

Blues News

February 2016

BLUE RIDGE
DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



Established 1967

"Let it Snow!"



**Gracie
Golden
14
years old**



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LESSONS I LEARNED FROM MY DOG

NEVER stop playing
WAG more BARK less
Be LOYAL and FAITHFUL
Be QUICK to FORGIVE
and LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY







Agility Run-thru's

Very successful day--we made \$269. Thanks to John & Stacy for setting this up & to Ed for setting up & cleaning up. People were very thankful that we did this.
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Picture Of the Month



“LOOK Mom Snow ANGELS”

10 Year old Cassie Fisher



Salmon Delights

- 6 ounces of Salmon
- 1 Tblsp of Salmon Oil
- 1/3 Cup of Garbanzo Bean Flour
- 1 Cup of Rice Flour

- 1 Egg
- 1/2 tsp of ground Fennel (optional, aids digestion and good for gas)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Puree salmon and mix with rest of ingredients. If dough too dry add a little water, if too sticky add more flour. Flour surface with either rice, tapioca or regular flour. Roll out dough to 1/4 inch and cut into shapes. Bake for 30-40 minutes until desired crunchiness. Makes about 5-6 dozen treats. Keep in a cool place or freeze.





Mark Your Calendar



Shawnee Kennel Club

OBEDIENCE/RALLY SHOW & GO CONFORMATION AKC B Match

Frederick County Virginia Fairgrounds
155 Fairgrounds Rd Clearbrook, VA 22624

March 26, 2016

OBEDIENCE SHOW N GO 8AM-10AM: Cost \$10; \$7 for same dog in additional class. Pre-registration 6:00 AM to 7:30 AM at the facility. Judging begins at 8:00AM. There will be a time limit of 10 minutes per Utility Run, 8 minutes per Open or Novice Run plus stays. Stays will be done at random times during this time. Beginning with Utility; followed by Open, Novice and ending with Beginner Novice.

RALLY SHOW N GO 11AM-1PM: Cost \$10; \$7 for same dog in additional class. Pre-registration 6:00 AM to 10:00AM at the facility. Judging begins at 11AM. Beginning with Excellent followed by Advance and ending with Novice.

CONFORMATION AKC B MATCH: Cost \$10; \$7 for second entry of same dog. Pre-registration Noon to 1PM at the facility. Judging begins 2PM for Juniors and 3Pm starting with Herding, Hounds, Non-Sporting, Sporting, Misc., Terrier, Toy, and Working. Puppies for each group will be first in ring then regular classes. Then Best in Puppy followed by Best in Adult Match

For Exhibition Only (FEO) Class in any age group. Dogs with a major win or that are champions of record MAY ONLY compete in FEO. EXCEPTION-Juniors.

Directions Take Exit 321 off 81 N or S go towards Clearbrook and turn right on route 11 South. Fairgrounds on the right next to a school; go down drive and turn left; match is located in Whitacre building
Judges: Herding & Hounds-Carrie Chase; Non-Sporting-Brenda Santiago; Sporting-Henry Tuthill; Misc-Brenda Santiago; Terrier-Jill Griffin; Toy-Mary Lamphier; Working-Jill Griffin.

Juniors – Mary Lamphier

Adult Handling - Mary Lamphier
Best Puppy – Mary Lamphier
Best Adult – Mary Lamphier

Classes:
Puppies: 3-6, 6-9, 9-12
Adults: Open
Juniors: 8-11 yrs, 12-14 yrs, 15 to 17 yrs

Officers:
President-Mary Lamphier
Vice-President-Ruth Surface
Treasurer-Scotti Slonaker
Recording Secretary-Tina Parker-Craig
Corresponding Secretary-Ashley Banks
Board Members-Sandra De Laet, Anne Legge, Martha Butler and Eddie Surface

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Dear God: I t' s Me, The Dog

Dear God: Is it on purpose that our Names are spelled the same, only in reverse?

Dear God: Why do humans smell the flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell one another?

Dear God: When we get to Heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or will it be the same old story?



TITLES and PLAQUES

Anyone who was a member of the club as of December 31, 2015 is eligible to submit titles. This should include anyone on this email list as of today. You do not need to come to the awards banquet to participate, but we all hope you do.

So this year, we are going to try on online submission of title information. We can have paper copies available if folks have issues, but the form testers had good success, even from phones and tablets, so fingers crossed.

