaspoons full onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake in a preheated oven at 350° for about 20 minutes or until nicely browned. Move to wire racks to cool and harden. Store in a covered container in the refrigerator.



## "WAGS & BRAGS"



Sparks has a brag for the weekend as well. We went off to do obedience in Cheswick PA. They have a lovely sports arena for their trials that has TONS of room inside for crating and warm up on the turf. Outside has plenty of close parking and nice grass to walk dogs on. They do agility trials at the same location.

I had entered both Icey and Sparks in Open B since this trial is typically big enough to have two sets of stays. I like to do the more experienced dog first in this situation (in both obedience and agility) but for these trials that didn't happen. As it turned out, both days, Sparks was put as the FIRST DOG in the class, so I had to be ready to go with my baby dog without having watched any other dogs go. I had to keep telling myself she knew how to do this and would do what she could do. So in we went. We started with the retrieve on the flat. That was good. Then the drop on recall. I was loud, but she did that nicely too. Then we had the high jump. We had a bark on that! Then we had the broad jump. Apparently we need to work more on fronts with a judge standing close. Then there was heeling. We had a LONG heeling pattern, a "U" rather than the typical "L". OK! She had made it through the class part! We had awhile to wait before stays. Thank goodness the sit was first. We practiced the sit stay a bit. Finally it was time for stays. Sparks was on an end since she had been first in, so we only had one dog to be beside. It was a nice Cavalier KC spaniel, so that was good. Sparks never even looked at it, thank goodness, because it laid down both days. One of the reasons I show my young dogs in Novice for so long is so that they get LOTS of practice doing stays with new dogs in new places with new sounds and smells as a preparation for Open OOS stays. Doing this really builds their confidence before they have to do it on their own in Open. For these stays, we went out the back door, right outside the rings. Good, because the front doors were VERY far away. Since I was first out, I was last back in. The sun outside was BRIGHT, so when we came back in all of us were pretty much blinded for a few seconds. And Sparks was still sitting! Yeah Sparks!!! Good girl! But we still had the down stay. That was a LONG five minutes but Sparks was fine. I don't celebrate until the judge says who qualifies. And YES he called Sparks number! Yeah!!! That was her title!!! So Sparks is now:

### **CH Keepsake Lily My Fire CDX OA AXJ OF**

And as icing on the cake, she kept herself together on Sunday for another Q as well! Its always good to have "bonus" legs! So now Sparks will be in training for Utility.

I also have another "detour" in mind for her. She is due "in" any time now and I plan to breed her. I started teaching her grandmother, Nikkee, to do articles the day I bred her to get Icey, and by the time she had puppies, she knew how to do them. Looks like Sparks may follow that same path!

*Margaret Bissell*

Just got back from another weight check at the vets, and Dory is up to 14 lbs! That's a gain of 0.6 lbs over the past two weeks, and a total of about 1.5 lbs in the past month. She is close to her pre-illness weight. She usually carried 14.5 - 15 lbs. before she got sick. YIPPEEEEE!!

*Kathy*

I just got home today from my Greater Swiss national specialty, in Clemmons, NC. The dogs and I had a blast but are very happy to be home with the rest of the pack...Tuesday Kenzie and Sprite competed in obedience and rally. All events were held outdoors on grass. The weather was quite warm compared to the temperatures we have had in VA lately- 85+ degrees and sunny was not ideal weather for big black mountain dogs! Despite the hot weather, Kenzie went out and won her rally class (nov. A) with a 96! She really impressed me with her interest in working when most of the other dogs just wanted to find shade somewhere. Baby Sprite brought home a second place ribbon with a score of 83. She was a bit overwhelmed by all the activity of a big dog show, so wasn't a very focused girl... she completed the course though and did have some very nice moments of pretty heeling. She got some very nice compliments from a fellow swissy obedience handler (handler of the 2nd ever UDX swissy) so that made me feel good. She'll get there! Both girls were entered on a rally team: Kenzie on the Big Dawg team and Sprite was captain of the Puppy team. Kenzie had another stellar performance with a score of 97 (high score on her team) which put them in first place. Sprite's team of puppies were... Puppies.

