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Agility Seminar with Kim Sector







Photos By Debbie Kay







It was great weather in the morning for the Agility Seminar with Kim Sector. The advanced class had cool temps and challenging course layouts to learn about taking lines with their dogs. Kim is a master at the art of handling and showed all her secrets for using motion and body language to communicate with the dog exactly what will happen next. Later in the afternoon it started to get pretty hot for the novice dogs so the course challenges were kept a bit shorter so no one would overheat. Dogs and handlers both learned a lot about when to use turns, why to use certain turns over others and got a special treat when we all took a short break in the cool school house and saw a great demo of exercise to teach your dog to keep them flexible, focused and to learn where their feet are at all times. I think everyone had a great time, Kim commented later at dinner how impressed she was with the love and devotion that was showing with all the teams and thought we were a fun group to work with. So maybe we can ask her to come back again some time if the club is interested.

Debby Kay



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I know that dogs are pack animals, but it's difficult to imagine a pack of standard poodles... and if there was such a thing as a pack of standard poodles, where would they rove to? Bloomingdales?



"Seminar Thank You"

Abby and I want to thank Debby Kay for organizing the agility seminar on Saturday. We had a great time in spite of the heat and learned many great handling tips. We'd also like to thank Lynn Oliver for sharing her shade with us and for hooking us up with that amazing doggie delicacy-Spam!

Theresa

Thank you Debby Kay for arranging to have the agility seminar. Kim was absolutely great! Max and I learned some really good handling tips. Thank you Stacy for thinking of putting up canopies for shade. Needless to say, yesterday afternoon got hot! The shade was a lifesaver for all of us

Max and I had such a good time together. And yes, he had his first taste of Lynn's sensational Spam treat. He loved it!

All in all, we really had a fun afternoon even with the heat.

Thanks again,

Rose & Max

I want to thank all of you for coming to the seminar. Kim had nothing but great things to say about all the teams especially how much everyone showed how much they loved their dogs and were having fun together. I'll try to get the photos I took downloaded to an album on our yahoo group page. For those of you on Facebook, Kim has a page on there if you want to contact her, it is under Kim Sector. Cheers, *Debby*

It sounds like everyone was really happy with the seminar. Glad that we could provide the place to hold it. Perhaps you all might want to plan to have her again since everyone was so pleased. Thrill and Gem told me that they had a ball!

Donna T.

Mark Your Calendar





"Doggy Day Out Event"

Dear Donna,

I was wondering if you have heard anything from any of your mem-

Doggy Day Out Event. As of right now it will be held October 16th from 8-4. We have the SPCA, Frederick County Animal Shelter, Virginia German Shepherd Rescue, Happy Tails Dog Walking and a bunch more coming out hopefully. We also have few representatives like PetSafe Company possibly coming out and Kong sponsoring us. Which means free treats and toys for all. If you can email me out I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you again,

Joe Eubank



Bark for Life for the American Cancer Society

Donna,

Hope all is going well.

This is Tim Grove (Xander's dad). In my real life I work for the American Cancer Society we are putting together a Bark For Life to be held Oct. 30 from 10 - 2 a Randolph Macon Academy in Front Royal.

Similar to the event held in Winchester we are looking for groups to do dog demonstrations so, I wanted to check with BRDTC to see if someone was available for a agility and / or rally demonstration.

Let me know if someone will be able to attend . If you can make it do you have a time preference ? Also how much space will you need & can you email the BRDTC logo (I am going to TRY to get it posted to the Bark For Life website)

If interested please contact Donna T.





Here's a pix of Ashley on the right earning a Total Dog Qualifier at the UKC Premier.

Here's a pix of Nigel on the left winning Best Altered Dog in Show at the UKC Premier on Sun., 11 July Bobbie Lutz



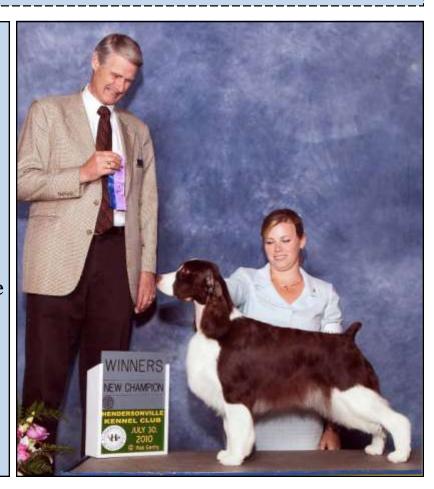
"The Winner Is!"

