

Blues News

September 2012

BLUE RIDGE
DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



Established 1967

“Patriotic Paws”

Photos by Frederick Co. Animal Shelter



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"When you feel dog tired at night, it may be because you've growled all day long." - Unknown









Frederick County
 Esther Boyd
 Animal Shelter
 161 Fort Collier
 Drive
 Rabies Clinic
 Oct 20, 2012
 10-3
 \$13

Bring current rabies certificate if you have one

"Tell A Friend"

Picture Of the Month



"WHAT Do You Mean Summers OVER?"

Breeze Rich

Applesauce Cheddar Biscuits



1/3 cup shredded cheddar cheese, 1/3 cup applesauce, 1/3 cup water, 1 1/2 cups whole-wheat flour, 1/4 cup oatmeal, 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 375. Combine the cheddar, applesauce, & water in a small bowl. Combine the flour & oatmeal in a large bowl. Pour the cheese & applesauce mixture into the dry ingredients & mix. Knead into a dough & turn out into a floured surface. Roll dough to about 1/4 inch thickness & sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Cut with cookie cutters. Bake for 20 minutes.

"Doggie Horoscope"

Virgo
 August 23 to September 22
 Your Virgo dog is loyal and attentive and expects the same trustworthiness from you. He loves routine and all things in order. So, stay in time for feeding and walking him.

Libra
 September 23 to October 22
 Libra dogs are happy in large families, and will provide an equal amount of attention to each family member.

Birthdays & Anniversary's
 October

Birthdays

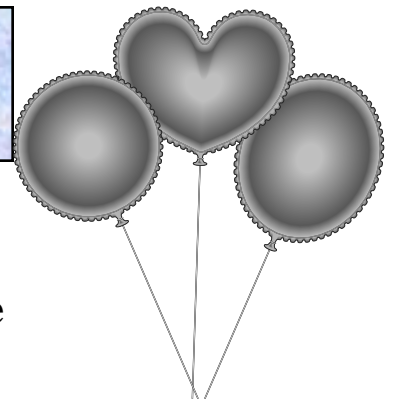
Anniversary's

Fred Lutz 10/5

Sonny & Joyce

**Carol Nansel
 10/15**

**Riggs
 10/15/82**





Mark Your Calendar



There is going to be a Family Fun Day at Evergreen Nursing Home on Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 10am - 2pm. They would like for therapy dogs or well-behaved and vaccinated dogs to come and visit....

The contact person is Ms. Hunter Palmer @ 1-240-888-5314. She said that she may set up a table if there is interest.

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.

Hospice would be delighted to have our tdi certified dogs that can visit the elderly/frail and wont jump on them! If you are interested, you can contact sue jarvis@blueridgehospice.org or kmiller@blueridgehospice.com to schedule a visit



Chesapeake Virginia Dog Fancier Association

All Breed AKC Sanctioned B Match

Sunday, October 7, 2012

Chesapeake City Park
900 Greenbrier Parkway
Chesapeake, VA

(this is an outdoor event – bring your own chairs & shade devices for sun protection)

Held in conjunction with

“Bark in the Park” sponsored by:

Chesapeake Parks and Recreation
Department

Mail pre-entries to: Margaret Ricks\
568 Margaret Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23322

Crystal Kennels is sponsoring an 'ALL BREED'

health clinic on November 11, 2012

The clinic will be held at Loudoun Veterinary Service in Purcellville, Virginia

Dr. Nancy Bromberg will be doing CERF Exams (Dogs for CERF exams ONLY. Please no exams for eye problems)

Dr. William Tyrrell will be doing exams for OFA cardiac clearances.

Dr. Bromberg & Dr. Tyrrell are board certified in their specialty field

Dr. Stephen Stang will be taking radiographs for OFA hips and/or elbows.

Directions:

The address is 1043 East Main Street Purcellville, Virginia 20132 email Jenifer Witkowski at crystalkennels@gmail.com

Pre-registration is required.

