# Blues News

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# "Madison's Story"

By Holly Rich

Fostering a Special Needs Dog....It's very hard, but very rewarding!



I lost my sweet Morgan in January, when we felt that were ready for another dog, we decided to go the foster route. I know my work with Cooper was rewarding, so we decided to take in this time another special needs dog. I put in my application to foster with GRREAT and was approved mid-June. I got an e-mail the

first part of July about taking in a special needs dog to call them and discuss her problems. Madison was surrendered due to the original owners unable to pay her vet bills. It seems Madison was having trouble peeing and pooping properly. She was worked up as a possible cancer case when they found she had intervertebral disc disease and needed surgery on 3 discs. Madison had corrective surgery by a specialist on her back along with being treated for fleas, ear infections, hot spots and low thyroid. Madison, who is now 11yo, is probably the most laid back and sweetest Golden you would ever want to meet. She likes everyone and lets you do pretty much anything to her (thank god!). Seems before and after her surgery she was just too much work for either of her previous foster homes. These people were pretty dog savvy foster homes and had an idea as to how much work she was going to be. The foster homes felt they could not give her all the attention she needed, so they were looking for a new foster home for her. Since I have a good friend on the foster home team, I think my name came up as someone who might be able to handle her. Of course seeing her picture and hearing of her troubles, it was hard for me to say no, but I also knew she was going to be a lot of work for a while!!! That was an understatement!

I went to pick her up and she seemed so sad, but sweet and just wanted attention, how could I say no. At that time she had also had a



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"Outside of a dog, a book is probably man's best friend; inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."





relapse of her ear infections, smelled terribly, had developed an eye infection, possible bladder infection, itching all the time on top of her bowel and bladder problems. When I say bladder and bowel problems she was pretty much peeing and pooping all the time. Where do I start?? She went to my vet the next day and started working on getting her back to feeling better. I changed her diet to see if she was itching due to her food, gave her a bath but none of that seemed to do a lot. I ended up treating her for yeast since she had been on so many antibiotics and had to have so many baths. We worked on getting her a lot more exercise and core exercises along with laser and acupuncture and swim therapy. I was also doing massage and acupressure points on her as well. She worked up to 2-3 half mile walks daily. Could not deny the other dogs a walk so they got extra ones as well.....think I lost a few pounds as well!! Because she had little control of either her bladder or bowels she got many rinse jobs on her skirts, but nothing really cured the smell. Since she had been having so much trouble with control, I think her skin and fur just got saturated from all the pee and poop like a rug that has had a lot of accidents on it, and it was going to be hard to get out the smell. I ended up bathing her with the de-skunk recipe of baking soda, dawn and peroxide with a vinegar rinse. That helped a lot with her smell as well as the yeast I was battling with her. With a change in her diet, supplements, exercise and time she has started to finally gain control of her faculties. She has gone from not able to stay clean at all to now staying clean for 4-6 hours at a time. I still go through a lot of diapers, but less than I was!! According to her neurosurgeon her healing time is about 14 months, so I will be working with her for a long time.

Madison (Maddie) was pretty much more than a full time job just to keep her clean, my house clean and all of her therapy she was getting. Don't forget I also have 3 other very demanding dogs and a husband to spoil as well. Maddie may never gain full control of her faculties, but she is a different dog than the one I first picked up. She can now go upstairs quite well and gets around like she never had the surgery. She plays with toys and even with Cooper when she gets really rowdy! She loves her walks and rolling in the grass. I will probably end up being a foster failure with her as well, but to see how far she has come and the sparkle in her eyes now is more than worth all of the work! This kind of fostering is not for everyone, but to me it's very rewarding.

As a side note: My "thing" with dogs is helping those out that have a lot of health problems. For those in our club we all have our individual "things" that we do with/for our dogs, whether it is agility, obedience, therapy, rally, rescues or pure breeds, their health and nutrition, teaching, leading or even just cheering each other on. When someone

has a problem or question there is enough diversity in our club that someone is always able and willing to help that person out in some way. We are very lucky to have this. I hope we can continue this and continue helping out those new to the dog world and each other that have been doing this for a while! I want to thank all of those who have helped me over the years!





