

Blues News

November 2014

BLUE RIDGE
DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



Established 1967

"Happy Halloween"

Winners of the Costume Contest

Best Couple:

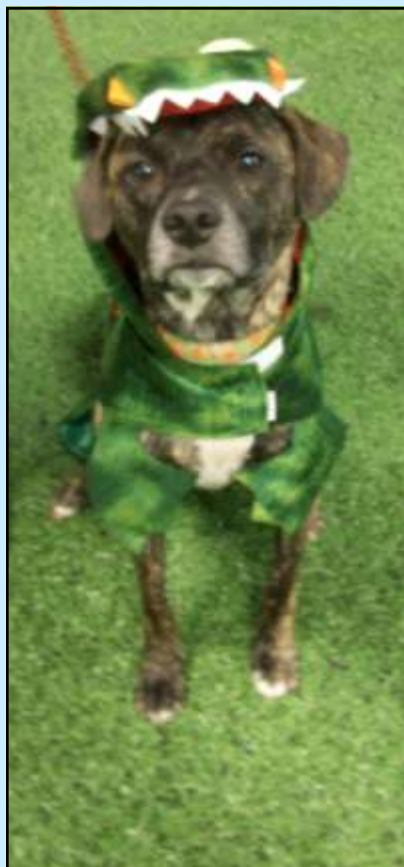
The Gregory's &
Bosley

Best Look-a-Like Team:

Dorothy Lowe &
Dusty

Most Joyful in Costume:

Rosie Kaman &
Lucy



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Martha Heisel
Secretary
Blue Ridge Dog Training
Club





We had a great time at the party last night. Thanks so much to Amy for heading it up, Jeremy, our lighting man and decorator and Megan, queen of the games. I also wanted to thank Dorothy for bringing so many wonderful decorations and everyone for the incredible food. Me and both of my pups had fun!

Joy

Thank you to our wonderful hosts who made the Halloween party Spook-tacular! There was lots of food, fun games & laughter, and the decorations were fantastic. The room looked especially clean, too.
Thank you to all who made it very fun!

Danielle

I definitely agree. BIG KUDDOOS to the committee.

Bobbie Lutz





Pictures by Tim & Becky Gregory





Plaques

There are still quite a few plaques that are in the closet in a box. If you have not picked yours up yet, please do so.

Thanks,
Donna T.



Picture Of the Month



**“DARK
Meat
Or
LIGHT?”**

Thanksgiving Treats

2 Jars of Turkey and Turkey gravy Baby Food

1 Egg

1 & ½ Cups of Rice Flour

¼ Cups of Pumpkin

½ tsp Rosemary

½ tsp Sage

½ tsp Parsley

¼ tsp of Turmeric

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients. Roll out dough to ¼ inch and cut shapes out. Bake for 25-35 minutes until desired crunchiness. Rosemary is an antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, cognitive function and antifungal properties. Sage is known for its cognitive functions and anxiety. Parsley is known for its ability to freshen breath and fight cancer. turmeric is known for its anti-cancer, anti-inflammatory and anti-microbial abilities. Makes about 4 dozen treats. Keep cool or freeze extra.



PERHAPS THE MOST NOBLE OF ALL RESCUE
ANIMALS. THE LAVATORY RETRIEVER

To my dog

I will never move and not take you with me
I will never put you in a shelter and leave
I will never let you starve
I will never let you hurt
I will never desert you when you get old
Nor will I leave you when you go blind
If that time comes I will be there to hold you
Because I love you and you are FAMILY

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Mark Your Calendar



CGC/TDI Test December 17

Please note the test date as we will need some volunteers to help us, plus we are hoping that several of you who will want to do this.

Also notice that Joy and I will be teaching a prep class on Thursdays at 7 p.m. It is listed on the schedule.

Donna T.



