

Blues News

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Obedience Trial 2012

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"Three things
it is best to
avoid: a
strange dog,
a flood, and a
man who
thinks he is
wise." - Welsh
Proverb









“Please Vote”

Please everyone vote for your favorite t-shirts. There are ballots and a ballot envelope at the sportsplex near where the shirts are hanging. Everyone has said how much we need new t-shirts, so vote and let your voice be heard. I think we have some excellent candidates unlike some other elections! If you cannot get to the sportsplex and vote, let me know and I will take your requests!!!! Voting ends in 2 weeks!!!!

Thanks,
Holly



Picture Of the Month



“TAKING A BREAK”

Thriller
Thompson

Grain-Free Liver Crunchies

1 lb. beef liver 2 eggs 1 1/2 cups garbonzo bean flour 1/2 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

Preheat oven to 300. Puree the liver with the eggs in a food processor. Add the mixture to the flour in a large bowl and stir in cheese. Mix well and turn out onto a baking sheet covered with well-greased foil. Bake 25 minutes. Remove from oven and cut into training treat-size pieces with a pizza cutter. Turn down the oven to 150 and return the cut treats to the oven for several hours to make them crunchy.

“Doggie Horoscope”

Leo
July 23 to August 22

Assertive and expressive, the Leo dog deserves respect.

Virgo
August 23 to September 22

Virgo dogs are diligent, clean, and reliable

*Birthdays & Anniversary's
September*

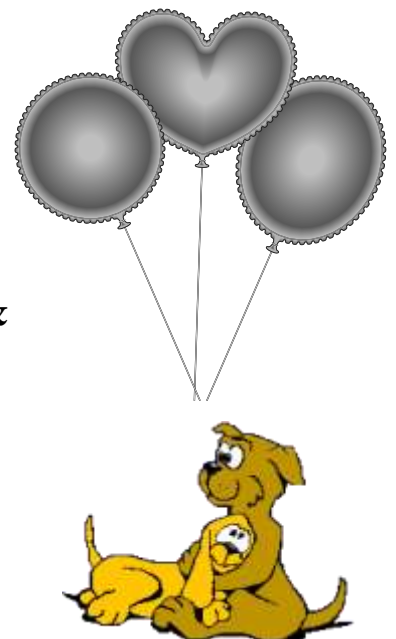
Birthdays

Anniversary's

Roger Belt 9/11

**Amy Grimm &
Kevin Yungk
9/9**

**Bernie Thompson
9/24**





Mark Your Calendar



“Flyball Tournament”

Hi All,
 As the captain of Blue Ridge Blast Flyball Club, I'd like to extend an invitation to you and all your members/students to attend the Houndapalooza Flyball Tournament, September 1-3rd at Lambert Park (Berkeley 2000 Rec Center) in Martinsburg WV. Attendance is free and well behaved dogs are welcome to come watch. We will have several awesome dog supplies vendors and a HUGE canine related raffle. 55 flyball teams will be racing- they're coming in from all over the mid-Atlantic area! Our raffle proceeds will be benefitting Warrior Canine Connection, which uses the process of raising a service dog as therapy for veterans with PTSD. The trained service dogs are then placed with disabled veterans - it's an amazing program!

You are more than welcome to bring flyers to promote your organizations and classes. More information about the tournament and Warrior Canine Connection can be found on our website www.brbflyball.homestead.com
 Alena

Captain - Blue Ridge Blast

“Green Dog Practice”

Stacy and I are going to begin offering a new "Green Dog Practice" class starting on this Saturday, August 18th at the Sportsplex from 9 - 11AM.

This class is specifically set up to help the dogs new to agility like those in the Fundamentals, Beginners, and Advanced Beginners courses. We will try to have at least one contact obstacle set up for practice and some jumping drills and skill work. Of course anyone is welcome, but as I said, this will specifically be a benefit to the new dogs to help hone their skills. The class will be a drop in style and the days/times on the weekend will change based on work, trials, etc. The cost will be \$10 for members and \$13 for non-members. There is no need to preregister and you can come as much or as little as you like. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions and hope to see you there.

John

A Rare Opportunity to Participate in a

GEORGE ALSTONSUPER ADVANCED HANDLING CLINIC

**SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2012
 UAW HALL, 2625 PAPERMILL ROAD
 WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA 22601
 9 A.M. – 5 P.M. EACH DAY**

sponsored By Shawnee Kennel Club

For people wanting to compete in Best of Breed, Group, and Best in Show competition.

