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2013 Agility Trial

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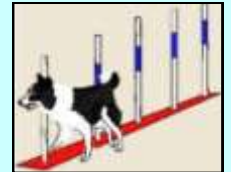
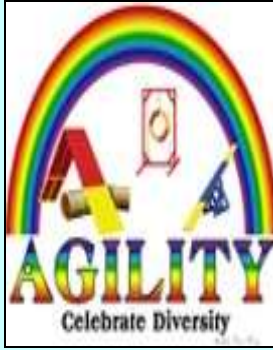
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"Dogs need to sniff the ground; it's how they keep abreast of current events. The ground is a giant dog newspaper, containing all kinds of late-breaking dog news items, which, if they are especially urgent, are often continued in the next yard."

--Dave Barry









“Thank You”

Thanks to everyone who came out and helped at the trial this weekend!! I think our first 4-day trial went very well. The judge was thrilled with their welcome baskets put together by Donna R. - she does a fantastic job with those! I almost had a heart attack when Dave contacted me Tuesday to tell me his flights had been cancelled into Dulles because of the 'blizzard'. Luckily, he was able to get into Newark, was picked up by the other judge, spent Wednesday night at his house, and they drove in together Thursday morning. We got a late start but didn't end too terribly late. I'm very thankful Winchester didn't get as much snow as was predicted! Big thanks also to: Vicki Gilley - the hostess with the mostest! She not only took care of the hospitality for the workers, but on Thursday and Friday, was also provider of lunches for the masses. Thanks to Bobbie Lutz for jumping in to help, too. In July, Vicki will need more help with that - it really was too much! Anne Laskey - the pied piper of volunteer coordinators. She had people chasing her down asking to work. Her raffle baskets are awesome! John and Stacy Defilippi for being in charge of the course building; I couldn't believe how quickly the courses changed and people were out walking. Donna T. and her merry band of bag ladies - you all did a stupendous job on Saturday and Sunday!! I heard many compliments on the lunches!! Ed and his helpers on the ground work - I couldn't believe he had actually shoveled an area so the little dogs wouldn't be buried in the snow trying to do their business on Thursday! And to all of the members too numerous to mention names who volunteered to work the classes and stayed til the bitter end to help clean up - Thank you!! These trials are a joint effort by many to go so smoothly! The only found item at the end was a lonely little Cocker Spaniel that someone forgot to take for his owner. Luckily, he barked a couple of times when the Nansels were packing and got noticed and his bag of goodies was labeled with his name so we knew who to call and he was quickly retrieved. I'll start the brags! Dicey, after earning her MACH5 last weekend at Charlottesville, had a perfect weekend with 4 QQs!! Kindle had 2 QQs and a Master JWW Q. I'm very proud of my girls!! OK, I saw some beautiful runs by members with their canine partners - let's hear some more brags!!!
Janice Morton

Thank you to everyone involved with the lunches and every other aspect of the trial. It was great, as usual, and ran so smoothly (even when Mother Nature tried to slow us down!!). Kudos to the Blue Ridge members that came out to help and didn't even have a dog in the trial!! Thanks everyone!!!

Megan and Sprite

Thought that you all would like a report on the 2 days of serving lunches:

30 lbs. of pork barbeque

200 buns

5 lbs. of cheese spread

5+ lbs. of ham salad

2 huge boxes of chips

160 lbs. of ice

5 lbs. of Cole slaw

Leftover sandwiches from Friday

And more coffee than you can imagine!

Plus all of the fruit and goodies that you all donated.

So, with 160 or so coupons, we would have had to give the Sportsplex around \$800 for the crummy food that they sell. It's a whole lot of work, but we make people happy and save a great deal of money.

Note: The bag ladies are planning to "cater" Saturday and Sunday for our July trial. Hopefully, others of you will volunteer to Vickie Gilley to help on the other two days.

Thanks again!

Donna T.