To pre-register, contact Jenifer Witkowski at crystalkennels@gmail.com or call at 540-888-9309. (email preferred)

We ask that dogs arrive 30 minutes prior to their scheduled time to fill out required paperwork. Please bring a copy of your **dog's AKC registration form as well as any permanent identification information** you may have for your dog, as this is required for the certification.

If you have any questions contact either Jenifer Witkowski at crystalkennels@gmail.com or (540) 888-9309

Because of bounced checks at previous clinics, we will not be accepting checks. We also can not accept credit cards for payment of services. Cash only please.



“The Whelping Box”



We are celebrating a new life in the Lutz household. Ashley FINALLY had her singleton baby (on day 68). It was a little girl, delivered C-section. Ashley hasn't decided yet if motherhood is a new title that she wants. She does lie quietly & let little Ziva nurse, but she says I can do the cleanup afterward! Ziva (can you tell we watch NCIS?) is prettily marked and I believe she'll be blue & white but maybe that'll turn into brindling.
Bobbie Lutz

“Star Puppy Class”





"WAGS & BRAGS"



Frosty, Sparks, and I went to UKC obedience trials up near Harrisburg yesterday. Frosty had a GREAT go in Open! His heeling was nice, his retrieves were good, his fronts were straight. He won the Open B class with a 197 and that held for High in Trial! That finished his UKC CDX. What a good boy! I just posted new photos of Frosty with his ribbon on the yahoo group site under the photo file named "Keepsake Kees".

Sparks got to play in Novice. She had a really nice go as well. After the class was done, she and another dog got called in for a run off. In UKC they do "sudden death" runoffs. That's where both dogs start at the same time and the judge has to judge both teams until someone makes a mistake. We did forward, halt, and that was it. Sparks won it with a nice, fast straight sit, and subsequently won the class. Sorry, no photos available of Sparks at the moment because she is COYOTE NAKED from the aftermath of puppies! So it was a good day!
Margaret Bissell

Today in Westminster for the agility trial, it was a adventurous day! We had just went to sleep last night and John's work phone rings. Figures...he was out all night. Got home and we rushed out the door to try to make it for our runs. Well... we were about 20 minutes to late for our morning JWW runs. Oh well we tried. For the afternoon standard runs, Mocha did awesome! She didn't even look at the judge or ring crew!!! She had 2 on 2 off contacts with a wait at the bottom! She got 1st place with a clean run!!!!

Oreo I think found a rocket to ride because she beat her sister Dixie's time by 3 seconds!! What is up with that??? A 10 year old beat Dixie's time??? I thought John was jocking. Oreo got 1 st place. Dixie had perfect 2 on 2 off contacts as well!! She almost had a perfect run. Her Daddy and her kind of had a little bobble with each other so Dixie didn't see the tire. Oh well. It was a very nice run anyways!! Just the contacts alone were just amazing! Duke went along for moral support. He had fun too. John also got to practice. Wheeling the courses with Howard. He is a good teacher. Lots of good practice for John.
John, Stacy, 3 crazy labs and 1 MT!!

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. 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

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

Satchmo had an amazing weekend at the Summer splash-down at the Hampton Bay Days. He started it off strong with a first in the Master's division with a high 22 foot jump then won the next wave in the Elite division (23 ft to 24 11) with a season best of 23 feet 6 inches. Though his first jump today was only 20 feet 10 inches, he followed it with 23 ft 4 inch jumps and 2nd place in the Elite division. That last jump also got him his Elite jumpers regional title! He also made finals and placed 6th in the elite division (dogs jumping up to 24 ft 11 inches) and was comfortably within the top 10 of the weekend jumpers. Today his jumps were described by another competitor as "poetry in motion" which made me grin, and he gained many fans for both his beautiful jumping and upside down tummy rubs. To my surprise and delight he relaxed enough to play with me and his duck on and off the dock with other dogs close by!

