

Blues News

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BLUE RIDGE
DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



Established 1967

CGC/TDI 2012

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Mother's Day



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"My husband and I are either going to buy a dog or have a child. We can't decide whether to ruin our carpets or ruin our lives." - Rita Rudner







Westminster Canterbury 2012

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Canine Carnival 2012

Pictures by Alice Seabright





“Cooking for Your Dog”

Could I get a show of hands from club members interested in learning to make dog food from scratch? If there is an interest I will hold a workshop/clinic on making from scratch for club members. It could be open to the public as well. The fee for attending would be dependent on the fee for using our facility. Club members would pay less than the general public. Sandy

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Picture Of the Month



“BETWEEN A Rock And a Hard PLACE”

Bobbie Lutz & Travis

Frozen Pupsicles

- 32 ounces low-fat or non-fat yogurt
- 2 mashed bananas
- 1/2 cup natural peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons honey

Combine all the ingredients in a bowl. Blend well. Fill small paper cups (like 3 ounce bathroom size Dixie cups) with the mixture. Freeze at least two hours. To serve, let thaw slightly & pop popsicles out of the cup into a bowl by pressing on the bottom of the cup. Makes approximately 10 popsicles in 3 oz cups.



“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.

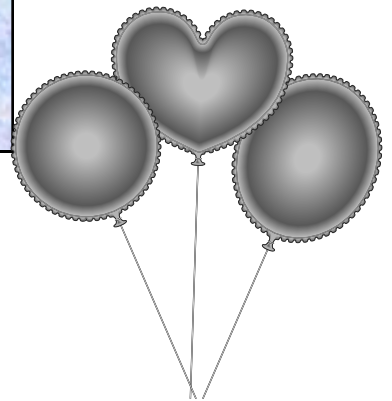
Birthdays & Anniversary's June

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



Blue Ridge Dog Training Club A Class for Children

We will be working on basic obedience skills. Students must be at least 8 years of age, accompanied by an adult, and able to have their dog under control.

Dogs need to be friendly and not aggressive towards other dogs.

6 classes starting on Tuesday, June 12th at 10 a.m. Classes will last for one hour. The cost is \$50.00, payable to BRDTC. Send registrations to:

Donna Thompson, 1144 Reynolds Rd., Cross Junction, VA 22625. The deadline is June 1st. A copy of the dog's shot record must accompany the registration.

Location: Sportsplex, Kernstown, VA

Child's

Name _____

Parent or Guardian's

Name _____

email _____

Home address _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Dog's name _____

Breed of Dog _____

Dog's age _____



**SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2012
UAW HALL, 2625 PAPERMILL ROAD
WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA 22601
9 A.M. – 5 P.M. EACH DAY**

Sponsored By Shawnee Kennel Club

For people wanting to compete in Best of Breed, Group, and Best in Show competition. This seminar is held only once a year! Attendees come from all over the world to learn how to...

Be part of the Winner's Circle!!!

Preparation: George begins with the psychology and philosophy of showing dogs, preparing both the dog and the handler for the BOB, Group, and BIS rings. He also expands on the fine points of training, feeding, and veterinary care for the dog. In addition, George discusses the physical and mental conditioning aspects of showing.

Demonstration: You will learn the process of evaluating a dog. By the end of this clinic, each participant will be able to evaluate any dog and determine what adjustments should be made to present proper breed type.

Prerequisite: You must have attended a previous Alston Handling Seminar as an advanced or beginner handler, or observer. The Super Advanced Clinic starts where the previous seminar ended.

Demonstration Dogs: Twenty dogs will be used for demonstration (Sunday only). Eligible dogs must be Champions that are being shown in the Specials Ring by the handler attending the clinic. A variety of breeds will be chosen one month prior to the clinic. If your dog is selected, confirmation will be sent by e-mail.

Cost: \$125.00 per participant (with or without a dog). Fee includes continental breakfast, sandwich lunch, and snacks each day. Clinic fees are not refundable.

