

Blues News

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“BRDTC Tricks Seminar”

Pictures By Becky Gregory



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One of the oldest human needs
is having someone wonder
where you are when you don't
come home at night.
- Margaret Mirade -











“Tricks Seminar Report”

Income from registrations: \$1225

Expenses:

Cindy Briggs- \$500 (fee) + \$48.95 (gas) = \$548.95

Name tags \$6.10 + Food \$44.12 = \$50.22

Total expenses \$599.17

Profit: \$625.83

A huge thanks goes out to Donna T for donating 2 crock pots of soup and a tray of brownies for lunch. They were both delicious and I think there might be a bake off in the making between John and Donna for the best brownies!

Thanks to all the members who came out and supported this first seminar offered by Blue Ridge. I believe everyone attending learned a lot and had tons of fun too.

Donna Richardson





"Trick Seminar Thank You!"

Thanks to all for the tricks seminar. It was a lot of fun and the food was wonderful. We spent the morning training and zodi's in the lead! Finally found something he can do! The brownies were sooo good!

Janet & future circus dogs

Cowboy and I send a big thank you to Donna R and Blue Ridge for the great tricks seminar. We enjoyed ourselves thoroughly and got lots of ideas for Cowboy to use on therapy visits.

The soup, sandwiches, and brownies were great too. Thanks, Donna T for cooking for us. Thanks also to Carol Nansel for the yummy friendship cake.

Theresa

And many thanks to Donna R. for organizing the seminar. We all had a great time, and I have a brag:

Colleen and "little" Choice who is 5 months old earned his Novice Trick Dog Title!!!

It really was fun!

Donna

Bosley and I had a blast and he was one tired pup with a really full belly afterwards! Thanks Donna for organizing this!!!

Becky

My thanks as well it was really fun and we were BOTH exhausted!

Ryder will probably never have any real titles but now I can say he has a Trick Dog title!

Mary DeMott



For sale: 2003 GMC Savana 1500 Passenger Van - AWD

**8 passenger van - (2,3,3)
Color: Sandalwood Metallic
Sliding side door
50/50 rear doors
Mileage: 242381
Front A/C
Rear A/C with separate control
Oil/lube every 3,000 miles**

Vehicle and service record available for inspection

**Contact Anne Legge,
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Picture Of the Month



“WOW!
Look
At
All
That
SNOW”
Said
Cowboy

**“WHEN IS
Spring
COMING?”**
Asked
Abby

“March Class Registration”

A reminder that we need your registrations for our March session--you can download them from our web page and leave them in my box at the training center or mail them to me.

Because there is a possibility that we may not be able to hold all 7 classes, we are going to do this: Members will still pay the usual \$75 for classes, but we will offer non-members a \$10 discount.

Reasoning: Members already receive a \$25 discount and most importantly--we need the money!!!

This will hopefully encourage anyone taking classes now to sign up for a future class because they are receiving a discount.

Donna T.

“Doggie Horoscope”

Aquarius

January 21 to February 19
Keeping your Aquarius dog happy is a challenge. He is for sure not humdrum or average. None of your neighbor dogs exhibits such individuality.

Pisces

February 20 to March 20
Your Pisces dog does not need a big garden. He wants to be close to you. It makes him happy to follow you like a shadow.

“Dog Trivia”

The first dog chapel was established in 2001. It was built in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, by Stephan Huneck, a children’s book author whose five dogs helped him recuperate from a serious illness.

French poodles did not originate in France but in Germany (“poodle” comes from the German *pudeln* or *pudelhund*, meaning “splashing dog”). Some scholars speculate the poodle’s puffs of hair evolved when hunters shaved the poodle for more efficient swimming, while leaving the pom-poms around the major joints to keep them warm.

The smallest dog on record was a matchbox-size Yorkshire terrier. It was 2.5" tall at the shoulder, 3.5" from nose tip to tail, and weighed only 4 ounces.





Robin Bell and I (Lynn Oliver) would like to thank the MANY club members who made donations for our Groundhog Day event. Look for a write-up in tomorrow's (Monday) Winchester Star, as I gave an interview to Val VanMeter (I THINK that's her name).

Anyway, there were a few items that we held back because #1 we had TOO MANY (we were advised to scale back) and #2 we want to GIVE BACK to BRDTC.

We will organize a table of silent auction/raffle items for the March Agility Trial.

What I need is:

1) Volunteers to work the table each day. --I can take Thursday, March 6th.-- So I need someone for Friday, Saturday and Sunday (times to be determined). It entails selling tickets, drawing winners and handing out winnings. What FUN is THAT? EASY job.