Frederick County
 Esther Boyd Animal
 Shelter
 rabies CLINIC
 Saturday
 May 18
 11-3 PM \$13

Cash only

Bring current rabies
 Certificate if you have
 one
 Tell a Friend

Picture
Of the Month



Beginners
 Class
 Graduate
**Grendel
 Jones**

Muttzoh Balls

1 c any natural dry dog food 2 eggs, beaten lightly 1/3 c. cold water 1 tsp. polyunsaturated oil sprinkle of garlic powder 1/2 c. chicken soup, or Chicken bouillon cubes

Grind dry dog food smooth in a food processor or blender, Lightly beat egg & add oil. Mix all moist ingredients together except soup. Add to dry ingredients. Form into 1/2" balls. In large pan, bring 1 quart water to boiling add chicken soup or the bouillon cubes. Drop balls into boiling water. Boil for 3 minutes. Remove from water, drain & cool. Refrigerate.

"Doggie Horoscope"

Pisces

February 20 to March 20
 Your Pisces Dog is a sensitive, adaptable, and intuitive dog. He is calm and peace loving. He feels most comfortable in a quiet, tranquil environment. This sweet, sympathetic mommy dog just wants to please you.

Aries

March 21 to April 20
 His pioneering nature lets him convulsively explore new areas, your shopping bag, or your neighbor's garage.

Doggie Trivia

During the Middle Ages, Great Danes and Mastiffs were sometimes suited with armor and spiked collars to enter a battle or to defend supply caravans.

During the Middle Ages, mixed breeds of peasants' dogs were required to wear blocks around their necks to keep them from breeding with noble hunting dogs. Purebred dogs were very expensive and hunting became the province of the rich.

The most dogs ever owned by one person were 5,000 Mastiffs owned by Kubla Khan.





Mark Your Calendar



April 29 TDI Test

Kathy will be putting out copies of the test that will be given on April 29 at our facility for TDI.

They have changed the test a great deal, and it is far more difficult than the older one. One of the items is that someone will offer your dog food, and the dog must ignore it. You are allowed to say "leave it," but it will take some practice. Another difference is that the evaluators will meet the dogs as they come in the door and will only test the dogs that can be touched and can be around other dogs.

For more information, ask Kathy Brunner, Joy, or me; or go to the TDI web site.

Joy is in charge of the test and will have fliers prepared closer to the time of the test.

Donna T.

Ian Dunbar Seminar

Fun & Games Dog Training Workshop: Motivation for Speed, Reliability, Precision & Panache

Columbia MD - June 22-23

You are going to have so much fun at this workshop and afterwards, you'll understand your dog much better and your dog will be much more reliable off-leash, with faster and flashier performances. The reliability-testing on Saturday is fascinating to the extreme, revealing how dogs learn and how to greatly accelerate training. The games on Sunday are just so enjoyable for dogs, owners and observers alike and the dogs get better and better as the games proceed. You are going to have an absolute blast whether play-training your dog or observing the proceedings.

This workshop has two registration options. You can register as a Handler, and bring your own dog to work with, or you can register as an Observer. The Handlers are probably going to have more fun, but the Observers just might learn more, as they're going to be able to watch a variety of handlers work with a variety of dogs. Space is limited (particularly so for Handlers) so don't wait too long to register.



SWVA's Largest Expo for Fur, Fins, Feathers & Fillies

Saturday, April 27, 2013 – 10am-5pm

Sunday, April 28, 2013 – 11am-5pm

ROANOKE SPECIAL EVENTS

CENTER

710 Williamson Road, Roanoke, Virginia 24016

If your pet has fur, fins, or feathers, then **PETEX** delivers all your needs under one roof! This is the largest pet exposition of its kind in Southwest Virginia and if you are a pet-lover or cater to pets, then you will love **PETEX**! Be a part of an extraordinary event that will attract people and businesses that provide goods and services for all things pets.

It's more than a pet show...it's an expo that focuses on every aspect of companion animals and their owners. Classes, workshops, and presentations geared at pet parents to help them be the best they can be, and to give pets a happy, healthy, and long life. At **PETEX**, we over-deliver so that responsible pet owners have choices in how to care for and enjoy their companions!

Be a part of the *PETEXCITEMENT...*

reserve your vendor booth today!

Educational sessions run both days and address topics such as training, behavior, grooming, health & fitness, building a profitable pet-related business, & more!

