

Blues News

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Tracking Test 2011

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On Sunday, September 25th, BRDTC held their fall tracking test. The conditions for the tracking trial were close to perfect and as a result of these tracking conditions, we had four TD tracks with all four dogs passing. A Dachshund owned by Alice Moyer, a Labrador Retriever owned by Allen Voshell & Jeff Telander, a Bouvier des Flandres owned by Sarah Alling, and a Belgian Sheepdog owned by Dolores Brigham earned their TD title. The TD track layers were Patrice Leipham, Donna Richardson, Barb Elzee, and Donna Smith.



We had 3 TDX tracks with one alternate track. Two of our 4 TDX entries passed – quite a feat! A Border Collie owned by Karen Shoemaker earned a TDX. The track layer was Tom Anderson. A German Shepherd Dog owned by Patricia and Richard Harpster earned its TDX title. The track layer was

Marsha Dulz. The two other TDX track layers were Bob Coy and Mary Ann Dean. Cross Track layers were Tom Dulz, and Richard Johnson.



"Dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing right in your ear." - Dave Barry





The Trial Chairperson was Beth Anderson and the Trial Secretary was Jennie Johnson. Trial Secretary helper #1 was Donna Thompson. Trial Secretary helper #2 and chief track layer trainer was Bernie Thompson. The chief track layer trainee was James Coulter.

Many thanks to our track layers for giving up their weekend for the test.

Breakfast and lunch were provided by club members with Joy Pitcher presiding over lunch on Sunday. Thanks to all club members who made a dish for our breakfasts and lunches.

Marzenna Gilbert was our photographer. Our judges were Sue Ammerman and Sandy Roth.

Thanks to the following folks for the use of their property: Vickie and Dan Gilley, Joyce and Sonny Riggs (neighbor), Donna and Bernie Thompson, and the folks at Timber Ridge.

The exhibitors were very complimentary of the trial and shared the following comments with the trial secretary:

Hi Jennie,
Thanks again to you and the Blue Ridge members for all you did to make the test happen. I appreciate everyone's efforts and willingness to give up a weekend so others dogs could play.
Thanks again,
Jeff Telander



Thanks! I had a great time! Your club put on a nicely organized, welcoming test. The breakfast sausage gravy & biscuits was delicious!
Sarah Alling



Hi Jennie,
Just wanted to say thank you and let you know how much I enjoyed participating in the tracking test at your club. Everything was so well run the food was excellent and your club members so friendly and inviting. Thank you so much for all the hard work and effort that you and your club did to sponsor this event. It was very much appreciated!
Sincerely, Amanda



Good morning Jennie-I am sure you are still tired from all the work this weekend. Again thank you and the club for a wonderful trial (you and the club always do such a great job). Thank you again-Karen and Kelly

Hi Jennie,
I didn't think to ask when we were at the test yesterday but would I be able to get a copy of the picture that was taken of us at the test. I don't know what I was thinking but I brought my camera and didn't have anyone take our picture. So when I got home everyone asked to see a picture I had to tell them that I didn't take any. I am usually the person taking all the pictures. I have to admit I was quite the basket of nerves and not my usual self. I had such a great time and will cherish yesterday forever. I was so proud of my boy. Your club members put so much work into making it a great day for all. I know how much work goes into a tracking test and it was very much appreciated. Our track layer was so excited for us. The hospitality just made for a very special day.

Thanks again,
Patty Harpster





Halloween Party

This year the Halloween Party is Friday, October 28th. We need a count of approximately how many people will be attending. This will help ensure that we have enough food for everyone. Please email me privately at atcg1234@aol.com to let me know if you plan on attending. We also need a couple of volunteers to setup and run a couple of games. We also need a couple volunteers to judge the dogs that are in costume. The requirement is that you can not have a dog entered in the costume contest. Sorry... Again, please email privately if you plan on attending and if you can be a volunteer. If you can be a volunteer please specify for what task. Thank You, Sincerely, **Annette Talbot** Secretary



Picture Of the Month



Cosmos

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AWARDS DINNER

Time fly's when you are having fun and this is the fun time of the year with Halloween , Christmas auction and the Awards Dinner in Feb. Get your list ready!!!

