# Blues News

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2011 Tracking Trial

By Jeannie Johnson

The weekend forecast for the dog tracking trials was not sounding great when I woke up early Friday morning to get ready to go to work; Rain all day on Saturday, with heavy rains and thunder storms in the afternoon. Sunday was not calling for rain but high winds in the morning. I began wondering what we were going to do. Upon arriving to work, I decided to call **Donna Thompson** and see if **Phil Gallegher**, one of the tracking judges, would be willing to put all of the TD tracks in a Friday evening. Donna called me back to let me know that he would be willing to put the tracks in that evening. Donna called **Joyce Riggs**, one of the TD track layers and I called my husband, **Richard** to let them know that we were putting the tracks in this evening. **Patrice Leipham** was already scheduled to put two TD tracks in on Friday so that she could finish up her requirements to become a TD tracking judge.

When I got off work at 5:00pm and arrived at the Timber Ridge School field, **Bernie Thompson** was there with the flags. Phil and Patrice were finishing up on the first track. When they finished the first track, they started working on the second track. Richard arrived just about in time for the third track to go in the field. I asked Phil if I could walk with them and carried the flags for them as they plotted the track. I knew that I had forgotten to put my boots on and really wished I had them on when we started wadding through water. Mud was slinging up on the back of my jeans, but that is sometimes the way it is for a track layer. It was the first day of preparation with the tracks and we were already getting muddy. What would tomorrow bring for the track layers with more rain moving coming? Joyce worked on the last track with Phil and by 7:00pm we had the four TD tracks plotted.

After I got home that evening, I cooked a crock pot full of vegetable chili for the track layers on Saturday, as it was suppose to be cool.

Bernie woke up a 3:00am and remembered that we had forgotten to get a Johnny Blue delivered to the school house for the event. By the time people started arriving on Saturday, the Johnny Blue was ready for usage. I don't know exactly how Bernie pulled that one off, but he did.

Saturday morning, **Judy Edwards**, the other tracking judge arrived with her husband **Clint** at the little red school house. She was thrilled when Donna told her that the TD tracks had been plotted on Friday. Clint had volunteered to come with Judy and help with anything that needed done over the weekend. He had no idea what was in store for him. **Clayton Kilrain**, the first TDX track layer was at the school house ready to put in the track when I arrived at 8:30am. **Marsha**, second track layer, and **Tom Dulz**, one of the cross track layers arrived shortly after I did. **Donna Funk-Smith** was the other cross track layer that was coming on Sunday to work with Tom. I gathered the flags for the track layers, with Bernie's help and brought them up to the little red school house. Everyone got their raingear on and by 9:00am, the first set of track layers along with the two judges and Clint, now flag carrier, took off to put in the first TDX track. Marsha Dulz left and went out to the field where the second TDX track was going to be plotted. **Bob Coy**, third track layer, arrived around 9:30am, visited for a minute and then headed out to his field to wait for the judges.

Everything was going smoothly, just like planned and then disaster struck. The rain had been coming down all morning and the parking area by the school house was soggy. Well, Okay, very soggy. The fun was about to begin. **Marzenna Gilbert** came into the



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"The greater love is a mother's; then comes a dog's; then a sweetheart's."





school house carrying two trays of deviled eggs. The first words out of her mouth were, "I'm stuck in the mud." At that point, I had no idea that the mud party was just getting started. While Marzenna waited for her friend to come and pull her out, I saw that someone else in the parking area was working in the rain filling in ruts. It was **Mary Ann Dean**, the fourth TDX track layer. She had gotten her truck stuck, kicked it in 4-wheel drive and got it out of the lot.

