

Blues News

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BLUE RIDGE
DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



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2012 MARCH AGILITY TRIAL

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"Maybe you've been looking for love in all the wrong places. A dog will treat you better than anyone you'll meet at happy hour. Trust me. I've been to happy hour."













"Time to go home!"



"Winner of the Service Award"



Joy Pitcher was the winner of the 2011 Service Award for all her hard work for BRDTC. She has been on the board, taught classes, Paws for Reading, Therapy Visits, CGC/TDI testing.

Picture of the Month



"WHERE DID everybody go?"

Peaches Bel t



"NEW KID ON THE BLOCK"

"Frankie Taylor"
Ginger Taylor's Grandbaby

"Doggie Horoscope"

Pisces

February 20 to March 20

Your Pisces dog does not need a big garden. He wants to be close to you. It makes him happy to follow you like a shadow

Aries

March 21 to April 20

Obedience and behavior are not his favor game. Be benevolent; do not spoil him too much.

Birthdays & Anniversary's *April*

Birthdays

Arlin Riggs 4/7

Jan Burgan 4/7

Beth Anderson

4/11

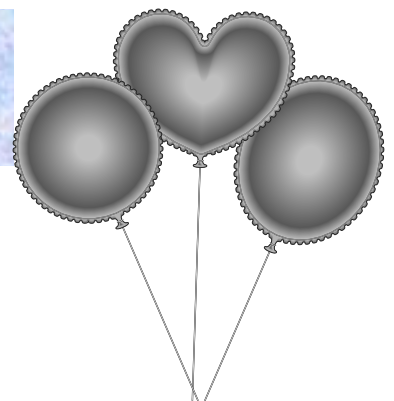
Jim Bowman 4/15

Anniversary's

Bobbie & Fred

Lutz

4/21/79





Mark Your Calendar



Future Dates to Remember

Westminster Canterbury May 10th

This is the club's big therapy program so start thinking about what you want to train your dogs to do.

Canine Carnival at the Frederick County Animal Shelter. May 12th.

Rabies Clinic at the Frederick County Animal Shelter. May 19th.

Frederick Co. Animal Shelter



The shelter has set a date for Sept. 8, rain date the 5th. Wanted to check in with the club, their availability/interest. We are changing it up a little this year, as where it will still be called Patriotic Paws Day, or "PP" for short. We are planning to have only BRDTC out for the day, no other demos like in the past customs, ATF etc. Are hopes are to keep most the activity to the front and side of the shelter.

Highlights will include a 3 K dog walk, WINC spin wheel, broadcasting, a silent auction. Girl scout lunch, another food vendor to sell funnel cakes, cotton candy and to provide a moon bounce for the kids. Have to get boss's okay on the latter yet. So, would like BR to spend the day - demo's, training tips, promote classes and assist with adoptions. Becky can educate and highlight Pit Bulls, etc. Please pass it on, let us know if it works on your end, we will keep in touch!

Thanks,

Kathy



Spinach Bones

Ingredients

- 2 cups loosely packed fresh spinach*
- 1/4 cups water*
- 2 tablespoons applesauce*
- 1/4 cup non-fat cottage cheese*
- 2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour*
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder*

Preheat oven 350. Put the washed spinach in a food processor & cut into little bits. Add the water & process some more, stopping to scrape the bowl at least once. This should give you a fairly liquid mixture with very fine chopped spinach. Add the applesauce & cottage cheese to the food processor & mix. Add flour & baking powder & mix until a dough forms. Turn the dough out into a floured surface. If the dough is sticky, knead in more flour. Roll out to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut into shapes put on greased cookie sheet. Sprinkle with garlic powder. Bake for 20-25 min. or until brown. If extra hard cookies desired reduce oven to 150 bake an added hour or two.



“Read Across America”



**Read
Across
America
was held at
the Apple
Blossom
Mall**





"WAGS & BRAGS"



Icey had a GREAT day! We were at obedience trials at our old stomping grounds in Winston Salem, NC. She won a run off for 4th in Utility. Then she won Open B with a GREAT score of 199 from Celeste Meade. That score also won her High in Trial!