"Doggie Horoscope"

Libra
September 23 to October 22
Libra dogs enjoy looking nice, and need plenty of attention. They love to be dressed up with exclusive collars and clothes after the daily brushing.

Scorpio
October 23 to November 22
Your Scorpio dog is highly sensitive, enormously sympathetic, loyal, and protective. He is usually meek around your guests, but can be fierce against anyone who threatens you

Birthdays & Anniversary's November

Birthdays

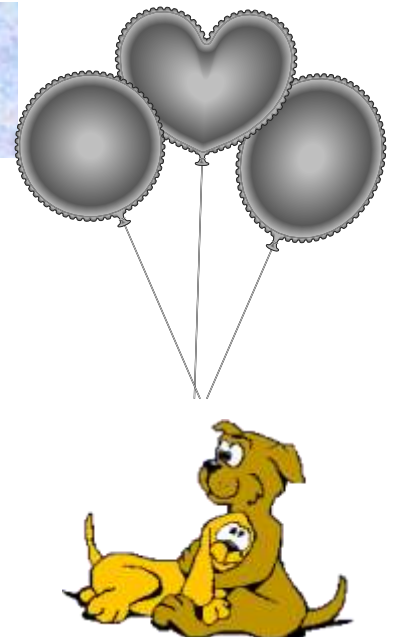
Anniversary's

Amy Grimm 11/10

Linda Kiss 11/17

Sonny Riggs 11/22

David Burgan 11/22





Mark Your Calendar



***Paws for Reading
2011
Schedule
Bowman's Library
October 22, 2011
November 5 and 19, 2011
Contact Theresa Manchey
540-465-5248
tmanchey@shentel.net***

***Dear Club Members:
Pastor Doug Campbell will be return-
ing to the Sportsplex on Monday,
Oct. 24, from 6-7 pm to bless more
animals.***

***Many took advantage of having their
dogs blessed. He sat in the bleachers
and just had the dogs come to him
whenever they could.***

Donna T.



Frederick Co Esther Boyd Ani-
mal Shelter

October 29th

Rabies Clinic

\$10

11AM to 3 PM

Please bring previous shot
record

“Tell A Friend!”

Christmas
Portraits

By Memory Photos

November 19 & 20

At

***The Winchester Pet Aquar-
ium***

(across from Costco)

Please call for appointment

Tell them you are BRDTC

(10% off & no sitting fee)

Phone No.

Call 540-327-3487





More Mark Your Calendar



"FUN Day for DOGS"

October 29th is looming closer and things for our Fundraiser at Morven Park are coming together nicely. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help - we will be getting together to discuss details soon. I am including a copy of our flyer

We are going to have:

- Bake Sale - Human and Canine
- Grooming Demonstrations
- Nail Clipping and Instruction
- Garage Sale - NEED DONATIONS, PLEASE
- Obedience Demonstrations-NEED VOLUNTEER - BASIC OBEDIENCE ONLY (Sandy - could you combine a quick demo with Ask the Trainer?)
- Ask the Trainer
- Gift Table-NEED DONATIONS OF GIFT TYPE ITEMS - MAYBE HOLIDAY THEMED - HAND MADE CRAFTS - ETC.
- Silent Auction - NEED DONATIONS OF A FEW HIGHER PRICED ITEMS - ELECTRONICS, ART, VACATIONS, ETC.
- Costume Contest
- Parade
- Professional Photographer.
- Almost Heaven Golden Retriever Rescue in partnership with Morven Park in Leesburg, VA Thank you - - for all your past support. *Carol*



BRDTC Christmas Auction & Dinner Dec 17th Jim Barnett Park

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. No used clothing please! This is a good time to get a head start on the Christmas shopping 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.

We will be voting on Officers and the Service Award.

Each year we recognize an individual for their outstanding contributions to our club and their unflinching 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.

They are: Bernie Thompson, Kitty Bowman, Donna Thompson, Kathy Brunner, Martha Butler, Beth Anderson, Amy Grimm, Donna Richardson, Vicki Gilley & Janice Morton, Stacy & John DeFlippi, Ed Strowsnyder. Theresa Manthey.



