

Blues News

BLUE RIDGE
DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



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Christmas Auction & Dinner

Our Christmas dinner & auction is just weeks away. **I'm hoping that you're looking in those drawers, closets, attic, basement & garage for those treasures you would like to share. Doggie items, breed related or not are popular. Only gently used clothing please! This is a good time to get those last minute Christmas gifts for friends & family (both two & four legged). Don't think you can't afford to come. You can't afford not to grab that change jar. Everything starts at a whopping \$1.00 & goes up. It's the best time ever & our biggest fund raiser. Santa Bernie & his helpers will be auctioning off the goodies. Start looking for those favorite family recipes to share. The Club brings the meat & drinks. So mark your calendar & get ready to have a great time.**

Where? Sportsplex.

When? December 15

Time? 6 pm until the last item is sold

We will be voting on Officers and the Service Award

? What is the Service Award ?

Each year we recognize an individual for their outstanding contributions to our club and their unfailing good sportsmanship in all activities. Take a moment to think of the member you would like to nominate for this honor.

This is a "Life Time Achievement Award" and can only be given one time to a member. The following members have received this award and CAN NOT be nominated again. Bernie Thompson, Kitty Bowman, Donna Thompson, Kathy Brunner, Martha Butler, Beth Anderson, Amy Grimm, Donna Richardson, Vicki Gilley & Janice Morton, Theresa Manchey, Joy Pitcher

YOUR AWARD PLAQUE

Forms in the newsletter. Time to get started on listing your titles for 2012 and get them to Donna Thompson so she can have your plaques **ready to present at the Awards Dinner. If you are new and don't** have a plaque let Donna know if you want a single or multiple listing plaque. You will need to bring your plaque to the Christmas Dinner.

Dues Due in December!

You can pay at the Christmas Dinner or send your dues to Vicki Gilley, 270 Fred Michael Road, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411



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"The greater love is a mother's; then comes a dog's; then a sweet-heart's." - Polish Proverb





Well I just got home from the obedience trial and noticed that I had streaks of mascara running down my face from laughing so hard. All the dogs there were champions today because they brought us together as a club and as human beings. I got to know club members I had never met before and got to know some that I already knew a whole lot better. Much laughter and good cheer was exchanged and I must say I was very proud of the folks that stepped up to help. A big shout out to Donna R. and Cheryl with the monumental task of organizing this gala af-

fair. Way to go ladies! And Jan Burgan, not only were people awarded with your ribbons but with your smile. Last but not least, the stewards that made this trial a pleasure for the exhibitors. Some people were there out of the goodness of their heart, some bribery, still others blackmail!!!! We couldn't have done it without any one of you. Thank you and kudos to your bravery, laughter, and sense of duty. I am beholding to all of you for being there to make this trial a success and a pleasure. I go to bed with a smile on my face from the memories of laughing and working with those folks sharing a common passion for furry beasts. THANK YOU!!!!!!

Patrice Leipham

Congratulations to all the club members that earned legs and titles this weekend. Mel and I obviously need to work on the Sit-Stay! Anyone want to get together to practice!!

Sandy Stokes

Donna....just wanted to say how great I thought the trial went this weekend. I am so glad you all decided to keep it to one ring so we all could crate in the same room. With the noise of the soccer balls hitting the walls I could not have crated my dogs out there in the hallway. The two days I was there really had a family feel to it and I think that's why my boys did so well.

Terry Johnson

On behalf of myself and Julie Hogan and our crazy Springer's I would like to thank you and BRDTC for all their work in putting such a lovely rally and obedience trial. You guys ROCK! With so many of my friends going through rough times I know it is doubly hard to put forth all the effort to support the dog community at this time. Your efforts are definitely recognized and appreciated!

Thanks again! I know you will be ever so glad to get home tonight and mark another successful event as being "in the books"

You get to rest on your Laurels for another couple of weeks.

Janet

Well our first home turf obedience and rally trials were a HUGE success this past weekend. It was so nice to be in our own building with all of our STUFF handy. I have gotten some very complimentary feedback from exhibitors as well. As you know we could not put on these events without the trial committees who plans and implements everything and the volunteers you come out to help make the trials run smoothly- and they did. The committee team runs like a dream team and I am so thankful that Cheryl Harrison, Jan Burgan, Donna Thompson, Patrice Leipham, Ed Strawsnyder, Kathi Hall and Janet Moore keep putting up with me very year. I could not and would not do this without their help.

I am also thankful for all the club members who volunteered to help each day. I hope they learned a lot and know how much their help was appreciated. For clean up we had several members stay and help out which made it all get done quickly- plus since we were at home it was easier.

I loved seeing all the BR members competing and having success and I know your dogs were comfortable in the environment.

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to make this event a big success!