Margaret Bissell

I would like to congrats every one who Q in the agility trail. I know i had a good weekend. Torrem double Q on Sunday, after his issue on Saturday night. Lumina got her first title on Saturday in JWW.

Annette

Cowboy is very proud of his two Q's in novice jww and his big 1st and 2nd place ribbons. Abby is proud of starting and ending every course with her mom and taking all the obstacles in order, while making time with her slow mom.

I want to thank everyone who came to me to say how well Abby was running. I am so proud to be a member of a training club that sees beyond the Q's to the dogs we all love so much who do these crazy things for us. For those few of you who remember, we dedicated Cowboy's first Q to that crazy little terrier/beagle Scruffy who never got to go to a real trial.

Theresa and the All-American cow dogs

My best agility dog Nikki was moved down to Open Preferred this wkend because she hadn't been making time last year, but even that didn't help--she was pretty dreadful. But her excuse is we haven't been in any agility trials since Mattaponi's last Oct. & I think we're both outta shape. (Boy am I sore today!) And looking at the video after Travis' run, you sure can tell he had a great time -- barking at me before the tunnel & wagging his tail on the dreaded pause table. Ya gotta love 'em! Outta my 4 dogs at the trial, only Tyler got a Q. He earned his 2nd Open Stnd. leg with a 3rd place. We're all a work in progress!

Bobbie Lutz

Molly and I had a complete meltdown on her Friday Open Std run, didn't make it past the first obstacle. However, we had a great Open JWW run in the afternoon with a clean run and 1st place. Saturday I moved her up to EX A JWW and she had another clean run and 1st place. She followed that up with another clean run and 1st place in the afternoon in Open Std. Double QYahoo!

Sunday Open Std didn't work out because I was moving away from the table and she left before GO and was thru the closed tunnel before I could stop her, otherwise it was a good run. Sunday afternoon EX-A JWW she had a good last run however I took a side step because I got too close to the jump causing her to hesitate thus resulting in a "Refusal" and NQ. Overall we had a great time.

Big Brag should go to all the members and volunteers that made this a great Successful Agility Trial.

Bob Tatara / Molly

Kenzie and I also had the pleasure of meeting a few of the kids. I was impressed that they were so polite and knew the proper way to greet a dog. Kenzie was particularly fascinated with "Scooter". Please tell him she said "hi"! Glad they could all come for a field trip!

Carol Nansel

Thriller has been "red-shirted" for an entire year due to an injury, but he put his heart and soul into his runs and earned two 1st places in open JWW. He thanks Megan for her excellent handling and his dedicated fans.

Gem reminded him that she did well also and was even 11 seconds under course time in Excellent JWW. For those of you who remember her mother Echo, she definitely does not take after her--Bernie & Donna R. had to be cheerleaders with her!

Donna & Bernie

Frosty's brags for the weekend included a Double Q on Sunday! That was number 10 for Frosty. He was ever so pleased with himself after his runs. Sparks had some AWESOME runs, one Q in Ex JWW, and had a BLAST!!! She did some great weave entries, layered a few things, and got most of her contacts.

The furry dogs also enjoyed meeting the children. Some were the school children and some were just spectators. Frosty endured many hugs from kids who just loved all his fluff and would bury their faces in his ruff. Sparks was VERY entertained by one little girl whose nose was



“More Brags!”

running. Sparks was certain that she should lick that off! Also, I was ever so thrilled to win the lovely doggy sweater that was in the raffle, and a set of the McCartney doggy pillow-cases. What a clever idea!

Margaret Bissell

My Banjo (novice std) was eliminated his first time out but he stayed with me, eventually did all the obstacles and surprised me with getting his weaves perfectly (the one thing I was most concerned about). I couldn't have been happier and he seemed to enjoy himself. My Sam (novice JWW) scored a perfect round, not fast, but accurate and steady. She's a thinker and expects me to do my part. I planned my run and ran my plan. It was a good day all the way around!