Retail vendors selling everything a pet needs, whether it's for a ferret, fish, bird, cat, dog, hamster, horse, gerbil, turtle...it's ALL pets!
Pet-themed entertainment



Artwork, portraits, & keepsakes

Wellness & ask-the-expert seminars



Pet foods/treats & cooking demonstrations

Rescue & adoption options



Contests & prizes

FREE GIFT BAG to first 500 guests

**Federal Legislative Alert: Problematic PUPS Bill Reintroduced for 2013****(Friday, March 01, 2013)**http://www.akc.org/press_center/article.cfm?article_id=4867

Federal "PUPS" legislation (S 395/HR 847), sponsored by Sen. Richard Durbin (D-Ill.) and Rep. Jim Gerlach has been reintroduced in the U.S. Congress and assigned to the House and Senate Agriculture committees. The bill is substantially the same as previous versions introduced in 2011 and 2010, which never received committee hearings.

The AKC continues to express grave concerns about this measure. The AKC believes that all dog breeding programs should be undertaken responsibly and does not oppose the concept of regulating high volume breeder-retailers. However, as currently written, the definitions proposed in this bill are misleading, overly broad, and potentially damaging to small responsible breeders who individually maintain and breed only a few dogs in their homes.

Although the stated purpose of PUPS is to regulate internet sales of puppies, S 395/HR 847 as currently written would require anyone who owns or co-owns even a few female dogs that collectively produce 50 or more puppies offered for sale in a year to be regulated under existing USDA dog "dealer" regulations. These regulations are designed for high-volume commercial kennels that produce puppies for wholesale or research, and require a USDA commercial license, maintenance of specified commercial kennel engineering standards and regular inspections. These requirements are not appropriate for small breeders who may keep only a few dogs in their homes.

AKC's specific concerns with PUPS include the following:

- * Defines "high volume retail breeder" as someone with "an ownership interest in or custody of one or more breeding female dogs". This definition is overly broad and does not take into account co- and joint ownerships common among dog owners, dog show participants, hunting club members, sporting dog trainers and other hobbyists. This would hurt many small hobby breeders who keep or breed only a few dogs in their homes by subjecting them to commercial standards of regulation as a result of agreements they maintain with other small breeders.
- * Defines "high volume retail breeder" as someone with "an ownership interest in or custody of one or more breeding female dogs". Because the threshold for regulation is based on the number of dogs bred and sold, any reference to the number of dogs owned or in custody is unnecessary and potentially misleading.
- * Defines "breeding female" as an intact female dog aged 4 months or older. This is misleading and implies that a female dog may be bred at 4 months. Female dogs are not sufficiently mature at 4 months of age to be bred and should not be deemed "breeding females".
- * Exercise language should be clarified with respect to the terms "solitary and goal oriented" to ensure that the daily exercise requirements do not preclude training that involves other types of wholesome activity that could fall under this definition (e.g., playing fetch, field training for hunting dogs, or the responsible use of treadmills for keeping canine athletes in top physical condition).
- * PUPS would exponentially expand the pool of breeders regulated and inspected by the Animal Care Division of the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal, Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS). However, a May 2010 audit of this program by the USDA's own Inspector General demonstrated that the existing inspections program is insufficient to carry out current responsibilities. AKC believes these issues and full funding for the current program and enforcement of current laws should be addressed before attempting to exponentially expand the program's responsibilities and workload.

AKC encourages you to respectfully share these reasonable concerns about the potential damaging consequences of this bill with your member of Congress.



On March 4, 2013 The International Cat Association (TICA) was holding its show at the convention center in Providence, Rhode Island. The RI State Vet and the RI Department of Environmental Management (DEM) armed officers showed up and wanted to check everyone for health certificates and also the presence of any illegal (ownership permit required from state) breeds. On Face Book people reported they wanted the names and addresses of everyone but the show committee would not give them any information. Some exhibitors left immediately. No animals were seized and no citations were issued. But everyone was terrorized.

Associated Press article - <http://tinyurl.com/a9vobzw>

In light of what happened at the Rhode Island cat show it seems a good time to review VA's regulations.

Here they are in summarized form from the VDACS website:
<http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/animals/adm-dogsncats.shtml>



Residents of Virginia, and People Moving to Virginia:

If you are a resident of Virginia, or are moving to Virginia, there are no entry requirements for you to bring in your personal pet dogs and cats. Please note, however, that you will need to ensure that any dog or cat over four months of age is currently vaccinated for rabies and that county or city licenses are required for all dogs and may be required for cats.

