

Blues News

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"The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog."

- George Graham Vest









Dog Days Coolers

2 fresh beef (or other) marrow bones, each at least 1" long
water
In about a 2 qt. pan, put the bones, and add enough water to cover. Bring water to a boil; continue to boil at least 10 min. (More time is okay, for a richer broth.) Remove the bones, and return any beef marrow to the liquid, along with any meat that you can get off the bones. Cool the broth to room temperature. Pour liquid only into 2-4 ice cube trays. Chop up the marrow/meat/gristle into little bits, and put them into each section of the tray. Freeze solid. "Serve 2-3 cubes to your dog on a very hot day. (Not too many if you made the broth very rich with extra bones or lots of marrow.)"

Picture Of the Month



Daddy Likes Me More!

Jeff River & Ridge

Donna & Xtra

Flea-Away

- 1/4 c. cottage cheese 1001 U. vitamin E
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder 1 T. bacon grease

Mix all the ingredients and add to food daily. Not only will it keep the fleas away, the dog will love the way it tastes.

Janitor Dog

A salesman dropped in to see a business customer. Not a soul was in the office except a big dog emptying wastebaskets. The salesman stared at the animal, wondering if his imagination could be playing tricks on him. The dog looked up and said, "Don't be surprised. This is just part of my job." "Incredible!" exclaimed the man. "I can't believe it! Does your boss know what a prize he has in you? An animal that can talk!" "No, no," pleaded the dog. "Please don't! If he finds out I can talk, he'll make me answer the phone as well!"



"Doggie Horoscope"

Gemini
May 21 to June 21
Gemini dogs love big families. If you have the space and time, consider to have a second (quiet) dog.

Cancer
June 22 to July 22
Your cancer dog enjoys the comfort of a tranquil home. He does not need outside adventures. He is happy when playing with the kids or sitting in your lap.

Birthdays & Anniversary's July

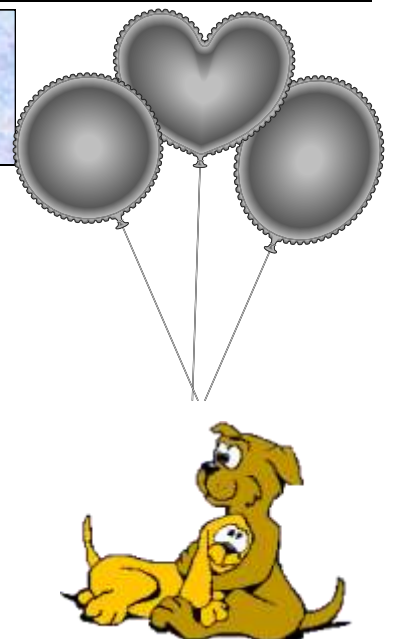
Birthdays

Anniversary's

Kathy Brunner
7/3

Tim & Becky
Gregory
7/24/99

Annette Talbot
7/6





Mark Your Calendar



The Virginia Federation of Dog Club & Breeders 2011 Seminar

Are Breeders in the Crosshairs?

July 23, 2011 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 pm

A legislative discussion with speakers including:

- **Jennifer Clark** AKC's Government Relations Department
- **Kevin Kilgore** past president of Virginia Animal Control Association
- **Tate Love** Attorney

Hosted by the Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders.

Seminar will be held in the Giorgio Room of the:

Doubletree Hotel
990 Hilton Heights Rd
Charlottesville, VA 22901
(434) 973-2121

**Registration fee: \$25.00 if paid by July 9th
\$30.00 at the door**

Lunch is on our own – the hotel dining room is next to the seminar. There are also many other restaurants in the area.

Registration is available either online or by mail.
Online registration at: <http://www.virginiafederation.org/>
Checks should be made out to VFDCB and sent to:
Lloyd Burger, 1261 Dutch Hollow Rd, Raphine, VA 24472

Directions:
FROM INTERSTATE 66 (WASHINGTON, DC):
Exit 43 onto 29 South. Approx. 1.5 miles before you reach the Charlottesville city limits you will cross the South Fork Rivanna River Bridge. After the bridge, turn right at the traffic light onto Hilton Heights Road and take the right up to the Doubletree.
FROM INTERSTATE 64:
Take exit 118-B onto the 29 North Bypass, and follow for 4.5 miles, past merger with 250 bypass. Exit right at sign for 29 North – Washington DC. After 3.5 miles, turn left on Hilton Heights Road and take the right up to the Doubletree.

