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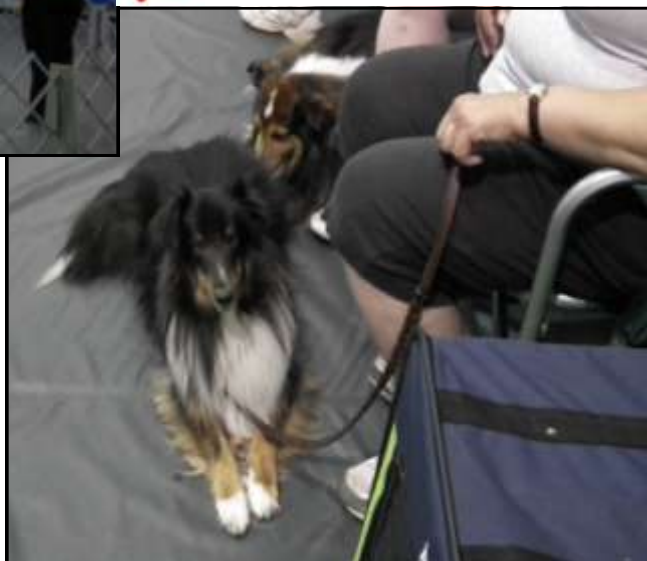
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BLUE RIDGE
DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



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Obedience Trial 2010



Pictures of Obedience ,
Rally and Paws for
Reading were taken by
Marzenna Gilbert.



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"Dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing right in your ear."

Dave Barry







Rally 2010





Hi Everyone:

Skip and I are leaving tomorrow for UVA - his surgery (6 - 10 hours) is scheduled for Friday - and we'll be down there for at least 6 - 14 days (depending on his recovery time). He will have a long recuperation period at home, but we are very optimistic that though the road to recovery will not be easy - that he will make a total recovery and be back rescuing and playing with the dogs.

I cannot thank everyone in this club enough for all your kindnesses, hard work, donations, foster care, transport help, well wishes, and prayers. Bernie (and friends) delivered the tractor and brush hog) yesterday - - - - - and Skip just LOVES it. THANK YOU - - - -

This is a very special club with a very special membership. We love you all - - and we hope to be back and active very soon, though we can probably never repay you. THANK YOU - - - - I'll be sending updates via Donna.

Cyberhugs to you all
Carol Free

PICNIC THANKS!

Many, many thanks for a fun evening and your generosity. It was great night! Good food, too!

Donna T.



NEW MEMBER

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Still Looking for a Home

Sweetie-Pie. She is scared of men, and in her foster home, she is starting to wag her tail and come when called. This little girl has no muscle or fat on her body. She deserves better than what she had. Lots of T.L.C. should help her greatly I hope you can open these pictures. Sweetie-pie is a 4 year old A.C.D, who was practically starved before my Humane Soc found out about her and 3 others in the same condition. They have never seen a warm kennel or good food. She is now in a foster home, until we can find her a forever home. She will need lots of T.I.C. as she is scared to death of anything new.. you can contact me if interested in helping this poor girl Sweetie is spayed , up on shots, H.W.& lymes negative, dewormed, Ginger



Hi Everybody, It will be interesting to see what Nature has for us next. We have had everything thrown at us from 50 inches of snow to bone dry summer. The club continues to have lots of activities. With Classes coming up and Patriotic Paws at the shelter along with the SPCA Pawfest. There is still visits to the nursing home and who knows what the future will bring since this club is so multi talented and giving. So far it has been a busy year and a lot to be proud of. I am looking forward to seeing who gets the next MACH. This seems to be the year for winners. Maybe we should do a collection of pictures with all our MACH title holders?

Still looking for stores.
Call me at 540/877-2227
or e-mail me at
4sarah@shentel.net.