Joy and Satchmo



“More Brags!”

We have been to two of three days of the Westmoreland County Obedience Club agility trial and just wanted to give a quick couple of brags. Dixie has had some very awesome runs. She earned her first Open FAST leg this morning with a first place. She then had a very awesome run going in standard until just as she was heading to the table, the lady that was to straighten the chute (who had seemed to have forgotten her job for a while) decided to come and bend down to floor level and straighten the chute as if she was making a table cloth. To a sociable Lab, this was a definite invitation to stop and check it out before the table (she couldn't be rude she said). Oh, well what do you do. If it is any consolation, she did it to a few others too with the same result. I hope that someone explains the idea of when to and not to come into the ring to her before another show.

Oreo had a couple of awesome runs and earned a first place in standard yesterday and finished up her AJP title today. Now she can start working on the PACH.

Mocha also has had an awesome couple of runs. She came very close in her excellent JWW runs and got her second open standard leg. She is really coming along. Although, it has been difficult with being in Open standard and Excellent JWW...Stacy ended up doing both runs in about a 5 minute span. Mocha had plenty of energy...Stacy maybe not so much...

Duke said that he has had an fun time cheering on her big sisters. We will have one more day and then back to work.

John, Stacy, and the Crazy Labs (+ one MT)

(Monday, September 10, 2012)

Today, five-year-old English Springer Spaniel Pride 'N Joy's Juno-Lupa, better known as "Juno," and her handler Beckie Stanevich, AKC Delegate for the Mountaineer Kennel Club, became the first dog and handler team to receive the new American Kennel Club Urban Search and Rescue (SAR) title. The pair, which serves on FEMA's Ohio Task Force One and deploys to federal disaster locations, was honored at the September AKC Delegates meeting.

Beckie worked for 5 long years to achieve this goal--all at her own

expense!

Donna T.



“Liquor Training”

Now clicker training's quite a fad.
Results for some are not too bad.
The concept stemmed from Pavlov's hound
Responding to some special sound.
The dog would start to salivate
Before he got the food he ate.
The modern click does much the same.
Enhancing our dog-training game.

By causing Fido's hopes to raise—
Anticipating treats or praise.
Sometimes you click to no avail,
And other methods also fail.

No matter how you plead or shout,
Sometimes the dog just won't put out
When asked to sit or heel or stay,
Thus giving you a rotten day,

It makes you feel quite like a fool,
And then you start to lose your cool.
But if other methods fail for you,
There's something else that you can do.

Try "liquor training," that's its name,
To help you with your dog-sport game.
"How does this method work?" you ask.
Well, first you get a little flask,

Containing gin or other booze
Of any kind that you may choose.
Each time your dog decides to goof,
You take a sip of 80 proof.

It helps the handler to relax
And minimize the stress attacks.
When the handler's mood is more at ease,
The dog may sometimes try to please,

Or, then again may still refuse
To mind his training P's & Q's.
But whether foul results or fair
When you liquor train – you just don't care!

By Ken Nagler

This poem was written by Ken Nagler,
an Obedience Judge and Director of the
Canine Training Association in Mary-
land.





Heartworm Prevention

Sent in by Michelle Bovey

Sept. 5, 2012 - Presentation on Heartworm Prevention by Dr. Donoho of Cedarville Veterinary Clinic

The latest on Heartworm Prevention

What is heartworm disease?

Transmitted by mosquitoes to both dogs and cats, more prevalent in dogs

Causes long term lung/heart disease, can even cause sudden death

Preventable by monthly heartworm prevention

Treatable by "slow kill method" or adulticide treatment (Immiticide), but can cause long term damage and be expensive to treat

Almost 1 million heartworm positive dogs/year

Recommend testing your dog every 1-2 years even if on year round heartworm prevention

If a dog is not on prevention and over 6 months of age, it must be tested before starting prevention

Why use heartworm prevention?