"Gem" (daughter of the famous "James")

CH Pride 'N Joy's Romancing The Stone TD RN OA OAJ UKC - RO 1 finished her championship today in Greenville, SC

These are the same shows where her big brother, "Thrill" finished last year. They were both expertly handled by Angela Lloyd!

Donna & Bernie





Hi Everybody,

I am having so much fun with "New Kids on the Block". There are so many beautiful "babies" who can resist putting their picture in the newsletter. It will be fun to watch them grow and develop their talents. This club has so many opportunities to offer them. I will be doing this again next month so if you have pictures to share please send them to me.

I am also collecting pictures for the "Rainbow Bridge" page that will be published in Jan 2012. This is to honor our special ones who have crossed over. If you have someone you want to include on this special page please send me a picture and brief write up to share.

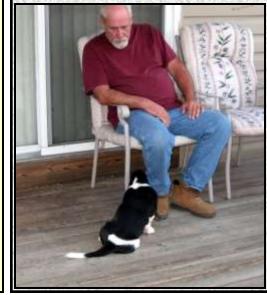
Call me at 540/877-2227 or email me at 4sarah@shentel.net.

Thanks,

Martha



Picture Of the Month



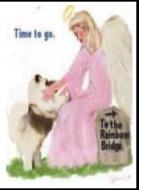


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Johnny Bel t

"Rainbow Bridge"

If you have some one special you want to honor on the Rainbow Bridge Page please send me a picture and a brief write up on how special they are.





Start getting those Halloween costumes ready - It's going to be FUN!

"Doggie Horoscope"

Virgo

August 23 to September 22

Your Virgo dog is loyal and attentive and expects the same trustworthiness from you. He loves routine and all things in order. So, stay in time for feeding and walking him.

Libra

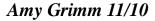
September 23 to October 22

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.

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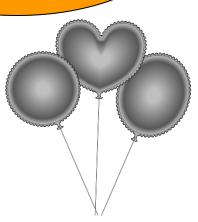
Anniversary's



Linda Kiss 11/17

Sonny Riggs 11/22

David Burgan 11/22







"NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK"





"Unchanged Melody" Mel Stokes





Sadie Daly

Banjo Matheson



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Pictures By Marzenna Gilbert

























"WAGS & BRAGS"

Kamp Kitty proved to be the perfect place for Nemo on Sunday to compete in APDT Rally. Despite him being under the weather and almost having to scratch, he rallied for his rally runs and got two more legs towards his Veterans championship (2 to go!). He got a 197 and 204 for his runs with a 5th and 6th place respectively. On his second run he surprised me and did the three steps back-up from a front! They also gave him a special award for being the oldest dog competing. The award was in memory of a sheltie who had competed in the Veterans group last year and it reminded me how lucky I am to still be working with my wonderful Mr. Nemo. Old dogs rule!

Joy and Nemo

Well gang Sam and I have made it home from Texas, a long road trip and long 5 days but well worth it. We had a blast in Dallas with our friends, finally met a lot of the Texas Facebook friends I have been dieing to meet in person, and got to see some lovely dogs there. We picked up the litter of Ranger puppies and they were troopers coming home on their first big trip at 6 week of age. My co breeder Elise did a fabulous job of socializing the little ones, you would not know these pups have not been traveling all their lives. The best part of the trip was receiving news from the hunt test that daddy Ranger earned his last 2 legs for his new SENIOR HUNTER title! Yippee. Mike Boulais, whom I train with, was kind enough to handle him for me while we transported the kids. It was quite the celebration at our house this Labor Day.

Cheers, Debby and now RO2, SHR, Grand Champion Chilbrook Lone Ranger, CD, RE, SH, CGC

I have a couple of weekend brags for the Keepsake Kees! We went to Raleigh NC for obedience. Icey worked some GREAT classes! She earned two UDX legs, some more OTCH points, scores in utility to finish her OM2, and for the Grand Finale, went High in Trial on Monday.

There was no obedience trial on Sunday, so we went to a friend's house and let the Kees see her sheep. Icey and Sparks were AWESOME at sheep herding!
Our parent club is starting the process to try to get Kees approved for AKC herding. So in our spare time, we might have to look into this herding thing some more! Any suggestions on where to go for herding lessons???

