

Blues News

August 2011

BLUE RIDGE
DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



Established 1967

2011 BRDTC Annual Picnic



I just want to thank everyone for their hard work at the picnic on Saturday. I think everyone had a good time despite the heat.
Hal



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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"







Maragret Dean

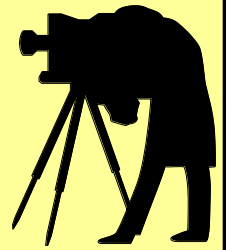




***On behalf of the Club,
I want to thank Holly
for making up a very
nice first-ad kit and
placing it in the big
trailer.***

***Wanted to make sure
that everyone knew
that it was there.
Donna T.***

Picture Of the Month



**What
Dog
In a
Hat?**

Breeze
(in Hat)
&
Cooper
Rich



Minty Dog Bones

Ingredients:

- 1 Tbl. Veg. Oil
- 1 C. Water
- 2 ½ C. Whole Wheat Flour
- ½ C. Oatmeal
- 2 Tbl. Dried Mint
- 1/3 C. Chopped Parsely

Directions: Mix Oil and Water, slowly add flour and other ingredients, roll dough out on a flat surface. Cut with bone-shaped cookie cutters. Bake 35 minutes in a 350 degree oven. Makes about 2 dozen cookies (depending on the size of your cutter).



"Doggie Horoscope"

Leo

July 23 to August 22

Your Leo dog is fiercely loyal, and cannot endure if you ignore him. He needs attention, praise, and adoration.

Virgo

August 23 to September 22

Your Virgo dog is loyal and attentive and expects the same trustworthiness from you. He loves routine and all things in order. So, stay in time for feeding and walking him.

Birthdays & Anniversary's September

Birthdays

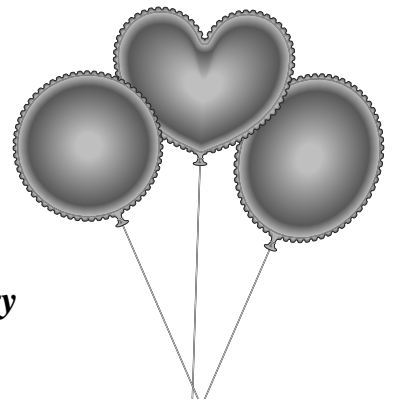
Roger Belt 9/11

***Bernie Thomp-
son 9/24***

Anniversary's

***Kathie Kiss & Gary
Smith 9/01/01***

***Amy Grimm & Kevin
Yungk 9/9***





Mark Your Calendar



Tracking Trial

Hey Guys,
We are making preparations for the Upcoming Tracking test on Sept. 25th. We will be serving lunch on Sat. and Sun. with a light breakfast on Sun. as well. We still need the following items:
Sat., Sept. 24th - 20 or so of the individual bags of chips, a garden salad and dressings (3), cookies or something for dessert
Sun., Sept. 25th - Breakfast - 2 quarts of juice, a half dozen muffins or some sort of breakfast food, fruit salad
Lunch - 2 kinds of salads, coleslaw, a cake or something for dessert
I will also accept money if you can't make anything.
Please - email me PRIVATELY at anderthms@comcast.net

Frederick Co. Animal Shelter

Sept. 10, 2011

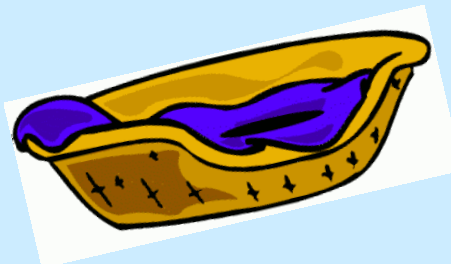


Patriotic Paws Day

11a.m. - 2 p.m.

Looking for demonstrators
Items for Silent Auction

Held at the Shelter
161 Fort Collier Road
Winchester, VA 22603





Would like to thank the wonderful stewards who gave up their Saturday to help us. You were a great asset, and the rings ran smoothly.

Thanks,
Donna T.

First of all I want to apologize for not sending out a note of thanks yesterday, but I foolishly agreed to run a ring at the Elkhound agility trial so it was a busy weekend in setterdom.