More Mark Your Calendar



Dear Members:

We just now received this, and I would like to know if anyone is interested in walking in the parade. Please e-mail me privately if you care to do so - dbpride-joy@aol.com Donna T.

This year's parade is same format as last year's:

1. **Date is the Monday after Thanksgiving Weekend – November 28, 2011**
2. Line-up on Cameron Street – between Cork and Piccadilly streets
3. Route starts at Piccadilly to Braddock to Cork and ends at intersection of Cork and Loudoun
4. Reserved parking for school buses on north Cameron Street – all other participants need to park in public parking areas, garages or lots
5. Tree lighting event to immediately follow parade.
6. The start time is at 7:00pm – it was 6:30pm previously – to help alleviate the congestion between the timing of downtown workers leaving their offices and parade participants arriving for line-up. Parade expected to end at 8:00pm
7. Line-up begins at 6:15 pm.

We have done this in the past and it's so much fun. Everyone meets at an assigned area. We dress up and we dress our dogs up in bells, ribbons, Santa hats- whatever. Bernie has been known to wrap a battery powered Christmas lights on Bett & she blinked all the way. Some dogs also pulled wagons or sleds. The walk isn't a long walk. You need a friendly dog who is people oriented but friendly to other dogs. There will be a lot of people on the route some bring their dogs (usually not very many). They love seeing all the different breeds - some they have never seen before. They also like to pet the dogs along the way if you let them go to the curb.

If you are interested in doing this please contact Donna T, and let her know.

TRICKY TREATS FOR DOGS

Makes 14 treats

- 2 cups water
 - 3/4 cup canned applesauce
 - 1/8 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1 egg
 - 3 cups whole-wheat flour
 - 1 cup white flour
 - 1/4 cup chopped nuts
 - 1 tablespoon baking powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
 - 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1/4 cup oats
- Preheat oven to 350 F.
 - In a bowl, mix water, applesauce, vanilla and egg thoroughly.
 - In a separate bowl, combine flour, nuts, baking powder, nutmeg, and cinnamon, stirring well.
 - Add wet ingredients to dry and mix well.
 - Spoon into greased muffin tins, filling each cup completely and bake for about 1 1/4 hours. Cool completely and store in a sealed container.



How to Protect Your Dog on Halloween

Halloween is the time of year that a lot of people like to do pranks-egg throwing, toilet paper and stink bombs in the mailbox are all popular things to do on this night-which is why it is very important to make sure your dog is protected. Here are some ways.

- 1 I read an article that recommended tying up your dog outside in front of your [house](#) on Halloween night to keep pranksters away. TERRIBLE ADVICE! Never tie up your dog outside on Halloween night. A dog that is tied up has no way to escape anyone who wants to tease or taunt the poor animal.
- 2 Keep a close eye on all the candy and chocolate that is in [your house](#). Chocolate is not good for dogs and can kill them if the dose is high enough.
- 3 When trick or treaters come to your house make sure your dog is secure and won't run out the door when it is open. Using a different room, using a baby gate and teaching your dog the stay command are all ways that you can deal with this.
- 4 If this is your dog's first Halloween, check to see if your dog is nervous around [costumes](#). Some dogs will get scared from the big wigs and weird masks that people are wearing. It's a good idea to find out about this before the big night.
- 5 Bring your dog inside on Halloween night. Pranksters are out and they can and do tease dogs that are left outside. It is much safer for your dog to be inside.
- 6 Make sure that your dog has on up-to-date Identification tags in case your dog gets loose. Also make sure your dog has all of his current vaccinations.
- 7 Keep the number for the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center handy. The number is (888) 426-4435.



"WAGS & BRAGS"



My Ashley was Best of Breed today at the Warrenton KC in Millwood. And the most exciting & unbelievable part is that she beat the #2 Whippet in the country! She "made the cut" in the 17 dog group competition too.

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Ann and the Bouviers

Icey had a good day at the Millwood show! She started off by winning Utility B. Then she was second in Open B. She ended the day by going High Combined! Wow, it was COLD out.

