

Blues News

January 2011

BLUE RIDGE
DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



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Christmas auction 2010

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Wreath by Dean



Goodies



More goodies



Passing the Eukanuba Crown

Happy
New Year!

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"If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons." -

James Thurber









Thank you for 2010

Donna Thompson
Marzenna Gilbert
Stacy Defilippi
Carly Keane
Sandy Stokes
Linda Hammond
Ginger Taylor
Kathy Brunner
Tim & Becky Gregory
Joyce Riggs
Anita Belt
Alice Seabright
Bobbi Lutz
Anne Legge
Sue Rich
Donna Richardson
Judy Grim

Picture Of the Month



***"The
Party's
Over
-
Happy
2011!"***

*Brooks
& Sawyer
Burgan*

New BRDTC Officers & Board Members

President – Hal Daly
Vice-president – Donna Richardson
Treasurer – Vicki Gilley
Secretary – Annette Talbot
Board Member – Janice Morton
Board Member – Amy Grimm



"Jerky"

Use any meat, pork loin is best. Remove visible fat and slice with the grain into 1 inch slices. Freeze the meat. Slice frozen meat with the grain into 1/4 inch strips. Place strips on a greased cookie sheet & bake at 200 degrees for six to eight hours. Leave the oven door slightly ajar. No seasoning needed for dogs.

"Doggie Horoscope"

Capricorn
December 23 to January 20
The Capricorn dog requires kindness, warmth, and harmony. More deliberate than other signs, the Capricorn dog can reach an old age.

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.

Birthday's & Anniversary's February

Birthday's

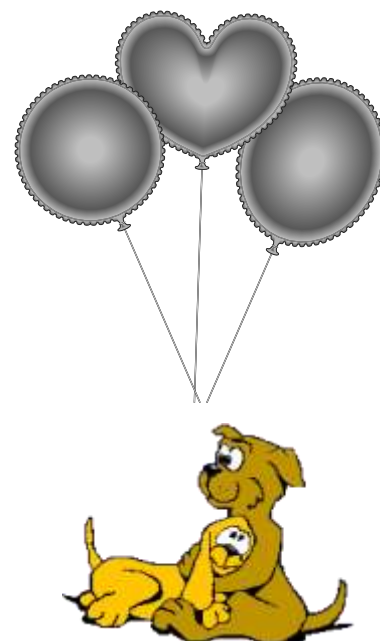
Anita Belt 2/5

Kevin Yungk 2/8

Nancy Stawsnyder 2/9

Emily Harrison 2/13

Anniversary's





Mark Your Calendar



“Awards Banquet”

At the

Perkins Restaurant

Date: Feb 12th

Menu:

*Roast beef, chicken, potatoes,
vegetables, salad, dessert
and drinks and an open bar.*

Time: 6 p. m.

Cost: \$20

Send or give money to:

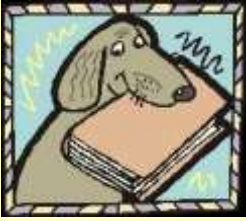
Annette Talbot

1989 Palmer Road

Hedgesville, WV 25427

Deadline: Feb 9th





"Thank You"

Theresa,

It was such a great night for the kids. They were able to read to several dogs. A few of them came in yesterday and said, "You know, I think I like to read."

Thank you for sharing your special pets with our children.

Bonnie

Here's a note we got from the teacher at Orchard View

Thank you for inviting us last night. We had a wonderful time. Everything was so organized, and the children really read quite well. The puppet and poem were just amazing bonuses. You and Kara are quite creative, I must say. One of our members suggested you copyright that poem. I'm sure any dog therapy group would love to have it to use in their publicity. Let us know if there is anything else we can do to support the good work you are doing to help children become readers at Orchard View.

The Whelping Box

Dear Club Members:

Gem (CH. Pride 'N Joy's Romancing The Stone TD OA OAJ RN) had 8 puppies on Monday night--5 girls and 3 boys. They are all l/w and beautifully marked.

Everyone is doing well, and Gem has been an incredibly good Mom.