A Rare Opportunity to Participate in a
**GEORGE ALSTON
HANDLING CLINIC**
SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2011
**UAW HALL, 2625 PAPERMILL ROAD
WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA 22601**
8 A.M. – 5 P.M. EACH DAY
**CLASSES FOR BEGINNING & ADVANCED
HANDLERS AND OBSERVERS**
(Emphasis on training the handler rather than the dog)
**Proudly Hosted By The Shawnee
Kennel Club**

George Alston, author of *The Winning Edge*, is one of the top professional dog handlers of all time. For more than 30 years, George led the dogs entrusted to him to countless wins, including more than 200 Best in Show rosettes and 600+ Group placements. Now retired from handling, this acknowledged master instructor in conformation handling travels throughout the U.S. presenting seminars designed to develop and polish handling skills necessary for success in class, Group, and Best in Show competitions.

Reservations will be accepted until the clinic fills
Alston seminars sell out quickly—don't delay submitting your registration form!
(See BRDTC website)

COURSE LEVELS

Beginner: Geared to the novice exhibitor. Handler must be at least 10 years old. A mature, well-trained dog will be to your learning advantage. Dogs must be at least 12 months old to participate. (Limited to 20 handler/dog teams.)

Advanced: For experienced exhibitors. Handler should have been showing dogs for 5 years or have finished at least 2 dogs to conformation championship. Dogs must be at least 12 months old to participate. (Limited to 20 handler/dog teams.)

FEES (include continental breakfast and sandwich lunch each day)

Before August 1, 2011: Beginner & Advanced—\$150.00 for the two-day seminar
Observers—\$75.00 for the two-day seminar.

After August 1, 2011, the fee for Beginner and Advanced is \$165.00.

For more information, contact Anne Legge, 540-327-4260 or annelegge@comcast.net



AKC Introduces New Therapy Dog Title -

New York, NY - I am pleased to announce an exciting new title open to all AKC dogs. The AKC Therapy Dog title, or "THD," will launch June 27th as an official AKC suffix title and will reward dogs and their owners that have provided ongoing community service to help improve the well being of others.

Currently, it is estimated there are 50,000 certified and active therapy dogs in the United States. Volunteerism has exploded over the past decade, especially those with dog and owner teams working in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and at natural disasters.

As you know, the AKC annually recognizes an outstanding Therapy Dog as part of the annual AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE). We receive so many great nominations that we know there are many more dogs out there that deserve recognition. We have also received many requests from the fancy to award titles to therapy dogs as a way to recognize the "great work their dogs do." Additionally, earning a THD title builds on the skills taught in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy and Canine Good Citizen programs, which create a sound and friendly temperament needed by a successful therapy dog.

The AKC will not certify therapy dogs. Instead, we're working with therapy dog certification organizations to recognize the work done by therapy teams. The certification organizations are the experts in this area and their efforts should be acknowledged and appreciated.

The title will be open to all AKC dogs that have completed a series of criteria. To qualify, dogs must be certified by a participating therapy dog certification organization and have performed a minimum of 50 community service visits.

To obtain a title an owner must complete an application along with evidence of documented visits. Application forms are available on the website at www.akc.org/akctherapydog. The program will accept documentation going back to January 1, 2000.

If your dog qualifies we encourage you to apply for the title. For more information visit www.akc.org/akctherapydog or email akctherapydog@akc.org.

