

# Blues News

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## A Year of 2014 BRDTC Activity



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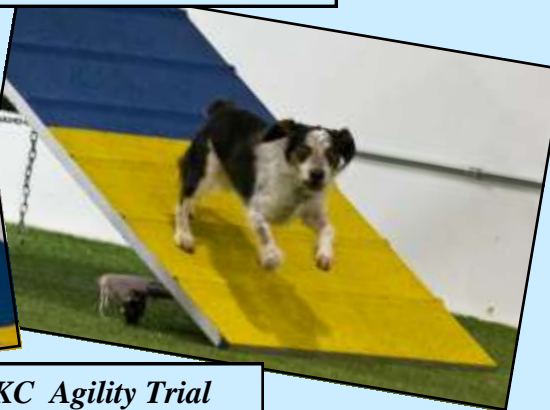
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Tricks  
Seminar



*March Agility Trial  
Donna Germelman, Ginger Taylor, Donna T. & Thrill*



*UKC Agility Trial*





*May Puppy Shower*



*August Obedience Trial*



*September Awards Banquet*



*July Agility Trial*



*November Obedience & Rally Trial*



*October Halloween Party*



*Christmas Dinner & Auction*



## Picture Of the Month



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Germel man  
Kids

### Flax Chicken Treats

1 & ½ cups of Oat flour

1 Cup of Flax meal/flour

Mix all ingredients, add water or flour if dough dry or sticky. Roll out and cut into treats. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-17min. Let dry out in a slightly cooler oven for an hour.

2 large Eggs

2 jars of Chicken/Beef only baby food

### Dog Trivia

The most popular male dog names are Max and Jake. The most popular female dog names are Maggie and Molly

Scholars have argued over the metaphysical interpretation of Dorothy's pooch, Toto, in the *Wizard of Oz*. One theory postulates that Toto represents Anubis, the dog-headed Egyptian god of death, because Toto consistently keeps Dorothy from safely returning home

Plato once said that "a dog has the soul of a philosopher."





# 2014 Winners









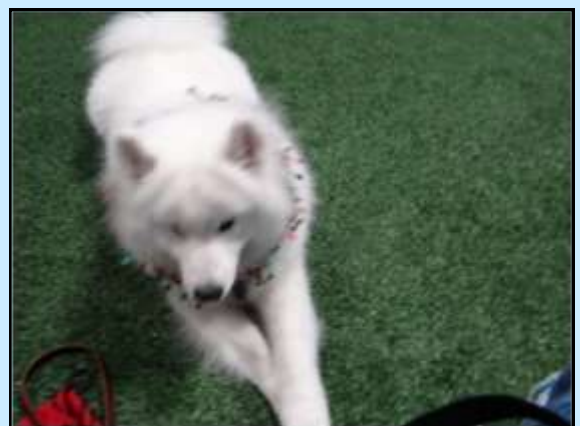
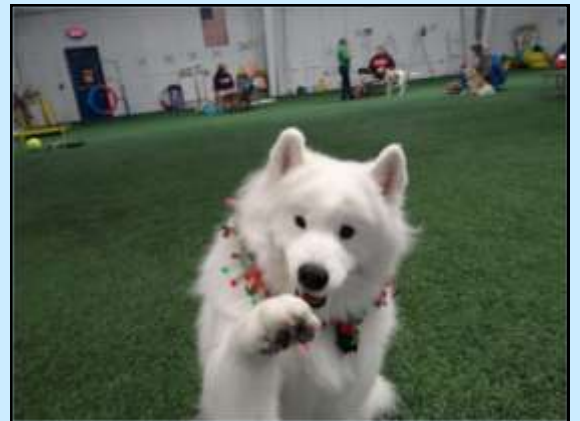
## Trick Class

Taught by Donna Thompson  
Pictures By Lisa Marino

### Ring toss and Roll over by Spumoni



### Wave & Cross Paws







## "WAGS & BRAGS"



My Whippet Ashley earned leg #6 of her RAE2 rally title at the Sun show in Fredericksburg recently. Then today at the Westminster, MD show her daughter Roxie went Reserve winners Bitch to the other daughter Pippa's Winners Bitch. Pippa's house mate went Best of Opposite Sex.