Sprite and I also competed in team obedience. Sprite is only 11 months old but I thought there was a small chance she could maybe do this. Well, I learned a few days before leaving for nationals that in team obedience there is a drop-on-recall... so we practiced this brand new concept for 2 days and hoped for the best! We practiced as a team for several minutes and went in to give it our best shot. Luckily we are all good friends and were just having fun at this because it was one entertaining performance!! I had never



## “More Brags!”

done a figure 8 with multiple people and I just couldn't navigate with people and dogs swarming around me- the judge laughed and asked me what I was doing- I told him that I didn't know! Everyone (the crowd and my teammates) had a pretty good laugh at me for that. All 4 dogs did a pretty nice drop-on-recall so I was proud of that. We earned 1st place- easy to do when you're the only team! It was a lot of fun even though we were a pitiful team.

Wednesday was puppy sweeps and regular conformation classes. Sprite was entered in a HUGE and very competitive 9-12 month puppy class. She made the first cut out of 12 nice girls, but didn't end up placing. She was really good though and had fun... Later that evening was a weight pull. There were over 30 swissies entered and I had never tried this sport before, but I decided to give it a shot. Kenzie is not a very big swissy and was the smallest dog in her weight class and only 3 lbs more than the smallest dog there. She weighed in at 92 lbs to put her in the 90- 115 lb category. After pulling a total of 8 times, Kenzie came in 3rd place with a pull of 1,465 lbs!! Everyone was really amazed that tiny little skinny Kenzie pulled the 3rd highest weight in her class. She was one of only 2 girls (and only 6 total dogs) left in the competition when she stopped pulling. She outpulled some much larger and stronger dogs (140 to 150 lb boys) just because I asked her to. In weight pull you can only call your dog and ask them to pull- cannot bait them with food or toys or touch them at all. That pull earned her a 15x (15 times her body weight) leg towards a new title. Thursday was BOB where I got to share in some successes of my friends. Riker's half-sister took Best of Opposite and Best of Winners for a huge win. Was a very fun and exciting week, but I'm happy to be back home and ready for classes on Monday.

***Megan, Kenzie, & Sprite***

I am proud to announce that Carmylie Shelaaz Radiance "Lumina" qualified in her first ever rally trial today in Cumberland, MD.

***Annette Talbot***

We had a great day doing rally today at the Cumberland Valley Kennel Club's trial. Timer (Winmar Jolly Time Dan, RN) finished his rally advanced title with a score of 97 and a first place. CJ (Trebecca Cracker Jack) earned his second leg on his rally novice title with a score of 98 and a third place. I am very proud of my boys.

***Kathy Brunner***

Kindle and I went to the Baltimore Sheltie Club's Novice/Open only agility trials in Westminster, MD Thursday and Friday. On Thursday Kindle got her 3rd Novice Standard leg to earn her NA. We had some nice sections in her other runs - I'll be glad when I can actually run and help her a little more! We're looking forward to the Golden trial this weekend - especially Dicey, who wondered why she didn't get to run.

***Janice Morton***

Oreo got a double q today with a 4th place! Only 19 more doubles to get!!!! At Mattaponi agility trial Mocha earned her NAJ with a second place!!! Oreo tied for 3rd place in ex jww yesterday. She had a run off again for the second trial in a row for a placement! She won the run off with a even faster time than the first run and earned 3rd place!!! Not bad for a 9 1/2 year old lab!!!

***John & Stacy & crazy labs!!!***

Time for one more Brooks Brag. On Oct. 7th at Mount Vernon's Rally Trial Brooks got a perfect score of 100 in both Rally Adv B and Rally Excellent B. He also won the high combined rally award of \$50 and a RAE title!!!! Rally is such a fun thing to do with your dog. I really like the idea of a high combined rally award, I think I will do it for our trial.