I do want to send out a huge thanks to all the Blue Ridge people who came and helped out with the trial. We rearranged the running order a bit and we were finished by 5:30 and had the place clean and empty by 6:15 PM Yeah!! This could not have been accomplished without all the help with set up at 7AM, running the rings all day and clean up after we were finished. So many club members were there to steward and help out with anything else- we obviously couldn't have done it without you all. Thanks. A special thanks goes out to all my trial committee members.

You all are the best! Ed as our equipment and grounds person did a fantastic job of bringing all of the equipment and ring gates down from Cross Junction and setting up the rings in the morning with the help of several club members. He also put out our poop stations and made sure they were supplied. At the end of the day he was back to tear down, load up and take everything back to Cross Junction. Thanks so much for all your hard work Ed. Amy Grimm was another committee member who was there all day to help set up, run the trial, get ice, respond to exhibitors, run her dog, and help tear down. She was also our liaison with the rec center and kept everything running smoothly. I couldn't do it without your help Amy.

Donna T rounded up a great crew of stewards and coordinated the workers in each ring- a very big job. She also did so many little things like run the NQ raffle, bring rally equipment, and buy the judges gifts. Thanks to Donna and her ring stewards which kept the rings running smoothly and efficiently.

Jan Burgan once again is trophy chair extraordinaire! All the exhibitors LOVED her idea of giving cash prizes for trophies- I mean who can't use money these days. I had so many people tell me how much they appreciated this. Jan had her table so organized and all her prizes ready to go when the classes were finished. She put in so much work soliciting trophy donations and I have to thank each and every club member who sponsored a trophy with a donation. We have a small one day trial but I believe we have the most and best trophy list of any club in the area. Janet Moore did a fantastic job with the food once again. She planned very well and everyone was fed but we also had minimal amounts of food left over- great! And Annette's ham salad was the hit of the lunch bunch- thank you Annette for supplying our trial with a very special home made lunch option.

Finally the trial would never have been possible without our trial secretary Cheryl, who put in hours and hours on the computer at

home inputting entries and corresponding with exhibitors. Everything went smoothly at the trial but there were many computer glitches that Cheryl dealt with during the time leading up to the trial. I am so happy to have a knowledgeable computer person running our programs and doing the trial secretary job. She is so organized and efficient and I am so glad she has taken on this difficult task for our club. Thanks!

I saw many obedience and rally exhibitors at the agility trial on Sunday and they ALL stopped me to say what a great time they had and how well our trial was run and what great prizes we offer. I know we have a small trial but we filled most of the classes and with the new running order, we were not running classes through the evening. For the club member there I would love to hear feedback on the way we ran the trial this year. Any comments good or bad would be welcome- we can always improve.

Thanks again to our awesome trial committee members, our fantastic club workers, and our generous trophy donators! Blue Ridge ROCKS!!!

Donna Richardson

I was really happy to win High in Trial and High Combined (as well as all the other class placements and special awards) at the Blue Ridge trial on Saturday. Please thank all the generous club members who offered trophies and/or worked at the trial. It was well organized and ran beautifully. The club thought of every detail to make the trial comfortable for participants. It was really nice that you had a photographer there so that participants have the opportunity to have mementos of the event. Well done!

Elaine O'Carroll

A big congratulations to all of my rally students for their performances this weekend! I am very proud of all of you. You guys did great and I hope there was a lot of steak cooked for the dogs Saturday night.

AND a huge thank you to our rally trial queens (Donna R., Cheryl, Donna T, Amy and Janet) for all their hard work to put on a great trial.

Joy and the Fur bunch





Obedience Trial 2011
Pictures By
Marzenna Gilbert & Alice Seabright









"WAGS & BRAGS"



Another Blue Ridge dog will be making the trek to Florida for the Eukanub invitational. Andy, Malinois Ace & I are looking forward to watching you all in obedience & agility between our breed competition.

Cheers to us all!

April Albert

My turn to brag as well. Icey and Nikkee are ranked #1 and #2 in OTCH points in Obedience. So they will both get invitations to compete at the National Obedience Invitational in Florida in December!

Margaret Bissell

Keepsake Kees

Sonnett will have a friend there to hang with since she made the top 5 English Setters and will be getting an Invitation also! Making the top 5 in Dobermans is ALOT harder than making top 5 in English Setters.

