

# Blues News

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## *The Humble Shepherd*

*The night was dark and the night was long.  
The collie howled her lovely song.  
As sleet and snow began to fall,  
The sheep were glad to hear her call.*



*They gathered round her one by one.  
She checked them all, and began to run,  
To speed through fields that must be crossed.  
It's a long, long night when one is lost.*

*Her paws were icy, her nose was down,  
At last she heard a plaintive sound,  
A cry, through very small and weak,  
It was the lamb she had to seek.*

*Back they went, over hill and hollow.  
The lamb was weak and would not follow.  
The collie nipped and pushed and growled.  
They moved ahead as the cold wind howled.*

*As sheep looked into the empty white.  
Shapes appeared a welcome sight.  
She watched, impatient, as they drew near.  
The collie was back. There was nothing to fear.*

*The flock gathered round the cold lamb and formed  
A shelter from ice, a place safe and warm.  
The sheep licked ice from the wool and the ears  
Of the lamb, which was lost and shed frozen tears.*

*The dog watched her work, the sheep's true self revealed.  
The sheep lived her life with nothing concealed.  
She'd guard it from wind which continues to blow.*

*Our Savior, once when night was deep*

HAPPY  
EASTER

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**"I think we are drawn to dogs because they are the uninhibited creatures we might be if we weren't certain we knew better." - George Bird Evans, "Troubles with Bird Dogs"**





*Said, "you must always find lost sheep  
Rescue them from dreary places.  
Bring your strayed to loving spaces."*

*Memories, through the ages torn,  
Of the night when Christ was born,  
Passed on by ship, by woof, by howl,  
By moo, by hiss, by yip, by meow.*

*Those of fur and those of claw  
Did not forget the babe on straw.  
The lessons that we need to keep  
Are better learned from dogs and sheep.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

*Janie Wever*



*Dear Martha,*

*We are sending you this poem for the newsletter. It was written by my dear friend Jamie Wever. I visited her when she was sick. Over the time of my visits, she got more and more sick, but she was always happy to see me and had a gentle touch for my head even when she could no longer speak. Since I have been a therapy dog, I have met a lot of people who are sick and who like dogs. Jamie will forever be my favorite of all these people because she gave me so much love and asked only that I lie quietly beside her. I hope I will see her again when I get to the Rainbow Bridge, but for now this poem helps me remember her loving spirit. To me it shows her understanding of dogs and all animals and the role we play in people's lives.*

*Abby Manvchey*





**“Trophy's”**

Hi Everyone,

It is time to start thinking about our obedience trial in August. I will be doing the trophies again this year. I am looking for donations for the classes and the groups. Last year we did a \$25 donation for each class and group. That seemed to work really well so we are going to do that again this year. We will be doing \$10 for 1st, \$7 for 2nd, \$5 for 3rd, \$3 for 4th and \$25 for each group including All American.

Please let me know if you would like to sponsor a class or group.

Also if you have anything special that you would like to donate for a high scoring dog we would love to have it for the trial. We always have some of the best stuff!!

Thank you,  
*Jan Burgan*

Picture Of the Month



“GUESS What I DID!”

*Saba phil lips*

*Carb Brownies*

1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour 1/2 cup tapioca flour 2 tbs. applesauce  
1 tbs. brown rice syrup or molasses 1 cup water

Preheat oven to 350. Mix dry ingredients together in a large bowl. Add applesauce, brown rice syrup (or molasses), and water. Use a spoon to mix into a batter. Pour the batter into a greased 8x8 in square pan. Use the back of a wet spoon to spread evenly to the edges. Bake for 20 minutes or until top is firm.

**“Doggie Horoscope”**

Aries  
March 21 to April 20

Aries dogs are brave and courageous.

Taurus  
April 21 to May 20

Taurus dogs have an easygoing nature and love food.

