

Blues News

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BLUE RIDGE
DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



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2016 CGC & TDI Test

Pictures by Sandy Stokes



Thank you BRDTC volunteers for the CGC/ TDI testing last night. It was quiet and nicely organized. Everything ran smoothly. I am very happy to report that my little Gruffydd passed his CGC at 9 months old. I am so proud of him. Thanks again for a fun evening!

Teri Lyn & Gruffydd



Many thanks to Joy and all of the volunteers that came out to the CGC and TDI tests last night. I am always impressed with the smooth flow of events and with the friendly atmosphere.



Watching people arrive, you can see that they are nervous, so the friendly atmosphere helps to put them at ease. I'm happy to report that my Sweet Annie passed her CGC test with flying colors!
Sandy Stokes



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2016 BRDTC Turf Clean Up

Pictures by Marzena Gilbert

A Huge thank you to all who came out last night to clean the turf. It is a big job. Your help is very very appreciated.

Now to all who will be using the turf between now and our obedience trial starting this Friday. Please keep the turf clean!!! All the obedience exhibitors thank you in advance.

Thanks again to all who helped last night.

Jan







“Back to the Hill”



Once again Spumoni and Zamboni were invited to Captol Hill to hang out with congressional staffers and aides for pet therapy and stress relief after the election. HABRI and PIJAC coordinated the event with Pet Partners

**HABRI = Human Animal Bond Research Initiative
PIJAC= Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council**

We were there for 2 hours on Weds 11/9/2016

We were on WJLA news, and NBC as well as some smaller local press - Someone said we were on Fox also, but I never saw it, and I couldn't find a story on their website or FB page. The links above are the press releases available on news station FB pages. The photos attached are screen captures form the FB page news stories

I don't know who the people in the photos are - staffers and employees kept filtering through for the 3 hour period

Lisa Marino



**IF AT FIRST
YOU DON'T
SUCCEED...**

Try doing what your
TRAINER
told you to do
the first time.

Picture Of the Month



Fred Lutz &
Kinsey - his fur
stole

Thanksgiving Turkey Treats

Ingredients:

- 2 c. cooked turkey, minced
- 4 tsps. grated lowfat cheese
- 1 tbl. fresh parsley, chopped
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 c. whole-wheat flour
- 2 tbl. brewer's yeast
- 2 tbl. vegetable oil

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix the turkey, cheese and parsley together. Pour beaten eggs over turkey mixture. Add flour, yeast and oil. Stir. Drop into small lumps onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for about 20 minutes or until brown and firm. Store in refrigerator. Makes about 2 dozen treats.

Time to Vote

We have had one director resign, Teri Lyn Houliston, and Gary Fisher will be the nominee for her position on the board. No other director positions are up for election this year.

The nominated slate of officers is as follows:

- President -- Donna Smith
- Vice President -- Bob Tatara
- Treasurer -- Donna Richardson
- Secretary -- Debbie Vance
- Training Director -- Donna Thompson



Thank you again to outgoing board members, Secretary Martha Heisel and Teri Lyn Houliston, for their service to the club!

Members will finalize nominations at the November 11 meeting and the club board of directors election will be held on December 10.



Mark Your Calendar



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. Santa & his helpers will be auctioning off the goodies. Start looking for those favorite family recipes to share. The Club brings the meat & drinks. So mark your calendar & get ready to have a great time.

This year we will have something new! An UGLY SHIRT CONTEST (sweaters, shirt, vests, sweat shirts) There will be prizes for the winner.

Where? Bernie Thompson Training Center

When? December 10

Time? 5 pm until the last item is sold

We will be voting on

Officers and the Gaines Award

Dues will be collected





Hi, All,

I have a request for therapy dogs on Dec 5 and 6 from 10-2pm both days. Stress relief for staff and students - we have been very well received in past years.

I will be posting a schedule of 1 hour slots like I have done in the past few years. We can have up to 3 -4 dogs pers time slot, but one or two is usually what we get. You can sign up for 2 slots and be there longer if you like.

If you would like to participate, please email me OFF LIST and I will add you to a therapy dog email list group and you will get more information about the event as I put it together.

It is held in a large rec room in the Student Union with couches and space for TDI and other groups to separate as needed.

[Lisa Marino](#)

Hi,

My training business is offering a Canine CPR and First Aid seminar on Feb 4th from 1-4 pm at my place of business for \$35

The presenter is a firefighter/ emt for Fairfax County /K9 handler for VA Search and Rescue and certified dog trainer who also runs her own training business.

We are capping the enrollment at 20 people.

We would love to have anyone interested in learning attend... just not sure if the BRDT board would approve since it is not benefiting BRDT directly

If this is something that can be posted, I will make a nicer flyer that can be added as a page in the next news letter

[Lisa Marino](#)



Please join me in welcoming Colleen Nolan to BRDTC membership. She was voted in at our November 11th meeting.

Colleen is active with the Spanish Water Dog Club of America and in her working life is Dean, Natural Science and Mathematics at Shepherd University. She has earned several titles with her dogs, and I'll let her add some details about those. She also mentions dock diving on her application - well, why not with Spanish Water Dogs!?

We're very happy to have her as a member and look forward to seeing her often at club meetings and events.

Martha Heisel

BRDTC Secretary



"WAGS & BRAGS"



I want to give a public Thank You to Suzi Dodson for offering to hold Tango while I got about a minute and a half of a walk thru for Merlin's JWW run this afternoon. Then she gave me a pep talk about how those end up being her better runs - when she barely gets to walk the course, or none at all. And guess what - we got a Q and 3rd place! We haven't Q'd in JWW or Std in over a year until today! Thank you, Suzi!