This seminar is held only once a year!

Be part of the Winner's Circle!!!

Preparation: George begins with the psychology and philosophy of showing dogs, preparing both the dog and the handler for the BOB, Group, and BIS rings. He also expands on the fine points of training, feeding, and veterinary care for the dog. In addition, George discusses the physical and mental conditioning aspects of showing.

Demonstration: You will learn the process of evaluating a dog. By the end of this clinic, each participant will be able to evaluate any dog and determine what adjustments should be made to present proper breed type.

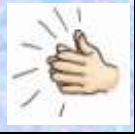
Demonstration Dogs: Twenty dogs will be used for demonstration (Sunday only). Eligible dogs must be Champions that are being shown in the Specials Ring by the handler attending the clinic. A variety of breeds will be chosen one month prior to the clinic. If your dog is selected, confirmation will be sent by e-mail.

Cost: \$125.00 per participant (with or without a dog). Fee includes continental breakfast, sandwich lunch, and snacks each day. Clinic fees are not refundable.

For more information, contact Anne Legge, 540-327-4260,
annelegge@comcast.net



“Obedience Congratulations!”



Wow! What a day! working for a short while this morning with the 'Bag Ladies' making lunches and then later on keeping time for the rally trials I got what must be the 'best of both worlds'. I heard many words of thanks and praise for the great lunches... and the planning and organization that went into the lunch prep. Janet, you did a superb job! The rest of you who spent the day in the lunchroom... are a great group of ladies. I was honored to be working with you.

One of the trial participants made a point of telling me how great the lunch was... and how much she appreciated all the work that went into getting it all to run so smoothly! There was even someone who remembered our lunches at the agility trial... and was eager to enjoy the meal today.

Later, sitting at the ring stewards table... wow! (You all should try it sometime!) What could be better than ring-side seats! Watching all the dogs go through their paces, looking intently at their handlers, made me want to jump right in there with Teddy... You all did such a magnificent job. It was great to be able to sit and watch you all. Scores only measure a small part of the 'journey' you have all made with your dogs. The heart connections you have made from all the hours and hours of training will last longer than any of the ribbons!

Speaking of ribbons... What a collection of ribbons and titles for one day! (I wonder how many yards of ribbon were needed to accommodate all the awards presented to club members today?!) Teddy joins me in sending you all HUGE and HEARTY congratulations!

WOOOOOO HOOOOOOO!

Martha Inglis

Thanks to my teachers—Joy, Kathy, and Donna T.—on their excellent rally instruction, keeping us up to date on all the new signs and rule changes. Thanks also to the trial committee folks for a smoothly run event. Miss Janice, when should I report for duty now that I have my RN?

Cowboy Manchey

Congratulations to all the other Blue Ridge folks who earned new titles and legs in the obedience and rally trail. Also, congratulations, John, on Dixie's excellent day!!! See you Monday.

Theresa

Congratulations to all the Blue Ridge Pups--What a great week end, very impressive wins. Great handling, great dogs, great training.

Joyce & Sonny

A big thank you to the very efficient stewards who helped with the rally ring--great job! Thanks to the members who provided baked goods and to Joyce and her famous cheese spread, to Mary to her delicious chicken salad, and to Annette who makes that wonderful ham salad.

The "lunch bunch" did a superior job again, and our Club is now famous for our healthy and delicious lunches. To Janet Moore--now you have done it!

You did such a good job planning the lunches that you will now be asked to do it again!

Not to mention how efficient the trial was thanks to Donna R. & Cheryl! Super job from everyone!

Donna T.



I wanted to thank everyone who helped to make this the best run trial I think we have ever held. Cheryl Harrison is the absolute BEST trial secretary in the world. To keep all the entries straight as well as know when classes are filled and a wait list is needed plus to deal with all the exhibitor questions and incomplete entries. It takes a lot of personal time to do this job and do it well and she does it each year for us. Thank you so much. Then we have Ed who is our equipment guru who magically makes all the ring gating, jumps and other trial necessities move from the Sportsplex to Berryville and back. That's a lot of stuff to move and he does most of it on his own as well as setting up the potty stations. Next we have Jan who is our trophy chair expert who keeps all the ribbons, class prizes and other trophies in order as well as collect all the donations for these things. Wonderful job Jan. Then there are Donna T and Margaret who canvassed our ranks for the best stewards ever. Both judges commented to me on how well the rings ran which is all due to having excellent stewards. Thanks to Donna and Margaret for taking on this difficult job and a special thanks to all of you who volunteered your time and energy to making this trial a huge success. Final thanks go to Janet Moore who has now solidified her place in the books as caterer for the event. All the food was delicious and the exhibitors were thrilled to have bag lunches back for this trial. Kudos to Janet and her bag lunch ladies.