**Proud owners,
Bernie & Donna**



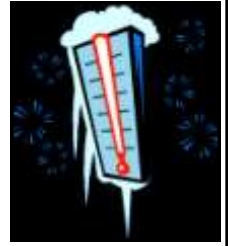
Top 10 Alltime Doggie Bestsellers:

10. **"Fire Hydrants of New York", by Rusty the Firehouse Dalmation.**
9. **"Oh No, Timmy's In The Well Again!", by Lassie with Rudd Weatherwax.**
8. **"101 Ways To Skin A Cat", by Duke "Crocodile" Dingo Dog.**
7. **"Why People Throw Sticks, And What To Do About It", by FetchBoy the Golden Retriever.**
6. **"Stop Chasing Cats and Start Catching Them", by Dr. Rover Tilted.**
5. **"How I Licked The Toilet Bowl Habit", by Sammy Snauzer.**
4. **"No Bad Dogs", by Professor Hugo Sitt.**
3. **"Teach Your Human To Heel", by Rowf Rotweiler.**
2. **"Spit For Life", by Pete the Wonderdog.**
1. **"Good Kitty, Dead Kitty", by Spot "Psycho" Poodle.**





How to Protect an Elderly Dog in the Winter



Many dogs aren't exactly fond of cold weather as they get older. Elderly dogs can be dog of a certain age needs special more sensitive to the winter's cruel weather and temperatures than a dog half its age. A attention and care. Here are some tips in order to make sure that your elderly dog stays healthy and feels well in the winter months.

Difficulty: Easy

Instructions

1

Have your dog wear a sweater. Some people may not like the idea of putting clothes on their dog, but this is strictly for warmth purposes. The winter weather can make elderly dogs feel sore if they get too cold. A sweater, even when it's worn for a few minutes, can keep the frigid chill away from the dog and keep him warm.

2

Add extra warmth to your dog's [bed](#). Whether it's getting him a heated bed or just adding a nice, thick blanket, the extra cover will help to keep the dog warmer so it can get a comfortable nights sleep and not have the cold affect him when he sleeps. An elderly dog needs to have extra cover to keep them warm in the winter months in order to make sure that their body doesn't get sore and stiff.

3

Wash off the pads of your dogs feet with warm water when they come in. Since the dog is stepping directly on the ground, their feet can get horribly cold. If they catch a chill it can affect their [health](#). In addition to warming up their paws, you are removing any rock salt that built up on the bottom of the dogs feet which could cause the pads to crack. Apply Vaseline to prevent cracking and to help heal already cracked pads.

4

Never take the dog out longer than necessary. It is dangerous to the health of an elderly dog to be out in the cold weather for too long. As soon as they go to the bathroom, they should be brought back in. Even when they go for walks, the time should be kept to a minimum.

5

Be careful of the dog going up and down stairs. Older dogs aren't as spry as younger dogs. If they step on a small patch of ice on the stairs, they could easily slip, fall, and get injured. Keep your eye out for any patches of ice on any stairs that your dog is going up or down.



Penny & Laika Germelman



"WAGS & BRAGS"



Icey finished her OTCH today!!! She worked her little heart out for me and did a fantastic job against some top notch competition. What a GREAT Christmas present! Just exactly what I wanted!

Icey is now:

CH OTCH MACH2 Keepsake Giving Me Chills UDX3 OM4 (CH Karolina Bonnyvale Tahoe X CH OTCH MACH2 Keepsake Moonlight Serenade UDX5 OM2).

Wow! What a THRILL to finally get to write that for a second dog! Icey is the first OTCH Keeshond in three and a half years and the second CH OTCH MACH Keeshond in history, with Nikkee, her mother, being the first. We will take a few weeks off for the Holidays, then maybe Icey and I will play a little bit of agility again.

