

Blues News

April 2015

BLUE RIDGE
DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



Established 1967

UKC Agility Trial

Pictures by Theresa Manchey



What's inside

UKC Agility Trial	1
Dr. Seuss Event	2
Winners Circle	3
Picture of the Month	4
Mark Your Calendar	5
15 Largest Breeds	6-8
You Know Your Addicted	
Carsickness	9
Wags & Brags	10-11
VA Federation Report	





Dr. Seuss Read Across America

Pictures by Theresa Manchey





"Winner Circle"



Timer and Chia had an awesome weekend doing UKC agility. Timer finished his UKC agility championship, and Chia earned 26 points toward her UKC agility championship (100 points required). Out of 16 runs, they qualified 13 times, with placements every time. I was super proud of my kids.

Kathy



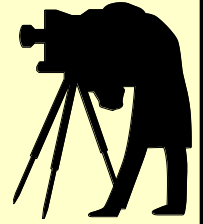
"Thank You!"

A big thanks to everyone who helped or donated for the English Setter trial. Always worry that we will not get enough, but you ALWAYS come through.

We received so many compliments about our lunches and especially the desserts.

Now rest up until our July trial!
The Bag Ladies

Picture Of the Month



"HAPPY EASTER"

Ryder DeMott

Touchy Tummy Rounds

2 Cups of Rice Flour
2 Large Eggs

3 2.5oz jars of Chicken Baby Food

Combine all ingredients. Roll into 1 inch balls (about 1 & 1/2 tsp fuls) and flatten to 3/8th inch on baking sheet. Bake for 20 min at 350 degrees.

It came to me that every time I lose a dog they take a piece of my heart with them, and every new dog who comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and loving as they are.
- Anonymous -



Happy Easter! The day wouldn't be complete at our house without humiliating the dogs. Joey and Kenzie are used to this. Data wonders how he ended up in this crazy family....Carol Nansal



Mark Your Calendar



RABIES CLINIC

**FREDERICK COUNTY
ESTHER BOYD
ANIMAL SHELTER**



**161 FORT COLLIER ROAD
540-667-9192**

**SATURDAY
MAY 16
11-3 PM**

BRING CURRENT RABIES CERTIFICATE IF YOU HAVE ONE

\$13
CASH ONLY - NO CHECKS

Volunteers Wanted



We have a request for therapy dogs to visit Bass-Hoover Elementary School in Stephens City on Monday morning, May 4 at 8:15-8:45. This is an end of year reading reward. Students will be reading to the dogs. Dogs will be in separate rooms so that any registered therapy dog may visit. If you can join the two of us who have already agreed to make this visit, please let me know at my home email: tman-chey@shentel.net.

Thanks,
Theresa

**Shawnee Kennel Club
Conformation
Obedience/Rally trial on
May 30 and 31st.**

**Shenandoah County Fair
Grounds
300 Fairground Road
Woodstock, VA 22664**

**All Breed Conformation
Obedience/Rally Trials**

**Conformation-large building at
the bottom of the ill
Obedience/Rally Building held at
the Exhibit2
To the left as soon as you pull in
the gate to fairgrounds.**

**Visit WWW.infodogs.com show
information Virginia select show
and view judges.**



The 15 Largest Dog Breeds: More Dog To Love

Some people live by the motto “bigger is better,” and it extends to their dogs too. There are many large dog breeds, each with different care and training needs.

Exercise

Most large dog breeds were bred for a purpose or function. Some breeds were meant to be [hunters](#), others [guard dogs](#). Dogs with great endurance brought livestock or produce to market or protected the farmer’s animals. Knowing the dog’s original purpose can be very important in determining the amount of exercise a dog will need. Large dog breeds that were bred to work all day will need daily activity to work off their energy.

Living Space

Where and how you live are important factors in considering a large dog breed. City dwellers have different considerations than rural residents, and many apartment complexes, while permitting dogs, can limit their size by weight. [The best dogs for people in apartments](#) are smaller breeds such as a Boston Terriers or French Bulldogs.

Training

While a four-pound [Pomeranian](#) can’t reach the chicken on the counter, a 100-plus pound [Great Dane](#) easily can! Without proper training, the cutest puppy can grow up into a terror. Large dog breed owners should teach their dogs good manners at home and in the community by going to a [training class](#) or taking them through the [Canine Good Citizen® program](#).

Costs

In general, costs can grow along with a dog’s size, since many veterinary procedures, medicines and boarding are dependent on the dog’s weight. Not to mention, large dogs tend to eat quite a bit more than small dogs.

