

Blues News

February 2010

BLUE RIDGE
DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



Established 1967

BRDTC 2010 Awards Banquet



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Ed Stawsnyder received the Service Award



"No man can be condemned for owning a dog. As long as he has a dog, he has a friend; and the poorer he gets, the better friend he has."

Will Rogers



Photos
By
Bobbie
Lutz





AWARDS FOR 2009 – BLUE RIDGE DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.

SMALL PLAQUES:

CHILBROOK RAVEN SPIRIT (Debby Kay)

2009

AKC – RN

LRC-WC

CHILBROOK MADELINE (Debby Kay)

2009

AKC – RN, RA, RE, CD

UKC- CH

ECHO (Donna T.)

2008

AKC – AXJ

2009

AKC - AX

PLATES FOR EXISTING PLAQUES:

CHILBROOK LONE RANGER (Debby Kay)

2009

AKC – JH

UKC- CH, RO1, GRCH

FAST-TRAK MIZ KENZIE OF WOODSTOCK

(Carol Nansel)

2009

AKC – NA, NAJ, NF, OA, RN

2009

DOCK DOGS – SJ-R

XENA WARRIOR PRINCESS (Amy Grimm)

2009

AKC – CD, RE, OAP, OJP

APDT – ARCH, RL1X, RL2X

USDAA – AD, SSA, AS

NADAC – TG-N, O-TN-N

(FOR SMACK DAB'S DARING DICEY) (Janice Mor-

ton)

2009

AKC – MXF, MACH, MACH II

2009

USDAA – RM

(FOR HEART'S DESIRE MARK OF ZORO) (Amy

Grimm)

2009

AKC – MX, RAE, NAP, NJP, OAP, OJP

APDT – ARCHEX, RL3X

NADAC – WV-O, TN-E

USDAA – PG1

(FOR SET'R RIDGE MIRROR IMAGE) (Donna Richardson)

2009

AKC – AXJ

(FOR SET'R RIDGE'S POEMS AND PRAYERS) (Donna Richardson)

2009

AKC – OA, NAJ

2009

UKC – ACH, CD, RO1

(ROUNDMEADOW'S MASON-DIXON) (John De- filippi)

2009

AKC – AXJ

2009

NADAC – TN-N, WV, N, WV-O

(FOR GOLDEN QUARTER PRINCESS LEIA) (Joyce Riggs)

2009

AKC – AX, AXJ, TD, VCD1, RA

(FOR CH. PRIDE 'N JOY'S CELEBRATION) (Donna & Bernie)

2009

AKC – RAE, RAE II

(FOR SERENADE'S ENCHANTRESS) (Donna & Bernie)

2009

AKC – AX

(MAESSR'S GOLLY MISS MOLLY) (Beth Ander- son)

2009

AKC – NJP, NAP, RA

2009

APDT – RL1X

(BONNIE'S DUTCH PANDA) (Amy Grimm)

2009

APDT - RLV

CHERISH HILLS GAIL'S BROGAN (Gail Robbins)

2009

AKC – NF

APDT – RL1, AOEL1, RL2, AOEL2

**HAYFIELD'S GRAND BROOKNOLL (Jan Borgan)**

2008

BMDCA – WORKING DOG AWARD

2009

AKC – CDX, AXP, OJP, AJP, NFP

UKC – CDX, AGII

BMDCA – DD, WORKING DOG EXCELLENT AWARD

WYNMOOR WINDS OF CHANGE (Cheryl Harrison)

2009

AKC – RE

UKC- AGI

LITTLE MISS OREO OF VA (Stacy Defilippi)

2009

NADAC – TN-N, TG-N, WV-N, WV-O, TN-O

CLUE – SPOODLETTE (Kitty Bowman)

2008

NADAC – Top Ten

APDT – Top 20, RL2-#3

2009

NADAC – NATCH 3, VERS. NATCH 2, ELITE SSUP. VERS., TRIPLE TRIPLE SUP., ALL AROUND NOV., TRIPLE SUP. VERS.

