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BRDTC CGC & TDI 2013

Pictures by Sandy Stokes



First, I want you all to thank Joy for setting up and taking the registrations for the cgc/tdi test last night. She had everything really organized to make the night run smoothly. Also, I wish to thank the many members who came out to help-with the new tdi test, it takes far more helpers than we have ever had before. The dogs that passed will truly make excellent therapy dogs. The new test is extremely difficult, but any dog who does pass should be comfortable in any situation. We will definitely have to ask our obedience instructors to train for this test.
Donna T.



Mother's Day



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"The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue."

--Anonymous





“Canine Carnival 2013”

Pictures by Theresa Manchey





“Photo Gallery” Pictures by Theresa Manchey



“2013 Agility Trial”



*Spring
Fling
Redbud Run*





“Future Champions”

Pictures by Stacy Deflippi



Duke



Luna



Luna

“Westminster Canterbury Visit”

Everything went fine at Westminster Canterbury – we had 4 teams: Linda and Gracie; Dorothy and Dusty; Barb and Rex and me with Sam. Because of the weather they were a little behind schedule so the dogs did quite a bit of visiting while they finished eating and having their ice cream. We introduced each handler and dog with a little background about the dog, did a very brief obedience demo, then tricks. Dorothy gave a brief talk on Dusty's training to be a therapy dog. Sam was a hit with her tricks. Rex was a hit also with his singing. The people from First Bank were very gracious and appreciative of the dogs. The First Bank guy who spoke with you (I have forgotten his name) wanted me to make sure and thank you for organizing the visit.

See you tonight.

Marty



Correction: My apology to Xena & Amy - this is Xena's PACH AWARD!

“New Kid on the Block”



Deja Taylor - Ginger Taylor's new baby. She is adopted from German Shepherd Rescue. She is a senior.

“The Whelping Box”

Hi Everyone,
Berri just had her puppies, three girls and one boy. Berri and puppies are doing well. She had a planned c-section. It should be another hour before we head for home. Sure a glad they are here and doing well. The Dr Kunze and staff at Outlands' have been amazing. It's been a long journey. Now the fun starts.
Jan Bergan

Ashley Lutz gave birth to 6 healthy Whippet kids on May 14th between 1 & 3 am. There was 3 girls & 3 boys. All doing well. They look like bunnies!
Bobbie Lutz





**BISS CH
Ireland du
Hameau St-
Blaise RN
TT CGC
(call name
Bono)**

*Owned by Paul
Anderson and
Angela
McCalla*



**Margaret Bissell & Sparks the day
she finished her UD.
She won the Excellent Standard class
at the Keeshond National and fin-
ished her AX. She is now
CH Keepsake Lite My Fire UD AX
AXJ OF.**

“Winners Circle”

**Tubbs Leipham with 3 High Combined
awards.**



**Tyler Lutz earning his RA and Nikki
Lutz earning 2 RAE legs**





Dear Members,

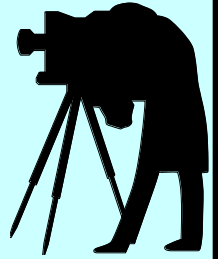
Thank you ever so much for the donation of food and money. Glad that my 2nd e-mail prompted you to come forward!

Thanks, too, to the people who walked tracks and helped with the setup and cleanup. We had 2 dogs who earned their TD's and 1 dog who earned her TDX. The same handler had earned a TDX at our fall test. With the passing rate of 14 percent, this is quite an accomplishment. The test only had 8 dogs in it, but it takes a village to pull it off!

The next test is Sept. 23.

*Thanks again,
Donna T.*

Picture Of the Month



**WHERE'S
The
Beach
Ball?**

Gem
Thompson

“Doggy Layer Cake”

**3 cups flour, 6 eggs- beaten, 1 tblsp baking powder, 1/2 cup corn oil, 1/2 cup soft margarine, 2 jars strained chicken baby food, 2 cups finely shredded carrots, plain or vanilla yogurt for icing
2-3 strips of crisp crumbled bacon (or bacon flavored jerky strips cut into bits)**

Combine flour and baking powder in a large bowl. In separate bowl beat softened margarine eggs and corn oil until smooth. Add strained chicken and shredded carrots and blend well. Add to flour mixture and mix well. Pour batter into 2 generously greased 8” cake pans. Bake at 325 for 1 hr. Let cool for a few minutes before removing from pans. Turn out and place on wire racks to cool completely. Ice with yogurt or special doggie icing, sprinkle with bacon bits.