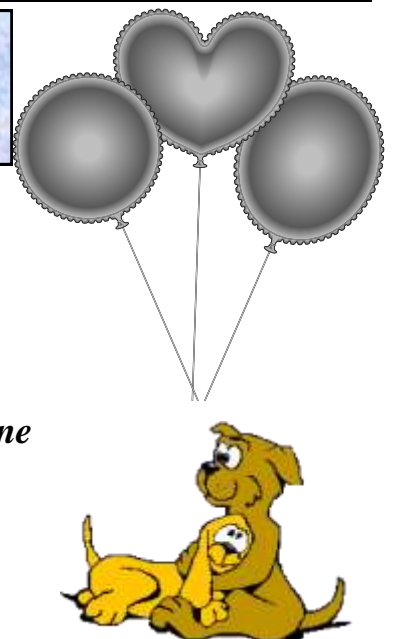
*Birthdays & Anniversary's  
December*

*Birthdays*

- Michell Bovey 5/3*
- Ginger Taylor 5/3*
- Cheryl Harrison 5/11*
- Donna Thompson 5/11*
- Laurie Ruddy 5/15*
- Stacy Defilippi 5/15*
- Alan Keane 5/22*

*Anniversary's*

- James & Laurie Ruddy 5/20/65*
- Carley & Alan Keane 5/20/06*
- Michelle & Rob Bovey 5/28/88*







# Mark Your Calendar



## **Blue Ridge Dog Training Club Is sponsoring a Canine Good Citizen & Therapy Dog International Test May 7, 2012**

Blue Ridge Dog Training Club Training Room In  
the Sportsplex of Winchester, 221 Commonwealth  
Court Winchester, VA 22602

Registrants must pre-register for this test.  
Payment will be expected at the time of testing.  
First group will begin testing at 6:30  
Registrants will be contacted regarding their specific  
test time and should arrive 15 minutes prior to their  
test time to complete paperwork.

To register, email or call or Joy Pitcher at [joyful-pitcher@aol.com](mailto:joyful-pitcher@aol.com) / (540) 532-2970.

\* You can also leave a message at the Blue Ridge  
Dog Training Club line: 540 662-1664

Fees: CGC Test only \$ 5.00 for members of Blue  
Ridge Dog Training Club  
\$10.00 for non members  
CGC and TDI Test \$20.00 for members of Blue  
Ridge Dog Training Club  
\$25.00 for non members

- \* TDI test includes the CGC test. Both tests must be  
taken on the same day, even if the dog  
has previously passed the CGC test:
- \* Dogs must be over 1 year to take the TDI test
- \* Please bring a brush for your dog for testing
- \* TDI requires dogs have flat buckle/snap collars for  
testing or non-training harness
- \* No treats are allowed in the testing area.
- \* You don't need to bring vaccination or vet records  
to testing
- \* Please bring your dog's AKC number (if you have  
one) for CGC paperwork

You will notified of your testing time via email, if  
you need to be informed by phone please indicate on  
registration form.

**We are also offering a preparation class (2 sessions  
will be offered) which will be put on the activities cal-  
endar as soon as we get the dates finalized.**

## **Future Dates to Remember**

### **Westminster Canterbury May 10th**

**This is the clubs big therapy program  
so start thinking about what you  
want to train your dogs to do.**

**Canine Carnival at the Frederick  
County Animal Shelter. May 12th.**

**Rabies Clinic at the Frederick  
County Animal Shelter. May 19th.**

**Frederick County Animal Shelter on  
Sept. 8 will hold a Patriotic Paws  
Day, or "PP" for short.**



**1920's WHIPPET Car.  
This rare car lives in Berryville, VA**



## Show & Go

The American Boerboel Club is holding its 1st licensed AKC herding test, 2 back to back tests in 1 day, at Keepstone Farm, in Berryville VA, May 5th. We cordially invite you and any of your club members to come out for a fun weekend, with ATTS Temp tests being offered Sun May 6th, same location. The premium list is attached and can also be found via these links. <http://www.clantyre.net/secserv/events.html>  
<http://ambevents.angelfire.com/ambevents/> Please cross post and tell your members.