Picture Of the Month



**“How
Hot
Is
It?”**

Icy Paws Frozen Homemade Dog Treats

2 32-oz tubs plain or vanilla yogurt

2 tsp. garlic powder

One 6-oz can tuna in water

23 3-oz plastic (not paper) bathroom cups

Open yogurts. If they are full to the top, use a spoon to scoop out one bathroom cup. These will be frozen as plain yogurt. Put half of the can of tuna in each yogurt container. Add 1 tsp. garlic powder to each container. Mix each container thoroughly. Use a spoon to scoop the mixture into the cups. Place on tray and pop in freezer overnight. Makes approximately 24 treats. **Variations:**

Natural Flea Prevention: mix in garlic powder, brewers yeast, and fennel seed

Veggie Delight: mix in cooked peas or other veggies

Chicken Icy Paws: used canned chicken instead of tuna

Potassium Boost: add in a mashed banana

Can also use standard ice cube tray instead of plastic cups. When frozen, pop out and put in plastic bags or wrap in wax paper.

Posted by Jack and Amy Corrigan.



“Doggie Horoscope”

Leo

July 23 to August 22

Your dogs demanding nature puts him constantly in the center of the family's attention. Assumingly he waits for fresh and tasty food, regular grooming, and patting. He enjoys being the king of all. He is extremely affectionate, faithful, confident, and proud.

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

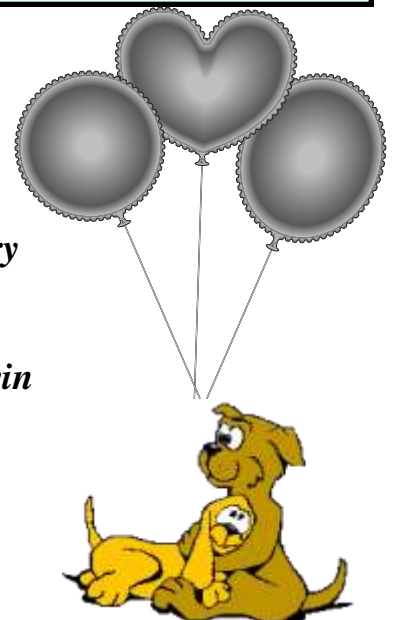
Roger Belt 9/11

**Bernie
Thompson 9/24**

Anniversary's

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

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





Mark Your Calendar



SPCA Pawfest

September 18th

The SPCA is holding their Pawfest again this year, and they would like us to have a table with some information about our Club and our classes.

The time frame is from 10 to 3. Do we have anyone who would want to take their dog and answer questions? Perhaps we could have a morning crew and an afternoon crew.

Let me know -

Donna T.

A Rare Opportunity to Participate in a **GEORGE ALSTON HANDLING CLINIC**

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UAW HALL, 2625 PAPERMILL
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WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA 22601

8 A.M. – 5 P.M. EACH DAY

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(Emphasis on training the handler rather than
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Proudly Hosted By The Shawnee Kennel
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Beginner and Advanced—\$165.00 for the two-day seminar.

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For more information, contact Anne Legge,
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11 A.M.—2 P.M.**

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ESTHER BOYD ANIMAL SHEL-
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HOUSE AND CELEBRATING OUR FREEDOM.*

*EVENTS INCLUDE ANIMAL RELATED EVENTS,
DEMONSTRATIONS, RESCUE GROUPS, VENDORS,
AND A SILENT
AUCTION. ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE
CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE
SHELTER ANIMALS.*

*SEE YOU THERE!
161 FORT COLLIER ROAD—WINCHESTER*



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for the Silent
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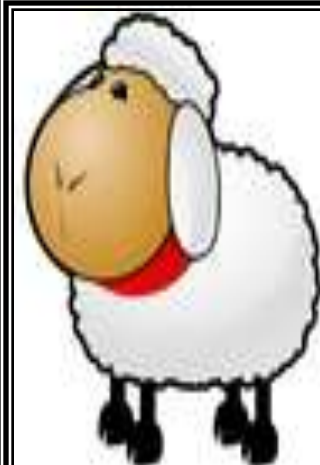


Gone Herding with Gwen Simmons & C.J. Brunner



CJ had another good herding lesson today, in spite of the extreme heat (even at 9:00 a.m.!) He's really coming along well, and our instructor is pleased with his progress.