“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.

“Dog Trivia”

Those born under the sign of the dog in Chinese astrology are considered to be loyal and discreet, though slightly temperamental

The Mayans and Aztecs symbolized every tenth day with the dog, and those born under this sign were believed to have outstanding leadership skills

The ancient Mayan Indians of the Gran Chaco in South America believed that humans originally lived underground until dogs dug them up

The names of 77 ancient Egyptian dogs have been recorded. The names refer to color and character, such as Blackie, Ebony, Good Herdsman, Reliable, and Brave One.



Mark Your Calendar



“Commonwealth Dog Obedience Seminar”

On June 15 & 16, Commonwealth Dog Obedience Training Club will be holding an obedience seminar with Celeste Meade & Dave Maurer. It will be held at our training building. If interested, you could go to their web site; or I will have the some fliers at the training building. Donna T.



Ivan Dunbar Seminar

Fun & Games Dog Training Workshop: Motivation for Speed, Reliability, and Precision & Panache

Columbia MD - June 22-23

you are going to have so much fun at this workshop and afterwards, you'll understand your dog much better and your dog will be much more reliable off-leash, with faster and flashier performances. The reliability-testing on Saturday is fascinating to the extreme, revealing how dogs learn and how to greatly accelerate training. The games on Sunday are just so enjoyable for dogs, owners and observers alike and the dogs get better and better as the games proceed. You are going to have an absolute blast whether play-training your dog or observing the proceedings.

This workshop has two registration options. You can register as a Handler, and bring your own dog to work with, or you can register as an Observer.

The Handlers are probably going to have more fun, but the Observers just might learn more, as they're going to be able to watch a variety of handlers work with a variety of dogs. Space is limited (particularly so for Handlers) so don't wait too long to register.

Hi everyone!

There still seem to be some confusion regarding the scheduling of the visits to Amerisist. We have two groups that we are balancing on Wednesday afternoons. The first and third Wednesdays (at 3:30) are reserved for the dogs registered with groups other than TDI. The second and fourth Wednesdays (also at 3:30) are reserved for TDI dogs.

The residents (and some staff) have already formed some connections with your dogs... but can always find room in their hearts for more dogs!

Today the director suggested that we can work together to find a time when others might come. There is more opportunity to share you dogs with folks who are so appreciative of a connection to the 'outside world'.

I don't want to detract from the Wed. program. However, those of you who can come at a different time please let me know what works for you. There is quite a fan club all ready and waiting for you!

Martha Inglis

You can help animal victims of the Oklahoma tornados by giving to the AKC CAR- Canine Support & Relief Fund.

AKC just gave \$10,000 to the Oklahoma State University (OSU) Animal Relief Fund to care for animals in their Veterinary Hospital.

You can donate to the AKC CAR on the website: <http://classic.akc.org/dogny/contribute.cfm>

https://www.akccar.org/donate/index.cfm?fund_type=KHRFUND

or

<http://tinyurl.com/ob9cjnu>

If you prefer to make your donation via check or money order - please send your check or money order to:

AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund American Kennel Club, Inc. 260 Madison Avenue - 4th Floor New York, NY 10016-2401



"WAGS & BRAGS"



Hi guys--at the Dauphin AKC agility trial Friday, Xena got her PAX2 title (40th double Q) even though it was REALLY COLD in the soccer dome at Palmyra! Then at the UKC trials Saturday & Sunday, she ran six times each day, trying for triple Q's for legs towards her UGRACH. Saturday she got the triple Q in the am trial; we NQ'd in AGIII in the afternoon (weave boo-boo plus she shot off the back of the table). Also in the afternoon she did a scary belly slide across the swing plank, then recovered and finished the course no worse for wear. My brave little girl! Sunday she sat on the start line of her first run and looked really sleepy--then took off like a bat out of @#%& and I had to run to catch up!! She had no ill effects from her slide the day before, and turned in some good times & clean runs--she earned triple Q's in both am & pm, then we got a nice surprise at the end of the day as it turned out she won the high combined award & triple crown award in the am, and the triple crown award in the pm trial. I couldn't believe it! We are not always the fastest but I guess her scores and times added up just right! She seemed very pleased with her little self!

