

Blues News

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BLUE RIDGE
DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



Established 1967

“Bernie Thompson”

The first time I met Bernie Thompson (it was way back in the day) at a Christmas party/auction in a beautiful estate in Berryville. My daughter was a member of the club and asked if I would like to tag along. I have never had such a great time, never laughed as much and could feel the love of all the members in the room. I was asked to join the club and couldn't wait. I was voted in and was thrilled. I had just one problem in joining a dog training club. I didn't have a dog! So I had to find one.

In my search I found a beautiful Australian cattle dog-Blue. Her name was Sara and she was totally deaf. Why would I pick this dog? My parents were deaf so I had thought I had a head start. Bernie helped me train her. Coming up with different suggestions and hand signals. She was the love of my life. She got her CGC & TDI, went through Obedience training, agility training, had a hint of sheep herding (I am sure she thought I was crazy being a CATTLE DOG) and with the help of Donna she even did tracking.

Bernie was a great leader and trainer. You learned from Bernie so many things that got you through life. He was a great teacher and friend. I know each of you have your own story about Bernie. I know everyone who met Bernie will never forget him. I know I won't.

Martha Butler



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Bernard Lee Thompson

Bernard Lee Thompson, 79, of Cross Junction died Saturday, October 24, 2015 in Blue Ridge Hospice Inpatient Care Center.

He was born September 24, 1936 in Fairmont, WV the son of Harry and Mildred Lowe Thompson.

He was married to Donna Hoult Thompson for 54 years.

Professionally, he was an educator serving as both a teacher and an administrator.

He was a member and lay-leader at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

Bernie was an animal lover. He volunteered at the Esther Boyd Animal Shelter and taught classes at the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sister Susanne Roberts and her husband Roland of Pasadena, MD and numerous nieces and nephews.

His siblings, Harry Thompson, Jr., Gertrude Corner, Dorothy Thompson, Louise Nuzum, Margaret Steele, and Dolores Ferguson are deceased.

A funeral will be 3 p.m. Tuesday at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, 620 Chapel Hill Road, Cross Junction with Reverend Phil Brumback officiating.

Burial will follow the service in the church cemetery.

Friends will be received two hours prior to the service in the church.

In lieu of flowers memorial may be made to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork Street Winchester, VA 22601.







"WINNER CIRCLE"



Kitty Bowman at
2015 NADAC
Championships

Kenzie Nansel
giving grins
from her pink
palace during
the AKC
Agility Nationals.





Pet Partner Therapy Dog Testing.

I would like to recognize BRDT members Bob Tatara, Bobbie Lutz, Dorothy Lowe and Owen, Diana Lieber and Macey for their generosity and support today for agreeing to give up a day to assist in Pet Partner Therapy Dog testing.

These tests are challenging to organize - coordinating venue, volunteer schedules, and potential teams / evaluators.

This particular test was more challenging than usual since I needed to call in an outside evaluator for my own dogs to test, AND call on people who do not know my dogs to assist.

I have been in a few classes with Bob, and Dorothy, and Diana, and Bobbie I have really only talked to a bit in passing, yet all of them agreed to come and spend the day walking around with walkers and wheelchairs so we could get the job done.. all for the small price of a few cookies. (True dog people at heart - will work for kibble...)

Trial judges always comment after an event how nice BRDTC members are, but it really is true, when needed, there are always members willing to step up and help out.

Thank you all so much!

The evaluator from Manassas who came to do my dogs' tests RAVED about how wonderful Bob is at playing a grumpy old man... sheer genius! He may need to pursue an acting career... Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

[Lisa Marin](#)





Blue Ridge Dog Training Club Tracking Test September 20, 2015

On Sunday, September 20th, BRDTC held their fall tracking test. We had four TD tracks with no dogs passing, but came very close. We had 3 TDX tracks and 1 alternate. Unfortunately, none passed, but worked very hard.

Many thanks to our track layers:

TD – Tom Anderson, Marzena Gilbert, Joyce Riggs, and Donna Richardson

TDX – Tom Anderson, Mary Ann Dean, Marsha Dolz, and Clayton Kilrain

Cross Track Layers – Tom Dulz and Donna Smith

Lunch was provided on Sat. by Joyce Riggs. Thank you to Joy Pitcher and Linda Andrews for helping on Sunday.

Our judges were Sue Ammerman and Judi Edwards.

Many thanks to the following folks for the use of their property: Donna and Bernie Thompson, the folks at Timber Ridge, and the Baptist Retreat. Without their generosity we couldn't have a test.