Rainbow Bridge

*If you have a special
someone you want to be
on the Rainbow Bridge
page please e-mail me a
picture and a brief write
up.*

*Rainbow Bridge will
appear in the January
Newsletter.*

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IMPORTANT PROGRAM

**Sponsored by Shawnee Kennel Club
“Out of Control Animal Control: What You
Don’t Know about Virginia Law
Enforcement Can Cost You Your Dog”**

**WHAT: Alice Harrington and Sharyn
Hutchens of the Virginia Federation of Dog
Clubs and Breeders will speak on the topic
listed above. In response to recent episodes of
out-of-control animal control (see attach-
ment), Alice and Sharyn will explain how you
can protect yourselves and your dogs from
overly zealous animal control.**

**WHEN: Friday, December 5, 7 p.m. (The
program will last about two hours with ques-
tions.)**

**WHERE: Body Renew Fitness (formerly Sportsplex),
221 Commonwealth Court, Winchester, VA 22602
Directions: I-81 Exit 310. Take Rt. 11 North (toward
Winchester). Just beyond Carmax Auto Parts, opposite
Echo Village Motel, turn right into Commonwealth
Court. Go straight, around roundabout, and Body Re-
new Fitness is on your left. Enter front door and follow
signs.**

**COST: FREE, but you need to make a
reservation. We need a headcount for
refreshments and handouts. If you will
notify us by November 28 that you are
coming, you will be eligible for a draw-
ing for a door prize. Contact Anne
Legge by phone, 540-327-4260, or
email, annelegge@comcast.net.**

**Please help us spread the word. This program is im-
portant to all dog owners**



"You're Invited"

This is your personal invitation to join the "Bag Ladies" on any or all of the following days: "Black" Friday (Nov 28) or Nov. 29 & 30.

Now that the wonderful obedience and rally trial is over (big thanks to Cheryl & Donna and all the stewards), I can now safely ask you for donations to the Bag Ladies for the agility trial over Thanksgiving weekend. With our meeting this coming Friday, you could bring sodas to the meeting. Remember that any donations keep us from having to buy the items.

What we need:

Someone to pick up ice on Friday morning.

Someone to pick up ice on Sunday morning.

Sodas - Diet and Regular

Fruit (you can bring it on any of the 3 days)

And while you are preparing that turkey, you could also make some cookies or brownies.

We have a super menu planned: salad, roast turkey breast (you won't be tired of turkey at this point), ham salad, pimento cheese spread, egg salad, and barbeque.

To our Bag Dude and Bag Ladies, please break out those obnoxious holiday sweaters!

Please e-mail me privately if you can donate something or if you can pick up the ice (as cold as it is, I hated to even mention it!).

Donna T. (the oldest Bag Lady) - dbpridejoy@aol.com





"Winners Circle"



Kenzie & I also Q'd for the Titleholders Parade at the Golden Retrievers National Specialty. The huge ribbon has Kenzie registered name & all of her titles to date in it. She Q'd in 3 out of her 7 agility runs and also earned her first RAE leg in Rally We competed in obedience but didn't Q in Open A.

Rory and Joey's winnings from the 2014 Golden Retriever National Specialty: Two QQ's and one QQQ in agility (7 for 7), with a 2nd place finish in Master FAST. The yellow and gold ribbon is from the Rescue Parade and the large ribbon that Rory is holding is from the Titleholders Parade and it lists Joey's registered name and all of his titles to date. This is Joey's third Golden Retriever Nationals. He is 11 now and still going strong. This is his best finish yet!





Christmas Auction & Dinner

December 6th

At the

BRDTC Meeting Training Room

Starts at 4 p.m.

Until the last item is sold!

Club will provide the meat & drinks

Bring a dish to share

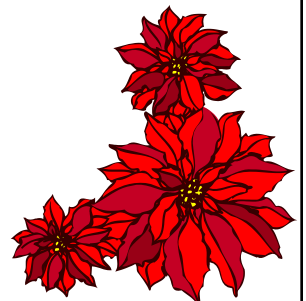
Bring your treasures to auction

*Bring family & friends & be ready to
have a great time.*

Get those last minute gifts.

All bids start at

\$1.00





"WAGS & BRAGS"



Home from a fun week spent in Asheville, NC at the Golden Retriever Club National Specialty. Loved seeing so many beautiful Golden Retrievers in one place! Kenzie and I competed in rally, obedience and agility. Data and Rory competed in agility and Data and I competed in obedience. Joey and Rory competed in agility. They were the superstars of the week - qualifying in 7 out of 7 agility runs - including one second place finish in Master FAST, with a very difficult "send"...that only Joey & the first place completed! Kenzie & Joey walked in the Title Holders Parade & Joey was in the Rescue Parade as the only dog there representing GRREAT. They also had a memorial to GRREAT Murphy in the Rscue Parade Program since Murphy was also registered to be in the parade before we lost him to Cancer. We had lots of nice family reunions.