Sincerely,
Ron Menaker
Chairman



“Blast From the Past”



Training Club Officers

Officers of the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club; Top row, left to right: Richard Hardison, Winchester, treasurer; Mrs. Bryan Conrad, White Post, president; Russell Lloyd, Boyce, member of the Board; front row: Wallace Bishop, Martinsburg, W.Va., vice president, with his Golden Retriever Ch. Finale Farm's Jubal Early; Mrs. Douglas Swift, Boyce,

Training director, with her German Shepherd Dog, Fidelco's Fredericka, UD; Mrs. C.F. Germelman, Berryville, member of Board, with her Golden Retriever, South Meadows Rowdy, CD; Mrs. Charles Chapman, Winchester, secretary, with her German Shepherd Dog, Bianca Vom Hainburg.
(Star Photo by Beverley Greenhalgh)

I found this picture going through old files - can somebody tell me what year this was taken.?



"WAGS & BRAGS"



My newest puppy, Rocky, a 5 month black Lab, passed his CGC test at our event Wednesday. I was a little concerned when the lady with the border collie next to us kept wanting to play with him, but he pulled through like a trooper when I told him, no playtime now, this is serious stuff. <G> Thanks to Sandy, Donna, and Joy for one of the best tests I think the club has put on.

Debby Kay

Our 11 month old Basset Hound puppy, Johnny (3 Oaks Run That By Me One More Time), showed very well this weekend at the Mattaponi Dog Show. He took Winner's Dog, Best of Winner's and Best of Breed over specials for both days giving him two 4 point majors in a row. He now has a total of twelve points towards his championship. Also, we want to give credit and much thanks to Max Harder for his excellent handling of our wonderful little Johnny!!

Anita and Roger Belt

I do not usually "brag" about my boys but I am very proud to announce that S'more earned is OA this past weekend at the Gloucester Kennel Club AKC trial at Border Crossing in VA!! He also earned his 2nd leg towards his OAJ with a first place Sunday afternoon!

Anne

Ryder puppy (1yr 4 mos) placed second in juniors and third in seniors on Saturday in Newport News and had his first jump over 16 feet. The event staff was great and we had open dock time and we tried speed retrieve for the first time. At first Ryder wouldn't even jump off the dock....Mommy you didn't throw my toy! Then when he did jump...he swam around in circles looking for a toy....Finally, after a few tries he went and got the bumper off the end of the dock and took it down easily. We entered him in his first ever speed retrieve on Sunday....and he ran 20 feet, jumped, swam 40 feet and retrieved the bumper in 8.75 seconds! I was so proud! Then we found out he had earned the last place in the finals!

So finals come later in the hot afternoon....he swam in 8.2 seconds and won third place and prize money! What a thrill! and ps he made Senior jumper finals too! didn't fare well...just too tired!

Mary Demott

In our years of doing therapy work, Dory has done a variety of therapy work, library visits, nursing homes, and others. Today, we experienced a first, and probably something none of you have encountered. We were at school working late as usual and got ready to leave around 5:00 p.m. The custodian stopped us in the hall and told us that we were under a tornado warning. I live only 10 minutes from school so I thought we'd head home anyway. When I got outside, the skies looked pretty bad, so I decided maybe we would just wait it out. We went back inside, and waited in the hallway with the kids who were there setting up for their club banquet. Dory spent the next half hour comforting kids who were pretty scared. You just never know when a therapy dog will be called into service!

Kathy

We had a great day at agility today. Dory finished her AXP (excellent standard agility preferred) and AJP (excellent jumpers with weaves preferred). She had a first place in standard, but we left before placements were given for JWW. Timer got off to a good start in Nov. JWW, but then he thought the bar setter at the end of the ring looked scary, and couldn't go into the tunnel near where she was sitting. I promised him that there would be no more scary bar setters at our next trial.

Kathy

Today at the Charlottesville dog show my Puppy Johnny took Winner's Dog and Best of Winner's....he now has 14 points towards his champion title he only needs one more point now....hopefully he will get it at the Fishersville Shows next weekend. He is doing great for an 11 month old puppy !! My Dad's Dog Boomer, who is Johnny's half brother got BOB for both days....I have lost count of how many BOB ribbons he has won!!!! He has already achieved his champion and grand-champion titles and he is not quite two years old yet.....hopefully Johnny will follow in his brother's footsteps.

Anita

Ryder the water dog aka Labrador Retriever...spent the weekend with Satchmo at the Furry Friends event. Thought he would make finals in speed retrieve...but he didn't make the cut BUT his best time ever...7.6 seconds (previous best was 8.2) but he did make Junior finals and placed 2nd...won \$75.00 and a bag of toys!