Thank you, on behalf of the ABCKay Schauer-Truss

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### **George Alston Super Advanced**

### **Handling Clinic**

**September 8-9, 2012**

**UAW Hall,**

**2626 Papermill Rd.**

**Winchester, VA**

**Sponsored by the Shawnee**

**Kennel Club.**

**For more information please**

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## "Big Thank You"

A big thank you to Cheryl and their baked goods and big hugs to the "lunch bunch" for their help with the food for the Setter trial. Also Ginger Taylor- she not provides baked goods but entertained us as well! We received many compliments on what we offered.

Big compliment to Donna on a superb trial! Gem, Thriller, and Megan "done" well. Megan's puppy, Sprite, made her debut with 4 legs!

*Donna T.*

Dear Club Members,

I am long over-due in congratulating so many of you for recent successes. I have celebrated along with you the many "Q's" you have achieved. I love reading every story of successful competition!!!! I never cease to be impressed with your hard work and your fine accomplishments. I had family in for the weekend of the agility trial and now am on the road to complete a breeding for one of my girls.

We are currently in Louisiana.

I never cease to be amazed by the wonderful accomplishments of our members. Thanks for being such a great inspiration.

Sincerely,

*Sandy*

Abby and Cowboy send a big thank you to all their Blue Ridge fans for their support and special thanks to their teachers—Bernie, Stacy, John, Ed, Danielle, Janice, and Vicky—for helping their aging mom to handle them better.

*Theresa and the All American cow dogs*



## **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."**





## "WAGS & BRAGS"



The DGOTC UKC agility trial was last wkend (17-18th). Of my Whippet Travis' 8 runs, he Q'd 5 times, but only earned 16 ACH AGI points & a 3rd & 4th placement in two of the trials. Ashley, who except for our BRDTC trial the wkend before, hadn't been doing agility since last April due to all her conformation showing. She Q'd 6 of the 8 times and had placements 4 times. She earned 6 ACH AGI pts and 2 pts in AGII.

**Bobbie Lutz**

This weekend at the ESSA trial, Cowboy earned the first ever Mancheys dog agility title by getting his NJP in style with a clean run! Not to be out done again, his adopted mom Abby earned the first ever Mancheys dog standard leg with a first place in novice standard preferred. They also send big doggie hugs and kisses to their personal assistants Miss Joy and Miss Janet. I couldn't have done it without you guys. Thanks too to Donna R. for a beautifully run trial.

**Theresa and the All American cow dogs**

Kona obtained her 1st leg to her CD taking 3rd place with a 194 score. Outdoing her sisters high score.

**Ann Grugel**

I am pleased to announce that at the Mason-Dixon KC trials Lumina got her second leg towards her Novice Rally titled. She placed second with a score of 93. My mom (Annette Talbot) has been working very hard training her for rally and doing a great job with her.

**Cindy Gaines**

Today, at the Mason-Dixon KC trials, Timer (Winmar Jolly Timer Dan RA) AKA Mr. Wimpy, mustered all his courage and decided to be brave. He earned his first leg in Excellent A rally with a third place finish, and a second leg in Novice B obedience with a fourth place. We have a lot to celebrate tonight!

**Kathy**

Kona got 2 legs towards her CD this weekend 2 attempts 2 legs. Yeah Kona.

**Ann Grugel**

Icey and I had a good weekend! We started it off on Friday by going to the trial in Fincastle VA. Icey worked really well and won the Open B class, also going High in Trial!

After that, we came back north and on Saturday and Sunday, we did the Mason Dixon trials. On Saturday, Icey won a run off for third in Open B with a 198. And today, Icey was second in both Open B and Utility B, which also earned her High Combined!

Fun weekend with my little Spicey Icey!!!