Carol Nansel

This weekend at the Shawnee Kennel Club rally trial, Ch. Carmylie Bi Bi Birdie HT OA, OAJ, VC (Gwen) received her first two legs towards her rally novice title. Gwen is a 10 year old sheltie that is very special. This was her first rally trial ever and I have only been working with her in rally for less than a year. Her score on Saturday was a 93 and received a second placement. Sunday she had a score of 75 and a fourth placement. We will take what we get, next trial is Blue Ridge.

Annette Talbot

At the Shawnee KC rally trial on Sat. (I wasn't entered on Sun.) my Whippet Ashley was 4th place in Rally Excellent-B and 1st place in Advanced-B. That's her 2nd leg for her RAE2.

Bobbie Lutz

Ladies & Gentlemen, we now have in our club a VST titled dog who is now CT Minsk Bquad of Deanfields handled by Mary Ann Dean. I still can not believe it—I was her handler. Minsk the Champion Tracker.

Donna T.

Fun weekend at RACE's agility trial in Reva. John Defilippi had great courses, challenging and fun to run. I got to stay in the little cottage behind the building and had a great time hiking the fields with the girls and didn't miss my phone or internet. Dicey was 3 for 4 and Kindle and I have work to do between my big arm and her not wanting to come in when I want her to. Yesterday's Standard run the timer didn't work so we got to rerun for time. Awesome fun and 1st place for the LRG!

Janice Morton

I was at the Sheltie Club of Baltimore's Open & Nov.-only agility trial last Thursday. Ashley qualified in Open Jumper's 20" with a First place. And she turned out to be the only one who qualified in all heights in Open Jumpers that day! If I'm remembering this correctly, it was her first outdoor trial too. She almost qualified in Open Stnd., but was 1 extra refusal away. She would've been under time if she'd gotten it.

Bobbie Lutz

Had a great weekend! Saturday Satchmo got to do what he loves best (SWIM) by going dock diving at Chesapeake Dock Dogs Halloween fun jump and I had fun hanging out with my CDD friends. Today Is-sie and I played CPE agility and though Q's were hard to come by for us, we Q'd with a beautiful Snookers run and we had FUN even when we didn't Q with a full house run full of over the top zoomies for most of the running time only for her to turn it on at the end. Jumpers were tough with a complex course and a stressed dog, but she managed a good middle section. I also had much fun today hanging out with friends and seeing some awesome runs.

Joy Pitcher

Cherish Hill's Willie Blue got his Novice B Title Saturday at the obedience trial with a 184 and a fourth place. He was a little more distracted at this trial but he did it in three trials. Very proud of my blue merle. Special thanks to Millie



"More Brags!"



Just shy of two months ago I rescued my Chihuahua Boo Boo and tonight he graduated from his manners obedience class at Breakaway Action Dogs. I am Proud of my little guy. Next we will try for his CGC

Debby Kay

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Bobbie Lutz

This past weekend at the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club rally trial, Ch. Carmylie Bi Bi Birdie (Gwen) HT, NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ, VC finished her Rally Novice title. She finished her title on Saturday with my mom Annette Talbot handling her. On Sunday my mom had something come up and she couldn't show her, so our friend and fellow sheltie owner Kathy Brunner showed her. Gwen and Kathy were a very good team and they placed second with a score of 93. This was an bonus leg for Gwen. Thanks to Kathy for stepping in and showing Gwen.

Congratulations to Team Gwen.

Sincerely,

Cindy Gaines for my mom Annette Talbot.



"Good Job!!"

To rally Stewarts. A big thank you for helping with the rally trial--you "done" good!
Donna T.

I wanted to let you know I arrived home safely. Thank you for allowing me to Judge at your wonderful training center. I was amazed at how good the exhibitors were. I appreciate the Kind hospitality that your club gave me and my stewards on both days were just wonderful. I always rate the clubs that I judge at by their stewards and your club had a 10 on that! I had a great time and everyone was so nice and pleasant.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to see the competitors in your area ! **Linda Ferrullo**

Can't believe I actually won something!! (Did you rig that, Patrice, to stop me from whining?)

I want to add my congratulations and thanks to everyone, too. The trial ran so smoothly, due to our very prepared volunteers and judges who kept things right on track. Beside that, it was very enjoyable. And, so many terrific dogs! Congratulations all around!
Martha Heisel

And - it was great fun helping out and I'm looking forward to the next time. Thank you to everyone who took the time and patience to train this old dog and show me some new tricks - lol The dogs were fantastic and the company was even better!