Donna R

I took Kindle for a test drive in Novice JWW Sunday to see what we need to be working on. It took her the 3 tries to do the weaves because she was in a hurry but the rest of her run was lovely and she got her 1st agility Q with a 1st place. So proud of my baby girl!

Janice

Satchmo and I went to the Harford County Farm Fair this weekend for a national dock dogs event. While he didn't have a personal best jump, he consistently jumped between 19-21 feet and took home 4- first places (1 in the Senior group and 3 in the Masters group) and got a 4th and 5th both in the Master's group on Saturday. He also earned his national Master's jumpers title!

AND, for the first time, made the finals in a national trial where finals are broken into three divisions: Amateur up to 17'11"; Semi-Pro 18-21'11" and Pro 22' and over. He competed in the Semi Pro group and took 2nd place (with just an inch between him and the winner!).

As usual he took a victory swim after each and this time I ended up in the water to get him each time (which though it isn't the cleanest water wasn't bad given the heat!)

To add to the great weekend, when he got up to jump the 2nd and 3rd days, the announcer described Satchmo's jumping as "poetry in motion".

Joy and Satchmo

So far this weekend at the Norwegian Elkhound agility trial in Fredericksburg, Oreo got her excellent fast title with a second place! Today mocha got a novice jww leg with a first place! Hope the obedience trial is going good for everyone there! Hope to hear lots of brags!

Stacy D

At the Blue Ridge obed/rally trials today, doxie Joey (CH Camerons "Meet Joe Black") finished his novice rally title (RN) so now we can call him nurse Joey!

I am very proud of my boy!

Kathy

It was such a joy to see so many of our Club members earn a leg in rally yesterday--a big improvement from last year's trial! As some of you know, Sweets has been away most of the year at bird dog camp; but I decided to take a chance and enter her in Adv. Rally. Was hesitant all day about showing her because she was frightened of the crowd.

The good news is -

Sweets got a 96 and 3rd place and beat her sister Gem who only got a 95!

The most peaceful place was in the ring with only the judge to contend with!

A big thanks to everyone who helped with the trial!

Donna T.

Cowboy would like to thank Miss Joy for teaching him rally while Abby was in agility class. He is very proud of his bright yellow 3rd place ribbon and keeps telling Abby it is much prettier than her green Q ribbon. She says that's okay because she now has 2 of those nice green ribbons and if she can win one more she'll be a "nurse", which is her life's dream. Many thanks to everyone who made the trial so much fun for everyone, and congratulations to all our friends who did so well on Saturday.

Theresa, Abby and Cowboy Manhey

Sparks has a little brag. Via email today, I received her Invitation to the Eukanuba breed event in Florida in December. She earned this by finishing her breed Championship from the Bred By Exhibitor classes. Sparks finished her CH back in April by going BOB. Icing on the cake that day was getting a Group Four as well!

The furry dogs and I had a nice day of playing obedience this weekend. Frosty had a nice go in utility, just couldn't quite do go-outs. Icey had a decent go in Open, placing 3rd. Sparks had one of her nicest goes ever in Novice and won the class!

Margaret Bissell



“More Brags!”

First, thank you all for the great trial this wkend. If it wasn't smooth, I sure didn't see it. The schedule worked well for me & I was able to get out early enough to drive to NJ in torrential rain to show Ashley in conformation on Sun. She showed beautifully, but guess she just wasn't the judge's type.

BTW, since she has now earned her Grand CH, she also got an invite to the AKC Eukanuba Natl' show in FL in Dec. And she's eligible for Westminster KC next Feb. As to our trial, Nigel earned his first Rally Excellent leg and got a 3rd place. Nikki earned her 2nd Rally Excellent leg. Shannon almost earned a Nov. B obed. leg - but was just short of a perfect sit stay. And Travis, welllll, Travis was not working well this wkend. Judging by the pix Marzena took of him, it looks like we're arguing over what he's SUPPOSE to do at the one rally sign. He took the stop sign emblem to mean "stop & don't work any more!".

Bobbie Lutz

Dear Joy, Congrats to both of your puppy's and thanks for all your help with my girls. Leia got her 3rd leg and her excellent title with a 98-first place and Trudy got her first leg of her novice title with a 97. We have missed classes for the last 3 weeks but kept working at home on the rally skills. Its great showing with so many friends to support you. Thanks to Kathy and Donna for all their excellent help with Leia.