Margaret Bissell Keepsake Kees I was at K9 Konnection this whend for their obedience & conformation shows/trials. My 10 yr. old Shannon earned her UKC CD! YAYYYYYY, now she qualifies for the Amer. Whippet Club's Versatility Award!

Shannon's son Travis earned his 2nd U-CD leg and her other son Tyler earned his first one. Nigel was entered in the Altered conformation and he took Best Altered in Show on Sat. at their 2nd show! I'd entered all the boys to substitute for Ashley who came into season at the wrong time (she could've finished her CD too).

Bobbie Lutz

Sawyer and I do have a brag from Railgh NC. We went down on Thurs and Fri. and earned our CDX. He got three first places in his first three tries in open. He did a great job with all the extra commotion of the breed rings around us. It made me more nervous than it did him. At one point in one of our out of sight stays the janitor changed the trash can that was behind him outside the ring making lots of scary noise but Sawyer only startled but his elbows never left the ground. The ring stewards told me when I came back what a great dog he was to stay down with all that going on behind him. He is the best!!!

Jan Bergan

Dicey will be following in Zorro Grimm's pawprints this year by flying to California to compete in AKC's Agility Invitational. She was the #6 Doberman in the country (of around 200 competing in Excellent B). I'm very proud of my girl!!

Janice





These Aren't Your Granddog's E-Collars

For years our dogs have had to suffer with the generic hard plastic Elizabethan Collar to protect a hot spot or after surgery to protect a surgical site. Some dogs become depressed and deflated by the difficulties in wearing these collars. Now there are some new and really cleaver designs for E-Collars that are comfortable to wear.



The Pro Collar—This is a doughnut-shaped collar that has an inflatable core with a washable cover. A Velcro strap holds the outer edges and the dog's collar is put into the loops of the ring. Comes in several sizes (X Small to X Large). Because it's cushioned, dogs hardly notice that it's on. It's easy to walk around in and easy to lay down on. Available from Petco and Petsmart and from catalogs. \$15—\$25, depending on size.



The Soft-E-Collar—This collar is also cushioned and looks more like a slightly deflated life-saving ring than a doughnut. It's wider and flatter than the ProCollar. The collar attaches to the dog's collar through a fabric flap under the collar. This one is not as easy to walk around with and not as comfortable to lay down on. This collar comes in a large variety of sizes from XX Small to fit the smallest dog for 0—5 pounds to XX Large which fits dogs 95 pounds and up. You many have to shop specialty stores for this or look on line. \$19—\$49, depending on size.



BiteNot Collar—This one is a completely different design. It's kind of like a human neck brace. The inside is well padded and the outside is a stiff plastic shell with a Velcor closure. A nylon strap fits around the dog's shoulders and under the armpits to hold the collar in place. This is a good one for those dogs who manage to pull any of the others off. Not a good choice for those breeds with short necks (like Pugs). Dogs with footwounds would not benefit from this collar. Go to **bitenot.com** for a list of retailers. \$20—\$45.

The Comfy Cone—This is a soft-sided variation of the classic cone. It still restricts visibility to straight ahead, but the sides are cushioned and bendable. It attaches to the collar with loops and comes together on the sides with several Velcro strips. This one seems to do a good job of deterring a dog from going after the injury site, but a very determined dog could bend the sides and reach body parts that need to be protected. Go to allfourepaws.com for a list of retailers, \$10—\$30.

Kong E-Collar—This one is like the classic cone, except the it is made of clear plastic which makes a huge difference to the dogs. It's lighter weight than the classic cone and it has padding along the outer edge (protects walls) and the inner edge (next to the neck). It is made by Kong Company and comes in sizes from Small to XXL. Available online and independent pet supply stores. \$8—\$16. (Pet Botanics makes a very similar product sold at Petco.)

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"SHAPING UP FOR THE SHOW RING"



By Anne Legge

What we ask our Bloodhounds to do in the show ring has little or nothing to do with the working function of the breed. Nonetheless, a breed willing and able to work long trails over rugged terrain in all sorts of weather should be expected to gait confidently around a show ring without being excessively challenged. Toplines should be strong; rears, thighs, and gaskins should be perceptibly muscular; and hounds should move with an "elastic, swinging, and free" gait. What is required to create this picture?