I was especially thrilled to see so many BR people entered in the trials AND to do so well. The numerous brags are a tribute to our instructors and all the time they spend guiding us in our journey to bond with our dogs and to carry this bond into the competition ring and succeed. I am so proud to be a member of this outstanding club and to call you all my friends.

And now for the exciting news. We will be having 2 rally trials and 2 obedience trials at our own building on November 16, 17, and 18. So be thinking about this as you are training and get yourselves ready to enter and compete in the place where you train.

Donna Richardson

I have already given kudos to everyone involved in making the obedience and rally trials the best ever, but I just had to add something else. Janet Moore was in charge of the food for the event and unlike the agility trial there are fewer competitors and we have to feed all the workers and judges so we usually end up in the red on food as we do not take in as much as we spend for this. Well Janet came by the Post Office where I work yesterday and gave me a \$115 profit from the sale of food at the event. Apparently our VERY GENEROUS club members DONATED almost all of the food we served from the brownies, cake and cookies, to the drinks and ice, to the chicken salad and ham salad to the chips etc.... I cannot believe this- it is fantastic. Thank you so much to all the members who donated food. I am so amazed and grateful for everyone's support for this event. Once again the Blue Ridge Dog Club members ROCK!!!!

Donna Richardson

HELLO ALL::EVEN THOUGH I WAS NOT THERE AT THE OBEDIENCE TRIAL YESTERDAY,I T SOUND LIKE A WONDERFUL SUCCESS FOR ALL CONCERNED. IT IS WONDERFUL, HOW ALL THE CLUB MEMBERS CAN COME TOGETHER TWICE IN A SHORT TIME.THE AGILITY TRIAL AND NOW YESTERDAY.IT IS A TERRIFIC CLUB AND PLENTY OF MEMBERS WHO ARE WILLING TO GO THE EXTRA MILE.THIS CLUB HAS COME A VERY LONG WAY SINCE I JOINED YEARS AGO. AND IS SOMETHING TO BE VERY PROUD OF, ESPECIALLY THE SERVICES THAT IS OFFERS TO THE COMMUNITY.SORRY I COULD NOT BE THERE, BUT CONGRATULATIONS ANYWAY.

GINGER



"WAGS & BRAGS"



It was another really fun day at Westminster. The best part of the day is that we got to spend it with friends from the club! Mocha had another awesome run in Open JWW today and got her Open JWW title! Oh no now she will be in Excellent!!!!

Oreo got another standard and JWW leg. A double Q that does not count for a double Q. Oreo said Rats when I told her it doesn't count. I can't ask for a better weekend. Oreo and Mocha both had a perfect clean weekend with all first places and 1 second place.

John, Stacy, the 3 crazy labs and 1 MT

The Lutz Whippets did pretty well at our BRDTC trial. Travis earned a 2nd leg on his Open Preferred Standard Title (OAP) with a perfect run and a 3rd place. His brother Tyler earned his Open Jumpers title (OAJ) with a perfect run and a 2nd place. He also earned an extra Open Std. Leg (OA), as it turned out that he'd finished that title at the Mattaponi KC trial the month before & I hadn't realized it. That extra leg was a perfect run with a 1st place. Nikki, my 11 yr. old, earned her Open Jumper's Preferred title (OJP) on Fri. with a 3rd place. Then she earned an extra OJP leg on Sun. With a 2nd place. She also earned two Open Std. Preferred (OAP) legs with a 4th place on Sat. & a 3rd on Sun. Two of her four qualifying runs were perfect scores.

Congratulations to everyone else who did well at this trial.

Bobbie Lutz

Adding to her CGC, TDI UKC Championship, RL 1, RL2 and several legs toward titles in NADAC, APDT and AKC, Skye has earned her Nov, INT, ADV, Expert and now her Champion Trick Title. We had to send in a video for them to judge. This is through the venue DO More With Your Dog. Right now there are fewer than 50 dogs with this title. Skye just turned 2 in June

Gail Robbins

John is on top of the world!!! After 4 very long years, Dixie got her AX!!!! I am bringing cake on Monday to class to celebrate!!!! Good luck to everyone at our obedience trial today!!