Cheers Joyce

My two younger and nervous by nature pups both qualified in Novice Rally though they made me work for it. At his first rally competition, Satchmo dealt with a room full of his biggest fear and qualified with an 81. I do think he was wondering "where is the dock and pool?".

Issie also worked through her nerves and qualified with an 86 and now has 2 legs towards her Novice title. I am really proud of her because last year she couldn't finish the course.

Thank you to everyone for their help with my boy, I always say it takes a village with him!

Joy and the Fur bunch

Satchmo had an unbelievable weekend at the Outdoors man Sports Show in Richmond,

VA. He shattered his past personal best of 22 feet with his best of the weekend being 23 feet 10 inches and half of his jumps exceeding 23 feet (and most of the rest over 22 ft).

For the third event in the row, he made finals but this time he was in the "Elite" jumpers group which include dogs jumping 23 feet to 24'11". He placed 4th overall in finals (and he had the the 4th farthest jump of the weekend!).

As usual he took his victory swim after each and I joined him for many of them to get him out of the water. We even

did a little synchronized swimming (at the request of the announcer) one time.

Joy and Satchmo



“Winners Circle”



CH. Pride 'N Joy's Radiant Ruby at the Shawnee Kennel Club Show in Woodstock, VA





Remembering Nikkee Bissell



Saturday was a very hard day for me. Two weeks ago today, I lost my Heart Dog, Nikkee. Nikkee and I had many Firsts together. She was from my first litter. She was my first Champion. She was my first OTCH dog and first MACH dog. All those

together made her the first CH OTCH MACH Keeshond in history and the 17th dog in all of AKC to earn those titles. She was the first Keeshond to earn two KCA Hall of Fame Awards, one in obedience and one in agility for earning a MACH2. Besides all her titles and history making, Nikkee was my Heart Dog. She followed me everywhere in the house, in the yard, around the farm. We had an incredible connection. Wherever I went, she had to go too.

One of Nikkee's favorite things was her Cube. That's the blue cube that you can put food in and it has to be rolled to get it out. She would squeal at it sitting on top of the refrigerator, demanding that I fill it, then roll it around until it was empty. Then she would carry it to her bed and guard it and talk to it to try to get it to give her more food! Her other love was puppies. Nikkee raised two litters herself, then helped raise her daughter Icey's puppies as well. It was a big challenge to keep Nikkee out of the puppy pool so Icey could nurse them! Nikkee had her spot in the bed, her spot in the van, and mostly her spot in my heart. She has left a very big hole in my life and I'm doing my best to cope with that. Thank goodness for the comic relief of my other furry dogs who are still here with me. I did my best to pretend Saturday was just another dog show, but it was the first dog show in almost 12 years without my beloved Nikkee. I know Icey saw through that. I could tell she was a bit "off" but that was because I was very "off". It will get better, it will just take time to realign the pack.

Margaret Bissell
Keepsake Kees



"New Member"

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"Juno at Work"

Four years ago, I donated a Springer puppy to Beckie Stanevich who trains with FEMA. She has worked tirelessly to train for search and rescue at her own expense. Much travel is involved, and very few dogs make it into this program.

She passed the test yesterday in OH, and we are thrilled that she made it. She is a full sister to our dear, little Sweets. The dog's name is "Juno"

Donna & Bernie





Dog Heatstroke Survival Guide

Know how to treat and prevent this dangerous condition. What is heatstroke?

In simple terms, heatstroke occurs when a dog loses its natural ability to regulate its body temperature. Dogs don't sweat all over their bodies the way humans do. Canine body temperature is primarily regulated through respiration (i.e., panting). If a dog's respiratory tract cannot evacuate heat quickly enough, heatstroke can occur.

To know whether or not your dog is suffering from heatstroke (as opposed to merely heat exposure), it's important to know the signs of heatstroke.

A dog's normal resting temperature is about 100.5 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit. Once a dog's temperature rises above 105 degrees, physiological changes start to take place, and the dog begins to experience the effects of heatstroke. At 106 to 108 degrees, the dog begins to suffer irreversible damage to the kidneys, liver, gastrointestinal tract, heart and brain.