The largest dog breeds:



[Great Dane](#): They may be extremely large and strong, but the Great Dane is known as a “gentle giant” because of its calm and loving disposition. They make excellent family pets, needing minimal grooming and daily exercise.



[Mastiff](#): Though one of the biggest dogs recognized by the AKC, the powerful Mastiff is a gentle and loyal companion. Mastiffs love being around people and bond closely with their family. They need light exercise and minimal grooming.



[Neapolitan Mastiff](#): The Neapolitan Mastiff is a massive dog with its trademark loose, wrinkly skin. They are strong, peaceful dogs that are very loyal to their families, but can be protective around strangers. They have an easy to care for coat, but tend to drool a lot. They need moderate daily exercise.



[Bullmastiff](#): While strong and powerfully built, the Bullmastiff is docile and sweet-natured at home with its family. They’re natural guardians that don’t bark too much and don’t require a lot of exercise or grooming.



Saint Bernard: The Saint Bernard is powerful and muscular, but has a mellow temperament. They do really well with children, making great family pets. Saint Bernards shed twice a year and owners should be prepared for drool.



Newfoundland: A large dog and hard worker, the Newfoundland has a very sweet disposition and is a devoted companion. The breed needs daily brushing and exercise.



Cane Corso: The Cane Corso is muscular, large-boned, and powerful in appearance. The breed originally hunted wild boar and guarded property in its native Italy. These affectionate dogs are intelligent, athletic, and need lots of exercise. Their short, light-shedding coat only needs an occasional brushing.



Dogue de Bordeaux: A natural guardian, the Dogue de Bordeaux is affectionate, calm, and patient. The breed is powerful and muscular, needing moderate exercise. Their short coat is easy to care for, and new owners should be prepared to deal with drool.



Great Pyrenees: Originally used as a guardian of sheep, the Great Pyrenees has a natural instinct to protect. They're independent thinkers and need daily exercise. Their thick, weather resistant coat needs brushing once a week.



Bernese Mountain Dog: The Bernese Mountain Dog is a hardy dog that does well in cold weather. The breed is strong, smart, and needs a moderate amount of exercise. They're also known for being gentle and easygoing. Their long, silky double coat sheds and requires regular brushing.



Tibetan Mastiff: Tibetan Mastiffs are impressively large, extremely independent and intelligent. They tend to be highly protective of their family and property. They have an immense double coat that sheds once a year and needs regular brushing.



Black Russian Terrier: The Black Russian Terrier is large, robust, and powerful. They were originally used as guard dogs, so they have a natural instinct to protect. The breed is loving towards its family and reserved with strangers. They need daily exercise and regular brushing.



Leonberger: While they resemble a lion and are large in size, Leonbergers are very calm, gentle, and sweet dogs. They make excellent family pets and love children. Their profuse coat sheds a lot and needs daily brushing. The breed also needs moderate daily exercise.



Irish Wolfhound: Large, muscular, and the tallest of dogs, the Irish Wolfhound has a loving temperament. Though they were originally bred to hunt wolves and elk, they are primarily family pets today. Their harsh coat requires regular brushing.



Scottish Deerhound: This large sight hound is one of the oldest breeds recognized by the AKC and is an excellent hunter. The Scottish Deerhound is a quiet, dignified companion with a tendency to chase small animals that run past it. Their easy to care for coat requires brushing and occasional bathing.

You Know You're Addicted to Your Dog When.....

- 1 You reach into your coat pocket and doggie snack remnants fall out in addition to your keys, some loose change, and tissues.
- 2 You wake up in a crouched yoga-like position so Fido could have the comfy spot on the bed.
- 3 You sign Fido's name along with yours** on all birthday and holiday cards.
- 4 You ask a hotel if dogs are allowed before booking a vacation.
- 5 Your haircuts cost less than your dog's.**
- 6 You've got more pictures strewn about** the house of Fido than you do of the human variety.

7 You smooch the dog at the end of the day and pat your significant other on the head.

8 You find yourself out in the pouring **rain at 4 a.m. if Fido needs to really "go potty."**

9 Fido has a better healthcare plan and a lower deductible on his/her rider than you do.

10 When your pooch barks, you know what The different tones of bark actually **"mean."**





Carsickness in Dogs



Many of us would love to take our canine companions everywhere with us, but bouts of car sickness can make even the shortest of trips more trouble than it's worth.

Dogs can suffer from motion sickness in the same way humans can. And also like humans, this can mean dizziness, vomiting, and a full-body sensation of illness; the causes are also the same, including a lack of control over balance and the sight of objects flying by outside of the window. It can be made even worse by anxiety, fear and higher-than-normal temperatures. A dog who has had unpleasant experiences in the car as a puppy may have an increased sensitivity to motion sickness, so it's important to try to make riding in the car a pleasant idea from the beginning.