NADAC Championships, 2nd place VERS. CHAMPION

APDT – ARCH, ARCHX, ARCHEX, RL3, RL3X, RL2, AOE-L2, RL2X, RL2X2, RL1X, RL1X2, RL1X3

BROOKNOLL SAWYER OF BEOWOLF (Jan Borgan)

2009

AKC – NAP, CD

UKC – CD, AGI,

BMDCA – NDD, WORKING DOG AWARD

RBRandl BELLA GRACE (Sandy Stokes)

2009

AKC – CD

CHILBROOK GLORIA (Sandy Stokes)

2009

AKC – CGC, TDI

WINMAR EVERYTHIN'S HUNKYDORY (Kathy Brunner)

2009

AKC – OAP, OJP

UKC - RO1

CARRIE (Helen Carroll)

2009

USDAA – PGI, PJ2

NADAC – WV-N, OAC, NJC

CHERISH HILL'S BAILEY BOY (Vicki Gilley)

2009

USDAA – SG/SJ

HARLEQUIN BLUE HOPE (Vicki Gilley)

2009

AKC – MACH

2009

AKC- XF,

2010

AKC NAT'L AGILITY QUALIFIER

CARMYLIE BI BI BIRDIE (Jean Simmonds)

2009

AKC – CH, OA

SMOKEY (Vicki Bruce)

2009

NADAC – OAC, TN-N, TG-N, WV-O

USDAA – PK1, PJ1, PK2, PG2, PS2, PD2

DONLYN'S MOUNTAIN LAUREL GAIL (Gail Robbins)

2009

AKC – NAF

NADAC – NAC

APDT – RL1, AOE1, RL2, AOEL2, RL3, AOEL3

NEW PLAQUES**WINMAR JOLLY TIME DAN (Kathy Brunner)**

2009

AKC – CGC, TDI, RN

UKC – RO1

ABBY (Jenna Bruce)

2009

NADAC – NAC, NJC, WV-N

COCOA (Sarah Keefauver)

2008

AKC – CGC, TDI

WESSON (Sarah Keefauver)

2009

AKC – S.T.A.R PUPPY

PRIDE 'N JOY'S THRILL OF ALL-TIME (Donna and Bernie)



2009
AKC – CH, TD

PRIDE 'N JOY'S SHORT 'N SWEET (Donna and Bernie)

2009
AKC – RN
UKC – RO1

PRIDE 'N JOY'S ROMANCING THE STONE (Donna and Bernie) – make 2 plaques

2009
AKC – TD, RN
2009
AKC – NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ
2009
NADAC – NAC, NJC, TN-N

RIDGE RUNNIN' BARTHOLOMEW (Jennie Johnson)

2009
AKC TD

CHILBROOK EXPRESSO (Stacy Defilippi)

2009
AKC – S.T.A.R. PUPPY

LORIEN'S CHELSEA ON A LARK (Mary DeMott)

2009
TDIA

SUDDENLY IRISH DRAUGHT (Megan Fletcher)

2009
AKA- CGC

DUDLEY (Megan Fletcher)

2009
AKC- NA

YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE (Danielle Brooks)

2008
NADAC - NJC, NAC, TG-N, TN-N, WV-N, TN-O, WV-O
USDAA - PD1, SSA, SR, AD

2009
NADAC - TN-E
USDAA - SG, SJ, SS

BOBBIE LUTZ'S PUPS' 2009 TITLES EARNED

UGRCH, UAGII Windryder's Americade Cruiser, FCH, NA, NAJ, NJP, CGC
“TRAVIS”: AKC = MC, RA

UKC = UR01
ATT = TT

UGRCH Windryder's Full Throttle, SC, FCh, NA, NAJ, RN, CGC
“TYLER”: AKC = NJP
UKC = UAGI, UR01
ATT = TT