To get the email instructions, a link for submitting your titles, and instructions for dropping off your existing plaque or getting a new plaque, send an email to this address: editorial_design2@yahoo.com

Do NOT hit reply and send to the entire YAHOO list. :

Deadline for submissions of titles will be MARCH 19. That is a month. We need time for the printer to do their magic before the banquet. Plaques may be dropped off at the club room beginning MARCH 7.

Additional details will come in the email with the titles form.

And I am sure there will be more questions.

YAY Pi puppy! Pi is my Frosty daughter and is not yet a year old. She finished her Championship at Fredericksburg last month, going Best of Winner's over the boys both days, finishing with four majors. This weekend was her first weekend out as a Special. Today she went Best of Breed over 4 dog specials and 2 other bitch specials!!!! One of the bitch specials just went Best Opposite at Westminster. She showed like a pro, like she has done this a thousand times. What a THRILL to have the judge pull out my little Pi puppy for Best of Breed!

Margaret Bissell
Keepsake Kees



"WAGS & BRAGS"



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During the Pro finals, Data had the biggest jump of the 3 day Dock Dogs NRA Great Outdoor American Show - at 24 feet. This is his Dock Dogs personal best and he won first place.

Carol Nansal

Kenzie at the Star City KC Trial.

We headed back to Harrisburg, PA today for another Dock Dogs National Competition at the NRA Great American Outdoor Show at the Farm Show Complex. Data was a superstar! Not only did he win both of his waves with jumps of 23'3" and 22'11", in front of a huge crowd, but he was also the top seed in the Pro finals and won that with a fabulous 24' jump! Rory and Data were definitely rocking the dock today! Thank you Dean Gaulden Lake for breeding this special dog!

Rory L. Nansel.

Dog property laws

1. If I like it, it's mine.
2. If it's in my mouth, it's mine.
3. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
4. If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
5. If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
6. If I'm chewing something up, all the pieces are mine.
7. If it just looks like mine, it's mine.
8. If I saw it first, it's mine.
9. If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.
10. If it's broken, I didn't do it, it's yours.



**Legislative- Alice Harrington and Sharyn Hutchens - updated as of February 25, 2016.**

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Civil Immunity for private citizens who break into cars to rescue an animal they believe is in distress
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There were actually four bills -- all identical -- about granting immunity for breaking into cars. They were HB 38, HB 211, HB 1323, and SB 9. Here are the links for each of them.

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?161+sum+HB38>

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?161+sum+HB211>

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?161+sum+HB1323>

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?161+sum+SB9>

The VFDCB and the AKC strongly agree that no person or animal should ever be left in a situation where their health or safety are in danger. Those who would leave them in such a situation – including a vehicle – should be held accountable.

We are concerned, however, that these bills, as introduced, could lead to unintended consequences that would harm animals and punish responsible owners. A new trend on the rise across the United States is known as “dog flipping”, where dogs are stolen and then resold online for a profit. The AKC’s National Pet Theft Database shows that in 2014, there was a 4.5% increase in pet theft over the previous year. The statistics have dramatically increased since the AKC began tracking this trend in 2008.

All the House Bills have been tabled for this session and the Senate Bill has been amended to just cover civil immunity for first responders. It has been approved in the Senate and is currently awaiting action in the House.

As presented the three House bills would have allowed – and held free from liability – someone without law enforcement powers to break into a person’s car using force to remove an animal. We appreciate that these bills would have required the person to first attempt to contact appropriate law enforcement or animal control officials. However, in order to prevent pet theft – and the potential for allowing a dog to roam at large causing even more harm to the dog and/or the public – we recommend that any person who breaks into a car to free an animal be required to stay with the vehicle and animal, or at least in the vicinity, until a law enforcement official arrives. We further recommend that a person should not be permitted to leave the scene if the location of the animal is unknown.

Additionally, bills like this should allow for recourse for the owner if they did in fact take proper steps to ensure the animal’s safety was protected (such as proper ventilation, air conditioning, blankets, or other protocols appropriate for the breed of dog). Owners should also be exempt from liability for their dog harming someone as a result of breaking into the vehicle. Most animals would view the car as their “personal space” and would try to guard it. These protections are especially important if the animal flees the car and becomes at large.

We have shared our concerns with the sponsors of these bills (particularly Delegate Kory) and offered to work with them to craft bills that incorporated our suggestions.