Margaret Bissell

Keepsake Kees

Hi Everyone,

Today was Mocha's first agility trial. We went to the BAD NADAC trial in Frederick, MD. She had four great runs and qualified in tunnelers with a first place! She would have had two more except for handler error - she said she was going to send me back for retraining! Dixie and Oreo also had a great day too. Oreo ended up with 5 out of 6 qualifications and earned 3 titles(with her co-runner- John)- novice hoopers, elite tunnelers, and elite Touch and Go. Dixie also Q'd 3 times and took first place in elite weavers. We are looking forward to day 2 tomorrow!

Stacy & John & 3 labs-

1 yellow- 1 black- and now 1 chocolate

Today mocha got 2 1st places and earned her first title. A TN-N!!!!!! Oreo and John qualified 6 out of 6 runs. Dixie qualified 4 out of 6 and earned her hoopers HP-N and her elite tunnelers TN-E!!!! Dixie I meant. Hope to see you soon in classes on the 17th!

Stacy D

This is my new pup Skye (7 months) getting her first two best of Sheltie and 4th in herding group. She now has her Advanced trick title and first APDT Nov puppy leg.

Today Skye won the herding group. She is now 3/4 way to her championship. Laurel won herding group altered dogs and then Reserve Best in Show 2 times. she is now halfway to a championship.

Gail Robbins



Whippets Ashley & Tyler are on the FL circuit with their handlers. First day Ashley got a Best of Breed, the next day a "Select", but it's been downhill since then. Ashley's about 1/2 way to her AKC Grand CH. Tyler's had to be absent as they turned out to be no majors.

Bobbie





***The AKC on New Year's Resolutions,
canine style.***

- 10. Owner on floor, dog in bed.**
- 9. Stop begging and actually get a seat at the dinner table.**
- 8. Give up the dream of ever catching my tail.**
- 7. Bark like a big dog, but still get cuddled on lap like a little dog.**
- 6. Get back at cat for litter box incident.**
- 7. Find every bone I ever buried.**
- 4. No more haircuts! (Come fall, I can go as a Komondor for Halloween).**
- 3. Become alpha dog in my house. Well, at least stop letting the cat push me around.**
- 2. Invent goggles that allow me to see the electric fence.**
- 1. Finally pass that darn Canine Good Citizen**



“Share a Happy New Year with the Frederick Co. Shelter”

They are in need of the following items:

Brooms & Dust Pans
Plain non-clumping cat litter
Window cleaner
Liquid dish soap
Liquid hand 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)
Large industrial trash bags





10 Canine Commandments



1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. **Any separation from you will be painful to me.** Remember that before you buy me.
2. **Give me time to understand** what you want from me.
3. **Place your trust in me.** It's crucial to my well-being.
4. **Dont be angry with me** for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your entertainment and your friends. I only have you.
5. **Talk to me sometimes.** Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when it's speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, **I'll never forget it.**
7. Remember before you hit me: I have teeth that could easily crush the bones of your hand, but **I choose not to bite you.**
8. Before you scold me for being un-cooperative, obstinate or lazy, **ask yourself if something might be bothering me.** Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, or I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart is getting old and weak.
9. **Take care of me when I get old.** You too will grow old.
10. **Go with me on difficult journeys.** Never say: "I can't bear to watch it", or "Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for me if you are there.

REMEMBER THAT I LOVE YOU.



Pets and People Battle Obesity



Owners and Pets Who Exercise Together Lose Weight Faster

You and your dog love nothing more than lying on the couch together and watching TV.

Maybe you have a few snacks – and share those crunchy chips with Fido.

Then you start noticing that you can't see your dog's ribs through a new layer of chub. He's walking a little slower and seems more tired than usual.

You realize your dog might be overweight. You take him to the veterinarian for a checkup, and learn that your dog is part of the growing pet obesity problem. In fact, a 2005 study from Purina found that 60 percent of pets are overweight.

Your veterinarian recommends adjusting your dog's diet – including cutting out the people food – and says you need to start taking your dog for brisk walks, twice a day.

Fight Obesity Together

Obesity is a major health issue in Americans. Childhood obesity is considered an epidemic. As we struggle with obesity, so do our pets. They have the same weight-related issues we do: diabetes, heart problems, joint issues and cancer.