Amy Grimm

At the Paws 4 Fun UKC agility trial last weekend Ashley Q'd in each of the 4 trials in AGI. She earned 36 AGI points for her UACH title, along with some placements. Tyler earned 12 AG2 pts for his, with at least one placement. He couldn't do a sit or down on the pause table in AGI to save his soul and Ashley couldn't do weave poles in AG2 to save hers! Hmm, maybe I should combine the two dogs to get a really good agility dog!!!

Bobbie Lutz

After giving up on earning those last two legs on her Senior Hunter and doing obedience and rally for a year and a half instead, dear Sweets earned her SH today! She is now Pride 'N Joy's Short 'N Sweet RE, BN, SR. By the way, it requires 4 qualifying scores on this title. She can now come home from bird dog camp!

It goes to show that obedience helps with everything you do with your dog!

Donna & Bernie

The Keepsake Kees had a GREAT DAY at the Bouvier obedience trial at the Dude Ranch on Saturday! Sparks had a really nice go in Utility. Her only little bobble was an auto finish on the very last front. That was her third leg and her UD title!!! WOOHOO!!! As icing on the cake, she also earned Fourth Place in the Utility B class. As if that were not enough fun, Frosty decided he wouldn't be outdone by his little sister so he gave me a really nice go in Open. He won Open B with a nice enough score that held for High in Trial. What a Great Day of dog showing! Sparks is my fifth dog to earn a UD and my fourth successive generative of girls to earn the UD title. Also that makes four of Icey's offspring who have earned the UD title, also a breed record for a brood bitch. I think I'll keep these furry dogs!

Margaret Bissell

I know she won't brag on herself, so I'll brag for her - Vicki and Harley achieved his MACH 3 today at the German Shorthair Club's agility trial in Palmyra, PA with two smokin' runs!! Janice A couple wks. Ago at the PV Sheltie club my Whippet Nikki earned 2 more RAE legs. Then Tyler surprised the heck outta me & earned 2 RA legs to finish his title in grand style -- 3rd of 15 dogs in trial 1 & then 2nd of 15 dogs in trial 2! This is a dog that last fall was shutting down after station #1. Whose dog was this now??? ---but I think I'll keep him.

Bobbie Lutz

Molly earned her UACHX Title at the March 17th. trial and that result is posted on the UKC web site. I suspect anything after that still is in process at UKC.

Bob Tatara

Frosty had a pretty good day!!! We went to the show in Lebanon PA for obedience. He qualified in both classes! That was his 20th UDX leg and UDX2 title!!! We went back in the ring for ribbons. To my great surprise he got 2nd in the large class!! Awesome! We got 5 OTCH points for that! Plus with his scores he also finished his OM3 title!!! Two titles plus OTCH points!!!

A pretty good day!

Margaret Bissell



“More Brags!”

During the last 4 months, Tubbs has been in the "B" classes and has gotten 3 High Combined. We're still cleaning up some loose ends to get higher scores but I'm so proud of him. This is the latest HC at Colonial Rottweiler Club.

Patrice Leipham

At the cocker trial today, I ran mocha in ex jww and she q'd with a placement. That was her AXJ!!! I think the little choc dog is growing up!! I am getting used to running the little MT's I forgot what it was like to run a lab!!