**Margaret Bissell**

Keepsake Kees

Kenzie finished her Rally Excellent title today at the Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club trial with a first place. I am SO glad we practiced the new signs that became effective April 1.. We also placed third in Novice B obedience, for her second leg, and took second place in Beginner Novice, which is an interesting class.

**Carol Nansal**

I spent the week at Top Dog Training Camp with Mel & Tilly. Mel and I had fun in Nose Work and Run Through workshops and Tilly and I worked hard in the Fast Track class (CGC prep). I am pleased to tell you that at the tender age of 5 months Tilly earned her AKC Canine Good Citizen certificate. Now to get in the obedience ring with Mel and earn a CD!

**Sandy Stokes**

Kenzie completed her CD at the PVGRC Obedience and Rally Specialty Trial in Frederick, MD this weekend. She also completed her Beginner Novice title at the same time and earned 2 extra legs in Rally Excellent A. She was 100% with Q's and placements in all 6 classes we entered. She's such a good girl!

**Carol Nansal**





# "WAGS & BRAGS"

Hi all,  
Miss Xena finished her PAX title with double Q's Thursday & Friday at Dauphin--I am so proud of her! Especially since I was spacing out with the puppy and missed my JWW walkthrough on Thursday--Xena saved my butt again! We had a great time!

*Amy Grimm*



# The Winners Circle



**The National Obedience Invitational in Florida last December.**



Icey and her latest High in Trial rosette from the Sheltie Club trials at Point of Rocks MD on Sunday!  
*Margaret Bissell*

Frederick County  
Esther Boyd Animal  
Shelter  
rabies CLINIC  
Saturday  
May 19  
12-3 PM \$10

Bring current rabies  
Certificate if you  
have one  
Tell a Friend







## ***“Tracking Test Thank You”***

Tons of hard work went into our tracking test yesterday, and I want to thank the following for helping me pull it off:

**Jennie** - for scheduling the tracklayers, arranging the flags, and for buying their gifts

**Bob** - for helping with the flags and tracklaying

**April** - for being a tracklayer

**Patrice** - for smelling the best and having a dog pass

**Barb** - for being a tracklayer

**Mary Ann** - for surviving a tough track and walking behind Jennie

**Anita** - helping with the food

**Joyce** - for baking cookies and brownies and making potato salad

If I missed someone, I apologize--my brain and my body are barely functioning today!

We had one dog earn its TD--Karen Highley with one of her Basset Hounds.

Pat Kavanaugh earned her TDX with her wonderful golden who had won HIT and High combined at the golden specialty the day before!

It was tough scenting conditions because of the lack of rain, and I feel that more dogs would have passed had we had more moisture.

Please put Sept. 23 on your calendar--we would love to have more help the next time--food donations, a cleanup team, etc.

**Donna T.**

We also need to thank Donna Thompson for her faithful dedication to the sport of tracking. She put this trial together which was a lot of work. Thank you Donna for supporting tracking dogs and their handlers.

**Jeanie Johnson**

I agree with Jennie.....Donna is the one who really keeps it all together and organized. Even though it is usually a small turnout for our members; we always have a grand time anyway....and I like the way that the people entering our tracking tests always seem to really appreciate our hospitality. There is always such pride in all the tracking dog owners....pass or fail....they are still overflowing with pride in their loyal companions.

**Anita Belt**

## **Springtime Toxins**

By Erica Cargill, CVT and Justine Lee, DVM, DACVECC

Spring is just around the corner! Plant bulbs are just as excited to break through the ground to add some color to our yards as we are to see some greenery! That said, we need to be aware of the potential dangers spring plants can be for our pets.