Hwyrun Heart of the Storn NAJ, RN, CGC
“HOLLY”: AKC = NJP, NAP
UKC = UAGII, UR01
ATT = TT

UGRCH, UAGI Timbreblue Windrdr Biker Girl FCh, SC, CGC
“ASHLEY”: AKC = CH, RA, NA
UKC = UR01
ATT = TT

FC, UCh, UARCH Fermanagh WGASA Why Not MC, LCM2, OA, OAJ, CGC
“SHANNON”: AKC = OAP, OJP, RA
UKC = UR01
ASFA = V-FCH
ATT = TT

UGRCh, UARCH Tnt's La Femme Nikita, MC, LCM, AX, AXJ, NAP, NJP, CGC
NIKKI: AKC = RA, CD
ASFA = V-FCH
UKC = UR01
ATT = TT

Highway Run Satori of Xzora, SC, FCh, RN, CGC
“NIGEL”: ATT = TT

(Joy Pritchard)

2009
Nemo
APDT- RL- 1
APDT RL-V
Though it will be next year before it's on a plaque he got-
ADDT - AOE-V (Award of Excellence title) in December. I found out when the certificates arrived but it was too late.
Issie
AKC- TDI

SERVICE AWARD –Ed Strawsnyder





Hi Everybody,

Sorry this is so late-my first on line newsletter and it has been a learning experience. I hope that everyone enjoys it.

I have been told that I no longer can print cartoons-(I have to have permission and most of the cartoons I receive do not have a name on them so it is hard to get) sorry about that so for those of you who sent me some to print I am sorry. Looking forward to #2 if I am not fired first. Let me know if there is anything you are interested in.

E-mail me at
4sarah@shentel.net.

Thanks,

Martha



**PICTURE
OF THE
MONTH**



**A PICTURE IS
WORTH A
THOUSAND
WORDS!!!!**

"To Tell the Weather"

Go to your back door & look for the dog.

If the dog is at the door & he is wet, it's probably raining.

But if the dog is standing there really soaking wet, it's probably raining really hard.

If the dog's fur looks like it's been rubbed the wrong way, it's probably windy.

If the dog has snow on his back, it's probably snowing.

Of course, to be able to tell the weather like this, you have to leave the dog outside all the time, especially if you expect bad weather.

Sincerely, The Cat



"Doggie Horoscope"

Aquarius

January 21 to February 19

Your Aquarius dog has no serious behavior problems. He loves people and other pets. His eccentric nature helps you to keep your sense of humor.

Pisces

February 20 to March 20

Pisces dogs are excellent swimmers. They love water and will jump in every puddle. Their favorite living place would be near a lake, or near the beach.

Birthdays & Anniversary's March

Birthdays

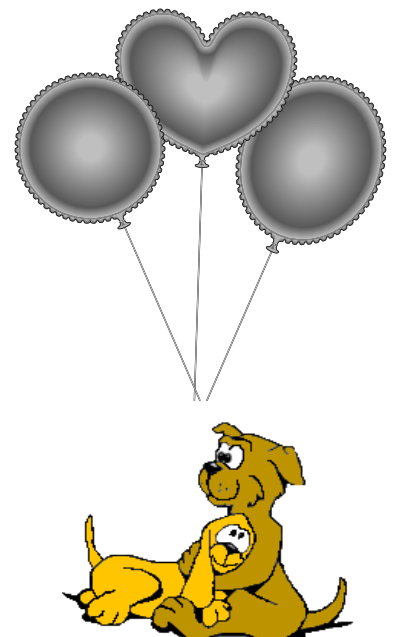
Anne Legge 3/5

Jan Winstead 3/13

Patrice Leipham
3/13

Marge Arnett 3/22

Anniversary's





THE ESTHER BOYD FREDERICK CO SHELTER WISH LIST

Time to add the Shelter to your New Years Resolution list by donating the following throughout the year.
Time to say ***"Thank You"*** for letting the club use the shelter for lots of events & meetings.