Stacy



“In Memory Of “



This is my dear cat, Scamp. I just had to put him to sleep on Friday. This is one of those "behind the scenes" stories. Scamp has been the resident "puppy training cat" for ALL the Keepsake Kees puppies for almost 17 years. Every single one of my puppies has been introduced to cats by Scamp. He just LOVED playing with the puppies, even last summer, in a more crotchety state than ever, he insisted on being with them. Everyone knows about my dogs, but few know about the rest of my "family" of furry critters. It will be very difficult to adjust to not having him here with me.

Margaret Bissell
Keepsake Kees



At the July meeting, I feel that we need to pass a sheet around and have people volunteer to help take the trash out.

Unfortunately, some of the instructors have tried to keep up with the task; but it is really not fair that no one seems to realize that the following has to be done:

1. Take the recycle plastic and cans with them --there are white bags that fit perfectly in the containers for this, and we normally have several extra bags in the bottom of the container.
2. Remove the trash and replace with a clean bag and put the trash in the dumpster in the back of the building. There is a trash can outside (which Marty and I could not empty on Friday because it was so full) and a trash can in the training center.
3. Remove the poop bag, take it to the dumpster, and put a new bag in the container--those bags are laying on the table.
4. Remove the large, old printer and take it to Best Buy or somewhere that they will take it--it really is in our way.

I realize that this sounds like a lot, but some of us have been doing this regularly; but we need your help!

If you could just do one of the tasks, it would be appreciated!

Trying to maintain this lovely facility just doesn't "happen."

Please e-mail me privately and tell me what week in June you would be willing to do this and which task you will do.

Donna T. - dbpridejoy@aol.com (<mailto:dbpridejoy@aol.com>)



The Today show segment May 1 implying that AKC is somehow responsible for sick puppies and substandard breeders was yellow journalism at its worst. Here is the response we sent to the president of NBC and the producer of the Rossen Reports.

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Stephen B. Burke
Chief Executive Officer
NBC Universal
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New York, NY 10112

Dear Mr. Burke:

As our country slides deeper into crisis, the importance of news media integrity becomes ever greater. Viewers gain trust in a source by evaluating information on which they're experts. The Rossen Reports segment on the Today show focusing on AKC inspections and blaming it for the existence of substandard breeders cost the Today show many viewers with direct knowledge of the AKC and its policies and actions concerning dogs.

Many of the several-thousand members of the Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders (VFDCB) are among those. We have worked closely with AKC for more than 40 years and know its fanatical commitment to not just purebred dogs but ALL dogs.

Your program was extremely biased and poorly researched. Some of the errors made are inexcusable. For example, even a cursory look at the organization would tell you that AKC does not have individual members and it does not register breeders. It registers dogs. Any breeder who claims to be an "AKC approved" or "AKC registered" breeder is one who should be avoided – there is no such thing. By perpetuating this myth throughout the program, Mr. Rossen managed to spread his ignorance to how many more prospective puppy buyers? Will they now go looking for "AKC registered breeders" and fall victim to unscrupulous people who claim that mythical title?

The AKC's efforts during disasters have helped thousands of pets and their owners. During the weeks after 9/11, AKC paid all the vet bills for the search and rescue dogs at the site and provided an X-ray machine and other supplies for the veterinarians working with the animals. The AKC Canine Health Foundation has donated over \$24 million to canine health research, which benefits all dogs, purebred and mixed. AKC organized the largest rescue network in the country through its breed parent clubs. The list goes on and on.

The kennel inspection program is limited to breeders who register their dogs with AKC. Most large scale breeders do not, because of the high standards. Even among those who do, no inspection program can manage quality on a daily basis and all sorts of difficulties can all result in a kennel going downhill quickly.

The AKC has no police powers; however, when their inspections show serious issues, they report them to enforcement authorities. Many of the raids and seizures publicized by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) start with reports by AKC inspectors to animal control.

Which brings us to the source your reporter used for his wrong information. The HSUS is a radical animal rights/vegan fundraising machine that's smart enough to present a conservative front to the American public. It criticizes AKC for not supporting its "animal welfare" legislation but these bills are 'feel good' that when enacted generally do serious damage, first to breeders and owners, then to the animals themselves.