Kathy



Gwen is Ch. Carmylie Bi Bi Birdie, OA, NAJ, HT, CGC, VC- trained with BRDTC for agility. She also has one leg in Open Excellent, and needs only one more leg in Open JWW. She has been on maternal leave for a bit- but will come to the next session of classes to get back into the swing of things, and hopefully be ready to pursue those agility titles this fall- or at least by our trial in March. Gwen absolutely loves herding (as she does any activity). I am hoping to continue and work toward the PT title- but she needs training in control to do directed herding. She is a great little dog who loves life in general. She is very special to me.

Don't know if you're interested in her story for the cover- but thought I'd pass it on just in case.

Jean Simmonds





"PAWS FOR READING"





"OBEDIENCE TRIAL APPLAUSE"

For those of you who were not at our "marathon," you missed seeing our rally students compete (and most of them for the first time). We are very proud of you all, and I personally want to thank Kathy who set up the courses and Joy who stood outside in the 100 degree heat all summer coaching you all.

Joy was right when she said there were tears when Nemo qualified--it was the highlight of the day!

Thrill got his act together and earned his 2nd leg in Novice rally with a 99 and 2nd place. First place when to a friend of mine who had the same score--I told the judge that she should have had a higher score--she is 30 years my junior!

Speaking of old people, we had a gentlemen compete in utility who is 98!!!!

Even though the trial was long, we all had a great time, Cheryl did a super job as secretary, and Amy had everything organized beautifully. Another highlight of the day was having Rory sing the National Anthem--it also brought tears to our eyes. Rory, this has to be a tradition!

Want to thank all of our stewards--great job! Hal now has a new career to put on his resume--leash runner!

Thanks to Janet Moore and Anita who did a great job with the food. Thanks to Theresa for picking up the pizza.

We are all tired but really enjoyed each other's company!

Hugs,

Donna T.

I didn't get to see everyone in the ring but congratulations to all who did so well. It is just very inspiring to me to see people with older dogs out there still showing (Nemo you are the best!) and the gentlemen with the dachie was something to see as well. I sure hope I can be competing when I am 98! Ranger and I were able to earn another RAE leg, so slowly but surely we will one day get to the magic 10 Qs needed. *Cheers, Debby*

Dear Mr. Nemo,

Now I don't know who I want to be more like you or Mr. Satchmo. I definitely want to make my mom as proud of me as your mom is of you. You can tell how much she loves you by the way she writes about you. I guess I'll never be as big and strong as you, but I will try to be as smart and as much a ladies' man. Congratulations on your pretty green ribbon.

Your little friend,

Cowboy

P.S. Tell Issie I still love her. She has great long legs!

Hi all,

I just wanted to thank everyone for their amazing work on the trials on Saturday. There are so many people who helped I can't begin to name them all, but I do want to specially mention my wonderful committee heads: Cheryl Harrison, our trial secretary, who put in many hours before the trial, as well as all day there on the computer (ably assisted by her mentor Donna Richardson, who also did many many upfront jobs such as procuring the judges and ordering ribbons); Donna Thompson and her incredible teams of stewards; Janet Moore and her fantastic kitchen crew; Ed Strawsnyder for hauling the ring gating and jumps, measuring the rings, setting up and taking down same, and handling the very important clean-up stations and grounds in general; and Jan Burgan for organizing a beautiful trophy & ribbon table and all the donations. There were so many club members helping it was outstanding. You guys rock!

I was also so proud of the club members who competed at many levels in both obedience and rally. It was amazing to see the upper level competitors do their stuff, as well as the first-timers get out there and bravely set foot in the ring with their partners! I am proud that we had our various breeds represented as well as the AMBOR dogs in our trial. There were several of the novice rally dogs particularly that really got to me, and the tears started! You all know you each have the best dog in the world! We have a great group of students and dogs, and I am so proud of you all!

Thanks everyone!

Amy Grimm



"WAGS & BRAGS"



Wanted to thank everyone for the many kind words, cards, the beautiful plant, and your thoughts and prayers for my Mom and our family. I am so grateful to have you all as part of my extended family.