***Jan Bergan***

Well, it was an action packed weekend in Cumberland for us. It ended pretty well, but didn't start off so great. Friday, Icey had a nice go in Open B for second place. We were done by about 2:30, so I was going to just go home and drive back in the AM. I had everything loaded up and just had Icey left to take out to the car. The groups had started, so the room was rather crowded. Icey was walking right with me, then behind me. As I approached the door, I saw the HUGE Komondor laying on a mat by the door, his owner sitting on the floor in front of him. He was waiting to go into the group. Icey and I were at least 3-4 feet away from him, and I know Icey was behind me then, with lots of people right around us. Suddenly, I heard this ROAR and the Komondor LAUNCHED around its owner, past me and onto Icey!!!!!! I couldn't even see her, all I saw was a massive white dog on top of her. I started screeching, squaling, and screaming. The people pulled him off, and I continued to screech and squall until they backed him into a corner. Icey was shaking, I was shaking, I screamed at them so the ENTIRE building heard me that their dog had just ATTACKED





## “LotsMore Brags!”

my dog. They tried to apologize. I told them I was filing a complaint. I checked Icey all over, someone else came and helped me check her. She was shaking, but I couldn't find any holes. I took her out to the van. She was happy to get in, away from a crazed dog and her crazed mother. Yep, I filed a complaint, and then had to wait around for several hours to attend a show committee hearing. They were basically useless, but they will file the complaint with AKC, it will go on the dog's permanent record, and if the dog gets multiple complaints, THEN AKC could do something about suspending the dog. I'm not really sure that's all that could be done, but that's what got done on Friday. I intend to call AKC Monday AM and talk to a rep. There was no rep there at the show, so they told me.

Thank goodness I did have a hotel room booked for Friday night because it was about 7:30 by the time I got done with the hearing. So I stayed the night. I was worried sick that Icey would have something wrong in the AM. But come morning, she was fine and dandy. She did a nice class in utility, but somehow missed an article. She hasn't done that in ages, but then we were both still a bit rattled. Frosty held himself together though, and qualified in Utility! Then Icey had a decent go in Open and was 3rd. The only odd behavior from Icey was when I went to take her outside at the end of the day, again during groups. I started out that way, felt her hesitate, then dart behind me, and before she had any more time to think about it, I just snatched her up and carried her out. Once we were outside, she was fine. She had been fine by the crowded obedience ring gate, but not in the same spot where she had been attacked.

Today was a pretty good day! Icey worked a decent class in utility. Then Frosty worked a nice class too and qualified. Icey ended up third so that was ok. Then Icey had a NICE go in Open. Turns out that Icey won the Open B class with a nice score of 197.5. With her two scores, she ended up High Combined. It was lunchtime by that point, so the judge took a break, then we had to wait for the Novice classes to go. I had taken my grooming things, so I trimmed feet and did some grooming while I waited. The wait paid off and Icey's Open score stuck for High in Trial!!! So YOU BET I went in to the photo set up while the groups were in and had her photo taken in there!!!

So at least the weekend ended up better than it started!!! Icey seems just fine so that's the BEST part!!! Oh, and those little white envelopes (with checks enclosed) that came with the HIT and H/C ribbons were nice too!!! The right size and color!!!

***Margaret Bissell***

***Keepsake Kees***

Travis earned an Open Preferred Jumper's leg and Tyler earned an Open Stnd. leg at the Mattaponi KC agility trials this past wkend. Boy do those two litter mates have a different running/jumping style. Travis wastes no time jumping--jumps low but not low like a border collie. Tyler way clears a jump & sort of just hangs there over it before landing. Plus he tends to sightsee at the apex of the A Frame. At least Travis didn't sightsee to the ring crew this wkend, nor go UNDER the pause table. Anyway, while I was getting my exercise with 5 of 'em, Ashley was with her handler at the Cumberland, MD shows earning two Best of Breeds and a Select. Fred says she's at about #34 in Whippet standings. We're trying to get her to #20 so she can compete next year in the Top 20 competition at the Whippet Natl'. If she could just get a group placement, I think that would help alot.