2) MORE ITEMS! New or like-new goodies. Dog or non-dog items dropped off in Korra's crate or put in bags with "LYNN" written on them (so I can't miss them). Home-baked dog treats a BIG HIT. I'll fix them up nice and pretty and divide up into each day's booty.

So, let's hear from you. Which day can you work? Can you bring me items? The sooner, the better. Last minute stuff is stressful and harder for me to manage. I'm away at conferences next weekend and right after the trial. Need to do this quickly!

Thanks!

-Lynn

Obviously, you know how important money is to us now; so I am asking for donations of the following for our 4-day trial and for the Setter trial on March 22 & 23 (the Bag Ladies are serving food for that trial as well to make money for us).

Cookies or brownies or any type of dessert (preferably homemade)

Canned sodas (in today's paper there were some good bargains)

Bottled water

We will need some help on March 22 & 23 for the Setter trial--right now we only have Joyce for the 22nd and Debbie for the 23. We definitely cannot do it with so few.

Dig down deep in your hearts!

Am begging -

Donna T.



Mark Your Calendar



February 22 Patrice Leipham Obedience Seminar

Lynn Oliver has been working OT for the club and has finished and posted the registration form for the Patrice Leipham obedience seminar on February 22 at the training room. There are limited working spots and it is first come. I will wait till Thursday to post it off club and accept entries from non club members so if you want a spot send in your form ASAP.
Donna R

March 22/23 All Breed Agility Trial

The English Setter All Breed agility trial sponsored by my local club will be March 22/23 at the Sportsplex. It opened on Wednesday Feb 5 and is a random draw trial so if any club members want in you need to send your entries to Debbie Kaufman ASAP. I really appreciate all the help you all give in putting this on- my ES club members work very hard but we are a small group.
Donna Richardson

Claudia Bates March 1st Seminar

I just wanted to send an email letting you know that I still have openings in my seminar on 3/1 at Dauphin Dog Training Club. 90% of the sequences will be just jumps and tunnels. I may do one sequence with the a-frame and one with weaves. However, the focus will be on handling. Here is what I plan to cover in this seminar:

1. Forward motion front crosses.
2. Landing side front crosses
3. Serpentine
4. Threadles
5. Rear crosses
6. Blind crosses
7. Backsides
8. Wraps

The sequences will be relatively simple but the skills covered will be suitable for dogs just starting out or competing at the Masters level.

For information: <http://www.ddtc.org/Claudia%20Bates%20March%2020104.pdf>

MYRA SAVANT-HARRIS SEMINAR

Sponsored by Shawnee Kennel Club

Canine Reproduction and Whelping and Puppy Intensive Care

Saturday & Sunday, September 6-7, 2014

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day

Travelodge of Winchester

160 Front Royal Pike, Winchester, VA 22602

540-665-0685

Cost: Two-Day Seminar (package deal only) \$150.00

lunch included each day

After August 4, 2014: \$175.00

Active Shawnee KC Members (before August 4): \$100.00
About the Speaker: A breeder of Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Myra Savant-Harris is a retired Registered Nurse with many years of experience working labor/delivery and neonatal ICU. Her seminars and books translate her experience into canine reproduction, whelping, and puppy intensive care.

Learn from her seminars how to get bitches in whelp, keep them in whelp, deliver puppies, and keep them alive. Savant-Harris covers how to collect canine semen and inseminate a bitch, timing for chilled and frozen semen, diet for the bitch in whelp, and the role of calcium and pitocin in whelping. Other topics include assessing a sick puppy, tube feeding, hydrating by subcutaneous fluids, and administering oxygen.

More information about Savant-Harris, her books, and whelping and puppy care supplies can be found on her website:

www.myrasavant-harris.com.

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"WAGS & BRAGS"



"Winners Circle"

On January 10th, Kindle earned her MACH in Lexington, VA. She is now MACH Sagehill Turn the Page MXB MJB XF

Janice Morton

As I said in the other note, I was at the Golden Retriever obedience trial this wkend too, doing Novice obedience. It was disastrous Sat. as I think the floor might've been too cold for Whippet tummies, but they did better today (Sunday). Travis almost qualified and TYLER QUALIFIED by the skin of his pointy nose. That's his 2nd AKC CD leg. Let's hear the rest of the brags.

Bobbie Lutz



At the Golden trial today, Patrice and Tubs earned HIT and High Combined!!!! Can you imagine what the competition was at a Golden trial?

One time Pacer (our 1st golden) earned a 197 1/2, and we didn't even place!

She won't brag but I will!!!

Her publicist,

Donna T.

Frosty had a good weekend at the Golden trials too. He was Four for Four in his classes, earning his 29th and 30th UDX legs to finish his UDX3. I was pleased because with this "lovely" weather lately, we have not been able to do much training.

