

Blues News

BLUE RIDGE
DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



Established 1967

December 2013

2013 BRDTC Christmas

Bliss Thompson



Rebel Talbot

Sonnett Richardson



Timer, Daisy, Chia, Joey & CJ



Buddy, Maddie, Breeze & Cooper



Peaches Talbot



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SMILE!





Christmas at the Frederick County Shelter 2013

I think photos with santa was a success. The shelter received just under \$400 from the photos alone. They also got a lot of food and supply donations as well. I want to thank Linda Hammond for supplying our background, Martha Butler for being our donation collector, and my husband Tim for portraying jolly old St Nick himself. Also thanks to Ed & Nancy Strawsnyder, Linda Hammond, and Janet Moore for coming by for photos to support the shelter.

Becky

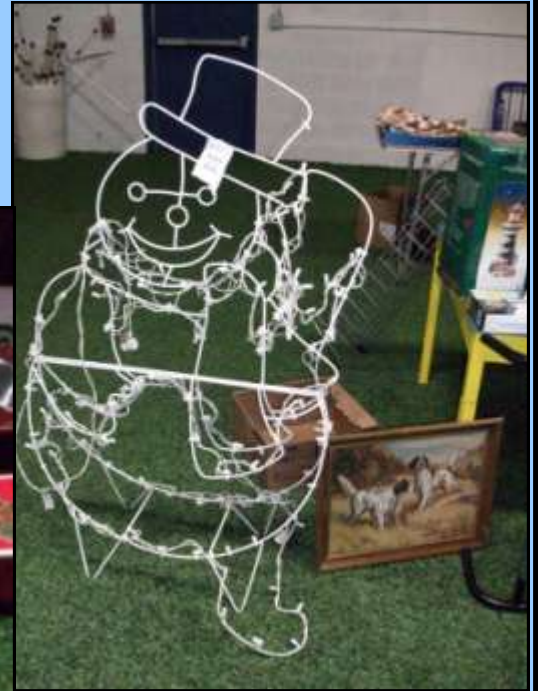




BRDTC 2013 Christmas Party









Rainbow Bridge
If you have a special someone you want to be on the Rainbow Bridge page please send me a picture and a brief write up. All pictures given will be returned.

Picture Of the Month



“ALL I WANT for Christmas is IN THIS BOOK!”

Breeze Rich

“Gobble Ups”

**Bacon, cooked and drained
Buttermilk biscuits (can)**

Cheese slices bacon grease (optional)

Preheat oven to 350. Flatten biscuits fairly thin,. Crush bacon & cheese into thumb-sized pieces & put onto biscuits. Close the biscuits over the bacon & cheese so you can't see the insides. Roll into balls & brush bacon grease on top (not recommended for dogs with delicate intestines!) Put on cookie sheet & bake for 11-16 minutes or until slightly hard on tip. Let cool and serve.

“Doggie Horoscope”

Sagittarius

November 23 to December 21

Your Sagittarius dog will make you smile, whenever you are sad. His amusing character will enlighten your day. He is active, trustworthy, and reliable.

Capricorn

December 23 to January 20

The Capricorn dog requires kindness, warmth, and harmony. More deliberate than other signs, the Capricorn dog can reach an old age.

Dog Trivia

One of [Shakespeare](#)'s most mischievous characters is Crab, the dog belonging to Launce in the *Two Gentlemen of Verona*. The word “watchdog” is first found in *The Tempest*.

Dogs in a pack are more likely to chase and hunt than a single dog on its own. Two dogs are enough to form a pack.

Dogs can see in color, though they most likely see colors similar to a color-blind human. They can see better when the light is low.

Touch is the first sense the dog develops. The entire body, including the paws, is covered with touch-sensitive nerve endings

Petting dogs is proven to lower blood pressure of dog owners.



Mark Your Calendar



AWARDS DINNER Feb. 22

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!!!

Donna Smith
Will be contacting
You on how to submit
your list and
Please drop off
Your plaques at the
meeting room at the
Sportsplex.