Please bring dog/cat food, treats, toys for the animals.

The Shelter also needs the following all through the year:

Brooms & dust pans
Plain non-clumping cat litter
Window cleaner
Liquid dish soap
Paper towels
Ink Pens
Multi purpose copy paper
Latex gloves
Canned dog & cat food
Dry puppy & kitten food
Cheap disposable cat toys
Kong dog toys
Clorox bleach
Post it notes
General office supplies
(Staples, paper clips, etc)
Large industrial trash bags



Top 10 Signs You're not Winning at Westminster:

10. Security guards keep chasing you out of the building.
9. Breaking out of line to steal the kid's candy bar may have counted against you...
8. The Chihuahua thinks he can beat you up (and does).
7. Your owner keeps asking about getting back your entry fee.
6. Kids keep asking "What kind of dog is THAT?"
5. The judge asks your owner to walk you to the end of the ring...and to keep going.
4. Somebody asks if they can take your picture...for a Humane Society poster.
3. When asked about your papers, your owner replies, "Papers? - We don't need no stinking papers!"
2. The BBC announcer keeps breaking out in uncontrollable laughter whenever he sees you.
1. You had to go really bad, and the judge's leg was the closest...

Top 10 Doggie Bumper Stickers:

10. Honk If You Love Hot Dogs!
9. If You Can Read This, You're Hanging Too Far Out Of The Window!
8. Caution- I Brake For Dead Stuff On The Road!
7. My Snauzer Can Beat Up Your Obedience School Honor Student.
6. Vet is a 4-Letter Word!
5. My Other Car Is The Bed Of A Pickup!
4. I'd Rather Be Digging A Hole In The Back Yard!
3. Hey Cat! New Law - Red Light Means Go Now, OKAY?
2. Caution - Driver Drools Out The Window!
1. Dead Cats - We're For 'Em!





“Anne’s Corner”

By Anne Legge



DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY

Consider the opportunity to block a devastating disease from our breed with a noninvasive and relatively inexpensive test. While Degenerative Myelopathy is not, at present, a major problem in Bloodhounds, acting now can prevent breeding dogs who suffer from the disease.

DM is a progressive disease which begins with the spinal cord in the chest area, causing progressive weakness or paralysis of the hind limbs. Dogs which exhibit DM wobble while walking and knuckle over or drag their feet. As the disease advances, the dog may buckle at the knees and have difficulty standing, ultimately becoming unable to walk and losing continence and use of the front limbs. This is a terrible outcome for the golden years of our beloved companions and their caregivers. Affected dogs may experience extreme debilitation but no pain, and some affected dogs have no symptoms but are carriers.

The onset is typically 9-11 years of age, some not until 15. By the time symptoms appear, the dog may well have been bred several times.

DM mimics symptoms of herniated discs, spinal cord infections, tumors, cysts, injuries, strokes, and arthritis, all of which may be treatable. According to the University of Missouri website, "There have been no treatments that have been clearly shown to stop or slow the progression of DM." The human equivalent is Lou Gehrig's disease (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis).

Definitive diagnosis of DM is based on examination of the spinal cord under a microscope when a necropsy is performed, but we can determine the status of living dogs with a cheek swab or a blood sample. These enable identification of the dog as clear, carriers, or affected. Both male and female breeding stock must be tested. Affected dogs should not be bred, and carriers should be bred only to dogs that have tested clear. Clear dogs may be bred to one another or to carriers. Of course, breeding decisions must be based on considerations of all the dog's strengths and all the dog's faults, of which DM testing results are one factor among many.

DM is caused by a mutated gene. As of May 19, 2009, researchers have found the mutation present in over 75 breeds, as well as mixed breed dogs. Through October 14, 2009, 41 Bloodhounds have been



tested: 23 tested NORMAL, 15 tested CARRIER, and 3 tested AFFECTED/AT RISK. The number of carriers and affected dogs found in this relatively small sample suggests this mutation could be fairly widespread in the breed.