### **Tulips and hyacinth**

Tulips contain allergenic lactones while hyacinths contain similar alkaloids. The toxic principle of these plants is very concentrated in the bulbs (versus the leaf or flower), so make sure your dog isn't digging up the bulbs in the garden. When the plant parts or bulbs are chewed or ingested, it can result in tissue irritation to the mouth and esophagus. Typical signs include profuse drooling, vomiting or even diarrhea, depending on the amount consumed. With large ingestions of the bulb, more severe symptoms such as an increase in heart rate and changes in respiration can be seen, and should be treated by a veterinarian. These more severe signs are seen in our overzealous, chowhound Labradors.

### **Daffodils**

These flowers contain lycorine, an alkaloid with strong emetic properties (something that triggers vomiting). Ingestion of the bulb, plant or flower can cause severe vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and even possible cardiac arrhythmias or respiratory depression. Crystals are found in the outer layer of the bulbs, similar to hyacinths, which cause severe tissue irritation and secondary drooling. Daffodil ingestions can result in more severe symptoms, so if an exposure is witnessed or symptoms are seen, we recommend seeking veterinary care for further supportive care.

### **Lilies**

There are dangerous and benign lilies out there, and it's important to know the difference. Peace, Peruvian, and calla lilies contain oxalate crystals that cause minor signs, such as tissue irritation to the mouth, tongue, pharynx and esophagus—this results in minor drooling. The more dangerous, potentially fatal lilies are true lilies, and these include tiger, day, Asiatic, Easter and Japanese show lilies—all of which are highly toxic to cats! Even small ingestions (such as the pollen or two to three petals or leaves) can result in severe kidney failure.





## The Presidents Corner

It has come to my attention that there are several un-numbered keys for the rear and glass doors of the Sportsplex that have been produced by making copies of other keys. As part of the need to control the access and be able to keep security of the facility, there are to be NO copied keys. Any and all keys to the training room must be distributed through the board/treasurer and be recorded. As I said, this is a security issue since the keys allow access to the entire Sportsplex facility on a 24/7 basis. I am not concerned with how the unauthorized keys have been distributed to this point, but they must be turned in since this is part of the original board's motion on controlling access. Therefore, anyone possessing the un-numbered keys will need to turn them in to Vicki as soon as possible.

This will be on a no questioned asked basis and new, numbered keys will be distributed. I apologize for having to write this e-mail but this does create a problem and we do not want to have the ownership of the Sportsplex feel that we are not maintaining a good control of access to the facility. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and please feel free to contact me off list if you have any questions or problems.

It has also come to our attention that the fire lane/parking issue behind the Sportsplex has come to breaking point. It appears that yesterday the owner of the Sportsplex again tried to set up his motor home behind the building. This resulted in not only the fire Marshall coming out but the actual Sheriff's office sending a couple of units and tickets and summonses being issued. As a result, it appears that the back fire lane area is going to be under a microscope and possibly being regularly patrolled by the Sheriff's office. Therefore, I am recommending that no one park in the rear of the building and use the regular parking areas on the Gander Mountain side or the front if the business. Hopefully after the situation cools a bit we will be able to talk with the authorities and get some parking back - maybe handicapped at least. However, with the emotions running high right now this will have to meet wait. Sorry for the inconvenience but I wanted all to be aware so no one ends up with a costly ticket or their car towed away.

Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

**John Defilippi**  
**BRDTC President**



2011 1040

**1040 EZ 2 DO TAX FORM**  
**New Simplified Tax Form**

- 1. How much money did you make? \$ \_\_\_\_\_**
- 2. Send it to us.**



Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service



## Springtime and the babies are budding

by Lynn Oliver



It's Spring! Babies are beginning to roll into area wildlife rehabbers now, right on schedule. Orphans happen mostly because of interferences with man and man's pets.

We often get asked how we get orphans in our rehab practice. Trees get cut down which were hosting nests of squirrels, flying squirrels, birds and raccoons, dumping out babies; ground is dug up, revealing nests of skunk babies, groundhog babies and chipmunk babies, not to mention moles. Dogs and cats discover nests of bunnies or birds, and attack them. (Speaking of pets, please try to keep your pets contained and not free roaming. Then they are safer and the wildlife out there having babies are safer. You can be a guardian angel for wildlife by keeping pets away from wildlife.)