Prevents heartworm disease: a preventable disease that can cause long term damage to the heart and lungs

Prevents majority of GI parasites

Some medications also prevent fleas, ticks, etc.

Decrease zoonotic disease (transmitted from animals to people) such as roundworms and hookworms

Should be used year round in this region

What about herding breeds?

Herding breeds can be affected with a genetic mutation in the MDR-1 (multi-drug resistance) gene. This gene controls the level of certain drugs that can cross in/out of the blood-brain barrier.

Other breeds can be affected! Most commonly affected are: Australian Shepherd, Australian Shepherd (Mini), Collie, Long-haired Whippet, McNab, and Silken Windhound

The drugs that are most commonly involved include: ivermectin, milbemycin, moxidectin, acepromazine, vincristine, vinblastine, and doxorubicin, etc

Often these drugs can be used at lower doses safely.

All heartworm medications are at a lower, safe dose. The toxic levels for MDR-1 gene mutations carriers is 50 times the level of the medications found in heartworm prevention

Effects seen are most often neurologic-salivation, tremors, seizures, etc.

Dogs may be tested through Washington State University.



Legislative/Education Report **Alice Harrington and Sharyn Hutchens.**

Mariane reported that she had received a letter from Walt Hutchens about **the status of the Jean Cyhanick case**. The Virginia Supreme Court declined to hear her case. VFDCB had donated some money to help pay for her appeals. Also, last year at our seminar her lawyer, Tate Love, spoke to us about the case and other problems with Virginia's animal laws. While Jean Cyhanick was not one of us--she was a small commercial breeder--she did her best and loved her animals. She suffered some devastating personal events (her son's suicide for one) and then state agencies targeted her. This court decision does not bode well for us. Any one of us could be the next target. Mariane is very grateful that we stepped up and put our money where our mouth is. It is very apparent that the infiltration of the animal rights movement into state government is rampant

Mariane also finds it disconcerting that breeders and animal owners have a lengthy list of laws and regulations that the state says we must follow when we sell puppies. But rescue organizations have an entirely different set of rules. They can go to other states (and countries) and import sick dogs. Then they set up "puppy fairs" and sell them. Buyers not only pay for the animal, they often get to pay huge vet bills to restore the animal to health. This is why we have to pay attention to cases like Jean's as the ways laws get implemented have an impact on all of us.

Alice gave a report of the about the proposed rule (regulations that a federal agency that USDA/APHIS proposed rule. In short, if these regulations are implemented they will be the demise of hobby breeding. The public comment period was originally going to close July 16 but the time was extended to August 15. Our position is that the entire revised rule is unworkable and based on a totally inappropriate cost-benefit analysis. We have commented that the proposed rule should be withdrawn and not implemented in any form. Any comments you file should also be sent to your Congressman and Senators. There are some good folks in Congress and we need to let them know we need help.



VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF DOG CLUBS & BREEDERS
Original Calendar of AKC All Breed Dog Shows & East Coast Stand-Alone Obedience/Rally/Agility Shows from October 2012 through December 2013

2012-2013 DOG SHOW CALENDAR ORDER FORM



There are several ways to order the VFDCB 2012-2013 Calendars

GO ONLINE: Order from our website: www.vfpcb.org

WRITE TO: Beth Grimm
Calendar, V.F.D.C. & B.
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vfpcb@hotmail.com

Quantity _____ @ \$15.00 ea, enclosed \$

MAIL CALENDAR TO:

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Your Phone _____

***BULK ORDERS:** 100 Calendars or more, request quote from Beth Grimm.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Sept 23 - Tracking Trial
- Oct 31 - Meeting
- Nov 16-18 - Rally & Obedience trial
- Nov 19 - Cgc/tdi test
- Nov 30 - Dec 2 - Agility Trial
- Dec - Christmas auction

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

Tracking Trial

September 23

Cross Junction, VA

7 am-7 pm