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for a great trial, well run!! And congratulations to all the dogs and handlers.

Marty Matheson

Congrats to all that q'd and also for the nq runs! They are fun too! Mocha got her NA on Sunday because she finally remember to STAY on the table for the whole 5 seconds! Mocha also got her 2nd leg in open JWW. DIXIE got q in ex JWW!! OREO said she still has it even though she will be 10 next month! She said she is only 2-3 seconds behind her yellow sister! She q'd one out of 2 everyday but no double q's. She said oh well, the off course tunnels and jumps were more fun then getting the green ribbons! All in all we had a blast and I don't think the trial could have gone any smoother!

I hope Donna T's crew knows what they got themselves into doing now with the bag lunches! I think they started something! Everyone just loved them!!!

Now I don't know about you guys, but when I get home at noon, I Am Going To Sleep!!!!!!!!!!

Stacy

Also, Dixie had a very good experience for her first trial on Friday. Thanks to everyone for your encouragement. The spectators made her a little nervous in Std. when she missed a jump facing them but the run was very good. She qualified with first place in JWW. Smokey and I did well also with 2 Q's and 2 with handler error. It was a very fun weekend. Thanks to all.

Vicki Bruce

Timer (Winmar Jolly Time Dan RA) earned his first leg ever in agility on Fri. with a second place in Novice JWW. I was especially pleased that he did this on Fri. because before my kids left to go back to school, they all hugged him and kissed him and told him to be a good, brave (emphasis on the brave!) boy, and he did! Now the kids think they had a part in his doing well. (Maybe they did; I'll have to bring them to every trial!) And Janice, they had a blast. That's all they can talk about today.

Kathy

Molly and I had a great time this weekend at Purcellville UKC trial. Molly Q'd on all Eight runs, seven of which were clean runs, six 1st place and one second place finishes resulting in her earning a UACH title.

She had High combined score for Saturday AG-I She had High Combined score for Sunday AG-I and AG-II. She Had High Combined score For the whole Trial

Bob and Molly



Dear God,
Why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not ONE named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We dogs love a nice ride! Would it be so hard to rename the 'Chrysler Eagle' the 'Chrysler Beagle'?



You Know You're Addicted to Your Dog When.....

- 1 You reach into your coat pocket and doggie snack remnants fall out in addition to your keys, some loose change, and tissues.
- 2 You wake up in a crouched yoga-like position so Fido could have the comfy spot on the bed.
- 3 You sign Fido's name along with yours on all birthday and holiday cards.
- 4 You ask a hotel if dogs are allowed before booking a vacation.
- 5 Your haircuts cost less than your dog's.
- 6 You've got more pictures strewn about the house of Fido than you do of the human variety.
- 7 You smooch the dog at the end of the day and pat your significant other on the head.
- 8 You find yourself out in the pouring rain at 4 a.m. if Fido needs to really "go potty."
- 9 Fido has a better healthcare plan and a lower deductible on his/her rider than you do.
- 10 When your pooch barks, you know what the different tones of bark actually "mean."

1971 NEWSPAPER ARTICLE DONATED BY DONNA GERMELMAN

Obedience Match Set By

The Blue Ridge Dog Training Club will hold its first obedience fun match on Sunday, June 27, at the Ruritan Horse Show Grounds, west of Berryville on Route 7.

There will be classes for sub-novice, novice, graduate novice, open, graduate open and utility, with ribbons to six places and first place trophies in all classes. There will also be an award for the highest scoring dog in the trial and the dog with the highest combined score.

Anyone who has completed an obedience training class is invited to compete, and the public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge. There is a charge for competitors of \$1.00 per dog for the first entry and 50 cents for each additional entry. Finished dogs may be entered for exhibition only in their respective classes.