Wildlife also get preyed on by other wildlife, leaving orphans behind. Unfortunately, the babies either starve to death in the nest or climb out looking for mother and are picked up (and usually injured) by dogs and cats. Sometimes they fall from a tree and are found with broken bones. They usually lie on the ground until someone or something finds them.

Sometimes, though, wild babies are NOT orphans, and don't NEED rescuing. Mama deer and cottontails, for example, leave their babies during the day and go out foraging. Some babies are safer without mama drawing attention to them. Well meaning people "rescue" these babies because they assume they've been abandoned. Let me say this: wild animals RARELY actually abandon their babies. Trust me: they WANT their babies and will come back looking for them. And contrary to the old wife's tale, they WILL take their babies back even with human scent on them.

It's confusing, then, to know what needs rescuing, eh?

What should you do if you find wildlife in need of assistance?

First, make sure the animal really needs help. See: <http://www.wildliferescueleague.org/rescue.html> to help you determine this. Some animals are accidentally "kidnapped" from the wild by well-meaning people. Also, see my nonprofit's website: [valleywildlife.org](http://valleywildlife.org) with great tips and downloadable documents. Look at the "Found Wildlife?" section.



Make sure you are not putting yourself in danger by helping the animal. If the situation is too dangerous, call animal control to help. Check your phone book or the internet to locate your local animal control officers.

Take precautions to avoid being bitten and to avoid direct contact with the animal: If you have gloves, wear them; or use a towel as a barrier between you and the animal.

Place the animal in a box with a tight-fitting lid (but make sure they can breathe!).

Keep the animal WARM if it's a baby. You can make a simple warming device by filling an old, clean sock about 3/4 full with regular store-bought rice (tie it off at the end) and microwave it until warm. Wrap in an old towel. Lay the baby next to it, but be sure it's not too hot. Or, if at home, place a heating pad ON



LOW ONLY under HALF of the box (this gives the animal a cool place to move to if it gets too warm).

Do NOT offer the animal food or water! Why? Because the animal is in a state of distress and first of all, it probably won't eat or drink (if you were in an ambulance on your way to the hospital, would you want a cheeseburger?). Secondly, if it is dehydrated, it needs an ISOTONIC re-hydration solution, which water is NOT (water is good if you are ALREADY hydrated). Thirdly, if you are not VERY careful, the animal could aspirate food/water into it's lungs and end up with pneumonia - ESPECIALLY baby animals. [PLEASE: NEVER GIVE COW'S MILK! Cow's milk is too rich and causes infant wildlife to have diarrhea, which can kill it.] Trust me, the babies will probably be OK until you get them to us. And, we can talk with you and give you instructions over the phone if too much time has passed and you really feel like the babies need something. Also: NEVER FEED A COLD BABY. A cold baby cannot digest anything. A severely dehydrated baby cannot, either.

Keep the animal in a quiet, safe place and resist the temptation to peek at it. Do NOT "show and tell" with children, neighbors, etc! This stresses the animal – and stress KILLS!

**Call a rehabber for help ASAP. Keep in mind, that rehabbers usually specialize in certain animals. They may need to give you another number to call for the species you are trying to help. Check the internet to find rehabbers closest to you (we are available to help you if you are in the northern Shenandoah Valley of VA if you have a small mammal that needs help. You can reach Valley Wildlife Care at (540) 869-9524 or (540) 465-5315). We will need you to bring the animal to us, but will TRY to meet you somewhere, if we are not knee-deep in feeding babies. If you find birds that need rescuing, we will refer you to Blue Ridge Wildlife Center in Millwood (540) 837-9000. They also take in injured animals and have a wildlife vet on staff. We usually suggest all injured go to them first. "Normal" vets will not see wildlife! Always leave a message for a rehabber. We often cannot pick up the phone right away, but will call you back if you leave your name/number. Here are a couple of links to find rehabbers in other areas (and sorry, but rehabbing is not allowed in WV): -<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/injured/rehabilitators.asp> -<http://wildliferehabber.com/modules/xoopsmembers> -Wildlife Hotline for Northern VA: (703) 440-0800**