If a dog is experiencing heatstroke, you may observe excessive panting; hyperventilation; increased salivation; dry gums that become pale, grayish and tacky; rapid or erratic pulse; weakness; confusion; inattention; vomiting; diarrhea; and possible rectal bleeding. If the dog continues to overheat, breathing efforts become slowed or absent, and finally, seizures or coma can occur.

The amount of damage a dog sustains when stricken with heatstroke depends on the magnitude and duration of the exposure. The longer and more severe the exposure, the worse the damage will be.

What to do

1. Pay attention to your dog. Recognizing the symptoms of heatstroke and responding quickly is essential for the best possible outcome.
2. Get into the shade. If you think your dog is suffering from heatstroke, move it into a shaded area and out of direct sunlight. Apply cool water to the inner thighs and stomach of the dog, where there's a higher concentration of relatively superficial, large blood vessels. Apply cool water to the foot pads, as well.
3. Use running water. A faucet or hose is the best way to wet down your dog's body. Never submerge your dog in water, such as in a pool or tub - this could cool the dog too rapidly, leading to further complications, including cardiac arrest and bloating.
4. Use cool - not cold - water. Many people make the mistake of using cold water or ice to cool the dog. When faced with a dog suffering from heatstroke, remember that the goal is to cool the dog. Using ice or extremely cold water is actually counterproductive to this process because ice and cold water cause the blood vessels to constrict, which slows blood flow, thus slowing the cooling process.
5. Don't cover the dog. One of the keys to successfully cooling your dog is ensuring the water being placed on the dog can evaporate. Never cover an overheated dog with a wet towel or blanket. This inhibits evaporation and creates a sauna effect around your dog's body. Likewise, don't wet the dog down and put it into an enclosed area, such as a kennel. Any air flow during the cooling process is helpful in reducing the dog's body



temperature. Sitting with the wet dog in a running car with the air conditioner blowing is an ideal cooling situation.

6. Keep the dog moving. It's important to try to encourage your dog to stand or walk slowly as it cools down. This is because the circulating blood tends to pool in certain areas if the dog is lying down, thus preventing the cooled blood from circulating back to the core.

7. Allow the dog to drink small amounts of water. Cooling the dog is the first priority. Hydration is the next. Don't allow the dog to gulp water. Instead, offer small amounts of water that's cool, but not cold. If the dog drinks too much water too rapidly, it could lead to vomiting or bloat.

8. Avoid giving human performance drinks. Performance beverages designed for humans are not recommended because they are not formulated with the canine's physiology in mind. If you can't get an overheated dog to drink water, try offering chicken- or beef-based broths. See a veterinarian

Once your dog's temperature begins to drop, cease the cooling efforts and bring the dog to a veterinarian as soon as possible. Your dog's temperature should be allowed to slowly return to normal once cooling has begun. A dog that's cooled too quickly may become hypothermic.

Even if your dog appears to be fully recovered, the veterinarian needs to check to determine if the heatstroke caused any damage to your dog's kidneys and liver. The effects of heatstroke can continue for 48 to 72 hours longer, even if your dog appears normal.

William Grant, DVM, a veterinarian for 20 years and former president of the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association, has treated hundreds of cases of heatstroke, ranging from mild to fatal.

According to Grant, the most common cause of death following heatstroke is disseminated intravascular coagulopathy (blood coagulating throughout the body), or DIC, which can occur hours or days after the heatstroke episode.

DIC can also be caused by pyometra or septicemia, but Grant says heatstroke is the most common cause. "Once a dog develops DIC, it may bleed in the thorax, abdomen, nose and intestine," Grant says. "Once the blood-clotting factors are consumed, there is an inability of the blood vessels to prevent leaking; the condition is almost always fatal." For this reason, follow-up veterinary care is essential following a heatstroke episode, even if your dog seems to be completely fine.

Prevention is the best medicine

The best treatment for heatstroke is prevention. Especially during the summer months, it's essential to be aware of the potential for heatstroke. Knowing the signs of heatstroke, and taking the necessary steps to prevent it, will ensure your dog can have a safe and active life year-round.





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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sept 13 - Theresa manchey
Sept 25 - tracking test
Oct 28 - Halloween party
Nov 14 - tba
Dec 17 - Christmas Auction

Nursing Home Visits

1st & 3rd Monday - Envoy
1st & 3rd Tuesday - Spring
Arbor
2nd & 4th Friday - Hill top
of each month



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