*Bobbie Lutz*

### 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.



# Animal Shelter Wish List

You can help our local shelter partner by purchasing items from their wish list and donating them on your way out of the store:

## Dog & Cat Items

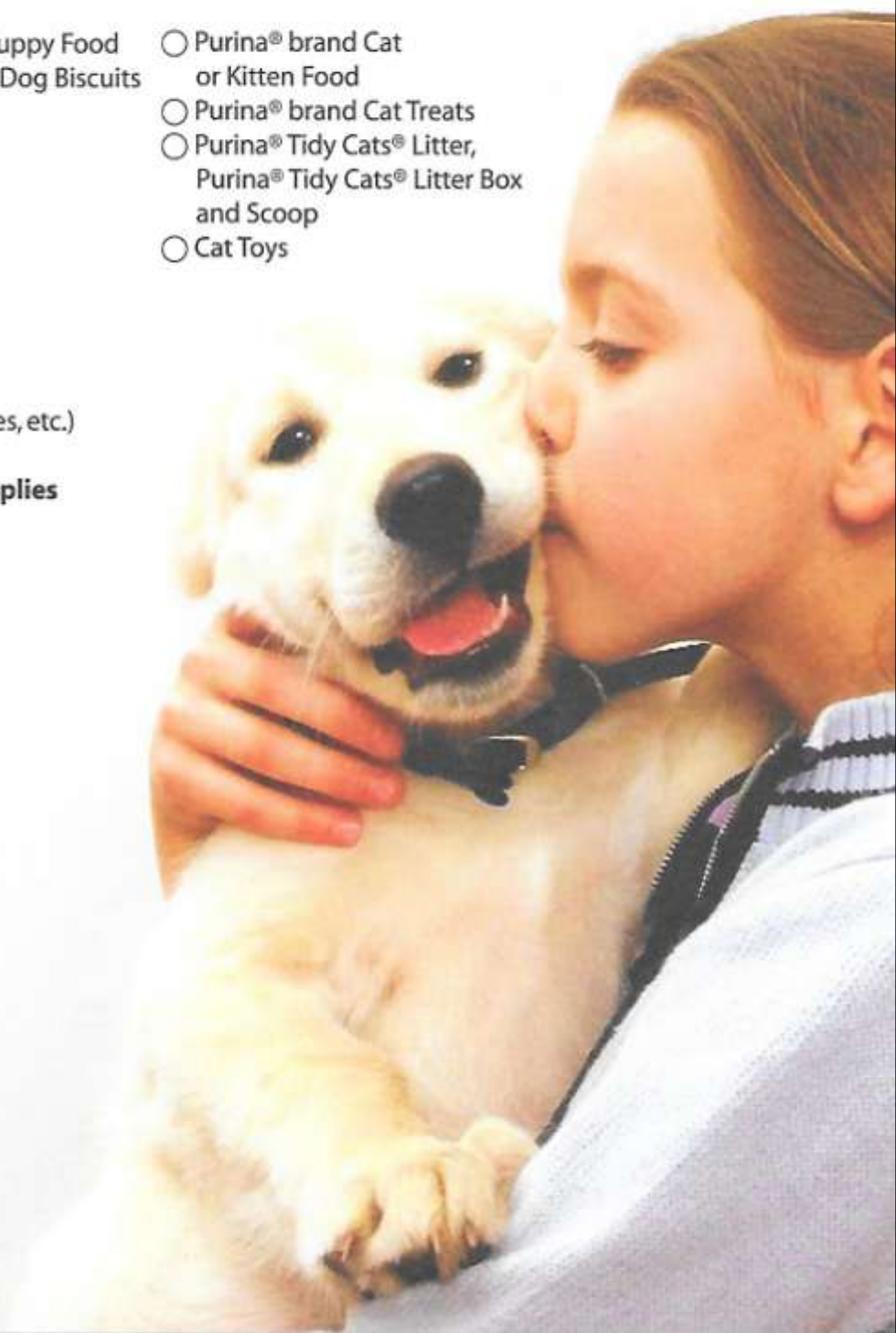
- Purina® brand Dog or Puppy Food
- Purina® brand Treats or Dog Biscuits
- Flea Products
- Leashes
- Collars
- Pet Beds
- Dog Crates
- Pet Carriers
- Chew Toys
- Tennis Balls
- Grooming Supplies (i.e., nail clippers, brushes, etc.)
- Purina® brand Cat or Kitten Food
- Purina® brand Cat Treats
- Purina® Tidy Cats® Litter, Purina® Tidy Cats® Litter Box and Scoop
- Cat Toys

## Household/Cleaning Supplies

- Towels
- Blankets
- Rubber Gloves
- Hand Sanitizer
- Paper Towels
- Bleach
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap

## Office Supplies

- Copy Paper
- Pens
- Envelopes
- Stamps
- Paper Clips
- Post-it® Notes



Donate dog & cat items or bring home a furry family member.  
Remember—it's your day to make a difference!