Will miss seeing you all at the picnic but we are off to the beach on Sunday for a week--thank you Ed for handling the beginner class for the next two Mondays. Xena is taking me to the UKC rally/obed. trial in Purcellville Saturday for a fun day before we leave. See you all when we return.

Amy

Hi everyone
well we are up here in Westminster MD in this hot building! I ran my dog today for the first in a long time and we did great. Oreo got her Open Fast AKC title! the send was her favorite a tunnel and a jump! For those new comers to AKC agility the Fast is a lot of Fast Fun!(lol)!!
Stacy & Oreo

Kathy and I took a road trip to Purcellville with our 4 dogs, and she has already bragged on hers. We just got back from a Beach Boy concert where we had a ball and now the brag -

In Level 2 Rally -

Gem earned two legs with nice scores and a 4th place. She was highly entertaining and added quite a few additional exercises to the already existing ones. The judge had the giggles and loved her enthusiasm (and mine). Thrill also earned two legs with not such good scores, and I think that his immaturity came through again and again. He did was he was supposed to do, but I am quite sure that everyone at the trial now knows his name because he just couldn't focus on the next sign and had to make side trips to investigate whatever.

Of course, he was in everyone's lap and was the good will ambassador for Springer's.

Donna T.

Teddy and I had our first visit to the library on Saturday for 'Paws'. Wow! The hour went by so fast... Teddy had to do his happy dance (which he does everywhere we go) when we arrived. This, of course, had to be repeated each time one of his furry therapy friends arrived. What fun it was to watch him having fun!

When we went through the outer door, we met a mom and a little boy who didn't know about the Paws program. They were just there to return some books. As we got chatting, they decided to stay... and as it turned out, the little boy was the first child to read to Teddy. Now Teddy has been initiated into the world of libraries and

books and kids. We'll be going back! (He became known yesterday as the little dog with the big ears.) What an awesome program this is! Those of you who are on the brink of deciding to get involved with the therapy program need to get busy. What a joy it is to see faces light up when you enter the room with your furry ambassador of hope! (Whether you visit nursing homes or the library, joy looks the same on all the faces - radiant!)

Anyway, Teddy had lots of fun meeting the children, and behaved beautiful with them! I am a proud mamma! He expended so much energy that he needed a two hour nap when we got home! I wonder what he dreamed about?....

~Martha Inglis~

Sat., 7/24, Dory, Timer and I went to UKC obedience and rally trials. Timer went first in Novice obedience. He was entered in both trials, and NQ'd both times. He did some nice heeling, both on lead and off, but he had a dumb mommy. We had practiced the recall over a jump, but practiced with a BAR jump instead of a PANEL jump, so it presented a totally different picture to him, and he went around the jump both times. He also messed up the honor down stay, which I don't understand. He was fine the whole time, but when the judge told me to return to my dog, as soon as I started back to him, he got up and moved away. He also had a perfect stand for exam in both trials. In rally, both Dory and Timer were in level 2, but Dory was in 2B because she has UKC obedience titles, and Timer was in 2A, since he has no obedience titles yet. Dory (as always) was wonderful, scoring 99 (3rd place) in the first trial, and 100 in the second (2nd place). Timer did a very nice job in the first trial, scoring 90 (first place) but by the time we got to the second trial, (his 4th run of the day) his poor little brain was fried, and only because he had a very generous judge, he was the only dog in 2A to Q, so he took first place again. (we won't bother to mention his score!) I was proud of both of my kids, since it was somewhat noisy in the place, but they still held it together to each earn two legs toward their U-RO II titles.

Kathy

Sun, 25 July UKC brags from DGOTC's Obed. & Rally trials:

Ashley earned a 2nd CD obedience leg with a score of 182. In Rally, I moved her up to Rally R03-A level and she earned a leg with a score of 91 and got 1st place. The "A level" means she doesn't have a title in the equivalent level in AKC or any other Rally venue.

Since Nigel finished his Rally R01 title the day before, I moved him up to R02-A and he earned two legs on that title, as well as two first places. His two scores were quite varied



“More Brags!”