Margaret Bissell





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WHAT'S HAPPENING

April 5-6 Shenandoah Valley
KC obedience trial
April 12-13 UKC agility trial
"PAWS FOR FUN"
April 29 meeting
May 16 meeting

month a visit to the
nursing homes

Envoy 2nd & 4th Monday 11am
Spring Arbor 2nd & 4th Tuesday
1 pm
Hill Top 2nd & 4th Friday 10:45 am



**BRDTC
Meeting March 5
7:30
Sportsplex**

**March 6-9
BRDTC Agility Trial**

**March 16
Tracking Test
Cross Junction**

**March 22/23
ESAA Agility Trial
Sportsplex**

VA Federation Report

The Virginia legislature is in session and Alice and I have been to Richmond several times already, meeting with legislators and other interested parties about the following bills:

SB 228: Patron: Sen. Chap Petersen

Pet dealers; diseased animals; veterinary certificate. Requires a pet dealer to reimburse certain veterinary fees when a consumer returns or retains a diseased dog or cat, live or dead, that has been certified by a veterinarian as being unfit for purchase. Current law requires the pet dealer to refund the purchase price or exchange the unfit pet for a pet of equivalent value. The bill extends the return or reimbursement period from 10 to 20 days and eliminates the condition that the animal be pedigreed. The bill also requires a dealer to provide an animal history certificate when the consumer takes possession of a dog or cat and incorporates information on the refund provision into the text of the required notice document. The bill requires certain dealers to record and post certain information about the breeder of each animal.*

*The amended bill allows ten days (not 20) for most diseases and 14 for parvo.

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=141&typ=bil&val=sb228>

COMMENTS: The VFDCB OPPOSES SB 228 as it now stands.

This is a classic HSUS bill (Sen. Petersen actually told us he worked with the HSUS state director, Laura Donahue, and HSUS lawyers to draft it!) and they are pushing it hard as "Bailey's Law," supposedly another bill to "fight puppy mills." But as usual with HSUS bills, a great deal of misinformation has been spread in the media and on the animal rights sites. We worked with Senator Petersen and some other interested parties to amend the bill, but we still have major issues with it.

Our objections:

-- Virginia already has an adequate "puppy lemon law" to protect consumers. The press releases imply that we have nothing to require pet stores to make good on sick puppies they sell. As it stands now, the buyer returns the sick puppy, and the store must either refund the buyer's money or supply another pet of equal value. SB 228 provides that the store also pay the vet bills the owner might have incurred; the buyer can KEEP the puppy and get all veterinary fees up to the price of the puppy.

-- Though we asked that the bill be changed to limit coverage to pet stores, that wording was changed only in one part of the bill. The rest still applies to "dealers," which arguably can include hobby breeders.

-- By removing the requirement that dogs be register able, this bill essentially extends coverage to every sale of a dog in the state.

-- People buying puppies already receive the information about a puppy's breeder, in the required history sheet. SB 228 wants to require posting that information on cages, which makes it easier for animal radicals to stalk and harass these breeders.

-- SB 228 does not cover shelters and rescues, which are more likely to sell sick puppies than pet stores. Some rescues in Virginia charge \$300-500 per dog or puppy and

state on their websites that they make no guarantee about the health of their animals and are not responsible for vet bills incurred by adopters. No mention is made of whether the purchase price will be refunded in the case of a sick animal. Why are they allowed to use the "buyer beware" policy when dealers and pet stores are not?
-- SB228 will require anyone advertising dogs or cats for sale in VA (including on the 'net') to post breeder's name, city, state, and USDA license info, if any. While VA probably cannot actually enforce this against non-VA breeders, any breeder who does comply gives HSUS information it can use to make a complaint to USDA for action under the new USDA breeder rule. Furthermore any supermarket bulletin board "kittens 4 sale" notice without the right info will be a violation and many localities have animal rightists who will make of going after posters.

STATUS: SB 228 has passed the Senate and will be going to committee in the House.

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SB 32 -- Patron: William Stanley Jr.

Animal Cruelty Registry established. Requires the Superintendent of State Police to establish and maintain an Animal Cruelty Registry for public access on the website of the Department of State Police. The Registry shall include the names of persons convicted of certain felony animal cruelty offenses. The bill provides that a person on the Registry may request removal of his name after 15 years, provided that he has no additional felony convictions of an animal cruelty offense.

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+ful+SB32>

STATUS: This bill has been passed by till 2015. It is dead for this year.

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SB 177 --

Patron: Sen. Bryce Reeves
Service dog; definition.