***Bobbie Lutz***

A big thank you to John and Stacey for driving Xena and I to the Westminster agility trial on Saturday through the snowstorm, getting us safely there and back! I had gone on Friday by myself also. Xena did Q in standard on Friday & double Q'd Saturday, and finished her MJP2 title. What a wild weekend with that storm!

***Amy***

For those of you who know my husband Kevin, he ran in and finished the Marine Corps Marathon on Sunday in DC, in that awful cold weather. I'm so proud of him--he has worked really hard for months to get ready! He has the Outer Banks Marathon coming up in two weeks.

***Amy Grimm***

Maya obtained her CD on Sat and then another qualifying score on Sunday. Now maybe CDX???? or just focus on agility?????

***Ann and Maya***



## “Lots More Brags!”

We had a pretty good weekend doing obedience! On Saturday, we started with Open. Icey had a decent go and won Open B! That finished her OM7!

Then we did Utility. Icey missed her down signal for some reason. Hmm. Darn it. The rest of the class was nice, with several really stellar parts. Oh well.

Then it was Frosty's turn. His heeling and signals were lovely. Articles were fine. Glove was nice. Stand ok. He went to the right on his first go-out but his second go-out was nice. So he qualified! It wasn't stellar, but it was a Q. Yay Frosty! We went back in for ribbons. Then the judge called out Frosty's number! OH MY GOSH!!! Frosty WON the class!!!!!!!!!! WAY COOL!!!

Those were his very first OTCH points and his first First Place!!! What a man! That made the weekend!!!

Sunday, Icey started the day with a STELLAR go in Open. She won that class with a very nice 198.5!!! Good girl!!! Then Icey had a decent go in Utility, getting 2nd place. Frosty got a bit exuberant on his moving stand, and came in to me as the judge told me to call him. Oops. Green dog.

Icey ended up going High in Trial from Open B with her very nice score of 198.5!

So with a new OM7 title for Icey, another HIT for Icey, and Frosty's very first OTCH points and a First Place, it was a very nice weekend for sure!

**Margaret Bissell**

**Keepsake Kees**

I don't usually brag, but I am very proud of my little guys. Travis took 1st place on Saturday in A.P.D.T. and Sadie followed in her “big brother's” paw prints by taking 1st place on Sunday after I had NQ'd her the day before by touching her when she jumped up on me.

**Cindy**

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**Jan**

I myself was in Flanders, NJ (above Allentown, PA) for UKC obedience. We got about 8-12 inches of snow up there. The lights went out just as we finished both trials on Sat. Then a tree fell down across 4 cars, but we got the only dogs in 1 of the cars out. We ended up canceling the Sun. trials as their other bldg. that did still have electricity was too small for trials. The whole town all around was without electricity but fortunately my hotel did have it, although the tv went out. Good thing I had the foresight to buy sandwiches earlier in the day as that was my dinner that nite. Then the next day, after I'd had my car on & dug out, it quit & wouldn't start again. It took awhile to find another hotel guest with jumper cables. Then I had to call hubby to find out how to jump the dang thing (I had the Prius instead of my van. The van carries its own battery jumper!). And they said hybrids couldn't be battery jumped from the fuse box!

**Bobbie Lutz**

And I was there to cheer them on! In fact, all of the dogs in her class were All-American. Gem finished her RA last month and her RE yesterday. Joy and I had a great time!