Danielle & Merlin

Last wkend Ashley finished her rally RAE5 (Rally Advanced Excellent #5) title at Mt. Vernon DTC. Planning on finishing #6 by the end of the year.

Last wkend Ashley's daughter Roxie (who is with a handler right now) earned 1 pt. toward her Championship. She has 2 previous ones that I put on her at the AKC shows. Her sister, Pippa, was Best of Breed one of the days & Best Opposite Sex the next. Earlier this month, Pippa finished her Grand Championship and her owners are now working on her Bronze Grand CH.

Bobbie Lutz

This brag is a day late, had to celebrate last night with some wine with my mom and Jean Simmonds, and of course Galen's doggie mom Gwen. Yesterday at the Upper Potomac Valley KC show, Carmylie Black Hawk Rising "Galen" was WD/BW for his LAST MAJOR to finish his championship. Galen was beautifully handled/presented by Zana Friend.

Thank you to judge Peter Green. Galen is sired by CH. Lochlyn Dream Catcher ROM x CH. Carmylie Bi Bi Birdie, RN, HT, AX, OAJ, VCX and was bred by and co-owned with [Jean Simmonds](#).
Cindy Gaines



"New Kid On the Block"



Piper just got a new baby sister: Jade Mist Celtic Belle. We're calling her Bella. Piper thinks it's great fun to have a puppy in the house.

Barbara Guridry





"Winners Circle"



Dilly going Reserve Winner's Bitch at Keeshond Club of Delaware Valley Kennel Club. She was also Best Opposite in Sweepstakes.



This is Lincoln going Best of breed at the Westminster MD show for five more points towards his GCH title. He also won Group 2 in the Owner Handler Group.



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Here is Pi going Select Bitch at the Keeshond Club of Delaware Valley Specialty. Pi is: GCH Keepsake EZ As Pi For Nightwind Margaret Bissell Keepsake Kees



How to Keep a Pet Safe on Thanksgiving

Contributor By [Melissa Maroff](#)

Keep a Pet Safe on Thanksgiving

Dogs and cats are part of the family, so of course we like to include them in holiday celebrations. However, not all of the festivities are OK for them to join in. The following are steps to making your pet's [Thanksgiving](#) happy and safe.

- Difficulty: Easy

Instructions

Step 1

Feed your pet a regular meal before guests arrive. Dogs and cats do better with routine and this will reduce the chances of begging or stealing.

Step 2

Reward your pet with a small portion of plain turkey (minus the bones) along with his regular food. Bones can splinter and cause choking or get lodged in the stomach or intestines. Rich, fatty foods such as turkey skin, ham, mashed potatoes, butter and gravy can upset the stomach and bread may cause gas or Bloat.

Step 3

Let the guests know whether it's OK or not for your dog or cat to go outdoors. If it's not, make sure they know to keep the door closed behind them. Check to make sure any outside gates are secured.

Step 4

Tell the guests not to feed your pet table scraps. This includes desserts containing chocolate, which can be fatal to dogs and cats. Sugar is not good either. Grapes and raisins can cause kidney failure in dogs.

Step 5

Make sure leftover food, aluminum foil and plastic wrap are disposed of quickly and the trashcan is covered well. There might be dangerous things in the trash including coffee grinds which can be poisonous to dogs and cats. Don't leave out snacks such as nuts and potato chips.

Step 6

Give your pet a "time out" and a chance to settle down and take a nap in a quiet area away from all the hullabaloo. Hanging out with the company may be exciting for them in small doses, but they are liable to become stressed after a while. A nice walk with your canine buddy is also a good idea.

Step 7

If traveling, make sure you don't wait until the last minute to make plans for your pet. Choose the safest and most comfortable environment. Take time to research boarding facilities and pet sitters, and keep in mind they book up quickly around holiday time.

Tips & Warnings

- Have your regular vet or the nearest animal emergency clinic's number handy in case your pet ingests the wrong food. For a fee, you can also receive 24-hour emergency assistance by calling the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center Hotline at 1-888-426-4435.
- In keeping with the holiday theme, you can buy healthy cranberry snacks for cats—and for dogs, natural jerky treats that contain whole turkey. Or if you have a dehydrator, you can turn the turkey into jerky yourself.
- Merrick Pet Foods makes a canned "Thanksgiving Day Dinner" for dogs and one for cats that contains ingredients including turkey, sweet potatoes, carrots and apples.

Holiday plants such as mistletoe, holly, hibiscus and lilies can be toxic and even fatal if swallowed by cats and dogs. Poinsettias can cause stomach upset and skin or eye irritation.



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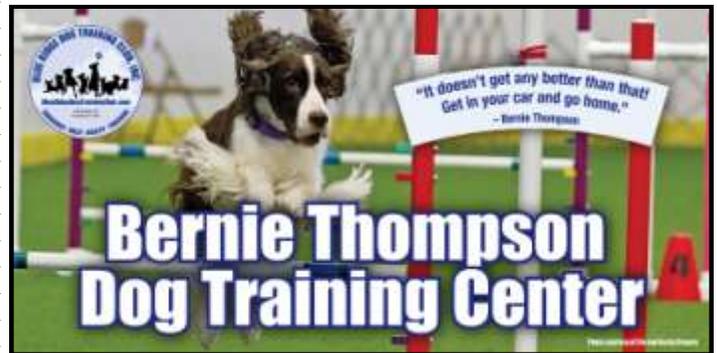


WHAT'S HAPPENING

Nov 18-20 obedience trial
Dec. 2-4 akc agility trial
Dec 10 Christmas Auction Party

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



***Christmas Auction
December 10
5 pm
Bring a covered dish and items
Club will provide the meat.
Prepare to have
The time of your life!***