# **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. 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. 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 14

Time? 5 pm until the last item is sold

We will be voting on Officers and the Gaines Award



? What is the Gaines 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.

They are:

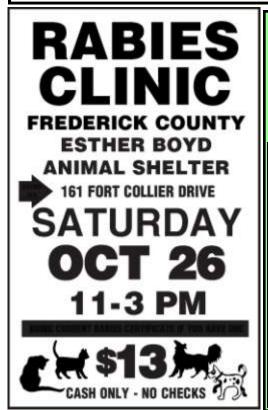
Bernie Thompson, Donna Thompson, Kathy Brunner, Martha Butler, Beth Anderson, Amy Grimm, Donna Richardson, Vicki Gilley, Janice Morton, Stacy & John Deflippi, Ed Strowsnyder. Theresa Manchey, Lynn Oliver, Joy Pitcher.



We will be making a Rainbow Bridge Memorial in the Jan Newsletter. If you have a special "friend" you would like to remember please e-mail me with the info and picture if you want to include one. We still have room.

Thank You,
Martha





# Picture Of the Month





"TRICK
OF
TREAT?"

Roxie Lutz

# "Pumpkin Bone Treats"

2 eggs 1/2 cup canned pumpkin 1/2 teaspoon salt 2 tablespoons dry milk 2 1/2 cups flour (wheat is probably better!) water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Blend eggs and pumpkin together; add salt, dry milk, and flour. Add water as needed to make the dough somewhat workable The dough should be dry and stiff, don't be concerned with crumbs being left in the bowl. You will need to mix this with your hands because it is too stiff for an electric mixer. Roll to 1/2-inch thick Cut into shapes. Place 1" apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 20 minutes on one side, then turn over and bake another 20 minutes. Yields 20

## "Doggie Horoscope"

Libra

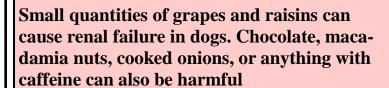
September 23 to October 22

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

Scorpio dogs are emotional, intuitive, and absolutely loyal

## Dog Trivia





Apple and pear seeds contain arsenic, which may be deadly to dogs

Dog nose prints are as unique as human finger prints and can be used to identify them.

Bloodhound dogs have a keen sense of smell and have been used since the Middle Ages to track criminals.

# Mark Your Calendar



# CGC/TDI TEST

On Friday, December 13
Blue Ridge will be having a Canine Good Citizenship and Therapy Dog International test. Information and the preregistration form has been added to the testing page on the website. Any questions please email me. Preregistration is required.

We are planning on offering some training sessions for each test in November but dates and times are TBD. I will send out an email when they are scheduled.

Joy and the Fur bunch



# **Agility Trial Recruiting**

Starting early to recruit for our agility trials on Friday, Nov. 29, Saturday, Nov. 30, and Sunday, Dec. 1.

Requirements: sense of humor, enjoy making sandwiches, love talking with everyone and waiting on them, and someone who wants to save money by not shopping on Black Friday! If you want the honor of joining us, please tell me which day, and do e-mail me privately.

Donna T. - dbpridejoy@aol.com





# Crystal Kennels is sponsoring an 'ALL BREED' health clinic on November 17, 2013

The clinic will be held at Loudoun Veterinary Service in Purcellville, Virginia

Dr. Nancy Bromberg will be doing OFA Eye Exams (previously known as CERF exams) Dogs for OFA eye exams ONLY. Please no exams for eye problems

Dr. William Tyrrell will be doing exams for OFA cardiac clearances.

Dr. Bromberg & Dr. Tyrrell are board certified in their specialty field

Dr. Stephen Stang will be taking radiographs for OFA hips and/or elbows.

A mild sedative will be given to dogs being radiographed. Dogs will be able to walk back to their cars. Radiographs for OFA prelims are welcome. Pre-anesthetic blood work is not required. We will not have time for pre-anesthetic blood work. If you want this done, please have it done at your regular vet prior to your appointment.