John & Stacy

I am pleased to announce that at the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club Obedience/Rally trial today, Lumina receive her Rally Novice (RN) title. She qualified with a 94, my mom has done a wonderful job training her.

Cindy

The Brunner shelties had an AWESOME day at the Blue Ridge Obedience/Rally trial. We started off with Timer (Winmar Jolly Time Dan RA NJP) in Novice B obedience. He earned his third leg to finish his Companion Dog title with a score of 180 (very respectable for Timer, especially since while we were setting up for the recall, the ring steward in the adjacent ring tripped over the gating and brought it down with a crash, which really spooked him.) Then Timer went into excellent rally where he earned his third leg with a score of 95, which was good enough for a first place, and another title. This is his third title in less than 30 days. (He finished his novice jumpers preferred on 7/7). It also got me my first cash prize ever in a performance venue. Then Chia (Pinnacle My Poppet Chia) made her performance debut in Novice rally, and she also qualified with a score of 95. Unfortunately, there were some fantastic dogs in her class who earned scores of 100, 99, etc, so she did not place. Other than one small lapse in concentration where she went on the wrong side of a cone, she did a great job for a green dog. I am SOOOOO proud of my kids.

Kathy

The Whippets did great today in Rally at our obed/rally trial. Shannon, my 12 yr. old, got her 2nd excellent leg, my "cancer boy" Nigel got his 2nd excellent leg, and Nikki (11 yr) & Ashley earned their next RAE legs--3rd on Nikki, & 4th one for Ashley.

And in obedience, 'lil timid Holly held her fearfulness together long enough to get her first Beginner Novice leg with a 187! Travis was qualified in Novice B right up to the moment the judge said "return" for the down stay & he stood! I'll take solace that my only NQ'd dog for the day then won me the NQ raffle \$25 gift card!!!! Also, this was the first time in 3 shows that he did a qualifying recall & sit stay! We're gettin' there. I KNOW he can do it as he has a UKC CD already.

Oh & on the other 1/2 of the RAE leg for Ashley, she got a 4th place in the Advanced B class plus \$3. Who says doing this dog sport stuff doesn't pay?? Thank you BRDTC members for a memorable day! Margaret thanks for filling in for me in the Open A ring for stewarding. I did make up for it with dismantling the rings afterward. Now where are all those other brags? I know we have a multitude of them.

Bobbie Lutz

Thanks to all who helped with training. Leia finished her Rally Excellent title and Trudy got her 2nd leg for novice. We had a



“More Brags!”

great day. Great show BRDTC.

Joyce & Sonny

First I want to congratulate my Blue Ridge Friends on their accomplishments yesterday and respond to multiple brags.

Bobby is the hardest working woman with 6 dogs in the same trials. Congrats to the whippets on their fabulous day!

Timer has earned the retirement of his nickname, he looked the best I have seen him in rally and for him to be able to withstand and "rally" when the fence fell during obedience, and he is my hero!

Yeah Chia! Way to go pocket girl.

Mr. Cowboy we are very proud of you!

As for my brag, both Issie and Satchmo "Q'd in their first time on an Advanced rally course though both were not pretty and they made me work. Kathy gave me great advice after Issie's first try in beginner's novice obedience and pointed out the things she did well. Despite the repeated "booms" of the dumbbells, Issie did a beautiful recall (a little early) and front and to my amazement let the judge do the sit for exam with no points off! She may not have Q'd but in the past the booms would have sent her into a tailspin and I wouldn't have gotten her back.

Satchmo did his best impression of a prairie dog when he noticed 5 unattended dogs (they were doing the open sit stay with their handlers in the hall) in the ring next to him. He stood on his back legs and balanced to carefully check them out. While he worried the whole time about the dogs and had to kept watch, he did enough to Q, which given the situation was impressive for him. Also he didn't react to any dog all day! Thanks to everyone for their support and the trial committee for a great trial!

Joy, Issie and Satchmo

After spending the last two months tending the puppies, the Kees and I had great time over the weekend getting back into the obedience ring at the BRDTC trials. Frosty had some nice moments in Utility B other than his go-outs. But he pulled things together for a Q and OM points in Open B. Icey had a pretty good day, earning 3rd place in Utility B. She had a decent go in Open B for her 72nd UDX leg, with OM points in both classes.