**Donna T.**

I see I need to step up since Vicki is not going to brag on her awesome Harley-boy who is now a MACH2! They got their 40th QQ at the Golden trial on Sunday afternoon!! Congratulations to my favorite Sheltie boy!! Miss Kindle Q'd in Novice JWW Saturday & Sunday to complete her NAJ and had a beautiful, clean Open Standard run on Saturday. I can't wait until I can actually run and help her - she is so much fun! Dicey, as always, could do no wrong, she earned her 73rd QQ on Friday and Q'd in JWW Saturday & Sunday. She had lovely Standard runs, too, with 1 mistake in each - induced by yours truly! Lucky for me Dicey loves her old crippled mother anyway!

**Janice**



## “Lots More Brags!”

Satchmo and I left early this morning to dock dive at the waterfowl festival in Easton, Md. We have a busy weekend ahead so this was his only day to dive and though he did not achieve a personal best he continues to be a very consistent diver with jumps between 20.5 and 21.1 and taking home first, second and third place ribbons for his three waves all in the Masters division. He braved the frigid water and even though he spent most of the day shivering he kept going back in for more. I am hoping for a much warmer day tomorrow doing APDT rally up at Kitty's with ALL my kids!

### *Joy and Satchmo*

We followed up our day of dock diving and travel with a full day of competition at Kitty's in an APDT Rally trial. Me and my dogs definitely had our ups and downs that day.

To start, I discovered Satchmo had a dead tail when I got him out of the car, which is deja-vu from a month ago with Issie. Unlike Issie he was able to sit and though uncomfortable if he sat on his tail, did not seem to be in general pain and was able to adjust his tail to sit. Unfortunately his true handicap was his mother, whom seemed to suffer multiple times that day with sign blindness, and I missed a sign and was NQ'd on what would have been his Level I title. BUT, my little tough boy did the second trial and We followed up our day of dock diving and travel with a full day of competition at Kitty's in an APDT scored a 193 (he was not going to do the final sit in the Bonus, and instead jumped up and gave me a kiss!) and got a 4th place and his Level I title!

To my amazement, Issie was able to deal with my nerves and discombobulating that morning and pulled out a Q with a score of 208 in Level I- B that morning. Then she really amazed me in the afternoon and scored a 198 in her first ever, off lead/Level II run and got 2nd place. Who would have ever thought Issie would be my go to dog in a competition?

Then it was Nemo's turn. Nemo is a momma's boy and has always fed off my nerves. He seemed off during his first run and we NQ'd because of the number of times I had to ask him to sit when he got up in between shared signs. At first I thought maybe he is too old and can't do this anymore and I didn't want to retire him on a NQ, so I signed him up for a second run. While I NQ'd him again (missed signs), he was back to normal and did two exercises he had never done before in practice or on a course! After that performance and reports that he seemed very happy on the course, I'm on the fence about him retiring (everything is pretty day to day at his age). Frankly, I realized after that it wasn't really about the Q, it was about getting to really have fun with Nemo on the course, and then having Kitty be our judge for what may be his last competition made it all the more special.

### *Joy and the Fur bunch*







## ***“Almost Haven Golden Retriever Rescue & Sanctuary Needs Help”***

Hi Everyone:

It is with a very sad heart that I must tell you all that Skip is critically ill - and in the hospital at UVA. We expect a surgery will be performed soon in hopes of saving his life - - - - -  
- - And - our fundraiser for the 29th has been cancelled for a number of reasons. If you have donated items - they will not go to waste - we will use them to make money. However, in the interim - the cash flow here is so seriously damaged, that - for the first time since I've been in rescue - we cannot commit or due intake for any new dogs. This absolutely breaks my heart - but we owe our vets a LOT of money - and I will NOT ask them to help us any more unless we can at least make a significant payment on our accounts. Folks - we need at least \$10,000 to reopen our doors to intakes - - - - -  
- - - - - this is serious - - - - - and I am not going to stick my neck out any further until this situation is under control.

Our plans for the spring included opening a boarding kennel - including taxi service - which we had hoped would support our rescue efforts. We need to make this "business" support itself - - - - - and get out of it. I simply cannot fundraise - and take care of all these dogs, do intakes, meet adopters, do the bookkeeping/taxes, clean the kennels, run the transports, including to the various vets, etc. I'm 62 years old - and I'm not in great shape, either.