Shawnee Kennel Club

Conformation/Obedience/Rally B Match

Sanctioned by the American Kennel Club

Catoctin Kennel Club, 4016 Rock Hall Road,
POINT OF ROCKS, MARYLAND 21777-2047

January 5, 2014

Match Secretary/Chairman:

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NO GROOMING ALLOWED IN FACILITY; NO ENTRIES FOR CHAMPION OR ABOVE EXCEPT FOR JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP IN CONFORMATION:

Obedience Entries will be taken from 8:00 am to 11:00 am; first dog on line at 9:00 AM. Conformation Entries will be taken from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Rally Entries will be taken from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Entry Costs will be \$10.00 per entry, Second entry same dog, \$7.00.

Judging: OBEDIENCE- Judging begins at 9:00 am. There will be a time limit of 10 minutes per Utility Run, 8 minutes per Open or Novice Run plus stays. Stays will be done at random times.

Judging CONFORMATION: Juniors 12:00 pm; Puppies 12:30 pm followed by regular conformation and Best in Match.

Judging RALLY-Judging begins at 3:00 pm

Judges: Obedience-Jeff Slonaker; Conformation-Sporting – Mary Lamphier; Working – Gary Fisher; Hounds – Constance Fisher; Terriers-Regina Swygert-Smith; Non-Sporting – Jane West; Toys, Miscellaneous – Jill Griffin; Juniors – Mary Lamphier; Novice -; Best Puppy – Constance Fisher; Best Adult – Constance Fisher; Rally-Scotti Slonaker

Obedience Classes: Utility; Open; Novice and Beginner Novice.

Conformation Classes: Junior Showmanship; Puppies 4-6, 6-9; and 9-12 Months; Novice; Open and Miscellaneous.

Rally Classes: Rally Excellent; Rally Advanced and Rally Novice.



Donna,
 Thank you so much.
 Your club puts on a great tracking test. Thank you for the hospitality and all the good vibes. It was a fun day.
 Rosie



A big thank you for everyone who made the tracking test a success with donations of food, tracklaying, Cleanup, moral support. We only had 2 TD's pass, but the exhibitors were terribly impressed with the effort that the Club members put forth. From your tracking committee: Jennie Johnson, Beth Anderson and me. (It takes a "Village" to put on a test like this.)
 Donna T.



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
- Multipurpose 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



"WAGS & BRAGS"



At our agility trial last wkend, **Tyler** finished his **AXP** (Excellent Stnd. Preferred) title; which also qualifies him to receive his Champion Award of Versatility Excellent (CAVX) title from the Whippet club at the Natl' next year!! He had to get that & his RA rally title, which he did earlier in the year. He's my 3rd Whippet to ever earn it---his 1/2 sister (Ashley) last year & his father (Calvin) were my only ones to ever get it.

Tyler's littermate **Travis** earned his **AX** title the same wkend! Yahoo for my boys!

Bobbie Lutz

This weekend at the Blue Ridge Dog Training club agility trial. CH. Carmylie the Heat is On NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP OAP, OJP. Torrem got his Open Jumpers Preferred title. He had clean runs both days and placed first place both days.

Also GRCH. Carmylie After the Storm NA, NAJ received another leg towards his Open Standard title, with a clean run and a first placement. He also received another leg towards his Open Jumpers with Weaves title with a score of 94 and a fourth place.

Thanks,

Cindy Gaines

I have a couple - Dicey got QQs #6 & 7 towards MACH7! Kindle got 2 Master Standard Qs on Saturday and Sunday.

Janice

Timer (U-AGI Winmar Jolly Time Dan RE, CD, NJP, NAP) and Chia (U-AGI Pinnacle My Pop-pet Chia RA, BN, NJP) did well at the Blue Ridge agility trials this weekend. On Friday, Chia finished her novice standard preferred title with a first place. This is the fifth title she earned this year. On Saturday, Timer earned his first leg in open standard preferred, also with a first place. I'm really proud of them.

Kathy

Vytas received first place awards for his efforts in two classes at the Super Pup Agility CPE Agility Trials , Periland arena on Fri. Nov. 29 Yahoo!!!!