And, just like us, many of these health problems for our pets can be alleviated through a healthy diet and regular exercise.

Take your dog for brisk walks of at least 20 minutes twice a day and you both benefit. It is a great time to get your heart pumping and to spend time out of doors. You and your dog can get fit together while also reducing stress.

Getting your dog out and taking him different places helps keep his mind alert and active.

You can gradually build up to longer walks or even runs. You and your dog may enjoy going on local hiking trails. Make sure you obey your local leash laws.

Taking your dog to a dog park is a great opportunity for exercise. Engage him in a game of fetch or simply let him run around with the other dogs. It's also a good chance for you to socialize with other dog owners.

Friendship is another important stress reliever.

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A Hug a Day

It's tough not to smile when greeted with a crazily wagging tail or a soft feline head rubbing against your hand.

A study by the [American Pet Products Manufacturers Association](#) (APPPMA) showed a strong correlation between improved physical and mental health in pet owners. Personal well-being may be directly related to this human-animal bond.

Petting, grooming and playing with pets – and even watching colorful fish swim in a tank - all have been shown to lower our blood pressure and improve our mood. And, of course, our pets love the attention!

Having to take care of a pet also can give a sense of purpose. It can lessen loneliness.

Pet owners are generally happier, and therefore healthier, than those who don't have pets.





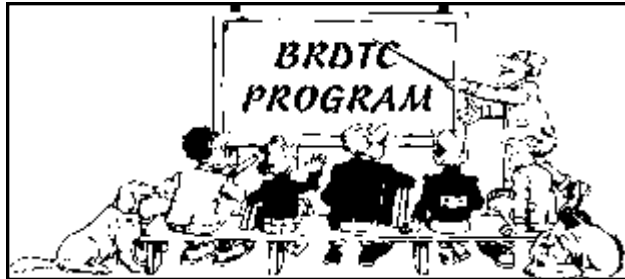
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WHAT'S HAPPENING 2011

Jan - No meeting
FEB 12 - AWARDS Banquet
MARCH 11-13 Agility Trial
March 15 - Pizza Party
APRIL 1- Meeting
April 17 - Tracking Test
May 10 - meeting
May 14 - Canine carnival
June 10 - meeting
July 8-10 - agility trial
July 30 - Picnic/ run thrus

each month a visit to envoy & HILLTOP
nursing home

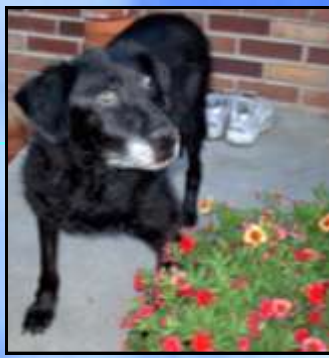
***Awards Banquet
Feb. 12th
At
Perkins
Restaurant
Deadline Feb. 9th
To make reservations***

See flyer in newsletter.





Tahoe Burgan



Snoopy Manchey



One Whetzel



Carrie Rich



P.C. Butler



Morgan Germelmen



George Belt



Penny Nansel



Ranger Rich



Oliver Taylor



Oden White

"Not Forgotten"

Alexandra Day

*A door called death has closed between us—
 for the moment.
 But could a little thing like that break the bond of love
 & understanding between us,
 who have been so close?
 Of course not.
 Having left behind the body which no longer served me,
 I can be with you always & everywhere;
 on long delicious walks,
 at quiet times,
 and lively times,
 alone,
 Among friends new and old,
 Let my excitement with life
 Still brighten your days.
 As long as there is a place
 in your heart which is the shape
 of me, I will be with you.
 One day you too will come through the door,
 And we will be together in glorious ways
 We have yet to understand.*

"Connor Riggs"

We are so proud of him. We got Connor in 2002 (we are not sure of his age probably at least 12)-- he went through several Blue Ridge classes--he even tried agility. He taught us how much fun it is to have a lap dog. When we first got him he was afraid of Sonny, we thought we would place him but of course Sonny had him eating out of his hand in no time. Most nights he slept on Sonny's head. What a wonderful dog. He escaped one day, we knew where to look and he was walking up the road with a hot dog hanging out of his mouth.. These are the great memories we have of this wonderful dog. We will miss him so much.