We will also be offering micro-chipping for those who need to meet the OFA & CERF permanent identification requirements or just want to have their dogs micro-chipped. We will be offering Thyroid & Patella checks. All dogs attending the clinic must be up to date on vaccines.

#### Costs:

OFA Eye Exams: \$40 per dog (previously known as CERF exams) CERF forms available upon request

OFA Cardiac exams: \$45 per dog

Micro-chips: \$35 per dog

OFA Patella & dentition checks: \$10 per dog OFA Hips Only Radiographs: \$150 per dog OFA Hips & Elbows Radiographs \$225 per dog OFA Elbows only radiographs \$100 per dog

OFA Thyroid tests: \$120 per dog

Any dog requiring general anesthesia for the radiographs will be an additional \$50

These prices are discounted for this date only. Loudoun Veterinary Service will not honor them at any other time.

The above prices are for services only. You will still be responsible for the cost of registering your dog's results with the OFA and CERF.

Those having radiographs taken & thyroid testing must bring a check made payable to the OFA for submitting the films & the blood samples. Loudoun Veterinary Service will submit them.

Directions:

The address is 1043 East Main Street Purcellville, Virginia 20132. You can use www.mapquest.com to map out directions, or email Jenifer Witkowski at crystalkennels@ymail.com

Pre-registration is required. To pre-register, contact Jenifer Witkowski at crystalkennels@ymail.com We ask that dogs arrive 30 minutes prior to their scheduled time to fill out required paperwork. Please bring a copy of your dog's AKC registration form as well as any permanent identification information you may have for your dog, as this is required for the certification.

If you have any questions concerning the clinic contact Jenifer Witkowski at crystalkennels@ymail.com Because of bounced checks at previous clinics, we will not be accepting checks. We also can not accept credit cards for payment of services. Cash only please

# Halloween Safety for Dogs Keep Your Dog Safe for Halloween

By Jenna Stregowski, RVT

Halloween can be a fun time of year for the whole family - even your dog. However, there are also many potential dangers and sources of stress for your dog. Just remember to keep your dog safe from these Halloween hazards.

# **Halloween Candy and Other Treats**

Remember that human treats are not usually good for dogs! Candy - especially <a href="chocolate">chocolate</a> - can be extremely toxic to your dog. Artificially sweetened candy, gum and other goodies may also contain <a href="xylitol">xylitol</a>, a highly toxic substance. Dogs may also ingest food wrappers, causing a risk of choking, upset stomach or gastrointestinal blockage. Various party snacks can be too salty and may contain ingredients that can poison your dog. Alcoholic beverages and dogs do not mix - they pose a significant risk of severe illness or even death! Keep all of these "human goodies" far out of your dog's reach. If you are not positive that you can keep your dog away from these hazards, then consider confining your pet to another area of your home during the festivities. Keeping appropriate <a href="dog treats">dog treats</a> around for your dog can be a great idea, but remember not to overfeed. Sliced carrots or apples (hold the caramel) can be tasty and healthy snack alternatives for people and dogs alike!

#### **Halloween Decorations**

Your dog is bound to be curious about new objects around the house, and that includes Halloween decorations. Be sure decorations are not in areas where your dog could ingest them or bump into them. Power cords trip your dog or lead to electrical shock if chewed. Be careful with the placement of jack-o-lanterns - have you ever seen a dog eat a whole pumpkin? It is not pretty! Also, candles can be knocked over, potentially burning your dog and/or starting a fire. Other decorations can be eaten or broken, causing serious harm to your dog. Have fun and decorate - just think about your dog first!

#### Trick-or-Treaters and other Guests

Though many dogs love visitors, some can become fearful of strangers. Many dogs will even be afraid of people they know if those people are in costumes. Plus, constant ringing of the doorbell might get your dog over-excited or very stressed out. Think about your dog's typical reaction to visitors and take extra precautions for Halloween. Keep your dog at a distance when greeting trick -or-treaters by putting up an baby gate or confining her to another area of the home. When inviting guests into your home, introduce them to your dog in a positive manner. If your dog seems afraid of guests in costumes, remove her from the situation calmly. During parties and loud gatherings, your dog might do best in another area of your home unless she is used to these types of events and has done well in the past.