The answer is training and conditioning beginning in the puppy pen, a regimen which includes experience with varied surfaces (carpet, slippery, shiny, etc.), exposure to a range of noises, and introduction to a variety of people and animals. For youngsters, free exercise and play are ideal, preferably two or three times a day, but be careful about leaving puppies unsupervised with older dogs. An auxiliary benefit is that, like children, puppies are much nicer to live with when they have had adequate exercise.

The growing dog needs a safe fenced exercise area that is as large as possible and preferably hilly. For maximum exercise, make the enclosure a rectangle rather than a square, and use your ingenuity to make the play yard more interesting: stack cinderblocks into steps or make ramps out of discarded doors.

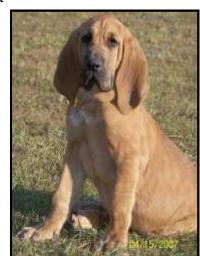
Master handler George Alston cautions that roadwork should not begin until the dog is two, but walking is fine. Never push your dog beyond his/her comfort level, and consider weather conditions and temperature. If it is possible, swimming is ideal exercise. If you can spring for it, a canine treadmill is excellent for mature dogs because it can be used in bad weather and set for the correct show gait.

Karen Leshkivich, DVM, believes that preparation for performance events affords excellent conditioning for the show ring. She starts her puppies with kindergarten agility exercises at three or four months on sand or dirt, using equipment set to preferred (lower) heights, and not progressing to more advanced equipment or harder surfaces until about three years. Karen explains, "Kindergarten classes familiarize them with each obstacle (jumps, tunnels, chutes, as well as the contact obstacles), so they also help them build confidence with different things, like the chute touching their back, the darkness of the tunnel, knowing where their feet are on the dog-walk, and refining balance. They build muscle as well as correct muscle memory (for tracking straight, trotting, etc.), develop confidence as well as better social skills and attention to their owner, plus they have lots of fun." Tracking and mantrailing practice appeals to the Bloodhound puppy's instincts and provides age-appropriate exercise. All puppy training sessions should be short, and the experience should be positive. So while you are addressing performance, you are also building skills and attitudes that are relevant to the show ring.

Lyn Sherman's top winning Bloodhound Knotty (CH Heather's Knock on Wood) was once designated "Athlete of the Month" by Sports Illustrated. Since Knotty traveled extensively with Lyn and his handler, ingenuity was required to keep him in condition. If no other safe venue was available, Lyn and Knotty ran up and down hotel staircases. At home in California, they hiked mountain trails three times a week.

Training, exercise, and conditioning aren't easy, but they are absolutely necessary for the show dog's physical and psychological wellbeing.

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Fall. Beautiful leaves on the trees. Cooler weather. Baby squirrels. By Lynn Oliver

"Baby squirrels?" you ask.

Yep. Many species of the Rodentia family (which also includes squirrels, flying squirrels and chipmunks) have two litters per year – one in the Spring and another in the Fall. So, along with leaves and acorns falling, we wildlife rehabbers see an influx of fallen baby squirrels in the Fall, too.

High winds can blow theirs nests down, but the predominant reason we get lots of baby squirrels is that "something" happens to their mothers and the babies come out of the nest looking for food and, unaccustomed to climbing, or too young to grip, gravity takes over and they fall to the ground. Often found by our dogs, cats and kids, baby squirrels begin coming in to area wildlife rehabbers around early August and last until the end of September. The seem to come in droves, like the acorns falling. Some babies are lucky and their mamas carry them back to the nest. Others are not so lucky because mama is not there any more to carry them back, and they starve or are predated on, unless a human finds them and then finds us (rehabbers).

Unfortunately for squirrels, they are a food source for many animals that higher up the food chain. Raptors (hawks, owls, eagles) prey on them, as do coyote, fox, fishers (more rare in this area) and even our own dogs and cats. Second to bunnies and mice, squirrels (especially ground squirrels like chipmunks) are probably one of the most commonly preyed upon wildlife in our area. That explains why Mother Nature allows them to proliferate like, well, like bunnies. Keeps the food chain alive. Many mama squirrels are taken for food by predators, leaving babies to starve in the nest.