Carol

Pictures by Kathy Brunner





Thanksgiving Leftovers You Can Give Your Pet (And Those You Can't)



Intro

Thanksgiving dinner is like the holiday season kick off. The festivities are all about family, food and merriment. Your canine companion and feline friend are both cherished members of your family, making it difficult to resist those pleading faces at the table. You do not have to deny your furry family members Thanksgiving treats in its entirety, but it is essential to familiarize yourself with the foods and ingredients that are safe for your pets before sneaking them your yummy leftovers.

Say No to Alcohol

As your guests arrive, drinks will be poured and passed to keep them socializing while you finish preparing the big dinner. Do not let your dog or cat drink anything besides water. The alcohol contained in wine, beer, hard cider, spirits and mixed cocktails depresses the central nervous system and causes diminished coordination, vomiting, respiratory distress, tremors, coma and even death.

Say No to Nuts


Many nuts are dangerous for your pets. When ingested, toxins found in some nuts cause weakness, lethargy, tremors, increased body temperature and vomiting. Some nuts are high in fat content and can cause pancreatitis in animals. The exception is peanut butter. Peanuts belong to the legume family and do not pose the hazards that arise from eating macadamia nuts, pecans, pistachios, walnuts, or almonds. Fill your dog's Kong toy with peanut butter the night before and freeze it. As guests start to nibble, the frozen Kong treat will keep your dog occupied, content, and out of trouble for a little while.

Say No to Alliums

Alliums include onions, garlic, chives, scallions, leeks and shallots. These are commonly used ingredients in a variety of appetizers, entrees and sides dishes, including dips, salads, soups and stuffing. Although garlic or onion may be one of the ingredients in your pet's commercial food, the amount is extremely low. Sharing any of your Thanksgiving Day cooking that contains alliums puts your pet at risk for blood cell damage or toxic anemia.

Say Yes to Turkey



Aromas from your juicy, golden brown, bird tantalize your dog and cat. They can both enjoy this quintessential entrée of Thanksgiving as long as you take care to remove all the bones. Bones from **poultry**  are soft, brittle, and unsafe for your pet to chew or gnaw on. They can break and become stuck in your pet's throat or esophagus or splinter and perforate the bowel during digestion. Offer white meat, which is leaner, when carving turkey for your pets. Never feed raw or undercooked turkey to your pets or they will be at risk for contracting salmonella poisoning.

Say Yes to Pasta

If you are incorporating some Italian pasta into your family's festive meal or offering macaroni and cheese for the kids, pasta is safe for pets. Keep in mind that most cats are lactose intolerant and some dogs suffer gastrointestinal symptoms, such as diarrhea, when they consume dairy products. Play it safe by offering plain pasta or rice, sprinkling your dog's portion with a small amount of cheese only if you know that his tummy tolerates it.

Say No to Stuffing

Most stuffing recipes contain the above-mentioned alliums. Many also call for sage and other herbs which contain essential oils that, when consumed by your pet, can result in central nervous system depression and gastrointestinal issues.

Say No to Gravy

Gravy recipes tend to be rich in fat and seasoned with alliums and herbs. Fatty foods can cause pancreatitis in your pets, a dangerous and painful condition that requires hospitalization. If you want to add saucy appeal to your pet's turkey tidbits, consider using one of the commercial gravy products that is specifically formulated for pets

Say Yes to Cranberry Sauce

Cranberries are a safe fruit to give your pets, but keep the cranberry sauce treat portion small. The added sugar that gets heaped into cranberry sauce is not good for your furry friends. As with humans, excess sugar consumption leads to obesity and diabetes in your pet. Consider a teaspoon of plain dried cranberries sprinkled over your pet's food instead.

Say Yes to Potatoes

Potatoes, including sweet potatoes, are perfectly fine for your pets. Mashed potatoes are a nice treat as long as they do not contain unsafe ingredients like roasted garlic or chives. If you are going heavy on the butter or cream, that richness may be too much



for your pet's digestive system, resulting in a bout of diarrhea or vomiting. Before mashing the boiled potatoes, segregate some for your furry friends to mash separately without additives for the safest option.

Say Yes to Vegetables

Green beans, peas, carrots, squash, and asparagus are excellent, low calorie fare for pets. When cooking these vegetables, put some aside for your furry friends before adding seasonings, butter and sauces.

Say No to Raisins

Many baked goods and stuffing recipes call for raisins, which are dried grapes. The precise toxin that is contained in raisins and grapes is still unknown, but consumption of these fruits by dogs and cats can prompt kidney failure.