Joyce and Sonny Riggs

"Penny Nansel"

We had to say goodbye to our foster dog - an arthritic 12 year old black lab named Penny. She came to us from AHGRR in March after her elderly owner could no longer care for her. We looked for a forever home for her, not realizing that we would actually be her final home. None of you had a chance to meet her, but she was a sweet girl and she had a larger place in our hearts than we realized until yesterday.

Carol Nansel

"Oben White"

Born in my hands, died in my arms and will forever live in my heart. He was 14 1/2.
DC Whitesline Obergewehr JH, CD,
CGC, GSPCA/MDGSPC VC
Carol White

"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.

Peace

Kathy Whetzel

"Oliver Taylor"

My little rescue Oliver, went to the rainbow bridge 2 weeks ago. I got him off Craigs list, to keep someone else from getting him for the wrong reasons. He had a stroke and seizures. He was at least 12 years old, and a funny little fellow.

Ginger



"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

"Snoopy Manchey"

He was a gentle soul who helped tame our wild little Scruffy dog and faithfully guarded us by quietly placing himself between family members and any visitors we admitted to the house.

He enjoyed several months of Saturday morning visits to Evergreen in the late 90's until he was called to administer therapy to Paul and Mom and we had to stop our visits.

He seemed to enjoy holidays, especially Halloween when he would sit at the front door in whatever crazy hat I put on him and wait patiently for the children to come to the door and pet him in exchange for treats.

Very few club members knew him because he only took one obedience class and found the whole treats for appropriate behavior thing pretty silly. He knew that he was going to be good and we were going to give him treats no matter what.

Carol Nansel

"Carrie Rich" October 1992 - November 2010 18+ years

*So many years ago I
held you gently and re-
joiced*

*when you took your
first breath.*

*Yesterday I held you
with sad tears when
you took your last.*

*Be free and happy...
I'll hold you again with
joy at the bridge.*

"Ranger Rich" December 1996 - March 2010 13 years

*Free and healthy at
last....be at rest my
gentle boy. We'll play
together again at the
bridge.*

Sue Rich

"Klinefelter's Probable Cause AKA - PC Butler"

I first met PC when I went to get my first pure bred dog "Sara". She was so beautiful and desperate for a home.

When we were about to leave for home she followed me to the car putting her paw on my leg as if to say "please take me with you".

She come home with me and we had a wonderful 1 1/2 years before she was sent off to be a Champion.

In those years she slept in a bed and was spoiled rotten. She loved playing keep away with an old milk jug and football with Major our GSP, Sara & Lady Bug, Vicky's Jack Russell.

When she retired I couldn't wait to get her home. She was the best and well behaved dog ever. She moved into my bedroom (only room with AC) and let everyone know this was her territory. She was 15 years old when we lost her to Cancer. That last ride to the vet was the longest ride I have ever taken. She hated car rides and hated going to the vets office. I promised her this would be the last time for both.

Missing her doesn't even begin to express the feeling of emptiness that was left in this house.

Martha

"Tahoe Burgan"

August 8, 2003 - June 19, 2010

I know you didn't know him but his was such a big, beautiful, friendly dog. I wish David would have taken him out more and shared him with the world. Even though we have three other dog at home the house just has an empty feeling without him. He will always be missed.

Jan Burgan



"Morgan Germelmen"

On Aug. 17th we lost one of the sweetest dogs that has ever graced our family, our Norwegian Elkhound Ch. VinMelca's Morgana, TDI, CGC. She also loved to do agility work but unfortunately could never get her mother to compete! Morgan was a very playful bitch with a great sense of humor. She could rip, zip, and run circles around my other dogs who were always trying to catch her. She lived life to the fullest and enriched our lives immeasurably. She was a very special personality and we will greatly miss her. Her ashes will be interred next to the bird bath with our other special pets.

Donna Germelman