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**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

2/20 Meeting  
3/12 Pizza party  
4/10 Board meeting only  
5/2 Awards dinner  
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

*General Meeting  
February 20th  
At the  
BRDTC Training  
Room  
Starts at 7:30 pm*



# "Rainbow Bridge"



DaJa  
Vu  
Taylor

## Beyond the Rainbow

As much as I loved the life we had and all the time we played.  
I was so very tired and knew my time on earth would fade.  
I saw a wondrous image then of a place that a trouble-free  
Where all of us can meet again to spend eternity.  
I saw the most beautiful Rainbow, and on the other side  
Were meadows was rich and beautiful — lush and green and wide!

And running though the meadows as far as the eye could see  
Were animals of a very sort as healthy as could be!  
My own tired, failing body was fresh and healded and new  
And I wanted to go run with them, but I had something left to do.

I needed to reach out to you, to tell you I'm alright  
That this place is truly wonderful, then a bright Glow pierced  
the night  
T'was the Glow of many candles shinning bright and stornng and bold

And I knew then that it held your love in its brilliant shade of gold

For although we may not be together in the way we used to be.  
We are still connected by a cord no eye can see  
So wherever you need to find me, we're never far apart  
If you look beyond the Rainbow and listen with our heart.  
Morgan Rich



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Hughart  
17 Years  
Old



Dixie  
Germelman



Molly Anderson

Digger Dog  
Germelman



Lancer Gilbert



Murphy Nansel



Kisses Gregory

**GRREAT Murphy of Woodstock, OA, NAJ, OAP,  
OJP, NFP, CGC  
(Murphy 01-060) 9/19/99 - 9/28/14**

Murphy was our fifth GRREAT foster dog and first foster failure. He had been a stray in the Warren Co. Shelter and we knew 30 minutes after he got to our home in 2001 that he was never leaving. On September 28, he asked us to let him go and he took part of our hearts with him. Murphy was the kind of dog who did whatever we asked, or at least tried his best. People were his first love - the people he met in the neighborhood, at agility trials, at dock diving events, and at school, 4-H or community programs. He enjoyed agility on his own terms - and that meant only doing the weave poles perfectly on the SECOND try at a trial, which meant he never earned an excellent title. He didn't care though. He just loved running and jumping and sometimes making up his own course. We called it "recreational agility" and entered him in trials just for the sheer joy he had being in the ring. Murphy ran in agility trials, including two Golden Retriever National Specialties, until he was 13.5 years old. We retired him so he wouldn't get hurt. He celebrated his 15th birthday in September at the Potomac Valley Belgian Sheepdog Club Agility Trial in Frederick, MD, with a cake and doggie treats and lots of attention from his friends. He also got to see his dock diving friends in Hampton earlier in the month. He never saw the value in jumping off a dock, but he liked to swim and to watch the birdies from a float in the pool. He thought dock diving events were social events. Murphy helped us welcome and train some 25+ foster dogs, accepted the job of official bath mat warmer at home, and made sure no one ever got lonely in the bathroom. Murphy worked hard at keeping the neighbors cats out of his yard, but he loved his own indoor cats. He loved destuffing toys, chewing on bones, watching birds in the yard, and sitting with my Dad whenever they were together, and especially when my Dad was sick. Murphy had never been injured, or sick, until the last 3 weeks, when we found out he had lymphoma. Murphy was a good boy and we had a great journey together. We miss him but I know my Dad was waiting for him at the bridge and Murphy is sitting by his side getting petted right now. Until we all meet again.....

**Carol and Rory Nansel**



**Kisses Greogery**

We lost our dear, sweet Kisses in October at the age of 10. She would have been 11 on Valentine's Day this year. She came to us from Donna Thompson at the age of 4. Kisses immediately glued herself to Tim, becoming a big daddy's girl. Over the next 6 years, she was a role model and a wonderful surrogate mom to all of our other dogs and foster dogs we had come through the house. She provided them with a kind sense of security and stability. She was wonderful with William and his siblings when they came to live with us. She was so attentive to each of them.