But Kees like it that way! At least today was just cold. Yesterday the Open B dogs had to do their stays in the rain.

Margaret Bissell

Keepsake Kees

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Ann and Maya

Today, at the Warrenton Kennel Club rally trial, Timer (Winmar Jolly Time Dan RN) earned his second leg in Advanced A rally with a score of 92, and a first place! And CJ, (Trebecca Cracker Jack) made his performance debut and earned his first leg in Novice rally with a score of 91. But the best news of all is that Dory ate nearly half a can of food for breakfast!!! That's the most she has eaten at one meal since she got sick back in June.

Kathy

Hi everyone,

After a long 3 days of showing, I have a brag for my 2 swissy girls. On Saturday I showed Kenzie and Sprite for the first time in Rally Novice. This was a first for all 3 of us by the way! Kenzie scored a 96 and earned herself a blue ribbon and little baby Sprite scored an 81 and earned 4th place. I was so thrilled that they both qualified and neither got any sort of warm-up due to me showing all morning in conformation and then rushing over to the obedience area to compete. Sprite will for sure need more warm-up than that next time- she was pretty excited to be playing with me and was quite a baby dog!! Congrats to everyone that had successes at the Warrenton shows this weekend- conformation, rally, & obedience- way to go BRDTC members!!

Megan and the pups

My t-shirt that I wore today said "never give up on your team" and Satch's performance today highlights why we should do just that.

At the obedience and rally trial today in at Catocin, Satchmo got second place by time tying first place with an almost perfect score of 99. He also got the All American high score prize.

It was wonderful to see him relaxed on the course and able to just do his thing. ***Joy***

Frosty was THE MAN this weekend! We did obedience trials in lovely Point of Rocks, MD. On Saturday, I kept telling Frosty to remember to THINK for the WHOLE TIME we were in the ring. It can be very hard for boys to THINK that long. But he did!!! He Q'd with a nice score to earn his second leg. That Q made my day and would have made my weekend! One more leg to go.

Sunday was cold and crisp in the AM. We stopped at a school on the way to the trials for go-out warm ups. We practiced articles, signals, and the correct glove before his go too. Finally it was Frosty's turn. He was pumped! He LOVES it when its his turn to play with me! I kept reminding him to THINK. He did a nice glove. His first article was no problem. Second article, he first picked up a wrong one and immediately realized it was wrong, so he put it down and kept searching until he found the right one. Then we did go-outs. First one he drifted to the side where he had gotten glove #1. Then he had to cross the middle to get to the correct jump. We have been practicing that and he REMEMBERED what he had learned and got the right jump! I figured his next go-out would be to the same side so the jump would be closer for him. But NO, he went to the other side. So he had to cross jump again. And he did it! The next to last thing was sig-



"WAGS & BRAGS"



nals. He did those beautifully, only losing ½ point for the whole exercise. After that he thought he was done and he started leaping and bouncing! We still had to do the moving stand. I told him we just had ONE MORE thing to do and to PLEASE do it right. This was an easy one. PLEASE keep thinking. He was quivering as I set him up. I laid my hand on his head and stroked him and told him to pay attention. I told him he had to WAIT and LISTEN. PLEASE listen for just one more minute. My "Stay There" command was probably MUCH louder than usual, and he stopped fast. The judge did her exam and he waited. When I called him to heel, he trotted briskly in and leaped into heel position. OH MY GOSH!!! He had DONE IT!!! That was his UD title!!! What a good boy! And he did it with all his parts still intact!!!

So Frosty is now:

CH Keepsake Ice on Fire UD MX MXJ OF

Frosty is awfully darn cute!!!

Margaret Bissell

Keepsake Kees

Last weekend I was doing AKC obed & rally:

Nikki & Travis finished their Rally Excellent titles. And the next day Travis was 30 seconds from a CD leg (got up on the down).

Shannon, Nigel, & Tyler finished their Beginner Novice titles with 2 legs each. Their prior leg was at the Whippet Natl

Bobbie Lutz



To all the Handlers and Dogs who visited Indian Hollow last night....