Getting your dog used to the motion of a car can begin before you even pick up the keys. Play games with your pup that will mimic the same feeling of vertigo and being off-balance that she'll feel in the car. Roll her around on the floor, dip her upside down between your knees as you're holding her on your lap. Sudden changes in her orientation can help her learn to adjust to the turns, stops and starts that happen in a car.

Orient her with the car while it's still parked. Making sure she thinks of it as a wonderful place, as a fun gateway to adventure, will help relieve any stress or anxiety she might feel. Give her a special toy that she only gets when she's in the car, cuddle with her and give her some special one-on-one attention.

Work your way up to short trips around the block to give your dog time to acclimate to the car. Begin by taking her on rides that last only a few minutes, and slowly work up to longer trips as she becomes more comfortable.

When she's in the car, there are some simple things you can do to make the experience more pleasant. Open the windows by just a few inches; the fresh air and breeze will help calm any nauseous feelings.

Don't put her in the very back of the vehicle. Motion is more noticeable the farther back you sit, so putting her right behind the front seat will help minimize the feeling of being off-balance. Encourage her to look out the front window instead of the sides; this will make movement outside the car easier to focus on, and help prevent feelings of vertigo.

Crating can also help give your dog a sense of security in the car -- and help protect her in case of an accident. But for those who don't like crates in the car, consider getting a seat belt specially designed for dogs.

Limit food and water intake in the hours before going for a ride. Even a few treats will make it more likely your pup will vomit.

However, certain foods have been shown to have a calming effect on any motion sickness felt. Just like in humans, ginger and peppermint can have a soothing effect on a dog's stomach. Offer a peppermint candy, a ginger cookie, or even a bit of ginger ale before getting in the car. In severe cases, there are medications that your vet can prescribe for bad cases of motion sickness or for long trips.

And don't forget to take frequent breaks. Get out of the car, walk around, and allow your dog to not only get her bearings back but to get some fresh air, stretch her legs and relieve herself. Remember that long car trips can be as tiring for your pup as for a human passenger.



"WAGS & BRAGS"



Periland is a magical place for Issie. She went 2 out of 4, missing a Q in Colors by a second because we had to redo weave poles (I'm sure it was my fault). We still failed to break the code for full house and she decided to visit and run around (not on me). I wonder what she would do with full house if it wasn't always first on Saturday? I love her enthusiasm and seeing glimpses of a confident dog when she is running. She simply Rocks!

Joy

At the AKC English Setter Trial this weekend, Molly qualified 3 of her 4 runs. She doubled Q'd on Sunday earning her MXJ TITLE. Her miss direction on Saturday NQ means we will have to wait for the next trial for her MX. Sorry Molly I have to take that credit.

On another note, Molly received her UKC ALL STAR 2014 Certificates for: AG-I (47th.), AG-II (49th.), AG-III (46th) and AGRACH ALL STAR (41st.) earning her an invite to the 2014 UKC All Star Invitational Finals Competition on June 11, 2015 in Kalamazoo Michigan.

Bob T

I want to congratulate to all that Q this weekend. I had the pleasure of running Donna T dog Gem. On Sat. we ran ex standard and ex JWW and did not Q. On Sunday we ran ex standard and Q, but did not Q in JWW. But we had a good time. Travis my dog ran ex standard and Q. on Sunday in ex standard we did not Q., but we also had a good time. I also want to thank Donna R for doing a great job putting on the trail, and John was a very nice judge.

Annette

Grizzly Q'ed in three of four runs and now has his open jumper's title and I only almost fell over him once!

Congrats to everyone who had a great time!

Teri Lyn and Grizzly Bear

Ashley finished her Open Jumpers title at the ESAA agility trial on the first day. And she ran for the first time in Excellent Standard 20" (since she got the Open Stnd title 2 wks ago) and ALMOST got a qualifying score. She took too long getting onto the pause table of all things for her to do. She would've even made time if she had. That was her only mistake. She didn't Q at all on the 2nd day.

And 1/2 brother Travis almost got a Q in Excellent Stnd the first day too & make time to boot --- he took a jump he wasn't suppose to & even back jumped it too. He didn't Q in JWW either. The 2nd day he earned an extra leg he didn't really need in EX JWW (since he earned the AJP 2 wks ago), but again missed out on the EX standard run.

I was proud of them both for their great performances with speed & enthusiasm this wkend on all the courses. It certainly gets harder to Q from now on out.

Judge John had some really nice courses and of course all the folks running the trial & feeding us did a great job. And I even won the worker raffle the 2nd day! What can better top of the wkend than that!