Today, we went to CTA in Beltsville MD for the GSD trial. Because of limits, only Icey got to play today. She did a nice job in both Utility B and Open B, earning 4th in each class, plus more OM points.

Margaret Bissell

Keepsake Kees

I would like to extend a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all those who helped Steward in the Obedience rings! The judges were able to do their classes quickly and efficiently with all the help they received. We had some that were old hands at stewarding, plus several people who had never done the job before but were willing to learn. Obedience trials cannot run without the help of stewards to assist the judges so THANK YOU again for your time and efforts!

Also, a BIG THANK YOU to the "bag ladies" for the great lunch!

Margaret Bissell

Keepsake Kees

I was in Harrisburg, PA Fri. & Sun. with the Whippets for rally & obed. During their all-breed conformation shows. On Fri. they only had rally (not obed). -- Shannon (my 12 yr. old) finished her Rally Excellent title.

Nigel finished his Rally Excellent title too (he's my cancer in remission boy). Decided to take him Sun just because he kinda enjoys rally. I told him to have fun, but he had way too much fun. The judge had fairly large toys for the offset figure 8 instead of the bowls we'd had Fri. and twice Nigel ran to get & shake one of the toys all over the place. By the time I got the toy back, I missed the next sign. I figured I probably NQ'd on those toys anyway, although the judge made some kind of comment that I half heard re: if I just hadn't missed that one sign. Oh well. At least he'd finished on Fri. Then my timid girl Holly got a 2nd Beginner Novice leg on Sun. Travis messed up his stays in Novice B. Nikki earned two RAE legs this wkend. & won me \$10 vendor bucks for a 3rd place in Advanced on Fri. Nikki now has 5 of the 10 RAE legs she needs for her RAE title.

Bobbie Lutz

Frosty and I had a FUN weekend at the Harrisburg shows. For a change of pace, I entered him in breed and didn't do any obedience at all. Frosty now has enough confidence to gait around the ring far enough away from me to go straight and show off how well he moves. If he gets too close to me, he gazes up adorably at me like he's heeling. That's great for the obedience ring, but not for the breed ring. Frosty showed like a star! Its a great feeling to take one of my best furry friends in the ring, be able to tell him where to stand, how to stand, where to move one foot or another, when to give me his focused attention, when he can bounce and be happy, and have him respond exactly how I want him to so he shows himself off to his best advantage! It came together really well this weekend. On Saturday, Frosty won Best of Breed over 14 other Kees to earn a five point major towards his Grand Championship. On Sunday, he again went Best of Breed, earning his

third major. That put him up to 14 points out of the 25 he needs. He has now met all the various criteria for competition wins and number of judges for that title, so now all we need are points. And YES, he was the ONLY dog in the Group ring with a UD!

Margaret Bissell





“Encouragement”

Dear BRDTC Members,

I don't know how to best reach into your hearts with this request. Let me start by sharing a story with you.

Several years ago, before my little Teddy was even a 'twinkle in his daddy's eye' I watched a program on TV about people who worked in schools with their dogs, helping children develop confidence and skill in reading. As a teacher, I responded immediately to this idea, and my search for a 'therapy dog' began.

After lots of research I found Teddy's breeder. While talking with her about my reasons for choosing a Papillon, she assured me that Teddy would be an awesome candidate. She was so right.

In Teddy's first puppy class at BRDTC we met a dear lady named Rose Pyne. She was involved with 'therapy visits' in the local nursing home. After several months she began inviting me to join her at Envoy Nursing Home. I hesitated... my previous experiences in nursing homes had been. Uncomfortable, awkward...

Rose continued to invite and encourage me to join her and Butch. One day, I said "yes". The first time was a bit uncomfortable for me, but I quickly found that the people didn't care so much about me... they really wanted to see the dogs. These furry 'ambassadors of love' touched the 'spring lock' holding back memories and stories of childhood pets, pets left behind with family before moving to the nursing home, and brought up smiles and tears that needed sharing. I was so moved by these stories, that I soon realized how much I enjoyed my time with these folks.

Just as in so many of our dog training classes where we don't have names other than 'Teddy's Mommy' in the nursing homes many of the folks know us as the bringers of the dogs. Our names aren't important, but you had better believe that our dogs are!