Extra thanks to Donna Smith for being willing to do cross tracks and Tom Anderson for doing two tracks!

*Thanks,
Beth*





Pumpkin Jack-O-Lantern
Treats

1 Cup of Rice
four
1 Egg
1 Cup of
Tapioca
2 tsp of Turmeric (optional)
½ Cup of 100% Pumpkin
Puree
2 Tblsp of Salmon Oil
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Com-
bine all ingredients. If dough is too
sticky add more rice flour, if too dry
add a bit of water. Roll out and cut
into pumpkins. Can decorate by cut-
ting out faces, or leave solid. If you
leave solid they will puff up, but
will be flat if faces are cut
out. Bake for about 20-25 minutes
until desired crispness. Turmeric is
believed to have anti-inflammatory
and anti-cancer properties.



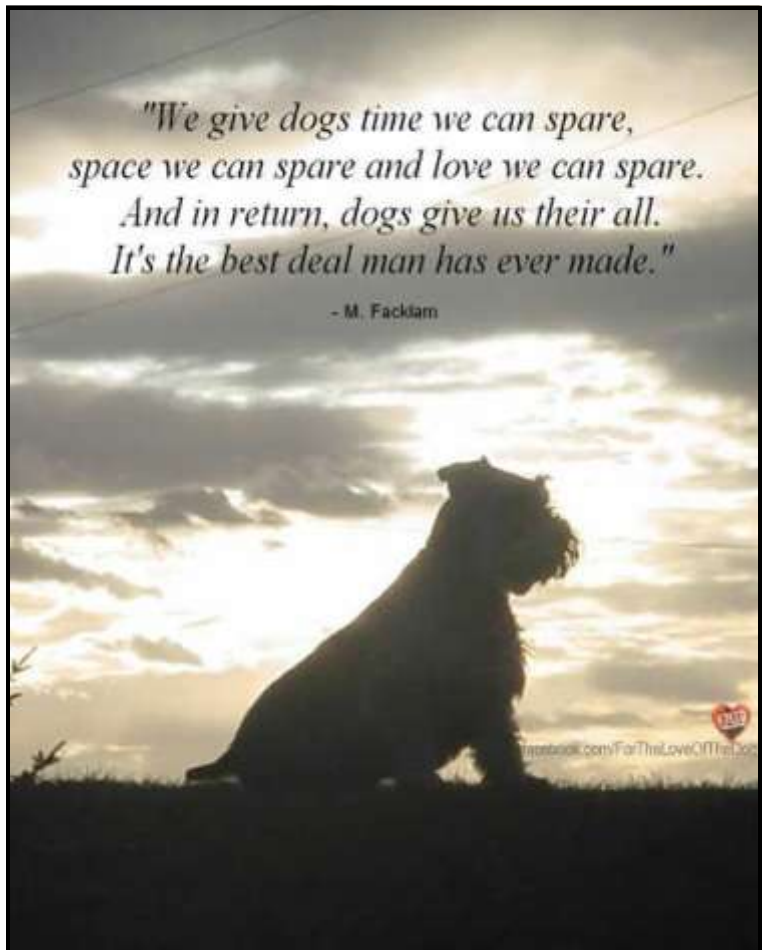
Picture Of October
Month



Gypsy
&
Julie
Taylor

*"We give dogs time we can spare,
space we can spare and love we can spare.
And in return, dogs give us their all.
It's the best deal man has ever made."*

- M. Facklam



facebook.com/ForTheLoveOfTheDog



**I wonder if my dog
always follows me into
the bathroom when I have
to go potty because
I always follow him
outside when he
does and he just thinks
that's how it works.**



Mark Your Calendar



Support for Local Rescues/Shelters

Earlier this year the board voted to support different local dog rescues/shelters through proceeds earned at the Christmas Auction, 50/50 raffles at trials, etc. Members may submit a name of a local (to our members as we cover a wide area). We are asking for nominations for where the proceeds from the Christmas Auction in December should go. Please email me **privately** at joyfulpitcher@aol.com any nominations for this donation; I won't accept any that come through the group email. I will email you back to say I have received your email so if you don't get that please resubmit (email isn't perfect). A name will be randomly chosen (from a hat) at the November general meeting. Cutoff date for submitting a group is November 12th.

Thanks< Joy
Joy and the Fur bunch



I need a club member to help with the Nov rally trials by organizing the volunteer workers. The trials will be on Friday afternoon Nov 13 and Saturday morning Nov 14. I will be happy to help you out if you are new at this. Please email me if you are interested.