By 12:00pm, the judges were putting in the last track with Mary Ann and the rain was starting to come down faster. **Kathy Brunner** had arrived at the school house with sandwich items to help with lunch. I don't know for sure but I think Kathy got stuck too, as there were some rut marks where she had parked. By 1:00pm, all of the track layers and the judges were soaked but back at the school house sitting down to lunch. Clint told me three times, how good my chili tasted. I think he was just thankful to get something warm in his belly. The thunder storms had started by this time and the rain was pouring down. Bernie told me to move my car as he feared I might never get it out of the lot. Thank God, I had enough sense that morning to back it in or I would not have gotten it out of the lot. While we ate, Donna noticed that part of their fence had blown off.

After lunch, Bernie and Clint went to the house to see if they could fix the fence. Clint, who said he would do anything, held true to his word as he stood out in a thunder and lightning storm with a 12 inch screw driver, could have been a lightning rod, repairing the fence with Bernie. After they fixed the fence, Bernie and Clint headed back to the school house to put up a barrier to the parking lot so no one else would get stuck tomorrow.

Donna and I drove over to the house and sat in my car talking about what to do about parking tomorrow. We must have been in the car for some time, as my windows were steamed up when we went in the house. We decided to have the handlers park in Donna's driveway in the morning so we could do the draw there.

By the time I got home, I had mud all over the back of my pants as most all of us did that day. I stripped, changed my pants and called everyone to give them directions to park in the Thompson's driveway.

I was up by 6:00 am to get ready for the day of the trial on Sunday. I hunted for thirty minutes for my gators and finally gave up arriving at the school house at 7:15. The track layers were already in the fields putting in the tracks and the handlers had arrived for the draw at 7:30. At 7:30, I asked Clint, Mr. Johnny on the spot at this point, if he would hold the snoopy eggs for the handlers to draw from. The 4 handler's drew their track numbers and by 7:45 we were in our cars headed to the field at Timber Ridge School.

Despite the high winds, the first dog, Darkside's Broadway Play Bill, a Border Collie owned by Gayle Echevarria, worked a chair track beautifully in a short period of time. Yippee! What a way to start the trial with the first dog getting its Tracking Dog title. The second and third dogs got off track and whistles were blown. The fourth dog, an English Springer named Carwood's Silver Wings of Houck Haven started on the track which was also a chair pattern. Pam Houck handled the dog well and the dog performed beautifully on the track. Yippee! Another dog got its TD title.



When we arrived back at the school house for breakfast, sausage gravy and biscuits made

by Carol White, we discovered that she had parked in the lot and was stuck. Bob Coy thought that about four men could push her out. Bob rounded up Clint, who said that he would do anything to help, maybe one of the dog owners and I saw Bernie headed to the door. I said, "Bernie, don't you push that car." A few minutes later, Bernie came back in the school with mud from his head to his toes. I said to him, "You didn't listen to me." And then I laughed and laughed even harder when I saw Clint later with mud splattered all over him. At that point, Clint was saying that he was never coming back to Cross Junction again.

We had the draw at 9:30am for the TDX tracks. Unfortunately, we did not have any TDX titles earned at this trial. After the dogs ran, we returned to the school house where **Anita Belt** had prepared a nice lunch for us. We had good fellowship with one another, shared a great meal together and had two dog owners leave feeling very proud of their accomplishments. **Donna Thompson** gave out the rosettes to the dogs and then gifts to all of the track layers.

Thanks to all of the members of the club that helped with food preparation or track laying and to those individuals outside the club that came to support the trial. Despite the weather and mud, everyone enjoyed themselves and had a good time. And best of all, we have two more Tracking Dogs in the world today thanks to BRDTC Tracking Trial.







# "Spree Thompson"





Am, Can. Ch. Pride 'Joy's Celebration CDX, TDX, MX, RAEII, APDT-ARCH, AJX He was Donna Thompson's best friend, a therapy dog and a doggy model who has appeared in many magazines and calendars. "Spree" was still turning heads at 12 years of age and was a wonderful dog who has accomplished everything she has asked him to do. And he comes by it honestly since his half-brother is the famous "James" Ch. Felicity's Diamond Jim who won Best In Show at the 2007 Westminster KC.