# **Halloween Costumes for Dogs**

Other dogs can become scared or uncomfortable in clothing of any type. If you want to dress your dog up, start simple and see how she handles it. If she does not like it, then don't push the issue. Try a Halloween bandanna or collar instead. If your dog does seem to enjoy getting dressed up, be certain you choose a costume that fits comfortably. If it is too tight, it could cut off circulation or cause sores to develop. Loose-fitting outfits can trip your dog or get caught on objects around the house. Because of these potential dangers, *never* leave your dog unattended in the costume. She could become injured or may ingest parts of the costume and choke, become sick, or develop gastrointestinal blockage.

# **Outdoor Dangers**

I personally feel that unsupervised dogs are best kept indoors year-round, though some dogs will do fine living outdoors alone. However, the rules are different during the Halloween season! It is **extremely crucial** that you keep your dog indoors unless directly supervised. Sadly, there are cruel people who have twisted ideas of fun this time of year - and your dog can be the victim. Though it is more widely know that <u>black cats</u> are targeted during Halloween, any household pet can be at risk and MUST be kept indoors!

#### More Info: Cold Weather Safety for Dogs

Your dog can be part of Halloween fun if you play it safe. As always, follow common dog safety rules: be certain that your dog wears current identification at all times, keep your dog on a leash when outdoors, and keep her safe from potentially dangerous situations. Have fun, be safe and have a happy Halloween!







# "WAGS & BRAGS"

Hi everybody,

I want to give a big sloppy kiss to my friend Colleen, who ran me at the UKC trial on Saturday

. I was a silly boy on my first run, but she did not give up and made me practice and practice those 9 weave poles and that silly pause box. Then we got a perfect 200 on our second AG II run of the day. She's the best!!! Now I can add AG II to my initials. Thanks Colleen! Mom, Abby and I also want to congratulate all our friends who had great runs and lots of fun this weekend. *Cowboy Manchey* 

At the UKC Trials this weekend at our facility Molly and I had a great time. Saturday Molly had Four 1'st, one 2nd and one 3rd place finish resulting in Hi-Trial 1, Hi-Trial 2, Triple Crown With Two UGRACH Legs. Sunday Molly had three 1'st, one 2nd place and two NQ (sorry Molly it was my fault). She had Hi-Trial 2, Hi-Combined, Triple Crown and another UGRACH Leg. Congratulation to all the other teams from BRDTC that also performed well.

#### Bob Tatara

I want to brag about all the great people at the UKC agility trial. Nancy, pepped me up when I blew my first run, Amy gave me a "magic meatball" causing Boomer to have a perfect run, Holly H. who tells me what I need to hear to improve myself, and all the members of BRDTC (and DGOTC) who are always willing to chat and share training tips. I feel lucky to be connected to such a great club. I hope we will continue to have theses smaller agility competitions for those of us that like them.

I have to brag about Boomer too! He earned High AMBOR three times this weekend, completed his AGII.

Congrats to all the dogs and their proud people that had a great weekend.

Maya obtained her open jumpers title this weekend going 3 clean runs for the title. Now we get to play with the big dogs.

#### Ann

Congratulations to our friends and fellow club members Issie, Bodie, Galen, Boomer and Dottie who were smoking at the CPE trial in Knoxville over the weekend. Way to go all! We had a great time hanging out with you.

Cowboy, Abby, and Theresa Manchey

Because Beth and Tom have not bragged on our list and only at church this morning, here is what happened at the UKC trial on Saturday?

"Blitz" earned his 1st two legs in AG1 "Xtra" earned her 1st leg in AG11

Donna (the co-owner and ''agent'')

Banjo and I sweated in the heat yesterday at Mt. Vernon Kennel Club's obedience trial at Catoctin Kennel Club, but it was worth it. Banjo earned his first leg toward a CD with a respectable score and 4th place among 10 dogs. He was also highest placing All American at novice and won a sweet little loving cup honoring his achievement. Our beginner novice test was a "just miss" since he did a very nice round except he stood up on the sit stay. He didn't break the stay but ... On to the Blue Ridge trial in November!! *Marty* 

Wiley had such a great weekend! It was his first time competing in UG11, and he earned a perfect score on his first run! I'm so proud of him! He Q'd on both of his runs, earning a first and second place and high scoring AMBOR! I also want to say congratulations to everyone I saw out this weekend, it looked like everyone had a great time and I saw some pretty amazing runs! Congrats to all!