For more information, contact Anne Legge, 540-327-4260, annelegge@comcast.net



"WAGS & BRAGS"



MACH Little Miss Oreo of VA wanted me to tell all of her friends that she turned 10 today!! Where did the time go?? It just amazes John and I that we have been members of the club for 9 1/2 years already. When we moved down here from PA, we didn't know anyone. Today we have a huge dog club family!!

It all started with the little black dog. We have reached our dream with Oreo this past September and we could not have done it without this club. You guys rock!! All of you are the most loving and caring people we know and we are very proud of being a part of this club!

OREO'S Humans!

Stacy



We just got back Mon. the 23rd. from 10 days in Huron, OH for the Whippet Natl' (between Toledo & Cleveland). Here's my report -- we were in just about everything:

In the all-breed agility trial, I had my usual 6 dogs entered. Ashley got her first Open JWW leg & 2nd place while Travis got a 1st place on an Open JWW leg that he didn't need. In the Standards classes, Holly was the only one of my dogs who Q'd. She got a Nov.Stnd 20" leg & while she placed 5th in the class, it was a 4th as far as number of Q'd Whippets in the class of 10.

Lure coursing wasn't so great either. Of the 6 I had entered in that, Nikki came the closest but lost the tie for 5th place. For 'comic relief' Ashley won the Turtle Award for the 2nd yr. in a row (lowest score of 150 Whippets in the trial). This year they called it "Here for the Party" though! That's my girl!

Things got better though on Monday. I had 5 entered in Rally. My underachiever Holly actually got an Advanced A rally leg with a score of 90 and earned a 2nd place. Ashley & Nikki both got an RAE leg & Ashley got a 96 & 3rd place in the Advanced B class. In obedience, I had 2 in Veterans obed. & 2 in Novice. Nikki & Ashley were in Veterans obedience. Ashley anticipated the recall but still got a 4th place. Nikki got a real qualifying score & 2nd place. Travis (who has a UKC CD) earned his first AKC CD leg (we won't mention the score). Tyler just couldn't pull a qualifying score out of his Novice class. Monday evening was the conformation competition for just the dogs entered in the Triathlon & Versatility. Ashley got a 2nd place in the Versatility conformation.

There were only 11 dogs entered in Versatility. This included lure coursing, agility, rally, & the above mentioned separate conformation class.

Ashley was 4th, Nikki 8th, Shannon 10th, and Tyler 11th.

There were 35 dogs in the Triathlon. This included lure coursing, obedience, & the above mentioned separate conformation class. Nikki was 16th; Travis tied for 18th, Ashley 30th, & Tyler 35th in that competition. We'd done better last year in this when Tyler was 5th & his Mom Shannon was 8th. In regular conformation classes later in the wk., Nikki was 3rd in the Veteran 10-12 class. Ashley & Tyler each "made the cut" in the Veterans 7-10 classes they were in.

Bobbie Lutz

We had a stellar weekend! I went to obedience trials in Saxonburg PA that I had never been to before. On Saturday, Frosty made my weekend by winning a good size Utility class and earned 14 OTCH points!!! Icy had a nice run too, and her score gave her enough OM points to finish her OM9 title! Frosty and Icy both had nice goes in Open. Frosty place Third and Icy placed fourth! When the scores were all added up, Frosty ended up High Combined!!! WHOOHOO!!! That was his very first High Combined Award and his 6th UDX leg. Sunday was not quite as stunning, but was still good. Both dogs qualified in both classes with nice



“More Brags!”

scores. Frosty was 3rd in Utility and Icey was third in Open. The highlight of the day was that Frosty's score in Utility finished his OM1 title!!! Both dogs worked really well all weekend! I thought it was totally awesome that they both worked so well and so consistently for two days in a row. This was Frosty's very first High Combined award! Pretty awesome weekend! Two more UDX legs for each dog (Icey #69, Frosty #7), two new OM titles (Icey #9, Frosty #1), Frosty's third First Place and a bunch of OTCH points, and Frosty's very first High Combined!