Thanks.
Donna Richardson
Trial chair

Christmas Auction & Dinner

Our Christmas dinner & auction is just **weeks away. I'm hoping that you're looking** in those drawers, closets, attic, basement & garage for those treasures you would like to share. Doggie items, breed related or not are popular. No used clothing please! This is a good time to get a head start on the Christmas shopping for friends & family (both two **& four legged**). **Don't think you can't afford to come. You can't afford not to**-grab that change jar. Everything starts at a whopping **\$1.00 & goes up. It's the best time ever & our** biggest fund raiser. Santa & his helpers will be auctioning off the goodies. Start looking for those favorite family recipes to share. The Club brings the meat & drinks. So mark your calendar & get ready to have a great time.

Where? Blue Ridge Training Room

When? December 19

Time? 5 pm until the last item is sold

We will be voting on Officers and the Gaines Award



Mark Your Calendar



The Blue Ridge DTC in Winchester VA will be holding our November Obedience and Rally trials on Nov 13, 14, and 15 at our indoor climate controlled training center. Friday afternoon we will have rally judged by Nancy Withers. Saturday morning we will have rally judged by Cheryl Pratt. Saturday afternoon will be obedience with judge Nancy Withers and Sunday we will have Larry Wilson judging obedience.

The premium and entry forms are posted on our website www.blueridgedogtrainingclub.com under "trials and testing".

We hope to see you there.

Donna Richardson



I thought about starting this email with a Publisher's Clearinghouse promotional but then decided to save that for a later date when I'm really desperate. It's official.....the premium is out there and our November obedience trial will be here before you know it. This is the first notification so I haven't started the bribes or the threats yet. I'll just ask nicely. We need volunteers to steward at our obedience trial. Come on out and see what your fellow Blue Ridgeans are doing in the obedience ring. I promise to offer protection from my fellow water buffaloes in the B classes. Don't make me proceed to phase 2 of steward procurement!!! Looking forward to hearing from you!

Patrice
(The Grim Reaper of Stewards)

Crystal Kennels is sponsoring an 'ALL BREED' health clinic on December 13, 2015

The clinic will be held at Loudoun Veterinary Service in Purcellville, Virginia
 Dr. Nancy Bromberg will be doing OFA Eye Exams (previously known as CERF exams) Dogs for OFA eye exams ONLY. Please no exams for eye problems
 Dr. William Tyrrell will be doing exams for OFA cardiac clearances.
 Dr. Bromberg & Dr. Tyrrell are board certified in their speciality field
 Dr. Stephen Stang will be taking radiographs for OFA hips and/or elbows.
 A mild sedative will be given to dogs being radiographed. Dogs will be able to walk back to their cars. Radiographs for OFA prelians are welcome. Pre-anesthetic blood work is not required. We will not have time for pre-anesthetic blood work. If you want this done, please have it done at your regular vet prior to your appointment.
 We will also be offering micro-chipping for those who need to meet the OFA & CERF permanent identification requirements or just want to have their dogs micro-chipped. We will be offering Thyroid & Patella checks.
 All dogs attending the clinic must be up to date on vaccines.

Costs:
 OFA Eye Exams: \$45 per dog (previously known as CERF exams). CERF forms available upon request
 OFA Cardiac exams: \$45 per dog
 Micro-chips: \$35 per dog
 OFA Patella & dentition checks: \$15 per dog
 OFA Hips Only Radiographs: \$150 per dog
 OFA Hips & Elbows Radiographs: \$225 per dog
 OFA Elbows only radiographs \$100 per dog
 OFA Thyroid tests: \$150 per dog
 Any dog requiring general anesthesia for the radiographs will be an additional \$50
 These prices are discounted for this date only. Loudoun Veterinary Service will not honor them at any other time.
 The above prices are for services only. You will still be responsible for the cost of registering your dog's results with the OFA and CERF.
 Those having radiographs taken & thyroid testing must bring a check made payable to the OFA for submitting the films & the blood samples. Loudoun Veterinary Service will submit them.

Directions:
 The address is 1043 East Main Street Purcellville, Virginia 20132. You can use www.mapquest.com to map out directions, or email Jenifer Witkowski at crystalkennels@gmail.com

Pre-registration is required. To pre-register, contact Jenifer Witkowski at crystalkennels@gmail.com
 We ask that dogs arrive 30 minutes prior to their scheduled time to fill out required paperwork. Please bring a copy of your dog's AKC registration form as well as any permanent identification information you may have for your dog, as this is required for the certification.