Sam

At the UKC agility trials today, Timer (UAGI Winmar Jolly Time Dan RE CD NAP NJP) did a beautiful job for his first time in AG II. In the first trial he scored 199 out of 200 for a first place finish, and in the second tried, he scored a perfect 200, for a second place finish. (The first place dog was about 2 seconds faster.) Timer has come so far from his days as Mr. Wimpy, and I was very proud of him today. *Kathy Brunner* 

Yay to Debby's new RN dog. Travis earned his first Beginner Novice Leg. Tyler was a down stay away both days from earning a CD leg. Sun's was only a walk back across the ring on the down stay from earning it. Dang, sooo close.

Ashley was my little star & after earning Q's both days in Rally Advanced & Rally Excellent, she earned her RAE title!!

#### **Bobbie Lutz**



# "More Brags!"

This weekend Issie and I were up at Periland at a CPE agility trial. This was her second time being up there and first two day trial. The whole weekend was a vast improvement from last spring. She did 3 runs each day and walked away with her first Q's in agility (and two blue ribbons) in Colors and Wildcard which resulted in her first agility title in Level 1 Handlers. Even when she didn't Q she worked with me and always came back when she started to wander. To end the weekend, about 6 dogs before her last run Sunday, a little dog started yelping (shrieking) and other dogs barked at her... and Issie became very stressed. In the past something like this would have paralyzed her BUT she got out there and while she was still worried. I used her comfort with rally at the start line and had her come front and that seemed to work and she got started and did the entire course but the last jump (which I said, "seriously Issie" cause in class she flies through the end sequences every time). I'm oh so proud of my foxy pointing hound girl. Joy and the Fur bunch

It was good after so much travel to finally get home and be able to take one of my favorite girls out for a relaxing weekend at Beltsville. She got her first AKC RN leg and a second place. I know Bobbi was there too but I didn't stay for the later classes, I did see she Q'd in obedience with Travis though. Congrats Bobbi.

#### **Debby**

Thriller - earned his AXP with 1st place.

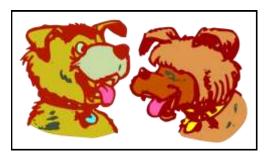
Xtra - earned her NA title with a 1st place.

Gem - O'd in Ex. JWW.

Beth and Megan got up at the crack of dawn and were both pleased with how well they did.

Megan will have to brag on her two girls!

#### Donna T.





A big thank you for everyone who made the tracking test a success with donations of food, track laying, cleanup, moral support, etc. We only had 2 TD's pass, but the exhibitors were terribly impressed with the effort that the Club members put forth. From your tracking committee: Jennie Johnson, Beth Anderson, and me (It takes a "village" to put on a test like this.) Donna T.

#### Donna,

Thank you so much.

Your club puts on a great tracking test. Thank you for the hospitality and all the good vibes. It was a fun day.
Rosie

The training center looked beautiful and clean when I went there on Monday!
Thank you all so much! Donna T

#### "NUTS NEEDED!!"

Nuts needed. Not the human kind of "nuts," of which I can claim fame, but acorns, wal-

nuts, chestnuts and hickory nuts to supplement the squirrels this winter. The mast crop is down this year, so my released babies (that I've raised in my capacity of wildlife rehabber) can't rely on them like they did last year.

I have a handy-dandy "nut roller," and can travel within reason. If you have a HUGE supply and are willing to let me gather, (or if you want to gather and leave for me... I'm there on Tuesday nights), please let me know!!!!