– a 70 and a 90! It was his first time off-lead in a ring situation. Since Shannon had earned her Rally R02 title the day before, I moved her to R03-A and she got a leg there with a 1st place. The score was just barely qualified though with a 71.

Nikki had earned her Rally 02 title the day before too, so I moved her to R03-A. She got an 85 & a 2nd place for her first R03 leg. I misread a station on the 2nd trial and made her NQ in it, but I'll use the excuse that we were on auxiliary power & diminished lighting in the bldg. after the big storm went through.

Travis earned a Rally 02 leg, and only needs 1 more to finish that level. His score was a “just barely” too. I guess he didn't want to outshine his mother Shannon.

Bobbie Lutz

"Gem" - (daughter of the famous "James") CH Pride 'N Joy's Romancing The Stone TD RN OA OAJ UKC - RO 1 finished her championship today in Greenville, SC.

These are the same shows where her big brother, "Thrill" finished last year. They were both expertly handled by Angela Lloyd!

Donna & Bernie

Satchmo and I returned from two days of Dock Diving at a Dock Dogs national event in Bel Air, MD yesterday with a bunch of ribbons, personal best jumps and a title. He bettered his last personal best in June of 11 feet 7 inches and jumped up to 13 feet 7 inches. He got his National Junior Jumpers title (which is his first title!). He again entertained the crowd with his extra swimming after his jumps and his evading of the wrangler and myself. Every event he gains confidence in his jumping and with other dogs and I am one proud mama!

Joy and Satchmo

Hi all,

Had fun with Xena at the UKC trials the day before we left, she earned two U-CD legs (I was excited as she hasn't practiced obedience much lately, and those honor stays are tough! also I hadn't done UKC obed. in years and was hurriedly trying to look over the rules!). She also earned the first two legs on her UKC level one rally title, one with a score of 100 and a first place, which was a real surprise! She really had fun. It was my first time doing UKC rally and I was trying to learn the ropes quickly!

Take care!

Amy

I didn't get to see everyone in the ring but congratulations to all who did so well. It is just very inspiring to me to see people with older dogs out there still showing (Nemo you are the best!) and the gentlemen with the dachie was something to see as well. I sure hope I can be competing when I am 98! Ranger and I were able to earn another RAE leg, so slowly but surely we will one day get to the magic 10 Qs needed. **Cheers, Debby**

Yesterday, Timer (Winmar Jolly Time Dan RN) earned his first leg in AKC Novice obedience, and to quote the judge, it was by the skin of his teeth. He was worried about the judge following him around the ring, but I was very proud of his stays. During the long sit, there were two long bangs from someone throwing the dumbbell in the adjacent ring. Several dogs broke their stays, but good boy Timer held them. Doxie Joey (CH Camerons "Meet Joe Black") earned his first leg toward his Novice rally title. He was a very happy boy, and we entertained the crowd with our performance, right, Donna T?

Kathy

Ms. Ashley Whippet earned an AKC CD obedience leg at the Blue Ridge DTC trial yesterday. Wonder of wonders she also got 2nd place outta 7 qualifiers (14 total entered)! She got an 186 1/2! Yea. She almost got Highest Scoring from the Hound Grp. of 5 of them entered, but an acquaintance' Scoring from the Hound Grp. of 5 of Now she has 2 UKC CD and 1 AKC CD legs.

Guess we gotta do something to balance that all out!

Her 1/2 brother Travis blew both his stays or he'd have qualified too. I think he was enjoying himself though as he barked at me before & after the recall. The judge, Nancy Withers, said she didn't think she'd ever heard a Whippet bark before. I think it distracted her from deducting more points for bouncing off me on his very speedy recall!!

Bobbie Lutz



Issie, Nemo and I competed in our first AKC obedience competition yesterday. While Issie's anxiety returned and resulted in me needing to pull her off the course, Nemo was the man.

Nemo got a qualifying score, made me beg for every sit and my 14 year dog got an 89 out of 100! Tears were plentiful after his run and I am one proud mom! Anyone who wants to see a reason to keep your older dogs active just need to watch Nemo do his thing with a big smile on his face throughout.