Bobbie Lutz

Thanks to everyone for such a fun time at the English setter trial. Everything ran so smoothly, the bag ladies had wonderful food, and John did a great job judging.

Grizzly Q'ed in three of four runs and now has his open jumper's title and I only almost fell over him once!

Congrats to everyone who had a great time!

Teri Lyn and Grizzly Bear

Those of you who have seen Spumoni in Agility know I have no agility brags for us, but we do have a brag!

We just got word we graduated from Karen Pryor Academy and I can add KPA-CTP to my credentials!KPA is a 6 month long intensive trainer training program - where we are assessed on training a variety of tasks (simple to complex cues and behavior chains) to dogs, and an animal of another species as part of the course work.

Technically, Spu has no credentials but he was my main project dog, and he went to all of the trainer weekends with me, gallivanting to Richmond and



“More Brags!”

back, so I feel he earned it as much as I did. Very proud of him! (and thankful he was in a good mood on final exam day!)

Lisa Marino

Molly achieved her Third UGRACH title Saturday at the Paws-for-Fun UKC Agility trial. She had 5 of 6 clean runs, earning three 1st. two 2nd., Hi-Combined and Triple Crown. Oops, missed the contact on one! I guess we were trying to beat Coleen & Bently's awesome fast run.

Bob T & Molly

Willie and Lacey had a great weekend at the Paws For Fun UKC Trial @ BRDTC. They both got their AGII A Titles. Willie Q'd in 4 out of 4 runs and Lacey had 3 out of 4 runs, she knocked a bar in trial 1 on Sunday, handler fault of course. So now they will be in B classes and running with the big dogs next time...lol. This was really good for Willie, who tends to be soft and worries, he had a blast.

Sandy Golden

Ashley earned 6 UACH pts. with a 199 & 2nd place in AG2 at the Paws for Fun UKC agility trial on Sunday in Trial 1. She missed earning any UACH pts. with a 190 on the 2nd trial.

Bobbie Lutz

Lacy & Willie had a good weekend at the S SCGB's Agility Trial in Frederick. Lacy had QQ both days, plus Qs in T2B. Willie only went one day. He Nq'd in T2B & Open JWW, but got his second leg & First Place in Open Standard. I wasn't even going to stay for that class, but a friend talked me into saying & I am so glad I did. Enjoyed being around all the shelties & their humans.

Sandy Golden



“THANK YOU BAG LADIES”

Thought you all would like to know that the Bag Ladies had a profit of \$623 from our agility trial and the Setter one.

Thanks to the Bad Ladies and Dudes and to all of you for the donations.

Donna T

Skunk Smell Removal

You will probably need something stronger than soapy water to get rid of skunk oil — a solution of vinegar and baking soda will dissolve and remove the order-causing oils instead of just spreading them around. Try this mixture:

1 liter (or quart) white vinegar

1/4 c. Baking soda

1 tsp. dish detergent (also a de-greaser)

Soak your dog's fur, but be careful not to get any around their eyes. (Use a sponge to clean off their head and around their eyes.) Knead solution into their fur and be sure to get every part of them.

Rinse thoroughly.





**Blue Ridge
Dog Training Club**

Martha Butler, Editor
680 Newlin Hill Road
Winchester, VA. 22603

Club Message Phone:
540/662-1664

VISIT US ON THE WEB
WWW.BLUERIDGEDOGTRAININGCLUB.COM



WHAT'S HAPPENING

6/26 Meeting
7/24 Board meeting only
8/22 Picnic
10/31 Halloween party
11/20 Meeting
12/19 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

Awards Dinner

May 2, 2015

5:30 pm

At

Blue Ridge Training Room



Legislation/Education report

Bunny Gist complimented Alice on her presentation to the Virginia Kennel Club in November 2014. She said Alice was both informative and entertaining. The facts she presented opened the eyes of attendees. It is great the Federation supports Alice (and Sharyn Hutchens) in delivering these presentations to clubs and organizations around the state.




The Virginia General Assembly started January 14 and ended Feb 28. What transpired this year was influenced by the fact that 2015 is an election year. All Delegates and Senators are up for re-election unless they are retiring.

Virginia

[Virginia State Senate elections, 2015](#)

Senate Partisan Breakdown:  (19)  (21)

[Virginia House of Delegates elections, 2015](#)

House Partisan Breakdown:  (32)  (67)  (1)

All 40 seats in the [Virginia State Senate](#) and 100 seats in the [Virginia House of Representatives](#) are up for election in 2015. Republicans control both chambers heading into the election.