For a description of blood sample and cheek swab tests, go to the CHIC DNA Repository website (www.caninehealthinfo.org). Blood sample: "Blood is the gold standard for genetic material; the yield of DNA is sufficient for all research methods, including technologies on the horizon. The drawback of banking blood samples is cost--drawing, shipping, storing, and extracting DNA from blood are more expensive endeavors than the alternative." Cheek swab: Cheek swab-derived DNA is inferior to that obtained from blood, but the material is suitable for most genetic approaches. The swabs are inexpensive (\$65), and the samples can be taken by the owner of the dog and shipped inexpensively. If you have dogs tested through OFA/CHIC for DM or epilepsy, you should give permission to share your information with the University of Missouri for further research.

By testing your Bloodhound, you will not only determine the status of your breeding stock, but also contribute to valuable ongoing research. You can obtain more information, an application for the DNA Repository, and submission kits from www.caninegeneticdiseases.net/DM/maindm.htm and www.caninehealthinfo.org.

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The DM test is available for any breed, and is specifically recommended for American Eskimo Dogs, Bernese Mountain Dog, Boxers, Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, German Shepherd Dogs, Golden Retrievers, Great Pyrenees, Kerry Blue Terriers, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Poodles, Pugs, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Shetland Sheepdogs, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, and Wire Fox Terriers.



Nine little Springer puppies were found in the woods in Amelia, VA eating from a dead deer. Animal control was called, and they were taken to the local pound. Then MAESSAR (Springer rescue) was contacted, and they were picked up and taken to the vet. All nine are in foster homes until they can be declared healthy and have been altered. They are surprisingly social for what they

have gone through.

Dear Beth came by today and bathed both of them, and Tom helped Bernie set up an outside area for them when they have to go out (they had to dig out 40+ of snow)!

They are precious little dears and seem no worse the wear for what they have been through. BTW, they have long tails (and they look good).

Donna T.





"WAGS & BRAGS"



Gem was in 5 shows last week and 2 shows this weekend and won every single time! She now has 9 points and will be holding out for majors. She even won a BOB on Friday over specials!

Bernie & Donna

I just wanted to share the good news that I am now an AKC CGC Evaluator! TheTDI evaluator application is next on my 'to do' list.

Sandy

I don't brag often, but I am pretty proud of my awesome little partner, Clue. The only NADAC agility class we did not place in was Hoopers. I have to admit I am still learning how to play this game. I am sure Clue wonders what the heck I am trying to tell her on a Hoopers course. In all other classes Clue finished in the top 5 for the 12" Mix Breed group. NADAC just issued its breed top 10 for 2009. Kitty and Clue made the list multiple times in the 12 inch Mix Breed Class:

#2 Weaves

#3 Regular

#3 Jumpers

#4 Touch N Go

#4 Tunnelers

#5 Chances

Kitty

I love chocolates, esp. on Valentines Day, but this year I had the best chocolate gift I have ever gotten. My boy Ranger qualified at both his UKC Rally level 2 trials (which gives him his RO2 Title)with first place both days, but on Valentine's Day he got a perfect score in under a minute and took Highest Scoring Dog in Trial! Outside the ring I went to hug him and he jumped up and hugged me back with a big kiss on the ear. I think he was just as excited as I was and he certainly enjoyed his prizes which included a 12 pound box of biscuits. His daughter Hope remained undefeated in the puppy competition too, this was her 10th and last show in the NLC category with a total of 2 BIS and one reserve BIS. Certainly a weekend I will remember for a long time. **Debby**

WINTER POEM

It's winter in Virginia
And the gentle breezes blow
Seventy miles an hour
At five below.
Oh, how I love Virginia
When the snow's up to your butt
You take a breath of winter
And your nose gets frozen shut.
Yes,
The weather here is wonderful
So I guess I'll hang around
I could never leave Virginia
Cuz I'm frozen to the ground!