Thanks for Joy and Carly's mentoring, the pup jumped his best ever at 16"6"

Mary DeMott



“More Brags!”

Satchmo had a great weekend up in Shippensburg' PA at the DockDogs event at the Furry Friends festival. He started his weekend jumping 19 ft 7in which got him 2nd place in the Senior division. Then jumped back into the Master's level with a 21 ft 2in jump getting 2nd in the master's division. He then matched his personal best 21ft 4 in but didn't place.

Sunday he came ready to jump big though he had a dead tail. He got 3rd in the master division and jumped 22 ft 2 in his best ever. This was just enough to get him into his first finals ever.

Though he jumped a big 21 7, he kept his 6 sec and took home his first big rosette. It was especially neat to have the announcer say when he was on the dock for finals that these dogs (meaning Satchmo on) were the biggest jumpers of the weekend! As always he took his victory swim each time. AND he earned his Masters-regional title!

Joy and Satchmo

Our 11 month old Basset Puppy, Johnny, is now Ch. 3 Oaks Run That By Me One More Time. He took winner's dog and Best of Winners today at the Skyline Kennel Club dog show, which gave him his final point towards his Championship. He will be a year old on the 21st of June. We are very proud of him and can't wait to see how well he will show when he is actually filled out more. His half-brother, Boomer, went Best of Breed today.

Anita and Roger Belt

Andy & our Malinois Ace won Novice B with a 198 and lost the run off for HIT with a slow sit. Very proud of my A Team.

April Albert

Just returned from weekend in downtown Norfolk at the Harborfest Dock Diving and I do mean downtown! Skyscrapers all around and parking a nightmare but Ryder finished first on Friday in Speed Retrieve and first again on Sunday but he finished 7th in the finals just too pooped to pop! He is jumping consistently in Big Air in the 14' range and jumped 2 inches over in one jump, thus eliminating himself from the Big Air Finals. He is swimming in the 7 second range about 50% of the time. No more events planned for us until October...too hot!

Mary DeMott

We had a great weekend last weekend at Skyline KC. Ashley went Best of Breed both days (me handling), she also earned 2 legs on her Rally Excellent -- to finish her RE title -- with a 1st place on Sun. & 4th on Sat. We were hoping to top it all off with a Group placement, but the judges didn't like her enough. She was "showing like a rock star" though, as she usually does.

1/2 brother Nigel finished his Rally Advanced (RA) and 1/2 brother Travis got a 2nd leg on his Rally Excellent. Travis was also a sit-stay away from a qualifying score in Novice Obedience

on Sun. (after the heavy rain storm swept thru.& made a lot of noise on the bldg. roof--thank goodness everything was indoors though.)

Bobbie Lutz

Sonnett and I just returned from the UKC Premier and All Stars in Kalamazoo MI. We drove all day Wednesday and got in around 5:30PM to set up our crates and such. The building we were in had 3 big rooms- 1 for the agility, 1 for the obedience and a smaller room for extra crating. We couldn't get space in the agility room to crate so we went into the extra room. Thursday was a regular agility trial run by a local dog club. The agility was set up on a concrete floor with just obedience style matting on top and as I walked her into the room to do her run a BC came flying over the teeter and slammed it hard on the floor making a big bang which scared Sonnett to death- she is very noise sensitive. Luckily we had several minutes before we had to run and she recovered and had a perfect clean run for a 200 but not fast enough for a placement. In her second run she popped out of the weaves so we NQed but it was nice. She also qualified on her third run but did not make a placement. These trials were just a warm up trial and anyone could enter. After we finished running, my friend who was riding with us and had her BC in the obedience All Stars went to a local park that had a dog park and let the dogs run for a while- they also had a fenced area with woods and paths so we did that too- the dogs had a blast.