Thanks! Lynn Oliver

# Legislative/Education Report - Alice Harrington

Powhatan County is revising its zoning ordinances. They used a contractor who produced a 450-page document. The Board and county staff are reviewing and adopting these changes in phases and the changes they made to kennels inadvertently lumped hobby breeders in the commercial breeder category. Lisa Auerbach lives in Powhatan County and she brought this to our attention and asked for help in fixing it. Alice made phone calls to county staff and interfaced with hunters in the county as well. She attended the Planning Commission meeting with Lisa and the county agreed to make the requisite changes.

Here is the memo Alice sent to Powhatan County:

Date: August 1, 2013

To: Planning Commissioners of Powhatan County, VA

From: Alice Harrington, Legislative Liaison, Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders Subject: Proposed change to definitions for kennels

On the agenda for the August 6, 2013 Planning Commission meeting is a proposal to change many definitions in the zoning ordinance. We are very concerned that including "sales of animals" in the definition for Kennel, Commercial will inadvertently sweep up small-scale, hobby breeders and impose overly severe requirements that are not necessary on future residents who have a hobby dog breeding program.

Current definitions make no reference to dog sales and that is as it should be. Hobby breeders only sell puppies that they cannot keep in their program. It is not realistic to keep every puppy as numbers would quickly overwhelm the home. Hobby breeders select the dogs they think will advance their goals and sell the other dogs to people looking for pets or dogs to do showing, agility, obedience, field trials, herding, tracking, fly ball, dock diving, and other activities. Hobby breeders are not in the business of selling dogs. They only sell dogs incidental to their breeding programs. Many hobby breeders only have one litter a year or even every two years. They are not engaging in a commercial operation.

Most people agree that the best source for puppies is small hobby breeders who raise pups in their homes. Puppies are typically kept in a spare bedroom or family room and enjoy daily socialization and focused attention on their growth and development needs. If such breeders are required to conform to commercial requirements, the first thing that usually happens is the pups are moved out of the home since most homes cannot meet the technical and engineering standards (impervious surfaces, temperature controls, etc) applied to commercial kennels. We ask that the phrase "sales of animals" be dropped from the proposed definitions. VFDCB REGULAR Meeting 6 September 8, 2013.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Current definitions: (page 140 of the 2013 Zoning Ordinance)

Kennel - Any building, or premises, or both where five (5) or more dogs, cats, fowls, domestic animals or pets of the age of six (6) months are kept, boarded, maintained, or cared for overnight, for commercial or private purposes.



### Proposed definitions

Kennel, Commercial

A facility (other than an animal confinement facility or animal production use) which charges to or collects from animal owners a fee for overnight maintenance, care, boarding or sales of animals, where five or more dogs, cats, fowl, or other domestic animals or pets over the age of six months are kept. (See Principal/Use-Specific Standards, Section 4.2.2.E. (2) (a), Animal Shelter; Commercial Kennel; Veterinary Clinic

Kennel, Private

A building and/or premises where five or more dogs, cats, fowl, or other domestic animals or pets over the age of six months are kept, boarded, maintained, or cared for overnight, for private, noncommercial purposes such as for show, hunting, farming, or as household pets. (See Accessory/Use-Specific Standards, Section 4.3.5.N., Kennel, Private)

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The Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders is a 501c3 nonprofit established in 1971 to promote and protect purebred dogs. The objectives established in the late 1970s – to share information and monitor state and federal legislation – are even more critical today, and the VFDCB has risen to the challenges of the times.

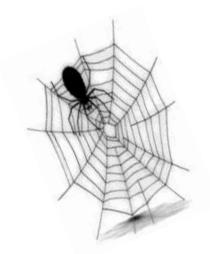
The Federation now includes nearly every all-breed club in Virginia and many breed and performance clubs as well. Most of our clubs are affiliated with The American Kennel Club (AKC). VFDCB also offers individual memberships to people not associated with clubs or those who want to support the Federation personally as well as through their clubs. VFDCB REGULAR Meeting 7 September 8, 2013





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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE

sportsplex

Nov. 1 - Halloween Party/meeting

Nov. 29-Dec 1 Agility Trial Dec 13 - CGC & TDI Test December 14 - Christmas Auction

month a visit to the nursing homes

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