Donna says: "When I purchased my first Springer Pride in 1969 from Andy and Mary Carey of "Carey Springer's", I promised them that I would always have multi-talented Springer's and that we would do everything that we could for our Pride N'Joy dogs...and after 40 years my husband Bernie, Julie Hogan and I are still fulfilling that promise!"



### Hi Donna,

Just wanted to thank all of those involved in last weekend's tracking test. You all put on such a nice test. The food is great, friendly people and wonderful judges. What more could we ask for...oh yes, I guess a bit better weather would have been nice:-) I know how much work it is to put one of these tests on so I just wanted to

let you know how much I appreciated it. Maybe you can pass this on to those people that worked so hard. Bill is already working on his TDX and hopefully it won't be long before we can add that to his resume!!Thanks again.

Gayle Echevarria and Darkside's Broadway Play Bill, CD, RN, TD!!!!!!

Staunton, VA





### Picture Of the Month







Lancer Gil bert

"Let me think! Do I want a bath??"

"NOOO! I don't think so!"

### **Garlic Treats**

Pound a boneless chicken breast (or turkey breast, or a piece of round steak) to a uniform thickness of about ½". Sprinkle \*liberally\* with garlic powder on both sides. Microwave on a paper plate, covered with wax paper, for 2-3 minutes per side. Cut into tiny pieces when cool. Keeps for several weeks in the refrigerator, or can be frozen.

All, I'm having a "going out of (agility) business"

sale. I want \$200 (OBO) for the following: • Set of 12 weave poles (made by Neil Leipham) • Contact practice obstacle - this helps dogs practice contacts. One side looks like dog walk, the other side looks like A-frame (this too was made by Neil Leipham) • 2 sets of jumps (one newer, one old - old one needs some paint) • One see saw (this is actually free to a good home but will go with the whole lot - very heavy). These items are large and you'll need a pick-up to haul. One catch, you must come to my house in Berkeley Springs, near Cacapont State Park to pick it all up. Clare

### "Doggie Horoscope"

Taurus
April 21 to May 20
Taurus dogs are patient and reliable, special with kids. They want a regular daily routine and feel most comfortable in a secure, peaceful home.

### Gemini

May 21 to June 21
He loves to communicate with others by eye contact, intense body language, or well-intentioned sounds.

# Bírthdays & Anniversary's December

Birthdays

Tom Anderson 6/5

Gary Smith 6/6

Donna Richardson 6/7

Donna Germelman 6/14

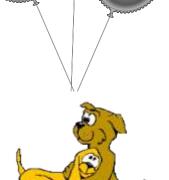
James Ruddy 6/24

Kitty Bowman 6/30

Anniversary's

Ed & Nancy Stawsnyder 6/9/71

Beth & Tom Anderson 6/23/79



# Mark Your Calendar

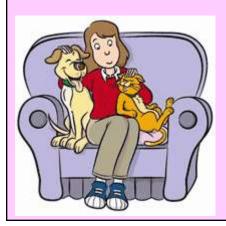


# Frederick Co Esther Boyd Animal Shelter

May 21

Midnight Madness

11 am—3pm & 6 pm - 11:30 pm



Open extra evening hours for animal adoptions

Tell a Friend

I'll second that! We had a great time last night too! Kenzie had so much fun being pet and admired by everyone and Dudley was his entertaining self, as usual:) Thanks Ed and Nancy and everyone else that brightened the evening of a whole bunch of residents of Westminster last night!!!

Megan, Kenzie, and Dudley

Boy what a great time I and Willow had at Westminster. The Boy what a great time I and willow had at Westminster. Ine first thing I've been able to attend other than class for a long time. It was a great again to a strength of the st time. It was great seeing everybody again. I forget what a great are no attend one to be a the club who are ume. It was great seeing everybody again. I forget what a great group of people and dogs we have in the club when I have in the club when I have a ground them for auchila Martha Leave common and the common and them for auchila Martha Leave common and the common accounts and the common and the common and the common accounts and the comm group of people and dogs we have in the club when I'm not around them for awhile. Martha I saw some people taking pictures but not sure now who it was Upportulated and the provided by the people and the provided by the people and dogs we have it was Upportulated by the people and dogs we have it was Upportulated by the people and dogs we have it was Upportulated by the people and dogs we have in the club when I'm not around the people and dogs we have in the club when I'm not around the people and dogs we have in the club when I'm not around the people and dogs we have in the club when I'm not around the people around the people and dogs we have in the club when I'm not around the people around mem for awhite. Waithat I saw some people taking protures, but not sure now who it was. Hopefully someone got