Donna Richardson

Trial chair



How to Survive the Holidays

1. Avoid carrot sticks. Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Christmas spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately. Go next door, where they're serving rum balls.
2. Drink as much eggnog as you can. And quickly. It's rare.. You cannot find it any other time of year but now. So drink up! Who cares that it has 10,000 calories in every sip? It's not as if you're going to turn into an eggnog-alcoholic or something. It's a treat. Enjoy it. Have one for me. Have two. It's later than you think. It's Christmas!
3. If something comes with gravy, use it. That's the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on. Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano. Repeat.
4. As for mashed potatoes, always ask if they're made with skim milk or whole milk. If it's skim, pass. Why bother? It's like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.
5. Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating. The whole point of going to a Christmas party is to eat other people's food for free. Lots of it. Hello?
6. Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year's. You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you'll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 10-pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog.
7. If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies or pralines in the shape and size of Santa, position yourself near them and don't budge. Have as many as you can before becoming the center of attention. They're like a beautiful pair of shoes. If you leave them behind, you're never going to see them again.
8. Same for pies. Apple, Pumpkin, Mincemeat. Have a slice of each. Or if you don't like mincemeat, have two apples and one pumpkin. Always have three. When else do you get to have more than one dessert? Labor Day?
9. Did someone mention fruitcake? Granted, it's loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories, but avoid it at all cost. I mean, have some standards.
10. One final tip: If you don't feel terrible when you leave the party or get up from the table, you haven't been paying attention.

Re-read tips; start over, but hurry,

January is just around the corner. Remember this motto to live by: "Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO HOO, what a ride!" Have a great holiday season!





“Vote!”

Pres. -- John Defilippi
V.P. -- Ed Strawsnyder
Sec.-- Donna Smith
Tres. -- Vicki Gilley

Other board members up for election --

Joy Pitcher -- 3 year term

Bob Tatara -- 3 year term

Marty Martenson -- to fulfill last 2 years of Janice Morton's term



Picture Of the Month



“What I learned On my vacation”

Cody DeMott



Rainbow Bridge

If you have a special someone you want to be on the Rainbow Bridge page please send me a picture and a brief write up.

All pictures given will be returned.

“Doggie Horoscope”

Sagittarius
November 23 to December 21

Always take your Sagittarius dog with you on journeys. This ideal travel companion will enhance your trip.

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.

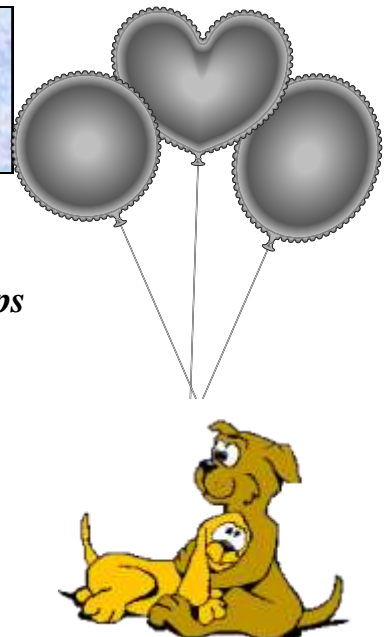
Birthdays & Anniversary's December

Birthdays

Anniversary's

Carley Keane
12/6

Clare & Jeff Phillips
12/28
Stacy & John Defilippi
12/19/98





Mark Your Calendar



Christmas Pet Photos with Santa

By Memory Photos

*Sponsored by the Blue Ridge
Dog Training Club*

Saturday

December 8th

from 11 am -1 p.m.

*At the Esther Boyd Frederick Co.
Animal Shelter*

Cost is \$5.00 donation per pet to benefit the shelter. For each donation you receive 1 photo.

Owners may purchase additional packages from Memory Photo



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Awards Dinner isn't far away Time to get started listing your Titles.

*Forms are included in the
Newsletter*

*Please use this to keep a record of your
titles.*

*Who to send it to will be
announced later.*

*Also plan to bring your plaques to the
Christmas dinner.*



The Day Before Christmas

'Tis the day before Christmas, and all through the house

The puppies are squeaking an old rubber mouse.

The wreath which had merrily hung on the door
Is scattered in pieces all over the floor.

The stockings that hung in a neat little row,
Now boast a hole in each one of the toes.

The tree was subjected to bright-eyed whims,
And now, although splendid, it's missing some limbs.

I catch them and hold them, be good I insist.
They lick me, then run off to see what they've missed.

And now as I watch them, the thought comes to me,

That theirs is the spirit that Christmas should be.
Should Children and Puppies yet show us the way,
And teach us the joy that should come with this day?

Could they bring the message that's written above,
And tell us that, most of all, Christmas is love! "



Carsickness in Dogs



Many of us would love to take our canine companions everywhere with us, but bouts of car sickness can make even the shortest of trips more trouble than it's worth.