If the dog or cat is intended to be used for any purpose other than being a personal pet (such as offering it for sale or adoption, breeding it, or using it for promotional purposes) the dog or cat will need to be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued by a veterinarian in the state or country the animal is coming from 10 days or less before the animal enters Virginia. If the dog or cat is over four months of age, it must be vaccinated for rabies.

People Visiting Virginia:

There are no requirements if you are only transiting through Virginia and the dog or cat remains under your control at all times. If you are visiting Virginia with your dog or cat, you will need a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued by a veterinarian in the state or country the animal is coming from 10 days or less before the animal enters Virginia. If the dog or cat is over four months of age, it must be vaccinated for rabies. A CVI is not required if the dog or cat is entering Virginia for 10 days or less for exhibition or hunting purposes.

Animal Shelters, Humane Societies, and Animal Rescue Groups:

All dogs and cats brought into Virginia by animal shelters, humane societies, and rescue groups will need to be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued by a veterinarian in the state or country the animal is coming from 10 days or less before the animal enters Virginia. If the dog or cat is over four months of age, it must be vaccinated for rabies.

Breeders, Dealers, Pet Stores, and other Commercial Entities: All dogs and cats will need to be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued by a veterinarian in the state or country the animal is coming from 10 days or less before the animal enters Virginia. If the dog or cat is over four months of age, it must be vaccinated for rabies.

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Actual regulations – 17 pages long - at the link below.

<http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/animals/pdf/regulations.pdf>

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"WAGS & BRAGS"



The Berkeley Springs shelties and I had a really good weekend at the Blue Ridge agility trials. We had 5 Q's out of 8 runs. Timer (Winmar Jolly Time Dan RN, RE, NJP) finished his novice standard preferred title (first place), and earned his first leg in Open JWW preferred (second place). Chia (Pinnacle My Poppet Chia RN) finished her novice preferred JWW (first place) and earned two legs on her novice preferred standard title (one first and one second). I was really proud of my kids, and most importantly, we had lots of fun!

Kathy

First of all want to thank everyone for a trail well done. Well I and my boys had a great weekend. Travis my try boy got his first title, it was in novice standard and then he got his title in novice JWW the same day. What a great boy he is. Then Torrem earned his opened standard preferred titled on Sat., so everyone said you just as well move him up to ex preferred, So i said what can we lose, so I moved him up and guess what he got his first leg in ex preferred with a clean run score 100. I didn't think he would ever make ex., he sure did surprise me. What a great boy he is. Thank you to all the great trainers we have,

Annette

At our BRDTC agility trials this past wkend, the Whippets did pretty good. Nikki (now 12) earned 2 Excellent Preferred Std. legs and 1 Excellent Preferred JWW leg with 2 of them 1st places & one a 2nd place. All under time & with a score of 100 on all three. Travis (9 /12) got a Open Std. leg with 100 & 2nd place. Tyler (Travis' littermate) finished his Open Preferred Std. title with a 2nd place & a score of 95, plus earned an Excellent Preferred Jumper's leg with a 3rd place & a score of 97.

CONGRATS to all the other BRDTC members who did so well. I really enjoyed the course plans those judges put together.

Bobbie Lutz

Molly and I had a great weekend running in the Dulles Gateway Club UKC Agility trial at our training facility. It was a tight squeeze but everything went smoothly. Molly had 3 of 4 clean runs in the Champion Ex Class III earning a 2nd place and two 1st place finishes. She also received HI-IN-TRIAL awards for Sunday and earned her UNITED AGILITY CHAMPION EXCELLENT (UACHX) Title. CONGRATS to all the other BRDTC members who did well especially, the successful 1st timers showing off their BRDTC training?

Bob & Molly

Timer (Winmar Jolly Time Dan CD, RE, NAJ, NJP) and Chia (Pinnacle My Poppet Chia RN) did pretty well at their first UKC agility trial. Chia earned her first leg in trial #1 with a score of 196 out of 200, and Timer earned his first leg in trial #2 with a score of 199.

Kathy

Satchmo and I also attended the Dulles Gateway UKC agility trial in our space at the sportsplex. I was worried about how Satchmo might do with the tight quarters but to my surprise he was wonderful in and out of his crate (only one grrr in his crate the whole time and none when he was out)! Satchmo got his AG 2 title and qualified in 3 out of 4 runs (he just didn't want to do all 9 weave poles that time, he thought 8 should suffice) with scores between 193-199. He placed with two firsts and one second. He also fit in a little mouse hunting but luckily he was easily redirected.