The rings will be located in the shade and there are indoor facilities in case of bad weather. Cold drinks will be available, but everyone should bring their own lunch and chairs. Entries will be taken from 9:30 to 11:00 a. m. Judging will begin promptly at 11:30 a. m. For further information call Mrs. C. F. Garmelman, 955-3418, or Mrs. Bryan Conrad, 837-1064.

Dogs shown by members of the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club won the high scoring dog award and four out of five of the obedience classes offered by VADOB (Virginia Dog Owners and Breeders Association) at their match in Broad Run on June 6. Mrs. Douglas Swift's German Shepherd Fidelco's Frederica won the utility class; Mrs. Carol Chapman's German Shepherd Dame Tara won the open class, with Mrs. Bryan Conrad's Posey of Sunnybrook second. Posey of Sunnybrook also won the graduate novice class and was high scoring dog of the match, and her full sister, Trixie of Mt. Zion, won the novice class. At Reston on May 23, Mrs. Swift's Fidelco's Frederica won the utility class and Mrs. Conrad's Posey of Sunnybrook won the graduate novice class.





Legislative/Education report – Alice Harrington and Sharyn Hutchens.

The 2012 session starts Wednesday, January 11 and ends March 10. Cross-over day is Feb 14. This is the day each bill has to have cleared its chamber of origin or it is dead. So, if House bills have not passed the House and moved to the Senate by Feb 14 they are dead for this session. And vice versa with Senate bills.

So far the only dog bill that has been filed is one to ban devocalization - HB 15- for both dogs and cats. Several vets we spoke with said this procedure is not performed on cats but the bill seeks to outlaw it regardless. The bill is the same as the one introduced last year except, instead of the penalty against a vet who performs the operation being a felony, this year they are proposing a Class 1 misdemeanor – which still carries jail time. Last year the VVMA objected, along with us, and the bill never saw the light of day.

These sorts of bills are sponsored under the guise of preventing animal cruelty as HSUS wants people to believe this is a cruel procedure. It is not. The true reason such bills are presented is to make dog ownership more difficult. A person with a dog who barks a lot who cannot get this procedure may have to give the dog up if they live in an apartment or have neighbors who complain. The devocalizing procedure done by a vet does not remove the dog's ability to bark; it just makes the bark softer so it is not as loud and the sound does not carry as far. The more appropriate term is bark softening.

(Note from Alice – I have shelties and all of mine are bark softened. They are all happy, healthy dogs who give the mailman their opinion every time he comes by!)

UPDATE – HB 158 was not heard in Committee as the sponsor asked that it be carried over for next year. The Federation and the VVMA opposed the bill and discussed it with many committee members and their staffs. The sponsor learned it would probably go down in the sub-committee so he took it off the agenda.

We expect that HSUS will push bills on fox-penning and exotic animal ownership. HSUS has hired three lobbyists from Troutman-Sanders – John W. Daniel II (Partner), Shannon R. Varner, and Lynne C. Rhode. Another lobbyist is HSUS VA State Director, Laura Donahue.

UPDATE – HSUS did get Senators Lucas (D-Portsmouth) and Marsden (D-Fairfax) and Delegates Plum (D-Reston) and Peace (R-Mechanicsville) to carry bills on these issues. None of them passed. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion about how members can communicate about bills, hearings and meetings during the General Assembly. Sharyn explained that we send out alerts on the VFDCB Announce List. To get on this list just email Sharyn -- timbreblue@gmail.com--and she will put you on it. A lot is discussed on the VA-Pet-Law list. We will also be updating our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Sharyn will be attending the AKC Legislative Conference that will be held at the end of January in Raleigh, NC.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

May 7 - canine Carnival
May 9- Meeting
May 10 - Cgc/TDI test
May 12 - Westminster Canterbury
June 15 - Meeting
July 6-8 - Agility Trial
July 28 - Picnic Meeting
Aug 4- Obedience Trial
Sept 5 - Meeting

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



*April 15
Tracking Test at Cross Junction*

*April 20
Meeting at 7:30
At the Sportsplex
Program to be
announced*