Dogs can suffer from motion sickness in the same way humans can. And also like humans, this can mean dizziness, vomiting, and a full-body sensation of illness; the causes are also the same, including a lack of control over balance and the sight of objects flying by outside of the window. It can be made even worse by anxiety, fear and higher-than-normal temperatures. A dog who has had unpleasant experiences in the car as a puppy may have an increased sensitivity to motion sickness, so it's important to try to make riding in the car a pleasant idea from the beginning.

Getting your dog used to the motion of a car can begin before you even pick up the keys. Play games with your pup that will mimic the same feeling of vertigo and being off-balance that she'll feel in the car. Roll her around on the floor, dip her upside down between your knees as you're holding her on your lap. Sudden changes in her orientation can help her learn to adjust to the turns, stops and starts that happen in a car.

Orient her with the car while it's still parked. Making sure she thinks of it as a wonderful place, as a fun gateway to adventure, will help relieve any stress or anxiety she might feel. Give her a special toy that she only gets when she's in the car, cuddle with her and give her some special one-on-one attention.

Work your way up to short trips around the block to give your dog time to acclimate to the car. Begin by taking her on rides that last only a few minutes, and slowly work up to longer trips as she becomes more comfortable.

When she's in the car, there are some simple things you can do to make the experience more pleasant. Open the windows by just a few inches; the fresh air and breeze will help calm any nauseous feelings.

Don't put her in the very back of the vehicle. Motion is more noticeable the farther back you sit, so putting her right behind the front seat will help minimize the feeling of being off-balance. Encourage her to look out the front window instead of the sides; this will make movement outside the car easier to focus on, and help prevent feelings of vertigo.

Crating can also help give your dog a sense of security in the car -- and help protect her in case of an accident. But for those who don't like crates in the car, consider getting a seat belt specially designed for dogs.

Limit food and water intake in the hours before going for a ride. Even a few treats will make it more likely your pup will vomit.

However, certain foods have been shown to have a calming effect on any motion sickness felt. Just like in humans, ginger and peppermint can have a soothing effect on a dog's stomach. Offer a peppermint candy, a ginger cookie, or even a bit of ginger ale before getting in the car. In severe cases, there are medications that your vet can prescribe for bad cases of motion sickness or for long trips.

And don't forget to take frequent breaks. Get out of the car, walk around, and allow your dog to not only get her bearings back but to get some fresh air, stretch her legs and relieve herself. Remember that long car trips can be as tiring for your pup as for a human passenger.



"WAGS & BRAGS"



We had a very fun draft weekend in Atlanta GA. Berri worked like the true working dog she is. On Saturday she passed her Open Draft Test with flying colors and then right after she finished the freight hall she went back in the ring and did a beautiful performance with Brooks in Nov. Brace Draft. Then she got a little break while the other nov dogs did their ring work but when they were done she had to do another freight hall with Brooks. Not an easy thing to do as the freight hall is 1/2 a mile up and down hills and over different surfaces and in her case pulling 70lbs. for the open test and 40lbs and Brooks for the Nov. Brace. Brooks did help a little bit but not much. Brooks likes to draft and pull a cart, just not weight! Brooks already has his Brace Nov. Title so he was there to help Berri. On Sunday she did the Open Draft again and pasted with flying colors again giving her a 2nd leg toward her Master Draft Dog title. She does draft like Sawyer, giving it her all. Such a pleasure to work with. A big thank you to Janet Grandstaff for giving her to me.

A month ago she earned her NAP title making her a versatility dog for the Bernerse Mountain Dog Club. I am so very proud of her.

Jan Burgan

FINALLY, after trying for 2 yrs. since Tyler blew his favorite exercise by just sitting there---recall over the high jump---, he earned that last UKC CD leg today in PA at the Hillstown DTC (up near Philly & Quakertown). This will also make him eligible for the American Whippet Club's Champion Award of Versatility title.

Bobbie Lutz

At the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club obedience and rally trials this weekend, Chia (Pinnacle My Poppet Chia) earned third and fourth legs in novice rally, both times with third place finishes. She also earned a second leg in beginner novice. She really did a great job for such a young girl. She did have some concerns about the male judges we had, so I guess that means we have to start hanging out with more men. Any volunteers? (Preferably single and good looking!)

Kathy

My Banjo earned his rally novice title today. Both yesterday and today he earned in the upper 90s and the judge was very complimentary of his presence and our work as a team. Of course this would not have happened without the help over the last few years of Donna, Beth, Joy, Theresa, Kathy and lots of other club members who have been so kind with encouragement and advice and in classes. Banjo and I thank you all! On to the next level in rally!

Marty Matheson

Dear friends,
it's been quite a while since we got any titles. Thanks to wonderful instructors, and a great rally show, Leia and Trudy qualified on Friday. Leia now has her Rally excellent title and Trudy has her Rally novice title. Thanks again.