"Meet the New Kid on the Block"



Meet Peaches Belt-She is a black and tan bloodhound and walker coon hound mix.....and she is very vocal when she is hungry..... She is already very willful, playful and does not appear to be afraid of anything. I think that she will be good for Rebel and a good tracking buddy too.

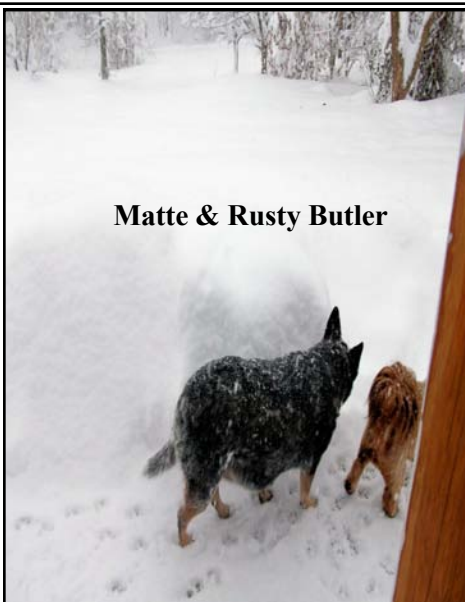


"SNOW DOGS"

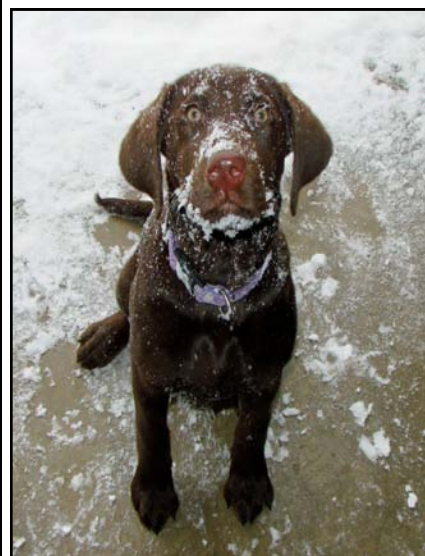
Ashley & Travis



Matte & Rusty Butler



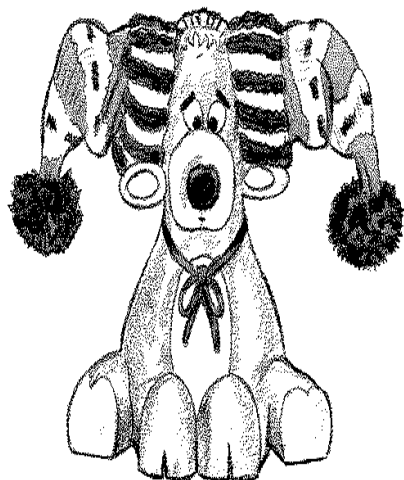
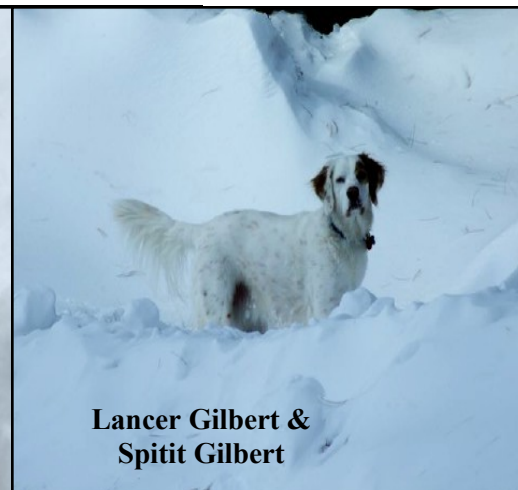
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Leo Seabright