For example HSUS's much-publicized ban on horse slaughter has led to horses being shipped to Mexico for slaughter, where the process is often inhumane, as well as to horses being abandoned by their owners to starve or die of disease.

Animal cruelty and neglect is a local problem and problematic kennels should be regularly inspected by animal control. The number limits on commercial breeders have resulted in breeding dogs being turned in to shelters or killed as their owners attempt to come



into compliance. Other breeders have gone underground to avoid the law, which means they're no longer inspected by anyone; they probably don't pay taxes either. And because the number limits are almost always too low to allow a full time income the breeders who comply lose their jobs. The same is often true of family members and kennel staff.

The AKC's position is that the quality of care is what matters, not the numbers. What's wrong with that? Why does it matter how many dogs you have if you are caring for them properly...or how few you have if you are not? Why would HSUS disagree?

Laws against bark softening (wrongly called debarking by animal rightists) result in owners giving up beloved but noisy dogs, who could have been saved by a simple veterinary procedure less painful and dangerous than to spay or neuter. Dogs who have had this surgery can still bark, just more softly, and their lives are much less stressful. Why does HSUS think this is a bad thing?

To use HSUS as the main source for information about the AKC is akin to asking only Hillary Clinton about Benghazi. The result was a hatchet job on an organization that has done more good for dogs in the past 130 years than any "humane" agency in this country. Your staff spent an hour with AKC before the program aired, but chose to ignore their side of the story. Unconscionable.

This show was a huge disappointment to dog-skilled Today show viewers and I am sure the Today show will lose audience because of it. We hope you will consider a re-do presenting things primarily from the AKC side. And if you are interested in exposing a true scandal may I suggest a segment on the HSUS and ASPCA's RICO lawsuits, their investigation by the IRS, and perhaps a discussion of how a full-time lobbying and lawsuit organization can be tax exempt?

Mariane Herndon
President

cc Dennis Sprung, AKC
Alan Kalter, AKC
Robert Powell, NBC

Legislative/Education Report - Alice Harrington and Sharyn Hutchens

Alice spoke to the Potomac Valley Pekingese Club on April 27 about how Virginia's dog laws are turned upside down to "get" breeders and owners. Gloria Jones, PVPC Vice President, said the program was very well received and generated a lot of discussion among the attendees.

The USDA/APHIS proposed new regulations for bringing more breeders under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulations has now move to OMB (Office of Management and Budget) for final approval. Once that step is done the new regs will be issued. Based on what we have been hearing from APHIS officials at conferences and over phone calls we believe that the new regulation will probably be close to what was proposed. See May and July 2012 meeting minutes and our website for more information on this topic.

Alice attended the Animal Agriculture Alliance Conference. One of the speakers was the lawyer <http://www.feldentertainment.com/Press/PressRelease.aspx?id=62237> representing the Feld Corporation (parent company for Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Circus) who has been fighting the animal rights leaders in court since 2000 at a cost of \$20 million. In December they settled their RICO suit against the ASPCA for \$9.3 million. For details here is a link -

These cases have been brought under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) that was passed in 1973. It includes provisions for paying attorney fees for people/organizations that sue the government so there would be a level playing field. This inadvertently created a niche industry. It works like this. The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) can be petitioned to place a species on the threatened or endangered list. If FWS does not respond within



mandated deadlines it can then be sued. Then the parties reach a settlement (or the court directs one) and YOU the taxpayer pay it. This is known as the "petition, litigate, and settle" cycle and FWS has been inundated with these kinds cases. Guess who does a lot of this sort of thing - yes, HSUS with its in-house law firm.

To curb these abuses bills have been introduced in both the Senate (S.19) and the House (H.R. 1314). The proposed legislation would eliminate taxpayer-funded attorney fees for ESA "deadline" lawsuits that end in consent decrees or other settlements. Fees actually ordered through court proceedings and trials would still be eligible for reimbursement. Most of the suits described above do not go to court--they are just settled out of court. They do clog the court system and create problems for everybody else. We hope these bills will be passed.