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VFDCB supported two companion bills to improve ACO training - HB1211 and SB651. They are mirror images and have passed both chambers and are on the way to the Governor for his

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signature. Under current law ACOs have two years to complete their training. These bills reduce that period to one year with some exceptions.

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?161+sum+HB1211>

Any animal control officer hired on or after July 1, 1998, and before July 1, 2017, shall complete the basic



animal control course within two years from the date of hire. Any animal control officer hired on or after July 1, 2017, shall complete the basic animal control course within one year from the date of hire or within two years if the officer is attending a law enforcement academy; and

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Delegate Bobby Orrock has proposed a study HJ160 to have licensing of dogs and cats done at the state level - not the county. One goal is to create a statewide data base the all law enforcement can access. It has passed both chambers. We will be watching this one closely.

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?161+sum+HJ160>

An excerpt:

WHEREAS, notwithstanding these actions, the present system for licensing at the local level does not ensure a high level of vaccination compliance, is plagued by licensing noncompliance, and leaves animal control officers and other public safety officials without access to a statewide data resource regarding animals, thereby rendering animal control efforts more difficult and less effective; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia Department of Health be requested to study Virginia's procedures for licensing dogs and cats.

In conducting its study, the Virginia Department of Health shall review Virginia's companion animal licensing procedures and assess the feasibility of establishing a statewide system for recording rabies vaccinations and licensing that may include a statewide database of licensed companion animals that can be remotely accessed by animal control officers in the field. The Department shall be assisted in its work by a panel of stakeholders chosen by the Commissioner of Health. The panel of stakeholders shall include representatives of local government, the Virginia Animal Control Association, and the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association and citizens experienced in animal welfare issues.

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall provide technical assistance to the Virginia Department of Health for this study. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Virginia Department of Health for this study, upon request.

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The Virginia Department of Health shall complete its meetings by November 15, 2016, and report its findings and recommendations to the Chairman of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and Health by December 1, 2016, and shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an executive summary and a report of its findings and recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document. The executive summary and report shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports no later than the first day of the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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There has been a lot of talk about HB 340 sponsored by Delegate Orrock. Support. <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?161+sum+hb340>

After much discussion among all the constituents - primarily the public and private shelters in Virginia - this is the final version of the bill. It is moving through both chambers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall adopt regulations that determine whether a private animal shelter meets the purpose of finding permanent adoptive homes for animals.

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Another bill that caused a lot of talk is HB 476 carried by Delegate Farris. Support.

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?161+sum+HB476>

This bill seeks to have the intake policies of shelters and rescues reported and kept on file. It would add transparency to show that many such places have very restricted intake - lots of private shelters take no strays or animals that are not likely to be easily adopted. Such policies are a way to keep their euthanasia rates low. The bill has now run into some difficulty since VDACS says there will be a fiscal impact.

According to VDACS, this bill will require an expansion of the existing Animal Custody Record Online Reporting System to include a new module to collect the intake policy. Based on costs of similar systems, the department anticipates that \$51,000 the first year from the general fund is necessary for implementation of this new module, and \$6,000 each fiscal year thereafter to maintain and administer this requirement. The bill has passed the House and in the Senate it passed the Agriculture Committee but got referred to the Finance Committee. It is probably doomed.

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HB 156 - SUPPORT - Also carried by Delegate Orrock, details how VDACS will prepare and promulgate guidance documents. This bill passed the House but the Senate Agriculture Committee voted to continue the bill to the 2017 session.

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?161+sum+HB157>

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Harrington

Alice Harrington, Recording Secretary

Dog's Bedtime Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,
The king-sized bed is soft and deep.
I sleep right in the center groove,
My human beings can hardly move.
I've trapped their legs, they're
tucked in tight,
And here is where I pass the night.

No one disturbs me or dares intrude,
Til morning comes and "I want food!"
I sneak up slowly to begin,
And nibble on my human's chin.
For morning's here, it's time to play,
I always seem to get my way.

So thank you Lord, for giving me,
This human person that I see.
The one who hugs me and holds me tight,
And shares their bed with me at night.





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WHAT'S HAPPENING

March 7 - meeting
March 11-13 Agility trial
April 6 - Awards dinner
July 8-10 AKC Agility Trial
Aug 5-7 akc Obedience & Rally trial
Nov 18-20 obedience trial
Dec. 2-4 akc agility trial

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

**March 7 Meeting
At the
BRDTC Training Center
7 pm**



**March 11-13 Agility Trial
At Body Renew
(Sportsplex)**