Say Yes to Pumpkin

Pumpkin offers a host of health benefits for our pets, including fiber for gastrointestinal health, water and several vitamins and minerals, including vitamin C, beta-carotene and potassium. Offer your pet a spoonful of pumpkin puree, not pumpkin pie filling. The latter contains added sugar and spices that may cause gastrointestinal upset. Remember that many baking ingredients, including baking soda, baking powder, nutmeg and other spices, pose toxicity to your pets.

Say No to Chocolate

All chocolate contains a substance called theobromine, which is poisonous to dogs and cats. When ingested, the toxic treat causes panting, vomiting, diarrhea, increased water intake and urinary output, tremors, seizures and abnormal heart rhythms. Theobromine can even cause death. Baking chocolate contains the highest levels of theobromine. Be aware that even white chocolate contains it as well.

Say No to Avocado

If you are cooking a Thanksgiving dinner with a southwestern twist, avoid slipping a slice of avocado to your pet. Persin, a substance that is found in all parts of the avocado, can illicit vomiting and diarrhea.

Say Yes to Fruit Only

If you are baking an apple pie or bread with dried cranberries, setting some slices of apple or a spoonful of the cranberries aside in their natural form will give your pet a safe taste of dessert without the added sugars. Other safe fruit treats include blueberries and bananas. You can share a single bite of your finished dessert, but do not let your furry little one lick raw batter or bread dough. Batter contains raw eggs, which can cause salmonella poisoning. Raw bread dough often contains yeast. When consumed, the dough expands in the stomach and can cause bloat, which is a life-threatening emergency.

Say No to Caffeine

Coffee, tea, cola, hot cocoa and all other caffeinated products contain methylxanthine. Moderate consumption of caffeine can cause hyperactivity, tremors, elevated body temperature, abnormal heart rhythms, hyperten-



sion, seizures, collapse and death. Be sure to secure all kitchen trash, including coffee grinds and other refuse from the aforementioned danger foods, so that your pets do not have access to sneaky snacking later

Sampling Only, Please

While the Thanksgiving dinner spread coaxes most people to dine until they drop into a lethargic heap in front of the television later, dogs and cats are not accustomed to gorging so lavishly on rich foods. Serve your pets' Thanksgiving treats in moderation. One bite of each safe food from the table along with their usual kibble or canned fare will make them feel included in the family festivities and keep the holiday enjoyable and worry-free for all

How to Protect an Elderly Dog in the Winter

By [Lauren Romano](#), eHow Contributor

Many dogs aren't exactly fond of cold weather as they get older. Elderly dogs can be dog of a certain age needs special more sensitive to the winter's cruel weather and temperatures then a dog half its age. A attention and care. Here are some tips in order to make sure that your elderly dog stays healthy and feels well in the winter months.

Difficulty: Easy

Instructions

1

Have your dog wear a sweater. Some people may not like the idea of putting clothes on their dog, but this is strictly for warmth purposes. The winter weather can make elderly dogs feel sore if they get too cold. A sweater, even when it's worn for a few minutes, can keep the frigid chill away from the dog and keep him warm.

2

Add extra warmth to your dog's [bed](#). Whether it's getting him a heated bed or just adding a nice, thick blanket, the extra cover will help to keep the dog warmer so it can get a comfortable nights sleep and not have the cold affect him when he sleeps. An elderly dog needs to have extra cover to keep them warm in the winter months in order to make sure that their body doesn't get sore and stiff.

3

Wash off the pads of your dogs feet with warm water when they come in. Since the dog is stepping directly on the ground, their feet can get horribly cold. If they catch a chill it can affect their [health](#). In addition to warming up their paws, you are removing any rock salt that built up on the bottom of the dogs feet which could cause the pads to crack. Apply Vaseline to prevent cracking and to help heal already cracked pads.

4

Never take the dog out longer than necessary. It is dangerous to the health of an elderly dog to be out in the cold weather for too long. As soon as they go to the bathroom, they should be brought back in. Even when they go for walks, the time should be kept to a minimum.

5

Be careful of the dog going up and down stairs. Older dogs aren't as spry as younger dogs. If they step on a small patch of ice on the stairs, they could easily slip, fall, and get injured. Keep your eye out for any patches of ice on any stairs that your dog is going up or down.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Nov 28-30 agility trial
Dec 6 Christmas party

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



*Christmas
Dinner
&
Auction
December 6th
At
BRDTC Training
Center
Starts at 5 p.m.*