some good ones for you. Janice McCown

Issie and I also had a great time last night at Westminster! I'm so glad we finally made it there. Thanks to Ed and Nancy for all their hard work getting the venue ready and all the equipment set up and for Ed being a wonderful emcee!

Joy and the Fur bunch



Phoebe just loved showing off her new tricks! We both had such a great time and she got so many nice complements about being such a great pit bull! Thanks Ed & Nancy for everything you did to make last night such a success!



# Westminster Canterbury Pictures by Marzzena Gilbert

























# Canine Carnival 2011

Photos by Bob Tatara

















### "WAGS & BRAGS"



Hey Everyone,

I lurk a lot on this list and always read about how wonderful everyone's dogs in this great club does weekend in, weekend out. Well I guess some of this clubs great work was bound to rub off!<smiles> on us.

We headed out to the ABMC national specialty show on Saturday the 16th. We took our RV for it's first long voyage. We drove to Cleveland the first day so that we could go to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum Sunday morning before heading to Valparaiso Indiana where out natl was held.

The R & R museum is awesome, and was made especially sweet as we were standing in line to pay a lady came up to us and gave us two tickets that her hotel had given her, so no charge to get in! SCORE!

Sunday's drive from Cleveland to Valpo was horrendous. The wind gusts were so strong that we could only do about 45-50 mph, along with the rain, made for a stressful travel day.

On Monday we got to set up & relax a bit as this was track plotting day. We had a great dinner with our tracking judges Beth Walker (CT Belgian tervuren) & Inge Suchanek (CT Labradors). On Tuesday was tracking, Ace & I got 4th pick for the 6 entrant TD test, we drew track # 3.

The weather was in the 30's, rainy and breezy. The first 2 tracks were laid in grass, our track was on someone's property in ankle deep alfalfa. With the wind and the rain starting to pelt hard we were off, first corner perfect, second corner perfect into the 35 mph gusts, we made it next turn and Ace turned around and back tracked. He road the rails for three legs and then lost it. My handling was horrible, hindsight is 20/20! I was very nervous since this was our national and all. We got the whistle.

One judge knows we have been training VST for about 6 months steady now and said Ace is so ready to move towards VST. These tracks were too hot for him. Wednesday herding, A little back story. I bought Ace as a herding dog, his mother is the breeds (all Belgian varieties for that matter) highest titled herding Belgian. We worked weekly for two years, then went on to pursue obedience as Ace was stressing having me as his handler. Fast forward two years and now Andy started training in herding about 2 months ago. Ace was entered in Started A course sheep. Ace has done very well in his classes, ie; controlled environment) He turned into a flossing machine to 2 thank yours from the judges on Wednesday. Back to classes we go. His mother took HIT at one trial, his sister took High ducks another trial. I am very proud of Andy making their herding debut at the national!

Thursday & Friday were agility and we do not do agility <vbg> although his sister won high combined with triple Qs each day. Saturday was obedience, Andy is handler; Ace won Rally advanced A in a class of 7.

Ace's team in rally novice scored a 380 out of 400, Ace had no points off, only team entry so they won this. Next was Graduate Novice, Ace scored perfectly in all exercises but the DOR. Andy would not drop him before his Novice B run, so they NQd.