Thank you so much for the exciting evening you provided for our students. Every reader was engaged and they were enjoying reading!! Your service is invaluable and we so appreciate the time you volunteered. Today, the students could not stop talking about the fun they had last night. We would love to have you again, so that other students may experience the joy!

I cannot say "thank you" enough!!

Kathryn Neal
Reading Specialist
Indian Hollow Elementary





How to Host a Dog Halloween Party

If you want Halloween to go to the dogs, then you've come to the right place. Read on for instruction on how to throw a dog Halloween party that will have all your favorite four-legged friends having a howling good time.

Instructions

- 1 Treat it like a theme party. Obviously, your party theme is both Halloween and dogs. Use invites that coordinate with your decorations and general feeling of your party. Ideas include images of doggie bones, paws, pumpkins or another more common Halloween icon.
- 2 Pick a venue for your dog Halloween party, probably in a big backyard with a fence. This helps keep clean-up easy and also helps keep things civil if a couple of your guests get out of hand. If you want to have your party inside, keep the number of guests down, provide quick access to the outdoors and have clean-up supplies on hand.
- 3 Serve refreshments. At the minimum, have some dog treats on hand and a number of full water bowls. Some bakeries specialize in baking cakes and other treats just for dogs and made from dog-friendly ingredients. Make sure you have food for the people, too.
- 4 Include activities for both the people and the dogs. Consider having a puppy parade, a costume contest, a trick contest or variations of fetch. Be sure to let the dogs have some unstructured playtime, as well.
- 5 Designate someone that isn't dog-handling to be the photographer or videographer, and take lots of photos. Send copies to pet owners after the party. It will make a great party souvenir.





Bart's Walk-a-Thon Adventure

Bart was invited by NAMI Augusta We Care group to participate as a therapy dog in the National Alliance for Mental Illness walk-a-thon on October 8, 2011 in Glen Allen, Virginia. Bart rose over \$200.00 in pledges for the event. We arrived at the office complex where the walk was going to take place around a lake. The courtyard was humming with music, and laughter from the over 500 walkers there to support the event. There were games set up for children and family members to play and various tents with vendors. Even though there were lots of distractions for Bart he was a good ambassador for Therapy Dog International, Blue Ridge Dog Training Club, NAMI Augusta We Care and even Timber Ridge School. Lots of folks came over to pet Bart and talk about our club, TDI and even TRS. Bart stood patiently while I spoke with folks and while people touched him. The only slight issue we ran into was when the walk started; our group was one of the last groups to walk. That caused Bart some anxiety as he wanted to be the leader of the pack. After the first lap, he settled in and enjoyed the walk around the lake, not once attempting to go for a swim.





Legislative/Education

Alice reported that she and Sharyn Hutchens of the VA Federation will be going to the AKC Legislative Conference in Raleigh, NC, August 27-28. It is AKC's first conference on these issues and we want to support their endeavors in this area.

All Virginia State Senators (40) and Delegates (100) are up for election this year so learn where your representatives stand on our issues. There are a lot of hot races due the redistricting that is done every ten years. Election Day is November 8.

Here are some links for more information:

<http://ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/>

[Virginia House of Delegates elections, 2011](#)

<http://ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/>

[Virginia State Senate elections, 2011](#)

The NAIA conference is scheduled for Nov 12-13, 2011 in Harrisburg, PA. The topic is "Purebred Dogs: The Next Endangered Species?" <http://www.naiaonline.org/>

We plan to go but have not signed up yet.

Mariane expressed appreciation for the continued good efforts of Alice and Sharyn. Their expenses are reimbursed by the Federation but they put in many, many hours representing our interests in a wide variety of venues.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Oct 28 - Halloween party-
Stephen City fire hall
- Nov 15 - Sandy Stokes - nutrition
Safety Building
- Nov 17 - cgc & tdi
- Nov 19-20 Christmas Pictures
- Dec 17 - Christmas Auction
Jim Barnett Park

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



**Halloween
Party**
On
Oct . 28, 2011
At the
Stephen City
Fire Hall
Starts
At
7:30 pm
Treats
Provided



Nov 15 - Sandy Stokes -
nutrition
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