Also congrats to all my Novice Rally students who kicked butt last night! You guys rocked and I'm looking forward to reading the brags.

Joy and the Fur Bunch





August Picnic 2010



It has been many years since I last watched an obedience trial, and I have never seen a rally competition before. Teddy and I were 'super excited' to be there yesterday and to be taking part in the rally competition. During our 'turn' Teddy was very busy sniffing the ring and 'tracking' all the dogs who preceded him all day! My little 'meet and greet' guy was very anxious to bestow his charm on the judge and make a new friend! His performance wasn't high scoring, but good enough to earn his first leg in novice rally!

Yay!!!! I'm ready for the next one!

Going into this event I planned on having fun with Teddy, and learning from the experience. We had lots of fun and learned lots, too! All in all it was everything I had anticipated, and so much more!

Going into an event without ever having seen one before is rather like learning how to swim by jumping into the deep end of a pool! We survived it and are already thinking about the next one!

Congratulations to all of you who were there and participated...regardless of the score! It was great to see so many familiar faces - human and canine! You all are awesome in your dedication and energy!

I echo thanks to all of you who worked to make this such an awesome day.

My feet aren't yet firmly back on the ground - and Teddy is still taking extra naps to make up for the energy expenditure yesterday.

Lots yet to learn, but how exciting to know that Teddy can learn it and improve next time out...

Thanks, Donna for having the new name tags available yesterday. They are impressive!

~Martha and Teddy~

Well this is my first online brag! My Sam did fantastic at the Rally trial on Sunday. She scored 96/100 in Novice A and received a 4th place to boot.

She tied for 3rd but that Golden just had longer legs!! For those of you don't know, Sam, although all poodle, was also an adoptee from the Ester Boyd Shelter. I am so glad I went in to walk dogs the day she appeared on the adoption floor!! We have been working together for 2 years now and all our training has been through the club. I want to thank everyone who volunteers time to be an instructor. All though I know it is a joy for you share your knowledge it is also a great service to dogs and people. I am afraid if I name names I will miss someone. But. Many thanks to Donna, Michelle, Beth, Stacey, John, Joy, and Dave and to all the fellow club members who offered advice, encouragement and finally even applause.

Sam and I will keep on working!!

Marty Matheson





VA FEDERATION REMINDER.

Breeders Guide Forms

If you are interested in being in the Breeders Guide see Donna T for the forms.

Calendar orders

Calendars are 15 month calendars, \$3.00 each, will list conformation, agility, rally, obedience shows-need to order by July meeting will pick them up September meeting.

Service Awards

Letters due by Sept

The Service Award nomination letter should outline the reasons why the letter writer feels that individual or organization is deserving of the recognition, based on service to the community. It doesn't have to be lengthy, but enough to give the Board a sense of the value of the service

VFDCB Awards Committee

% Marianne Herndon
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Silent Auction

The silent auction is held in November luncheon to help raise money for the legislation and educating (like scholarships) . Any dog related items (not dog breed because of limited bidding) would be appreciated. Need them by Sept. meeting.



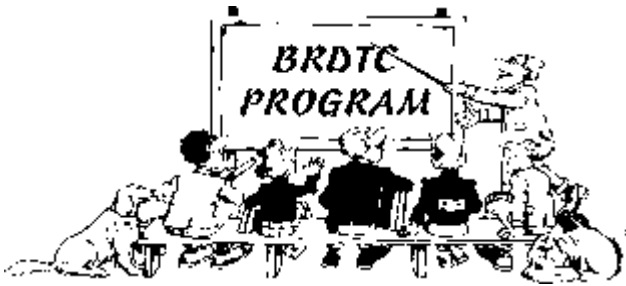
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sept 24 - TBA

OCT- Halloween party-tba


Nov 29 - Rebecca Verna, d.v.m.
(Linden Heights Animal Hospital)

Dec 18 - Christmas Auction

1st & 3rd Monday of each month a
visit to envoy nursing home

Hill top house visits
1st & 3rd Fridays

MAN IT'S HOT



General
Meeting
Sept. 24
7:30 pm
at the
Safety Building
Topic
TBA