I often get asked why I bother raising baby squirrels. The reason is two- (or maybe three) fold: 1) because I have the skills and training and they are helpless; 2) because the public needs us to step in and help (you'd be surprised how many calls we get from the public who find baby squirrels!); 3) because of the reason I mentioned above -- the other animals need them to survive. Also, squirrel babies are among the easiest wild babies to bottle-feed, providing practice for us for the more difficult baby critters that come in. We start apprentices out on baby squirrels for that reason.

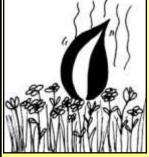
What should you do if you find a baby squirrel? Warm it in a box with bedding (old towels, t-shirt or even shredded paper towels) over a low-set heating pad (or put rice in a sock and microwave it for a couple of minutes), don't try to feed it anything and call a rehabber. You can find a list of licensed VA wildlife rehabbers at this site, sorted by county and types of animals they specialize in:

http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/injured/rehabilitators.asp.



The baby in the photo is a four-week old male gray squirrel. It drinks four bottles a day of a special milk replacer that replicates the mother's milk as close as possible. We teach these babies the proper foods to eat and release them when they show us that they are ready to live in the wild.





Has Your Dog Ever Been Sprayed by a Skunk? Here's How To Get That Smell Out!

Skunks, skunks! Half a dozen of my friends have reported skunk/dog encounters in the past WEEK! These usually happen late at night, when the dog goes out for his last potty of the night before bedtime . . . and suddenly the whole family is wide, wide awake and facing an odoriferous emergency. 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).

I've used the mixture on my dog Otto twice; both events happened last year at about this time. He's gotten a lot smarter, and now recognizes skunks as bad mojo; he won't chase or approach them any more! But his Jack Russell Terrier "cousin" (my sister's dog), has been skunked at least once annually for each of his 14 years. Owners of this type of dog are well-advised to buy quarts of hydrogen peroxide and keep them on hand at all times!

Martha Inglis

First wash the "victim" in Head and Shoulders shampoo. Next, rinse in a solution made up of: 1 qt. hydrogen peroxide 1/4 C baking soda 2 t. liquid dish detergent Then rinse.







"Dog Shows"



There was a time, there really was, When I was sweet and tender, When SHOW DOG meant a Disney Star, And Bitch was not a gender.

I went to bed at half past ten, I went to church on Sunday. On Saturday I baked the beans, And did the wash on Monday.

But then I got a certain pup, And an erstwhile friend said, "SHOW" And so I did, and so I do, OH! What I didn't know.

I used to dress with flair and style, That was the life, don't knock it. But now each dress from bed to ball Must have a good bait pocket.

I used to have a certain air, I wallowed in perfume, I used to smell of Nuit D'Amour, Now I smell like Mr. Groom.

My furniture was haut decor, My pets a tank of guppies, Now I've furniture unstuffed, And well-adjusted puppies.

Once I spoke in pristine prose, In dulcet tones and frail, But now I'm using language, That would turn a sailor pale.

I was taught to be well-groomed No matter where I went. Now all the grooming that I do Is in the handler's tent.

I used to long for clothes and jewels, And a figure classed as super, Now the thing I yearn for most Is a nice new Pooper-Scooper.

I adored someone who murmured verse Through intimate little dinners, But now the words I thrill to hear Are just three-"Best of Winners"!

I rise at dawn and pack the car The road ahead's a long one. The one I routed on the maps Invariably thee wrong one.

I really love this doggy life I wouldn't care to change it. But when I get that BEST IN SHOW I plan to rearrange it.

And when my time on earth is done, I'll go without much nudging.
Just give me three weeks closing date, And let me know who is judging.

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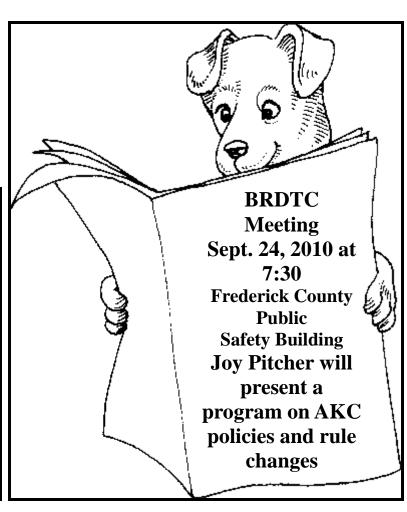
Oct - Halloween party-tba

Nov 29 - Rebecca Verna, d.v.m. (Linden Heights Animal Hospital)

Dec 18 - Christmas Auction

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