If you have any questions concerning the clinic contact Jenifer Witkowski at crystalkennels@gmail.com
 Because of bounced checks at previous clinics, we will not be accepting checks. We also can not accept credit cards for payment of services. Cash only please.



Halloween Safety for Dogs

Keep Your Dog Safe for Halloween

By [Jenna Stregowski, RVT](#)

Halloween can be a fun time of year for the whole family - even your dog. However, there are also many potential dangers and sources of stress for your dog. Just remember to keep your dog safe from these Halloween hazards.

Halloween Candy and Other Treats

Remember that human treats are not usually good for dogs! Candy - especially [chocolate](#) - can be extremely toxic to your dog. Artificially sweetened candy, gum and other goodies may also contain [xylitol](#), a highly toxic substance. Dogs may also ingest food wrappers, causing a risk of choking, upset stomach or gastrointestinal blockage. Various party snacks can be too salty and may contain ingredients that can poison your dog. Alcoholic beverages and dogs do not mix - they pose a significant risk of severe illness or even death! Keep all of these "human goodies" far out of your dog's reach. If you are not positive that you can keep your dog away from these hazards, then consider confining your pet to another area of your home during the festivities. Keeping appropriate [dog treats](#) around for your dog can be a great idea, but remember not to overfeed. Sliced carrots or apples (hold the caramel) can be tasty and healthy snack alternatives for people and dogs alike!

Halloween Decorations

Your dog is bound to be curious about new objects around the house, and that includes Halloween decorations. Be sure decorations are not in areas where your dog could ingest them or bump into them. Power cords trip your dog or lead to electrical shock if chewed. Be careful with the placement of jack-o-lanterns - have you ever seen a dog eat a whole pumpkin? It is not pretty! Also, candles can be knocked over, potentially burning your dog and/or starting a fire. Other decorations can be eaten or broken, causing serious harm to your dog. Have fun and decorate - just think about your dog first!

Trick-or-Treaters and other Guests

Though many dogs love visitors, some can become fearful of strangers. Many dogs will even be afraid of people they know if those people are in costumes. Plus, constant ringing of the doorbell might get your dog over-excited or very stressed out. Think about your dog's typical reaction to visitors and take extra precautions for Halloween. Keep your dog at a distance when greeting trick-or-treaters by putting up a baby gate or confining her to another area of the home. When inviting guests into your home, introduce them to your dog in a positive



manner. If your dog seems afraid of guests in costumes, remove her from the situation calmly. During parties and loud gatherings, your dog might do best in another area of your home unless she is used to these types of events and has done well in the past.

Halloween Costumes for Dogs

Some dogs really enjoy getting [dressed in costumes](#) - they might ham it up and revel in the attention. Other dogs can become scared or uncomfortable in clothing of any type. If you want to dress your dog up, start simple and see how she handles it. If she does not like it, then don't push the issue. Try a Halloween bandanna or collar instead. If your dog does seem to enjoy getting dressed up, be certain you choose a costume that fits comfortably. If it is too tight, it could cut off circulation or cause sores to develop. Loose-fitting outfits can trip your dog or get caught on objects around the house. Because of these potential dangers, *never* leave your dog unattended in the costume. She could become injured or may ingest parts of the costume and choke, become sick, or develop gastrointestinal blockage.

Outdoor Dangers

I personally feel that unsupervised dogs are best kept indoors year-round, though some dogs will do fine living outdoors alone. However, the rules are different during the Halloween season! It is **extremely crucial** that you keep your dog indoors unless directly supervised. Sadly, there are cruel people who have twisted ideas of fun this time of year - and your dog can be the victim. Though it is more widely known that [black cats](#) are targeted during Halloween, any household pet can be at risk and **MUST** be kept indoors!

Your dog can be part of Halloween fun if you play it safe. As always, follow common dog safety rules: be certain that your dog wears current identification at all times, keep your dog on a leash when outdoors, and keep her safe from potentially dangerous situations. Have fun, be safe and have a happy Halloween!





"WAGS & BRAGS"



My Whippet Tyler finished his RE (Rally Excellent) title at Hyattsville DTC on 19 Sept. His 1/2 sister Ashley earned legs 3 & 4 of her RAE3 at the Hyattsville trials that weekend.

Bobbie Lutz



MACH G.R.R.E.A.T. Joey of Woodstock, MXS, MJS, XF, NJ-R, NJ-N, CGC, ADHF





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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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



November 20
Meeting
At the
Blue Ridge
Training Room
Starts 7:30 pm