Graduate open was a complete mess, I'll let Andy tell Margaret all about it) Novice B, Ace scored a 196 to garner second place to an 8 year old dog and multi HIT OTCH handler with a 198 for HIT. Next was Beginning Novice B, Ace got a 198 & 2nd place. Team obedience was a debacle but not because of Ace, there were dogs on the team that did not perform well. They took 2nd out of 2 team entries. the best part of the team exercises were the costumes & theme. Their teams were the Masked Marauders and they wore black pants, white shirts, black masks & black capes (the handlers), the dogs already had their masks on LOL Andy said he has never changed clothes so many times, he felt like a fashion model) Ace also won High Scoring schutzhund titled dog & high scoring tracking titled dog.

Sunday was sweeps & breed. Ace was entered in Working Sweeps and won Best in Working sweeps besting over 14 dogs & bitches.

Next was best of Breed. We were hoping for first cut and were thrilled to get it. I was busy posting away all the results to my facebook friends and Ace makes second cut! I started crying as this was more than we could have hoped for with 5 of the top Grand Chs in the ring (ace is not a gr ch, yet!)

The judge pulled out Ace & the veteran dog, I almost fainted, good thing I was sitting! She then pulled out a 13 year old Malinois bitch, that has just so happened to win over 10 all breed BIS (a record in our breed), she then pulled out winners bitch and then Ace. Ace won Best of Opposite Sex at our highest attended national Specialty to date! We are OVER THE MOON!

All we ever wanted when we purchased our first Malinois is a stable dog with good temperament that liked to track, herd & be a good canine citizen! Andy's handling in the breed ring was superb, all the winners were shown free stacked with no hands on for exam. The judge complimented these well trained dogs.

I could not be any prouder of my A Team!



## "More Brags!"

We thank BRDTC for helping us achieve our wildest dreams! See you all soon,

April & Andy Albert

At the Blue Ridge DTC trials in March, Tyler earned his Nov. Standard Preferred and his Open Jumpers Preferred titles. Then he went on to earn his UAGII (finally) at the DGOTC UKC agility trial the wkend before the Whippet National Specialty.

We were at the AWC National 1-10 April. Besides all the ribbons, we brought home 17 logo placement plates. Here're the results:

**Tyler** earned an Open Jumper's agility leg.

**Ashley** got the Turtle award (last place) at the lure coursing trial.

**Shannon** got a 2nd in the Veteran's class in lure coursing.

All 6 entered in Rally earned legs (they were entered in either Advanced or Excellent levels)-- **Tyler** also got a 2nd in Advanced A & Ashley got a 2nd in Excellent B,

**Shannon** got a 2nd in Excel.A and her son **Travis** got a 1st in Excel.A.

**Shannon, Tyler, & Nigel** each earned a Beginner Novice obedience leg w/Tyler getting 4th place of 7.

**Ashley** got a 4th leg in Nov. obedience.

Travis was 20 seconds away from a Q in Nov. obed. (laid down on the sit)

**Nikki** was 5 sec. from a real Q in Vet Nov. obed, (laid down on the sit). But she got a 3rd place anyway (in Veterans they give placements even if you don't qualify).

In the Triathlon of 35 entered, **Tyler** got a 5th place and his mom **Shannon** (almost 11) got an 8th place. They only award the first 10 in the Triathlon. The Triathlon is made up of lure coursing, obedience, & a special Triathlon conformation class.

In Versatility (of 11 entered):

2nd - Travis

3rd - Tyler

7th - Ashley

8th - Shannon

9th - Nikki

In the Versatility conformation, Tyler was 4th. Versatility is made up of lure coursing, agility, rally, and the special Vers. conformation class. No one did anything in the conformation classes.

Then at the banquet, we were honored by receiving special certificates & ribbons (with their names & titles also listed on the ribbons) for the permanent AWC titles Champion Award of Versatility for Ashley and the Award of Versatility for Shannon and Travis. This was from an accumulation of titles in various performance and conformation events earned over their lifetimes. Our holdup from earning it earlier was going out and getting a CD in either AKC or UKC, which they finally got last year.