I know there have got to be a dozen brags out there for the agility trial so I hope you'll humor my obedience brag. Against my better judgment and only to humor a dear friend I went to the obedience trial at Catoctin today to do battle with a mob scene that was serious competition for the Black Friday crowds. Tubbs reached deep down into his furry little heart and pulled out a first place in Open. Definitely kicked my Thanksgiving prayers up a notch!!! Now.....let's see those agility brags coming in from cyberspace!

Patrice & Tubbs

Frosty and I are making plans now for our jaunt to Florida! I entered him some time ago in the Obedience Classic which will be held Saturday and Sunday December 14 & 15 in Orlando. Then I got another surprise because I found out he had qualified for the Owner Handler Series Finals that they are doing there as well! That will be on Friday. So he gets to do the "pretty boy" stuff first, then the "smart boy" part. It will be an Adventure! Is anyone else going?

Margaret Bissell

Keepsake Kees The Berner girls have a couple brags. This past Friday morning Berri and Rumba went to the Catoctin Rally trial. Berri got her first leg in Exc Rally and Rumba at 7 months old got her Rally Nov. title. Then for the rest of the weekend Berri got to be an agility dog. This is only Berri's third agility trial of the year. She has been sidelined with pyometra, puppies, a cyst removed from in-between her shoulder blades, they did a very wide incision and lastly a tooth removed. Way to much for one year. We both really enjoyed being able to be at our trial. Berri had some very nice runs and earned her Nov. Jumpers Preferred title.

Congratulations to everyone on your great accomplishments the weekend!!!!

Jan Burgan



“More Brags!”

Timer and Chia Brunner



Howdy & Donna



Howdy is a graduate of the Susquehanna Service Dogs who were here in November. He wears a special vest with badges—one of them says “Do Not Pet This Dog” but love knows no badge and Howdy loves Donna.

“THANK YOU!”

I want to thank you once again for having me judge at your agility trial this past weekend. I also enjoy working with you guys and seeing everyone up there run. I appreciate the care you take of me and the wonderful workers you provide. Please convey my thanks to your entire club. Your workers are on a scale that it is hard to find. The welcome bag is fantastic and the lunches are wonderful. Thank you for the gift card and for making this trial a wonderful success. I will look forward to seeing you in the ring in the near future. Have a great holiday season.

Sincerely,

Lisa

Thank you to everyone who came out in support of this past weekend's agility trial to make it the big success that it was!

Both judges commented on how quickly the courses were changed (John & Stacy, chief course builders!!) between classes and how the workers were assembled and ready for the classes to start (Donna R., chief worker herder!!), things that don't go so smoothly at other trials. I got stopped by many exhibitors, thanking us for putting on such a nice event. We got many, many kudos for our awesome lunches served by the 'bag ladies', rounded up by Donna T. Thanks to everyone who worked one class and especially to those who worked several!! I think some of our members won worker raffle prizes.

Janice



VA Federation Report

Dear Federation Delegates, Alternates, and Individual Members:

As we approach the holiday season, I wish each and everyone safe travels as we reunite with our loved ones and attend the final shows, trials and training events of 2013 with our dogs. I hope this year has been a successful one for you in your respective endeavors, and that you look forward to the new year with renewed enthusiasm and good health.

The past month has been especially busy for the Virginia Federation. As you may know from following the various informational postings we have provided, as well as the discussion led by Sharyn Hutchens and Alice Harrington at our Annual Meeting, the Associated Dog Clubs of New York State (ADCNYS) has spearheaded an effort to obtain a legal injunction barring implementation of the new USDA/APHIS rules taking effect this month. In their present form, the rules are much too confusing; APHIS' attempts to "clarify" the rules via a series of phone conferences and webinars have only succeeded in creating more questions and concerns. The bottom line is, they cannot make it up as they go along: if the intent of each and every rule is not clearly defined in writing, then those charged with implementing those rules will base their enforcement actions on personal interpretations. Also, keep in mind that these *regulations* were never voted on by your elected representatives because they are not *laws*.