Kisses earned several titles with Donna and Bernie. She continued her therapy dog work with Tim, visiting schools, nursing homes and libraries. There were 3 things she absolutely loved - chasing tennis balls, playing in the surf at our beach house, and being petted. One of our house sitters fondly nicknamed her "lava dog" and she was true to that name - melting into you wherever you were sitting. If she wasn't happy that you were done petting her, she would find other body parts of yours, particularly your feet, to rub herself against.

In September she was at the vet for a bladder infection and a geriatric wellness visit. Her vet found a splenic mass and we opted to go to surgery. The good news was the spleen was cancer free; the bad news was she had hemangiosarcoma in her liver. We planned to start chemo, but the bladder infection was persistent, and in a short time, the cancer was taking its toll on her. Kisses was a therapy dog until the end, comforting Donna during her visit with her and comforting us as we were saying goodbye to her.

She was an amazing girl, loved and missed by many who knew her. We want to thank Donna and Bernie for allowing her to become part of our lives - we are forever honored and grateful. We know that Zander, Phoebe, Ollie, and Nash welcomed her at the Rainbow Bridge.

Kisses, we miss you every day.

Love you always,

**Becky, Tim, & William (& Mason, Bosley, and the rest of the critter family)**



## **Lancer Gilbert**

**November 25, 2001 - August 9, 2014.**

We had to part our ways with our wonderful English Setter Lancer.

He arrived at our home as a seven- weeks-old determined puppy and spent the rest of his life with our family. We bought him to be a companion to our big dog Buster, an Airedale/Lab mix and very quickly Lancer's wits, determination and charm bought our admiration for him. With a gentle big dog at his side he never had any big-dog fears, always inviting other canine friends to play and most of the time outwitting, outrunning and out-maneuvering them.

He was an underdog with his big brother Buster, but after Buster was gone and new dogs happened in our house, he would establish himself as the BOSS, not for physical strength but for the smarts. And it was done without any fights or quarrels, just one friendly statement: "hey, everything will be all right as long as it is my way".

And it stayed that way.

Lancer had hunting bred into him very strongly and loved to find and show birds and other critters for us to get, and it did not matter that we wouldn't kill them. All we had to do was to praise him for the job well done and he was happy with it.

He was the "all or nothing" kind of a dog, either running fast tirelessly or dropping down for a quick nap. Or stalking critters without any movement for hours at a time. Nothing ever escaped his attention, he was always aware of all the happenings around him. He just had to know.

In the last year the fast run changed to trot and naps became little longer, but up to his last day he was giving it all he had, so when he finally got overwhelmed by his medical (heart) problem, it came as a big surprise to us.

If I were to compare him to any character, I would choose Tolkien's elf, for Lancer had this silver silky sheen magical aura about him and was tireless, brave, witty, finding solutions to any problem he encountered. And he always brought smiles on people's faces which rendered him a pretty good Therapy Dog, especially when it came to working with children. He worked almost to the end. We miss him terribly! So long my beautiful silky magical elfin friend, hope we'll meet again someday!

**Marzenna, Doug and Spirit**

## *Daja Vue Taylor*

*Just to let you know that this morning, I had to put Deja Vue down. She is my 10 year old German Shepherd to sleep. For over a week, she has not been quite right, but when she stopped eating, that was when I took her to the Vet. This morning, we did an ultrasound, and we found that she was full of tumors that had spread to all her organs which caused her to bleed out. I only had her 11 months, but she was a very nice girl. I truly love the senior dogs, but she is the 4th. Old timer I have lost in the past year. I have Clare to thank for finding Deja on the adoption list for German Shepherd rescue. While it was not long enough, it was a happy time for both of us.*  
*Ginger Taylor*

## **Maessr's Golly Miss MollyAnderson**

Our sweet Molly passed during the night, April 3, 2014.

Molly entered our lives at a time when we needed her most. She came from Springer Rescue and was adopted at the age of 3. She earned titles in agility, obedience, and rally, but the thing that I was most proud of was her Therapy Dog title. She would come to my classroom once a month and sit patiently while my students read to her. We miss her everyday!

***Beth and Tom Anderson***

Dixie was such a lovely, sweet- tempered Elkhound. We miss her every day. She loved to go for walks at the park, to go to dog shows, to be with kids and to join me in bed for a nap! RIP sweet girl

Pretty Penny 13 also had cancer. We miss them so much. We will always remember them having so much fun in this snow!

Digger O'Dog (front) 15 was lost to renal failure. Morgan, 10, Norwegian Elkhound,

***Donna Garmelman***