Margaret Bissell

Keepsake Kees

Icey did a nice job today at the obedience trials near Fredericksburg at Colonial K9. She was 4th in both Open B and Utility B. That was her 70th UDX leg for her UDX7 title! She is now:

CH OTCH MACH2 Keepsake Giving Me Chills UDX7 OM9

Margaret Bissell

Keepsake Kees

Hi Everyone, Brooks and I went to the Bernese Nationals this past week. Finally I have a tracking title. It was Brooks first try at Tracking but Sawyer and I had tried 4 times and not passed. It sure felt good to pass! Brooks now also has his VCD-2 by passing tracking. I am so very proud of him. He played at Rally and Obedience, winning the Avd rally class. In excellent rally I didn't get his attention right so he got a 95. He almost Q'd in Utility. He missed one of the go outs. He got distracted by the jump as he was running by it. It had a little different base than what he was use to. Pretty funny to watch him do a u-turn to check it out. As long as he has fun its good.

The best thing, aside from his tracking title was taking him around the ring in the parade of Veterans. I finally have a Veteran!!! He was so proud of himself and looked to beautiful. I sure do love that dog!! Another great memory. He has given me so many!!

Jan Bergan



Frederick Co Animal 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
Multipurpose 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





Virginia Federation Report

Most of you have seen the internet buzz today about the new regulations from APHIS/USDA. Yes this IS serious: Either we will all get involved now or most of us will effectively lose our right to breed dogs.

Here are some key points:

- The regulations are proposed, not yet in effect, and the public has 60 days to make comments and attempt to make changes, starting next week.
- Whereas many proposed laws affect only large-scale breeders, these regulations will apply to anyone who has more than four breedable bitches and sells at least one puppy.
- If you have more than four breedable bitches and you don't want to be inspected by the federal government, the regulations require you to sell all puppies from your home. No shipping, no meeting at the rest stop, no buying a puppy from someone who meets you at a show. This requirement is for every sale, which means if you sell a puppy to one of your current owners, that person has to come to your home again -- it is one visit per sale.
- You may sell only puppies that were born and raised at your home. That rules out stud fee puppies, puppies back, and any other puppy not born at your home.
- If you stick to these requirements, you will not have to have USDA inspections. (Retail pet stores are not inspected because they are "inspected" by their customers. The claimed point of these regulations is to be sure OUR "customers" inspect us.)
- If you never have more than four breedable bitches then you aren't covered by this regulation. The government won't bother you. However, "I'm not planning to breed her" or "She is too old" or "She belongs to my sister" or "I'm showing her for a client" ARE NOT EXCUSES. The wording is 'maintain,' i.e., if it's in your place and you're feeding it and it is female and could be bred, it counts.

We have always insisted that our prospective puppy owners come to our home because we think it's important for them to meet us, meet the mother etc.

We don't ship. But that is our CHOICE and it is a very personal one. I can think of any number of reasons not to open your home to the public, including personal safety, health concerns for other people in the home, contagion concerns for the puppies, a driveway you need a four-wheel drive to maneuver, and the list goes on and on. And of course there have been cases where we made an exception: Selling to someone who was already a friend, selling a second puppy to someone who came here when she bought a first pup from us, and so on. We would have to stop doing these things.

-- As currently written, this will also affect rescue. Whether you call it an adoption fee or a price, the law considers it a sale, and all sales of dogs are covered. We're still working on exactly how this might be applied to rescue, but there is currently no exemption.

Another thought: Even if this does not affect you directly, how will it affect the gene pool of your breed? I'm quite sure there are breeders who will stop breeding when the government starts requiring that we allow people into our homes. At what number of breeders quitting does the gene pool begin to shrink at an alarming pace?

Sharyn Hutchens

Timbreblue Whippets -- <http://www.timbreblue.com>

Virginia



SEVENTEEN WAYS TO “KEEP” A GOOD CLUB

By Pat Schaap, Shenanigan Shetlands

(This article was written in 1998 and appears every so often in our newsletter)

How many of them can you say “yes” to?