We need donations of cash - NOW. Any amount would help. We have dogs in our care that have exhausted our immediate cash reserves. We had a major donor back out on us - choosing to build "monuments" instead of saving lives, and a fundraiser go bust. We have had to hire help - I'm injured - and Skip's not able to help now.

Dogs will die unless we get the help we need - and soon. I can't do any more - - - - - it's up to you.

I hope we can continue to save lives - - - - - but, I guess that's up to our friends, supporters, and volunteers.

Carol

Almost Heaven Golden Retriever Rescue & Sanctuary, Inc.

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Dear Friends of Almost Heaven Golden Retriever.

Perhaps you have read Carol's letter. I'm one of the persons who was hoping to help with the fundraiser this weekend. We are so heartbroken it is canceled, but our efforts will continue! In fact, one lovely person involved in the effort for this upcoming weekend came up with a brilliant idea. A Chipin site!

Carol didn't include it in her letter, but here it is:

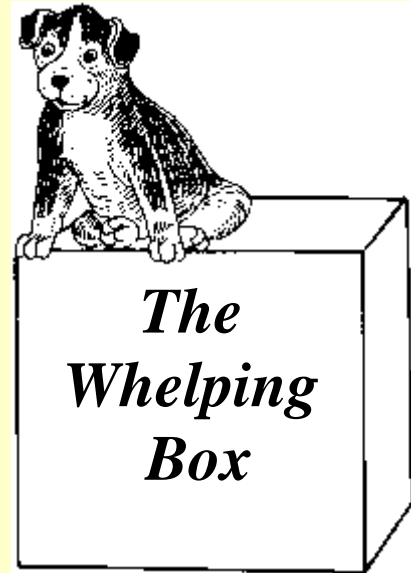
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## *Remembering China White Butler*



The first time I saw her she was so little for her age – 5 months. I was told of her difficulties but I took her home anyway. She was so full of life & into everything. Needless to say Matte, PC & Rusty did not appreciate this new intrusion into their lives. China was like a lightning bolt in the house. She ran & explored taking over the dog beds & toys. Excessive barking especially when I was on the phone. She destroyed every toy she could get her mouth on. She had no fear. I took her to puppy class but she couldn't keep up with the others. Might have been deaf. Her vision was off (R eye only dark/light – L eye normal but no depth perception) but it didn't stop her from teaching herself how to go up & down steps & get out of the car. She was smart, had a gate that looked like she walked on air (great for show ring), would fly in the yard running so fast & could stop on a dime & change direction (great for agility). Something she would never do. I was told she might have seizures but I had hoped that it wouldn't start until she was older. It was a challenge to trick her into taking her meds every day. On October 24<sup>th</sup> I had to let her go. Regrets? Yes, I regret that my little cattledog never got to meet her first cow. I regret that she didn't make it to her 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday - Nov 27<sup>th</sup>. I don't regret having her although my house is quiet now – too quiet.



**Hello Everyone,  
I'm excited to announce  
that on Oct. 22, 2011 Bella  
delivered a fine  
litter of seven puppies  
this afternoon. We've got  
four chocolates and three  
blacks. Mother and  
puppies are doing fine!  
What a great way to start  
the weekend!!!**

***Sandy Stokes***



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Dec 3 - Christmas Photo with  
Santa - Fred Co. Shelter  
Dec 17 - Christmas Auction  
Jim Barnett Park

month a visit to the  
nursing homes

Envoy 1st & 3rd Monday 11am  
Spring Arbor 2nd & 4th Tuesday  
1 pm  
Hill Top 2nd & 4th Friday 10:45 am

*Christmas  
Auction  
And  
Dinner  
December 17th  
Starts at 5 pm  
At*

*Jim Barnett  
Park  
Winchester,  
VA*





# TITLES EARNED—2011

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