On Friday morning we were there bright and early to compete in the All Stars- the top 50 dogs in each class AG1, AG2 and AG3 were invited. We were in AG3 the most difficult level. The course was challenging and took out a lot of the top dogs. Sonnett had a lovely run with one small bobble- she took a step around the side of the table to look at all the spectators who were standing outside the ring and lost 1 point for a 199 and a fifth place finish. If she hadn't gone around the side of the table (in UKC you have a specific side of the table you have to go on and off of and if you don't you lose up to 5 points depending on how far you go around or if you actually get on the wrong side- I pulled her back around to the correct side of the table so we only lost 1 point) she would possibly had a fourth place and a big ribbon. I was so proud of her- there were 19 dogs in



“Even More Brags!”

her jump height and many NQed so for her first All Stars to get fifth was very good. In the afternoon around 1PM they started another agility trial which was part of the premier and anyone could enter- and there were tons of dogs entered! We finished our first run at 3:30PM but we did not Q which was my fault because I am so used to doing AKC excellent where you make a mistake and you're done, I forgot I could correct the tick of the broad jump and I went on- other wise she would have qualified in that run too. Based on how many dogs were left to run it looked like we would not be in again until after 5PM and our third run might not be until 9PM. My knee was really hurting from running on concrete and we had obedience first thing on Saturday morning so my friend and I decided to take our dogs back to the dog park and lake for a swim. It was a good decision as I later found out I wouldn't have gotten to run again until 6PM and 9PM- just too long a day for Sonnett as she gets tired and will walk the course. She had a good time again at the dog park chasing a low flying bird who kept circling the grass area to tease her. Saturday morning we went to do obedience- open A and I kind of messed her up so we NQed. They ran Novice C then Novice A then Open A in ring 1. Sonnett was the first dog in Open A so when they were finishing with the sit stays in Novice A I got her out and started to warm her up. She does not have much "up" so I can't warm her up too much so we did a little drop, a little heeling, and a little retrieve and came back ready to go in- but wait- they hadn't done ribbons for either Novice class yet and the judge was still sitting at the table doing paperwork. I asked the gate steward how long it would be till Open A began and he said 5-6 minutes. So I kept her out and tried to keep her up. It took 25 minutes for them to finish the paperwork and give out ribbons so by the time I went in she was so over it all and I couldn't get her up and excited. She did all the exercises very slowly but had qualified till the broad jump where she just decided to walk over it Oh well. I felt bad for her as she just was worn out mentally from waiting so long to go in the ring.

Anyway we had a great time and I was thrilled she came in fifth in the All Stars. The event site was huge and included conformation, agility, obedience, rally, dock diving, terrier races, lure coursing, and weight pulling. Each thing had an All Star event as well as 2/3 trials anyone could enter. UKC also has a neat thing called total dog where you have to enter conformation and a performance event and get a passing score. All the dogs who qualify come together for a special show and the top dog is awarded a total dog award.

We met lots of nice people from as far away as Texas and Washington State who came to compete. Everyone was so pleasant. I saw an Irish Setter and a couple of Gordons run agility in the premier show and a Gordon in obedience in the premier show. Overall a very nice vacation and I am very proud of Sonnett.

Donna

Proud to announce that S'more earned his OAJ with a first place at the Mattaponi agility trial this past weekend in Fredericksburg!!

Ann Laskey





Dog's Purpose?

(From a 6-year-old).

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's Death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives.

Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try to live.

He said, ' *People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life -- like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?'*

The Six-year-old continued, ' *Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long.'*

**Live simply.
Love generously.
Care deeply.
Speak kindly.**

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure Ecstasy.

Take naps.

Stretch before rising.

Run, romp, and play daily.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.

On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.

Be loyal.

Never pretend to be something you're not.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

**When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by,
and nuzzle them gently.**

ENJOY EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY!





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WHAT'S HAPPENING

- July 9-10 Agility trial
- JULY 30 - PICNIC - cross junction 
- Aug 6 - OBEDIENCE trial - berryville
- Sept 13 - tba
- Sept 25 - tracking test
- Oct 28 - Hal loween party
- Nov. 15 - meeting - Safety Building
- Dec. 17 - Christmas dinner and auction - Winchester Park

1st & 3rd Monday of each month a visit to envoy nursing home



July 9-10

BRDTC Agility Trial At the Sportsplex