One day when I arrived for a nursing home visit, one of the residents came wheeling, high speed, into the foyer looking for Cowboy. When I explained that his 'mommy' had a conflict of schedules that day, the woman took one look at me and said, "I came to see Cowboy", and left the area just as quickly as she had come in! Our dogs each develop a 'following'.

Any of the club members who have been to the nursing homes can share stories with you that would make you laugh, and just as many that would make you cry... but the important thing about being involved in 'animal assisted therapy' is the gift you offer of taking time to listen... Touching lives in ways that happen only with our furry companions.

There are many of you who are either registered with TDI or 'thinking about it'. I encourage you to reach out, get involved. There are currently three nursing homes that love our visits, and we just received a request from another one. There is plenty of space for you and your dog. You don't need to say anything more than, 'Would you like to see my dog?' The dogs take it from there.

So here is the request I mentioned at the beginning of this letter. Would you please consider sharing your dog, helping him to share his love, with folks whose days are made so much brighter by 'a warm puppy'? Check out the schedule on our website. Pick a time that works for you, and make these visits a precious part of your life.

Martha Inglis

Hunter Palmer - 240-888-5314 - called from Evergreen Nursing Home on Rt. 50 and wondered if anyone would be available to make therapy visits there. If you can do so, please give her a call and tell her that you are from BR.

**Thanks,
Donna T**

Current monthly visit schedule to the nursing homes

Envoy 1st & 3rd Monday 11am
Spring Arbor 2nd & 4th Tuesday 1 pm
Hill Top 2nd & 4th Friday 6:00 pm



Pet Fire Safety

Take Safe Measures Before Your Home Is Threatened

It's a fact: a fire could destroy your home at any time, particularly by misuse of space heaters in the winter, or by a natural fire in the summer. Most families have evacuation plans that include their pets. If you haven't created a plan, consider making one today.

To start, check the batteries in your smoke alarms to be sure they're working. Then designate one human family member who would be responsible for each pet. Other steps to keep your pets safe in case of fire include:

Alert Firefighters To Indoor Pets

Place a Pet Rescue Fire Safety Sticker in your window. These stickers, which are available free from most pet stores and non-profit humane organizations, stick to your front window and tell firefighters to "Please rescue my pets!" They let fire crews know that you have pets inside the house, how many, and what kind.

Since owners are often not home when fires occur, these stickers have saved many pet lives. You can search online non-profit humane organizations to request a free pet emergency sticker.

Keep Outdoor Pets Away From Danger

Keep pet houses or pens away from brushy areas. Fire departments will warn you to clear dry brush away from your home, but that also applies to your pets.

If you have a doghouse or a pen for a rabbit, pot-bellied pig or other outdoor pet, make sure it's at least 20 feet away from any brush that could possibly become fuel in a fire. That way, you'll have time to go out and rescue your pet if such a fire does threaten your property.

Always evacuate your pets on a leash or in a pet carrier. Pets will panic at the smell of smoke, and may bolt when outside, making them impossible to find.

Locate Your Pet's Hideaway

Know their hiding places. Remember, during a fire, your pets will be terrified, and they'll most likely run to in the places they feel most safe. If you don't know their common hiding places, you could run out of time to save your friend.

Find all the best cubbyholes and niches, map them out on a piece of paper, and include the map in your fire escape plan.

Have An Emergency Kit On Hand

Prepare an [emergency kit](#) for each pet. The kit should contain some of your pet's food, his veterinary paperwork, prescription medications, if any, and photo/description of your pet. You may have to board your pet at a kennel or other facility until you get settled after a fire, and they will require proof that your pet has current [vaccinations](#).

Secure Your Pet During Danger

Always evacuate your pets on a leash or in a pet carrier. Just as with fireworks, pets will panic at the smell of smoke, and they may bolt when outside, making them impossible to find. Put your dog on a leash; you can carry a cat in a carrier.

Create An Open Access

Leave an outside door open. If you must evacuate and can't find your pet in the house, leave a door open that leads to the outside, and then call the pet's name once you get out. With luck, he'll hear you and head for your voice, although this works better for dogs than cats. Be prepared; he'll be panicked. Be sure to have a designated meeting place near your home for everyone to meet so everyone will be accounted for away from the fire.

With a little planning, you can ensure that everyone on two and four legs will be safe in case there is a fire in your home.