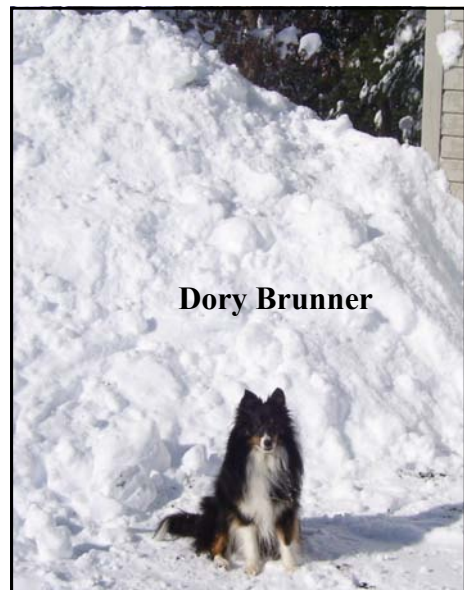
Lancer Gilbert & Spitit Gilbert



Maggie having fun



Dory Brunner





Special Remembrance



George of the Jungle Oct. 24, 1997 - Feb. 4, 2010

George was a great dog. He had been the pick of the litter by his breeders but then his ankles started turning outward and he was not showable. He came to me thru my Step Mother who truly loved him and knew he would have a good home with Roger and I. In 2000, George started going blind and we found out that he had an auto-immune disease. I had his right eye removed not long after and then the disease attacked his other eye. He had chronic ear problems and many other health issues over the years but still stayed gentle and sweet. He always let you do whatever you needed to without a fight....he even seemed to appreciate that he was being taken care of even if the procedures were unpleasant. I stopped all of his medications over a year ago and he seemed to actually perk up a little. He started losing muscle tone in his hips and it was getting harder and harder for him to get around. We just wanted him to go out of this world while he still had some dignity left. Everyone that met George always fell in love with him. He has left a wonderful impression on many people over the years and taught me many valuable lessons in life. I thank God that he allowed us to take of such a special boy for so long. I know that he is happy now and able to run and see and play and all the other things that dogs love to do. I know that God has a special place just for George.

Anita and Roger Belt



"One Whetzel" February 1998-January 19, 2010

You adopted me from the landfill Road Animal Shelter in February of 1998. It's funny, looking back I can remember we weren't going to keep you, too many dogs. You would go to pug rescue.

Now, ironically enough, we don't know how to live without you.

David's company and comfort, a reason to hurry home. For all, a reason to love and laugh.

20 lbs. of courage, a heart of love and devotion twice the size.

You mourned the death of your friend Alanis, as now, we mourn our empty hearts and home.

The bond between animals is a deep spiritual existence, true to the soul no matter the cost. Understood only by them, never duplicated. A mystery to the human race.

Thank you to the Doctor's and Staff of the Winchester Animal Hospital for providing loving care to One throughout her life. Especially

towards the end, there was always hope. Holly, thank you for being there for me, my guardian angel.

Peace



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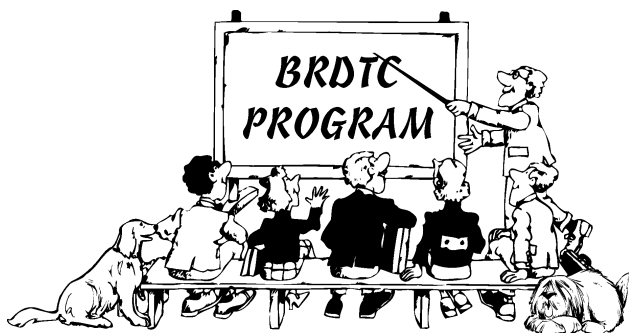
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

MARCH 4— GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 12-14 AGILITY TRIAL

APRIL 29 - GENERAL MEETING

MAY 8 - CANINE CARNIVAL

MAY 14— ACUPUNCTURE

JUNE 24 TBA

JULY 9-11 AGILITY TRIAL

**1ST & 3RD MONDAY OF EACH
MONTH A VISIT TO ENVOY
NURSING HOME**