Virginia's state senators are elected to a four-year term that begins on the second Wednesday in January after the election. Virginia's state representatives are elected to a two-year term that begins on the second Wednesday in January after the election.

[http://ballotpedia.org/State legislative elections, 2015](http://ballotpedia.org/State_legislative_elections,_2015)

Another good website for election info is the Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP).

<http://www.vpap.org/elections/>

=====

The magnitude of an election year was compounded by the fact that 6-term Delegate Ed Scott, Republican, House District 30, Orange and Madison, part of Culpeper counties and Chairman of the VA House Agriculture Committee announced on February 3 that he would not be running for re-election. He has always listened to us and understood the agenda of the ARs. We observed that his power to "whip" members into line declined after that announcement.

http://www.fredericksburg.com/news/virginia/scott-won-t-look-seventh-term-in-virginia-house/article_d557895c-abd8-11e4-b88b-97fc011b011d.html

=====

Most of the animal bills dealt with cats (Trap, Neuter, Release type programs); an animal abuser conviction list; a spay-neuter fund to be paid for by a tax on pet food; and an HSUS bill to end all primate ownership. None of these bills passed. It should be noted that Senator Bill Stanley carried a lot of these bills. He is far and away the biggest supporter of the HSUS/animal rights agenda in the legislature right now. He would not return any of our phone calls or emails. He is followed closely by Senator Marsden and Senator Petersen both of Fairfax.

=====

Senator Stanley has also sponsored SB1001. It passed in a modified form that should keep this bill from harming hobby breeders.

SB 1001 Sale and procurement of certain pets.

<https://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?151+sum+SB1001>

Final version:

<https://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?151+ful+SB1001ER>

It goes into effect July 1, 2015.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § [3.2-6511.1](#) of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered [3.2-6508.1](#) as follows:

§ [3.2-6508.1](#). *Sale of dogs or cats prohibited in certain places.*

A. It is unlawful for any person to sell, exchange, trade, barter, lease, or display for a commercial purpose any dog or cat on or in any roadside, public right-of-way, parkway, median, park, or recreation area; flea market or other outdoor market; or commercial parking lot, regardless of whether such act is authorized by the landowner.

B. This section shall not apply to:

1. The display of dogs or cats by or the adoption of dogs or cats from a humane society or private or public animal shelter as those terms are defined in § [3.2-6500](#);

2. The display of dogs or cats as part of a state or county fair exhibition, 4-H program, or similar exhibition or educational program;

3. The sale, exchange, or trade of dogs that are sold primarily for use in commonly-accepted hunting or livestock farming activities; or

4. A prearranged sale between a dog breeder and a specific individual purchaser. Such prearranged sale shall not take place at a regularly-occurring event such as a flea market or other organized trade venue.

§ [3.2-6511.1](#). Pet shops; procurement of dogs; penalty.

A. It is unlawful for a pet shop to A pet shop shall sell or offer for sale any dog procured from adoption a dog procured only from a humane society or private or public animal shelter as those terms are defined in § [3.2-6500](#) or from a person who is not a dealer or licensed by has not received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, pursuant to enforcement of the federal Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) or regulations adopted thereunder, (i) a citation for a direct violation or citations for three or more indirect violations for at least two years prior to the procurement of the dog or (ii) two consecutive citations for no access to the facility prior to the procurement of the dog.

B. It shall be unlawful for any commercial dog breeder who is not licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture pursuant to the federal Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) or regulations adopted thereunder

to sell any dog to a pet shop, unless such commercial dog breeder maintains a valid and current USDA dealer's permit.

C. A pet shop shall retain records verifying compliance with this section for a minimum of two years after the disposition of any dog.

D. Any person violating any provision of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor for each dog sold or offered for sale.

=====

In Alice's opinion all of the top portion of this bill is covered in existing law 3.2-6509 - This section covers sales of "misrepresented" animals. There is simply no need for SB1001.

§ 3.2-6509. Misrepresentation of animal's condition; penalties.

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+3.2-6509>

No person shall misrepresent the physical condition of any animal at the animal's sale, trade, delivery, or other method of transfer. For the purpose of this section, misrepresentation shall include selling, trading, delivering or otherwise transferring an animal to another person with the knowledge that the animal has an infection, communicable disease, parasitic infestation, abnormality or other physical defect that is not made known to the person receiving the animal. The sale of an agricultural animal that has external or internal parasites that are not made known to the person receiving the animal shall not be a violation of this section unless the animal is clinically ill or debilitated due to such parasites at the time of sale, trade, delivery or transfer of the animal. Violation of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

=====

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Harrington

Alice Harrington, Recording Secretary