Joy and Satchmo

Beth and I both competed in the Dog Owners trial at Beltsville yesterday. Results:

Xtra earned her RN and wants a white cap to wear now, and took a 3rd place in Beginner Novice.

Sweets earned her 1st leg on her CD but told us that she never wanted to show in regular obedience ever again. She was scared and miserable; and the fact that I couldn't talk to her like you do in rally was a real issue. She wants to stay home on her love seat and never leave home! Note: She never liked agility either, but she does love hunting birds!

Warning: A couple that Beth and I met when we first got there broke into a locked car and stole a purse. They were driving a van with no license plates. We all are a bit lax about our belongings at shows, so we all need to be more careful.

Donna T.



“More Brags!”

Hi all,

Many congrats to all who had fun runs & personal successes at the BRDTC agility trials, and also this weekend's UKC trials. The pugs report: Xena earned her PACH title (the preferred version of the MACH) on Sunday at the BRDTC AKC trial--very exciting for me as it's the first title I've earned with any dog at that level. She came into the weekend needing, for us, a lot of points, but she must have wanted to finish it at our trial. I am very proud of her, in her own quiet little way she has been earning QQ's and points over a couple of years. It was really special that it could be at our club's trial with lots of our friends there, and that Kevin could be there to see it. This run was also her 50th Masters preferred standard Q, for her MXP5 and MXPS (silver) titles.

Then at the UKC trial this weekend, Xena got her first UGRACH leg (triple Q); and baby Mighty had his agility debut, earning his UAG-I title! He had 4 runs, with scores of 197, 200, 193 and 200. I was happy he did his start line stays, got his contacts, and let me leash him up after each run without a chase scene!!

Again congrats to all, this club has a lot of great dogs and great trainers who love them!

Amy Grimm

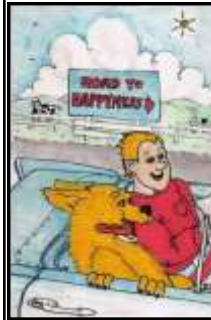
At the DGOTC UKC agility trials last wkend, Travis finished his UACH title! He also ran qualifying runs 7 of the 8 times, although he only earned the last 16 ACH pts. He needed from 2 of the runs. In other words, only 2 of his runs had a high enough score to earn ACH pts. He also had two 3rd places & one 4th place.

Tyler Q'd 3 of his 8 times running and earned a first place each of the 3 times. He also earned 26 ACH points at the AG2 level.

Bobbie Lutz



Shows to Go!



The ABMC National Specialty Agility Trial will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 8 and 9, 2013. This is an outdoor trial, held at the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center, Gettysburg, Pa.

I was informed today that the trial is filling fast, and entries need to be sent in immediately. This is open to All Breeds and PAL dogs.

The premium can be found at the specialty website, www.malinoisclub.com/abmc2013 Questions about the trial can be directed to Lynn Wetherell, Trial Chairperson, lynnewetherere@gmail.com

Hampton Roads Obedience Training Club get the word out about our upcoming trials being held in Hampton, VA the end of April.

Premium can be found at <http://www.hrotc.org/docs/2013/2013-HROTC-Obedience-Rally-Premium-List.pdf> Agility Trials coming up in the middle of May. That info can be found on our club website

www.hrotc.org





6 Ways Your Dogs Can Give You a Tax Break

Some costs of dog ownership can be deductible, but only if you fall under certain categories.

We love them, play with them, groom them, and go to great lengths to care for them. And who can blame us? They're members of our family. We want the best for them and we indulge them with new toys, fancy food, or plush beds whenever our budget allows it. And when the worst happens and our dog gets ill and needs extensive veterinary care, we find a way to scrape up the money to make our best friend better.

So when tax season rolls around, many pet parents might be thinking how their dogs might be considered as dependents or legitimate tax deductions.

Caring for our furry friends isn't cheap. Collectively, pet parents in the U.S. spent \$53 billion last year, according to the American Pet Products Association. The individual cost of raising a dog ranges from \$1,314 annually for smaller breeds to \$1,843 a year for big dogs, according to the ASPCA. This figure includes dog food, pet insurance coverage, basic preventative veterinary care, and grooming costs.