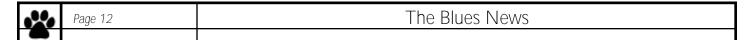
After getting back from the AWC Natl', I took Travis & Tyler to the Paws

for Fun UKC agility trial. Travis unbelievably Q'd in all trials (total of 8 classes)—including during all that rain & mud on Sat. — and got two 2nd's and the rest 3rd's in each class. He earned 16 UACH pts. from AG2 and 14 UACH Pts. from the AGI classes. Tyler only Q'd 1 time (with a 3rd place & 2 AG2 UACH pts.)

### Bobbie Lutz.

Yesterday at Lynchburg Sonnett finished her Open FAST title and today in front of Grandma and Grandpa she finished her MX and got a double Q (her third MXJ leg). Woohoo Miss Sonnett!!!!

#### Donna



# "Even More Brags!"

Hi all.

Xena finished her MXP last weekend at the Golden agility trial, and this weekend her MJP at the Sheltie trial--she is really enjoying the Preferred jump height, and gaining confidence!

#### Amy Grimm

After six weeks of absolutely no training. We did the CPE Trials in Knoxville, MD. this weekend. To my surprise Molly had a perfect weekend with seven 1st place and three 2nd places. She Q all ten runs with no faults.

### **Bob & Molly Tatara**

Satchmo started his dock diving season in a big way this weekend at the "Jumpin the Bay" competition up in Stevens-ville, MD. He jumped two Waves on Saturday and all four jumps were over 20 feet (he ended his season last at 18 feet even) with his best of the day 20 feet 10 inches. He got third place in the Master's division for both of these Waves. For his first Wave today, he jumped in the upper 19's and got First in the senior division. Then, he blew me away during the 2nd Wave of the day with a huge 21 foot 4 inch jump! As always he was a crowd favorite as he took his victory swim after each dive.

In addition to amazing jumps he had a great weekend all together and continues to show how important it is to NEVER give up on your dog (and of course ongoing obedience training- thanks Miss Beth!).

### Joy and Satchmo

### Morning All,

We had a very successful trip also. My new girl "Dana" (Ch Stelor's A Dream Remembered) went Best In Sweeps over 132 others and her brother "Roy" went Best of Opp to her. Roy also went Best In Futurity, her other brother went 3rd in his breed class and 1st in his Rally Novice and all on their 1st birthday.

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Kenzie got to meet her cousin Ram at the Chesapeake Dock Dogs competition today in MD. Kenzie's new personal best jump - 21 feet, 7 inches - finished her Master Jumper title and earned her 3rd place in the Masters finals. She beat her last personal best by 14 inches! She was such a good girl! Joey and Rory had some nice jumps today too. They recently finished their Junior Jumper title!

### Carol Nansel

#### Hi everyone

Oreo and john just gave me the best birthday present ever!! For the first time in her career, oreo got 2 double q's in 1 weekend!!! She even got 2 placements!!!! We can see the end of the long long journey!!! Hope everyone had a wonderful weekend!

### Stacy D



## "Even More Brags!"

Sounds like everybody had a great time. Sorry Dory and I couldn't be at Westminster Cantaberry, but we were entertaining at a Renaissance festival at our school. (along with Joey) Dory was M'Lady Dory of Shetland, and I'll just share the last trick that we did. We talked about Dory always having a deep desire to be a knight, and all good knights must slay a dragon. So we brought out a dinosaur toy (close enough to a dragon) and Dory retrieved (captured) it. She then jumped into my arms, and "whispered" to me "Do I have to slay it? That's awfully messy." She then suggested we call in Sir Joseph the Dragon Slayer, and we got Joey out of his crate, gave him the toy, and he proceeded to kill it for Dory. Everyone enjoyed seeing my Renaissance kids in action.

Kathy







Paws At StoneWall

Pictures by Theresa Manchey













## "Happy Mothers Day"



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all of you who have children that are bit hairier than others and walk on four paws!