SUMMARY -- Definition of "service dog." Expands the definition of "service dog" to include dogs trained to assist persons suffering from a physical, sensory, intellectual, developmental, or mental disability or mental illness. The current definition is limited to dogs assisting a mobility-impaired person. The definition affects the rights of persons with disabilities who use trained service dogs with regard to dog license taxes, public accommodations, and housing. The bill contains technical amendments.

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+sum+SB177>

COMMENTS -

VFDCB SUPPORTS this bill.

STATUS: It has passed the Senate and will be going to the House.

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SB 444 --

Sen
Thomas K. Norment, Jr.

Hybrid canines; authorizes any locality to prohibit by ordinance keeping of such canines.

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Hybrid canines. Authorizes any locality to prohibit by ordinance the keeping of hybrid

canines. The bill alters the definition of hybrid canine *

*This bill has been amended to allow localities to require a permit for keeping a hybrid which can include

(i) the term and expiration date of the permit; (ii) the number of hybrid canines that may be owned by a permittee; (iii) identification tags or tattooing of the animal; (iv) where the animal may be kept; (v) handling of the animal while not on the property of the owner; and (vi) information required to be provided when applying for a permit, such as the sex, color, height, vaccination records, length, or identifying marks of the hybrid canine.

" It no longer allows the locality to require an owner to "dispose of" the hybrid canine unless "

unless the owner fails to obtain or renew any required permit or violates a provision of the ordinance or any other law pertaining to the responsible ownership of the hybrid canine

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=141&typ=bil&val=SB444>

COMMENTS

VFDCB OPPOSES this bill. It is breed specific legislation. Also Virginia has one of the best dangerous dog laws in the country. That is the way to deal with these issues.

STATUS --

Amended bill has passed the Senate and will be heard in the House.

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SB 622 --

Sen. William Stanley, Jr.

Companion animals; surgical sterilization program, fund, penalty.

Companion animal surgical sterilization program; fund; penalty. Establishes a fund to reimburse participating veterinarians for the surgical sterilizations they perform on eligible cats or dogs.

The bill provides that a surcharge of \$50 per ton of pet food distributed in the Commonwealth be deposited in the fund and such pet food be exempted from the existing litter tax. An animal will be eligible for sterilization under the program if it is a feral or free-roaming cat or is owned by a low-income individual or an animal shelter or other releasing agency. The bill establishes penalties for providing false information or submitting false payment requests.

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=141&typ=bil&val=SB622>

STATUS: This bill has been passed by until 2015. It is dead for this year.

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HB 212 --

Del. Danny Marshall

Driving while holding pet; prohibited.

SUMMARY -- Prohibits driving a motor vehicle while holding a pet.

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=141&typ=bil&val=HB212>

COMMENTS

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VFDCB OPPOSES on the grounds that this is a dumb bill. This is already covered by "reckless driving" or "distracted driving" or whatever covers texting, doing your nails, putting on make-up or whatever else. We're not spending any time on this one!
STATUS: The bill has been referred to the House Transportation Committee.

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HB 972 --

Patron: Del. Ben Cline

Protective orders; companion animals.

Provides that a court may include in a protective order provisions granting to the petitioner the care, custody, and control of an animal jointly owned, possessed, or cared for by (i) the petitioner and the respondent or (ii) a child residing in the petitioner's household and the respondent.

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=141&typ=bil&val=HB972>

COMMENT -- Abusive partners not infrequently threaten pets and/or other animals. This bill would allow including animals in protective court orders. This seemingly good idea has taken several years to get prodded into what now seems decent (non-AR) shape.
VFDCB SUPPORTS.

STATUS --

This bill has been amended, but amendment is not on the General Assembly site yet. It was reported out (approved) by the Criminal subcommittee of the Courts of Justice committee and has been referred to Appropriations.

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HB 624

Patron: Del. Vivian Watts

Protective orders; companion animals

Provides that a court may include in a protective order provisions prohibiting harm to a companion animal.

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+sum+HB624>

COMMENTS: VFDCB SUPPORTS (see HB 972)

STATUS: The Criminal subcommittee of the Courts of Justice committee recommended combining this bill with HB 972.

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HB 1067 --

Patron: Del. Bobby Orrock

Animal shelters; definitions.

Animal shelters; definitions. Substitutes the terms "private animal shelter" for "animal shelter" and "public animal shelter" for "pound." The bill also amends the definitions of "animal shelter" and "home-based rescue."

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=141&typ=bil&val=HB1067&submit=GO>

COMMENT -- This is a needed but complicated set of "housekeeping" changes.
We'd like to see more but we SUPPORT this bill

STATUS:

Passed the House with amendments, referred to the Senate Agriculture committee

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We will continue to monitor these bills and work with legislators to protect the right to breed and own dogs. If you have comments or questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sharyn Hutchens
Co-Legislative Liaison (with Alice Harrington)