A few years ago, there was a movement to relieve some of the burden of pet care costs. A bill was introduced to Congress, H.R. 3501, called the "Humanity and Pets Partnered through the Years" (or, HAPPY). Michigan Rep. Thaddeus McCotter introduced the bill, along with Rep. Steve Cohen of Tennessee and Rep. Jared Polis of Colorado, in the hopes of reducing pet parents' financial burdens by allowing a \$3,500 tax deduction per year. Although the bill was endorsed by many organizations (including the ASPCA, the Humane Society of the United States, the Animal Law Coalition, the American Veterinary Medical Association, and the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council), it failed to garner enough votes to pass.

So if Uncle Sam isn't going to give pet parents a break, is there anything else that can be done? Well, maybe. Lisa Greene-Lewis, lead CPA at the American Tax and Financial Center at TurboTax, says there are some legitimate tax deductions for pet parents, but only in specific instances. She cautions taxpayers to tread carefully when making these deductions by having receipts and documentation to back up these claims, should the IRS decide to audit your return.

Here are six instances where you could make a deduction:

1. Service dogs

If you or your dependent receives assistance from a service dog such as a seeing-eye dog, you can deduct the cost of buying, training, and caring for the dog. Such dogs are considered medical expense deductions.

2. Guard dogs

If Fido guards your place of business, you would be able to write off expenses for care and feeding. However, Uncle Sam is not going to approve of a deduction for a Chihuahua or



Pekingese, not matter how fierce they act. Your deduction is less likely to raise an auditor's eyebrow if your dog is a traditional guard breed such as a Rottweiler, German Shepherd, or Doberman Pinscher.

3. Breeders

Dog breeders can claim the care and feeding expenses for their dogs and puppies as a business deduction, as long as breeding is their career and not a hobby, says Greene-Lewis. If you have a space on your property dedicated exclusively to breeding, it is also a viable business deduction.

4. Pet actors

Taxpayers who are lucky enough to have a pet in show business can deduct some of the expenses directly related to the business, as long as the expenses are reasonable. And no, we're not talking about that cute video of Bowser chasing his tail that you uploaded to YouTube last week.

5. Adoption

Good news! Not only can you save a dog's life, but you can deduct the cost of the donation for adopting the dog. These adoption fees typically cover shots and the cost of a spay or neuter surgery.

6. Foster care

If you directly foster a dog for an animal shelter or rescue organization, you can deduct expenses such as vet bills, boarding, food, collars, leashes, medication, and toys. If you've been on the fence about whether to foster dogs, perhaps this news will tip fostering in your favor.

Hopefully, these tax tips will provide some guidance on what pet-related tax deductions are legal in the eyes of Uncle Sam. If you have any further questions, it's best to consult an enrolled agent or CPA to get expert advice.

And if you'd like to see your fur kid eligible as a tax deduction in the future, contact your Congressional representative!

2012 1040

1040 EZ 2 DO TAX FORM
New Simplified Tax Form

1. How much money did you make? \$ _____

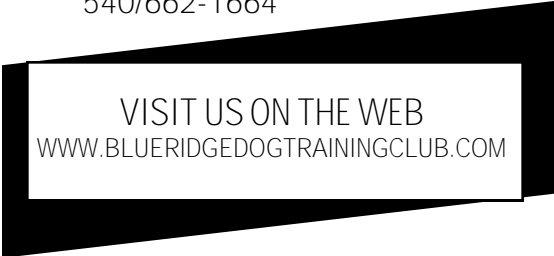
2. Send it to us.

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Internal Revenue Service



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

- March 29 - Pizza Party 7:30
- April 12-14- ukc agility trial
- May 1 - General Meeting
- May 25-26 - Flyball competition
- June 15-16 obedience seminar
- July 1 - Meeting - sportsplex 7:30pm
- July 4-7 AKC Agility Trial
- Aug 3 Picnic /meeting- sportsplex 6:30 pm

month a visit to the nursing homes

Envoy 2nd & 4th Monday 11:30 am

Spring Arbor 2nd & 4th Tuesday 1 pm

Amerisist 2nd & 4th Wednesday 3:30 pm

Hill Top 2nd & 4th Friday 10:45 am



Pizza Party & Meeting Sportsplex

7:30 pm