If you have not already done so, I again strongly urge every Federation Member Club to consider joining the suit as a plaintiff. Doing so will not impose any future legal liabilities or expenses. Many clubs from across the country have agreed to support this effort, both as plaintiffs and financially; hopefully yours can be counted among them. Please go to the special website set up by ADCNYS, www.keepourdomesticanimals.com. Read every page carefully before deciding if your group can afford NOT to be part of this action. And then, even if you still think you won't be affected because you're not a breeder, or don't sell animals online, think again: Can you afford NOT to support your fellow fanciers? For decades those who would deprive us of our rights have persisted in picking away at every aspect of what we do and how we do it, whether it be breeding, training, selling, vetting, transporting, housing, or rescuing. Make no mistake about who is driving this agenda, and recognize that NOW as never before we need to stand together and support each other against the threat of extinction.

Time is running out for us. Please act now, this week. We have nothing to lose by this action, but we may lose everything by our inaction.

Sincerely, Mariane



NEWS RELEASE - LAWSUIT FILED

On December 16, 2013 a Lawsuit was filed in the Federal District Court in Washington DC that asks the Court to declare that the Retail Pet Store Rule is *"arbitrary, capricious and inconsistent"* with law, and to remand the Rule back to the USDA. The Lawsuit also seeks an injunction that would bar the USDA from enforcing the Retail Pet Store Rule. The "Complaint" in the Lawsuit was filed on behalf of 42 Plaintiffs that consisted of Dog and Cat Clubs, Associations and a Registry. Those 42 Plaintiffs included nearly 19,000 breeders who potentially would be adversely affected by the Rule. Those 42 Plaintiffs represent less than 1% of the more than 5,500 Dog and Cat Clubs in the U.S., which supports the assertion that the Rule potentially affects far, far, far more than the 4,640 breeders that APHIS stated was the maximum number of breeders who potentially would be affected by the Rule.

One of the cornerstone assertions in the Complaint is the fact that APHIS failed to document how it arrived at its figure of 4,640 breeders, which figure is exponentially below the number of hobby breeders who potentially could be affect by the Rule.

The Complaint also highlights deficiencies in the flawed cost analysis that woefully underestimated the cost of compliance. Of note, was APHIS's repeated use of the words *"unknown," "not known" and "uncertainty"* in the mandatory Regulatory Impact Assessment and Cost Analysis that were prepared by APHIS. In short, APHIS's Regulatory Impact Assessment and the Cost Analysis are irrevocably flawed. Another flaw that was cited in the Complaint included the fact that USDA redefined the definition of a *"retail pet store"* without any statutory authority to do so.

Additional assertions included the failure of APHIS to address a number of issues that were raised in the 1,000s of Public Comments that were submitted to APHIS. Those issues included, but were not limited to, cost of compliance; privacy; increased risk of spread of deadly diseases; increased risk of harassment by Animal Rights extremists; potential degradation of gene pools and loss of rare breeds; and lingering confusion that necessitated "Webinars" after the effective date of the Rule; and National Security.

Prior to the filing of the Lawsuit, a formal request was made to Secretary Vilsack to place a 60 day moratorium on the enforcement of the Rule, which was based in part on the following sentence: *"Moreover, APHIS's hosting of two webinars after the effective date indicates that it concedes the requirements and scope of the Rule are not easy to understand."* While it is unlikely that the Secretary will grant the request, the request was made to demonstrate an urgent need for injunctive relief.

In addition to the Lawsuit being filed, a Request for an Expedited Hearing will be submitted to the Court.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our profound appreciation for the financial support of this endeavor by so many Clubs and Individuals. Thank You!

We will continue to post up-dates on the status of the Lawsuit on this site.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING
2014
January—no meeting
February 22— Awards Dinner
March 7-9 Agility Trial
March 22-23 AKC Agility ESAA trial
April - TBA
May - TBA
June - TBA

month a visit to the
nursing homes

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



Have a
Happy

Christmas
And

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Happy
New Year