1—Attend meetings

2—Arrive on time

3—Try to get there even if the weather isn’t good

4—Be prepared to offer alternatives and positive suggestions if you don’t like what is going on

5—Evaluate and review committee and Board proposals then exercise your duty to vote and/or voice your opinion

6—Expect that you may not be in total agreement with the Club on all issues

7—Accept the challenge of a committee chairmanship and/or serve on the Board of Directors

8—Whenever possible co-operate with Club officers and committee chairs

9—Volunteer to help or agree to help when asked

10—Encourage your fellow members to work together

11—Give your fellow members credit for the contributions they make and for the ideas they present

12—Give other the benefit of the doubt

13—Pay your membership dues before the due date

14—Pay attention of official notices sent to you and respond to them quickly

15—Notify the Club of any change of address and/or telephone number

17—Recruit new members

18—Look for ways that you can contribute to the Club

The above was adapted from an article entitled, “Fifteen Ways to Kill A Club.” We don’t need to read an article

to figure out how to do that, but following the guidelines above could help our club develop into a

stronger, more active organization with a membership working toward that end and at the same time having

some fun.

A club runs on the donations of time given by its members. How can you fit in in the coming year?

Help develop programs or volunteer to put one on

Bring refreshments to meetings

Plan or help plan an event

Chair a match or event, or assist the chairperson

What’s YOUR NEW IDEA?



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

July 6-8 - Agility Trial
July 28 - Picnic Meeting
Aug 4- Obedience Trial
Sept 5 - Meeting
Sept 8 - Patriotic paws
Oct 31- Meeting
Nov - tba
Dec - Christmas auction

month a visit to the
nursing homes

Envoy 1st & 3rd Monday 11am
Spring Arbor 2nd & 4th Tuesday
1 pm

Hill Top 2nd & 4th Friday 10:45 am



*June 15
Meeting
At
The
Sportsplex
7:30 pm*

Shawnee Kennel Club
Presents
Connie Cleveland
A Two Day Competition Obedience Seminar
August 18&19, 2012

This is a two-day theory and problem solving workshop. Connie will spend some time on day 1 discussing how dogs learn, and the remainder of the 2 days will be spent addressing participant questions and training problems. We have room for 24 working teams, and for unlimited auditors. Preference for working spots will be given to current members of SKC until May 1, 2012, at which time non-member registrations will be accepted.

Connie Cleveland was born in Lansing, Michigan and received her B.S. in Engineering from Michigan State University. She spent 10 years as the Training Director for Dogs for the Disabled. Currently, she lives in Fountain Inn, South Carolina, where she owns and operates Dog Trainers Workshop, a training and boarding facility. Connie teaches obedience to over 120 students each week. Connie's obedience experiences include 7 Obedience Trial Champions, a UDT Maltese and a CDX Shih-tzu. Currently, she shares her home with 2 Golden Retrievers, 2 Labrador Retrievers, and a Shih-tzu, the most well-known being her Lab, FC-AFC-OTCH "Ezra." (For more information, please visit Dog Trainers Workshop homepage at www.dogtrainersworkshop.com)

Registration

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

___ Two day working team (RDOC members \$175 non-members \$200)

___ Audit Both Days (RDOC members \$100 non-members \$125.)

___ Audit Saturday only ___ Audit Sunday only (RDOC members \$60 non-members \$75) For Working Teams

Breed/Call Name of Dog: _____ age of dog _____

Current training level

For everyone attending

What are your training goals?

What problems are you encountering?

Are there other issues that you would like to have addressed?

Use back of page for this info

Fee includes light breakfast and afternoon snack.

Make checks payable to Shawnee Kennel Club

Mail to Jeff Slonaker, 115 Potomac Place, Winchester, VA 22602

Please note: Connie will have her excellent books and videos available for purchase at the workshop. She accepts payment in cash, check, or credit card

Questions? Email: jpslon1@gmail.com