Alice also talked about a new law passed in Arkansas that says animals that are seized have to stay in Arkansas and be held by law enforcement agencies. The purpose is to keep animals from being whisked out of state and the keep them in the custody of law enforcement rather than rescues or HSUS etc. Hopefully this will reduce the number of cases where animals are "taken under the color of law" and their owners are smeared and convicted in the press and the internet before they even get to court. Link for the law:

<http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2013/2013R/Acts/Act1160.pdf>

There is a local case involving Hilleary Bogley - the humane investigator in Fauquier County, VA - being brought by breeder Irina Barrett, Broad Run Farms. Bogley is the same person who seized Katie Dokken's poodles in 2010 and funneled them to her rescue -Middleburg Humane Foundation. As a court-appointed Humane Investigator you cannot profit from your actions as a Humane Investigator. Bogley did not seize all Barrett's dogs because they are Dobermans and Great Danes and they are not easily placed (sold) but she did convince Barrett to surrender some. While on the surface Barrett appears to be the typical victim that the animal rights people target - woman alone, confronting difficult life or personal circumstances, no support (financial or otherwise) - Barrett does seem to have resources. She has filed a huge lawsuit against Bogley. The suit can be found at the link below.

http://www.fauquiernow.com/index.php/fauquier_news/article/broad-run-kennel-owner-sues-humane-inspector-society-2013

<http://tinyurl.com/as9g2we>

Just another example of why every year when bills are introduced in the Virginia legislature to approve MORE humane investigators, law enforcement and the legislators say, "Oh, no." People who become Humane Investigators frequently have their own agendas and create more problems than they solve.

"HELP FOR SKUNK SPAY"

Skunk Pew

1 Qt 3% hydrogen peroxide

1/4 cup baking soda

1 tsp. liquid soap

Just be careful not to get in their eyes or ears.

Skunks, skunks, skunks! What to do? First, and most important: DO NOT BATHE THE DOG! Or pour tomato juice on him, or any of the other home remedies you've heard about. But DO check your cupboards for a quart of hydrogen peroxide (it's usually found in most medicine cabinets in a pint size. If you have two pints, or one pint and a small dog, you're in luck.) You'll want to do this as quickly as possible - both because it works best on the fresh, unoxidized compounds in the skunk "spray" and because you'll be suffering in the meantime. If the dog has been bathed, or even just rinsed with water, it's not quite as effective as it would have been with fresh skunk spray. If the spray is fresh, it's like magic, but it's actually just good science.

Mix your quart of regular 3% hydrogen peroxide in a bowl or bucket with 1/4 cup of baking soda. This will start fizzing and bubbling (which is why one can't pre-make the formula and store it in a bottle). Add about a teaspoon of liquid soap or dishwashing liquid; it helps distribute the stuff around the dog's hair. Wet the dog thoroughly with the mixture, sponging carefully around the face. Most dogs' faces will be badly skunked, so you really want to wet the face, but don't get it in their eyes or nose, because it stings.

You'll notice an immediate cessation of the skunk smell. Skunk spray contains a substance known as a "thiol" - an organosulfur compound that contains a sulfur-hydrogen bond. Many thiols have a repulsive and potent odor (at least to humans); thiols are said to be detectable by the human nose at concentrations of only 10 parts per billion. But the compounds can be immediately altered into odor-free neutral substances by making oxygen molecules (provided by the fresh hydrogen peroxide/baking soda mix) bond with and chemically alter the thiols. After the dog is thoroughly wetted with the mixture, and every trace of the scent is gone, then rinse the dog with water, or bathe him with water and shampoo, to rinse off the mixture (which can irritate and dry his skin if left on



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

June 15-16 obedience seminar
July 1 - Meeting - sportsplex 7:30pm
July 4-7 AKC Agility Trial
Aug 3 Picnic /meeting- sportsplex
6:30 pm

month a visit to the
nursing homes

Envoy 2nd & 4th Monday 11am
Spring Arbor 2nd & 4th Tuesday
1 pm
Amerisist 2nd & 4th Wednesday 3:30 pm
Hill Top 2nd & 4th Friday 10:45 am



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