Joyce & Sonny

My dogs both earned their RA titles this weekend at our rally trial. Both dogs and their handler were very anxious on Friday and squeaked out Q's got third and fourth place and Satchmo got his title.

Today, Issie liked being the only dog with mom and with our anxiety in check got a 91 and a second place, her title and she stayed on the course!

Joy, Issie and Satchmo

Well, Mel did really well up until the "Sit-Stay" and then she followed suit when a dog to her left and a dog to her right went from a sit to a down. We had a good run though and it felt good to be back in the ring after a three year absence. Tomorrow is another day!

Sandy Stokes

PS Thanks to all the club members who offered their support and encouragement today. What an awesome club we have!!

First, let me thank Cheryl & Donna for a job well done as well as all of the other Club members who put in very long hours for 3 days!

Dear "Sweets" qualified in both Ex. & Adv. Rally earning her first REA leg. Now what can you say about "Thriller"? He earned 2 legs in Beg. Nov. Placing 2nd and 3rd and earned his 2nd leg in Adv. Rally. It is such a challenge to find stewards that he does not know and love, and he truly enjoyed the seven friends who cheered and did the "wave" for him when he finished the course. He loves all of you!

Donna T.

I'm sorry I had to miss the "home trials" this weekend, but with two dogs to get ready for the NOI in Florida, I wanted to do them where there would be two sets of Open stays, so we went to trials in PA. Icey did a nice job and finished her UDX8 on Saturday. Frosty was ON and earned UDX legs 13 and 14, with placements in his classes.

Margaret Bissell





Dog Tips for Winter

By [Bridie Cavanaugh](#), Fiona

Dog Tips for Winter

When winter approaches and you find yourself reaching for a sweater or an extra blanket, it is also time to think about how the cold weather will affect your dog. While some dog breeds are bred for cold temperatures with thick layers of fur, other dogs will get cold easily. Here are some tips for keeping your dog safe and happy this winter.

Indoor Tips

Move your dog's bed out of drafty areas of your home. Place a blanket on the dog bed for extra warmth and coverage for your dog.

Fill the water bowl on a regular basis. Once the winter heat turns on, indoor air turn dry and can cause dehydration.

Enjoy indoor fires but keep your dog's safety in mind and place a fireguard around the fireplace to prevent accidents.

Do not let your dog near portable heaters. Dogs may accidentally tip over a heater causing a fire in the home. Heaters may also burn your dog.

Keep your dog's regular [grooming](#) schedule. Excess fur can easily become matted and knotted in the snow. Do not shave your dog in the winter.

Outdoor Tips

Provide your dog with adequate shelter if he will be spending any time outside. The shelter should be insulated. Line the shelter with clean bedding or blankets. Do not allow the bedding to become damp or dirty.

Minimize time spent outdoors on the really cold days. Dogs can experience frostbite.

Place water in a heated water bowl to prevent the water from freezing.

Bring your dog indoors if the temperature drops below freezing.

Watch your dog for signs that he is cold. He may shiver, whine and refuse to go outdoors.

Provide him with a sweater or coat if he seems cold.

Keep older dogs and very young puppies inside as much as possible.

Keep an old towel by the door and dry off your dog if he has become wet in the snow.



Anti-freeze is very poisonous to dogs. They are attracted to its sweet taste. Do not let them drink from puddles or eat snow as it may be contaminated.

Stay away from frozen lakes, ponds and rivers. A nice walk can quickly become a disaster if your dog falls through the ice.

Snow can mask a dog's sense of smell and his sense of direction. Your dog should be wearing appropriate identification and be kept on a leash as much as possible.

If your dog is getting less [exercise](#) because of inclement weather, cut down on the amount of his food. On the other hand, if your dog runs like crazy in the snow and is not slowing down, consider adding to his diet to help support the extra energy he is expending.

Feet

Wipe off their paws when entering the house. This will prevent them from tracking in road salt and chemicals.

Protect your dog's paws from ice and snow with specially designed dog boots or foot wax. Dogs with hairy feet may find themselves with ice balls building up in between their toes. Salt used to melt ice can hurt a dog's feet and will make them ill if ingested as they lick their paws. There are often dangerous items hidden in the snow which can injure a dog's foot.

Trim the fur in between your dog's foot pads. This will make it more difficult for ice balls to form.

Ice and snow can cause cracks to your dog's foot pads. Check his feet when he comes in from an afternoon in the snow. As he plays, watch the snow for any drops of blood.





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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Nov 30 - Dec 2 - Agility Trial

Dec 15 - 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

*Agility Trial
Sportsplex
Nov. 30 - Dec 2*



*Christmas Party
Sportsplex
December 15th
6pm-9:30 pm*



TITLES EARNED—2012

Club Member's Name _____

_____ Have plaque _____ Need a plaque

Dog's Name _____

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