#### -----Sidebars-----

#### **Did you mow over a bunny's nest?**

Mama cottontail WANTS her babies. Doesn't matter if you've touched them. She feeds at dusk and dawn and sometimes in the middle of the night. You won't see her during the bright day time. She leaves the babies so as not to attract attention to them during the day.

**Here's what to try:** If the babies are uninjured (AND THERE'S NO BLOOD), gather up the nesting materials and put everything back, including the babies. Put as much mother's fur and dried grasses over the babies as you can. Take regular flour and make a circle around the perimeter of the nest, about 4-inches wide. LEAVE the babies alone overnight. Next morning, go out and see if there are prints in the flour, indicating the mama has come back in the night to feed her babies. If so, viola! You've reunited mama and babies.

Note: you can also put small sticks over the nest in a tic tac toe pattern;







or use string to make a tic tac toe pattern if you don't have flour.

### **Did your dog/cat find a bunny's nest?**

**Here's what to try:** If the babies are uninjured (AND THERE'S NO BLOOD OR BITE MARKS), gather up the nesting materials and put everything back, including the babies. Put as much mother's fur and dried grasses over the babies as you can.

Cover the nest during the day time with an upside-down laundry basket with a heavy weight on top. Just make SURE to remove the basket before dusk; and put it back on the nest after dawn, when mama bunny feeds.

Keep the dog/cat inside for about 3 weeks. The babies leave the nest around 3-4 weeks of age, so it's only a temporary nuisance for you; and you've been a guardian angel to those babies. (You DO know heaven will reward you for that, right?)

### **Did you knock down a squirrel's nest with babies in it?**

Mama squirrel WANTS her babies. Doesn't matter if you've touched them. She feeds throughout the daytime and nests with them at night, coming out a dawn.

**Here's what to try:** If the babies are uninjured, you can make a temporary nest for them. Take a cardboard box, put old fleece and shredded newspaper in it about 8" deep, so the babies can stay warm.

If you have some hand warmers, crack them to get them heating and put in the box (at the bottom). Or make a rice sock and heat it in the microwave, wrap in an old dish towel and put that in the homemade nest.

Put the babies in the box, nestled in the bedding.

Tape the lid shut and make an approx 3" diameter hole on the SIDE, up towards the top, so the babies can't fall out.

Mount the box as close as you can to the original nest site (on the side of a tree; or if found in a chimney, on the roof) using twine or bungee cords.

Leave it alone during the day, but NOT overnight. If necessary, keep the babies inside for the night and put them out first thing in the morning. Don't try to feed them. They'll be fine overnight. If they are eyes open, though, you can put some apple cubes in with them to nibble on.

Mama SHOULD come back and take her babies to an alternate nest site (she usually has other nest sites already staked out).

If she does NOT get the babies, call a rehabber. She may have gotten spooked and moved on; or something else could have happened to her.





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**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

- June 15 - Meeting
- July 6-8 - Agility Trial
- July 28 - Picnic Meeting
- Aug 4- Obedience Trial
- Sept 5 - Meeting
- Sept 8 - Patriotic paws
- Oct 31- Meeting
- Nov - tba
- Dec - Christmas auction

month a visit to the  
nursing homes

Envoy 1st & 3rd Monday 11am  
Spring Arbor 2nd & 4th Tuesday  
1 pm

Hill Top 2nd & 4th Friday 10:45 am

**“May Events”**

May 07 -  
Cgc/TDI test

May 9-  
Meeting  
At the sportsplex

May 10-  
Westminster Canterbury

May 12-  
canine Carnival  
Sherando Park