This is for the mothers who have sat up all night with sick dogs in their arms, wiping up barf laced with edible and inedible things and saying "It's okay baby, Mommy's here."

Who have sat on the floor for hours on end soothing dogs who can't be comforted. This is for all the mothers who do the walks in the rain, the snow, the mud, when we are sick and exhausted but go anyway and worry about our own health and comfort after theirs.



This is for all the mothers who show up at work with dog hair on their suits, unexpected scratches on their wrists, and poo bags in their purse, coat pocket, pants pocket, and all other pockets.

This is for the mothers whose priceless art collections consist of photos proudly displayed on all focal points in the house.

This is for all the mothers who go to the special pet stores to collect the proper nutritious treats, wholesome healthy food, and safe, fun toys no matter if that takes 5 stops and 50 stoplights.

This is for all the mothers who taught their dogs to sit, come, and stay.

And for all the mothers who opted for sit.

This is for all the mothers who when they lost yet one more piece of clothing, shoes, cell-phone, rug or anything of value, that was destroyed beyond salvation and said gently, "that's ok, it's mommy's fault for leaving you so long that you had to find things to amuse yourself."

This is for all the mothers who took their dog to the vet assuring them that there would be no needles only to be told they need a blood sample, then after the vet appointment racing to the nearest McDonalds, Wendy's, Burger King, to treat them to the burger of their choice out of guilt you had deceived them.

For all the mothers whose dog has gone missing and was returned home safely because she had the fore-thought to have a micro-chip put between its shoulders and the proper ID tags, rabies, and licensing with emergency phone numbers to contact you. What makes a good Mother anyway?

Is it patience? Compassion? Nurturing? or is it the ever available treats?

The ability to answer the door, hold back the dog, and deal with a phone call all at the same time? Or is it in her heart?

Is it the ache you feel when you walk out the door to your job every Monday through Friday knowing that 2 eyes (or more!) are boring into your back?

The jolt that takes you from sleep to dread and sometimes heart-pounding fear when you hear the sounds of heaving, coughing, whimpering or crying at 2:00 a.m.?

The guilt, the anguish, heartbreaking sorrow, the dedication and the endearing love and commitment when you are with them in their final moments.

The emotions of motherhood are universal, and so this is for you all.

For all of us... TO THE MOMS!

Tell them everyday we love them and we will never stop being their mom. Happy Mother's Day!







## How to Prepare for a Puppy

Pour cold apple juice on the carpet in several places and walk around barefoot in the dark.

Wear a sock to work that has had the toes shredded by the blender.

Immediately upon waking, stand outside in the rain and dark saying, "Be a good puppy, go potty - now hurry up- come on, let's go!"

Cover all your best clothes with dog hair. Dark clothes must use white hair; light clothes must use dark.

Float some hair in your first cup of coffee in the morning. Play "catch" with a wet tennis ball.

Run out in the snow/rain in your bare feet to close the gate. Tip over a basket of clean laundry; scatter clothing all over the floor.

Leave your underwear on the living room floor because that's where the puppy will drag it anyway... especially when company is coming.

Jump out of your chair shortly before the end of your favorite TV program

and run to the door shouting "NO, NO! DO THAT OUTSIDE!" Miss the end of the program

Put chocolate pudding on the carpet in the morning; don't clean it up until you get home from work in the evening.

Gouge the leg of the dining room table several times with a screwdriver... it's going to get chewed on anyway.

Take a warm and cuddly blanket out of the dryer and immediately wrap it around yourself.

this is the feeling you will get when your puppy falls asleep on your lap Author Unknown





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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

May 18 - CGC/TDI TEST

June 10 - Dr. Hoffman -Chinese/holistic Medicine

July 9-10 Agility trial

JULY 31 - PICNIC - cross junction

Aug 6 - OBEDIENCE trial - berryville

Sept 13 - tba

Sept 25 - tracking test

Oct 28 - Halloween party

Nov. 15 - tba - Safety Building

Dec. 17 - Christmas dinner &

auction-Winchester Park

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

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