

Blues News

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BLUE RIDGE
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Parks and Pet Extravaganza



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I don't judge others.
I don't hate.
I don't discriminate.
I don't care about money.
I don't hold grudges.
I DO know how to love
unconditionally and that's
all I want in return.

I wait for you every day.
I am your fur-ever friend.





Thanks very much to all who shared their time and dogs at the event on Saturday.

The photos and feedback are great!

Special thanks to Ed for leading the troops.

Donna Smith





Picture Of the Month



Consequences of spending 5 days being on leash, in a hotel room, or in a crate....Kenzie had to relocate to the bed to chew on a bone without being trampled by the wrestling boys. Missing our fenced in yard. Carol Nansel



Obedience & Rally Nov. 17-19

We're getting close to the November obedience trials and I'm starting to beat the bushes for able-bodied people willing to steward. No experience necessary. It is helpful if you're able to stare down a herd of charging water buffalo and won't wince when tongue lashed by a throng of type A competitors who are so nervous their heads are going to explode! A self defense course or two may also come in handy. Seriously though, it's a chance to come out and cheer for your friends and encourage some that are new to the sport to keep going. In the years I've campaigned, I can't tell you how much the smiling face of a steward has meant. Please consider joining our merry band. You can't beat the compensation: Lunch, a possible winning scratch-off ticket, and a hearty "thank you" from me! What more could you ask for?

Patrice

Pumpkin Jack-O-Lantern Treats

1 Cup of Rice Flour
1 Cup of Tapioca Flour
½ Cup of 100% Pumpkin Puree

1 Egg
2 tsp of Tumeric (optional)
2 Tblsp of Salmon Oil

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine all ingredients. If dough is too sticky add more rice flour, if too dry add a bit of water. Roll out and cut into pumpkins. Can decorate by cutting out faces, or leave solid. If you leave solid they will puff up, but will be flat if faces are cut out. Bake for about 20-25 minutes until desired crispness. Tumeric is believed to have anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer properties



Mark Your Calendar



**January 20-21
2018**

GREG STRONG Breed Handling Seminar

The Howard County Fairgrounds
2210 Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship, MD 21794

*****Only Fifteen Points to Go!!!*****

FOCUS ON FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- Defining the term "Handling"
- Starting your first dog
- The makings of a great show dog
- Techniques for competing with the professionals
- Building confidence for you and your dog
- Psychology and philosophy in training your dog
- Building a winning partnership with your dog
- Overall presentation of a show dog

Greg Strong is an active member in the AKC Registered Handler Program. He has been involved with breeding, raising, and training show dogs all his life. He attends an average of 140 to 160 dog shows each year. He has been successful in exhibiting in all seven groups with many Best-In-Show winners from those seven groups. In addition to professional handling, Greg owns a boarding/grooming/training facility in Easton, Maryland.

Join Greg Strong for an exciting weekend dedicated to making you a better handler! This information packed seminar will cover all aspects of showing a dog. Beginner and intermediate handlers will greatly benefit from Greg's vast knowledge of the show world while seasoned exhibitors can gain valuable insight into the finer points of handling.



Greg & Fairchild at Eukanuba with a Group 1 win.

Working participants should bring well socialized dogs to the seminar. The seminar is meant to help improve handling skills and dogs should have enough ring experience that participants may focus on learning themselves and not struggling with a puppy. There are a **maximum of 25 working spots** available. This seminar will take place over two days, 9am-4pm each day, with one hour per day allotted for lunch. Participants are expected to attend both days. Working participants may bring up to two dogs but may work only one dog per exercise.



Greg & Action at Louisville, KY with a Best in Specialty win.

SPACE IS LIMITED!

- Working Participant
TWO DAYS\$225
Junior\$200
 - Audit Participant
TWO DAYS\$125
Junior handler (<18 yrs.)..\$100
- RV Space is available \$50.00 for Friday and Saturday Night with electric only. No water or sewer available.

Sponsored by: Great Dane Club of Maryland

Request for refunds will be granted, up to Dec. 20, if there is a wait list. No refunds granted after Dec. 20, 2017. In case of weather emergencies, the seminar will be rescheduled. Refunds will not be made in case seminar cannot be held by reasons of riots, civil disturbances, fire, acts of God, public emergency, or any other cause beyond the control of the Great Dane Club of Maryland, however every attempt to reasonably reschedule will be made (but not guaranteed)

There is ample crating room during the seminar, however dogs may not be left overnight.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (home, work or cell) _____
 Email _____
 Breed of Dog _____

Register via email or mail! Credit Cards Accepted via PayPal invoice!

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"WAGS & BRAGS"



Today at the Happy Ratters of Harrisonburg Barn Hunt trial Satchmo took 1st n trial 1 and 2nd in trial 2 for the large class. &e earned high in trial at the Open level for the first trial and completed his hunt in the 2nd trial in 44 seconds. To top it off he achieved his Open title. I so much love playing with this dog.

Joy

Gibbs had an awesome weekend at the Mattaponi Trial. Our goal was to get out of Open before my knee surgery on Oct. 30. He got both Open Titles on Saturday and his first Excellent Standard leg on Sunday. His JWW run in Excellent was great, except he stopped in the weave poles to bark at the people on the other side of the plexiglass and I took my eyes off of him for a second and he skipped a pole, bad handler...lol

Sandy Golden



The Keepsake Kees and I had a pretty awesome weekend at the West Friendship breed shows! Thursday and Friday were supported entries and Saturday and Sunday were specialties put on by the Capital Keeshond Club.

Remi, a dog I bred and a littermate to my boy Jack, was shown in the classes by his owner who is from Columbus Ohio. Remi went Winners Dog on Thursday for his third major. Then did a repeat on Friday to finish his Championship with FOUR MAJORS!!! On Saturday, he was Best in Sweepstakes. His owner moved him up to Best of Breed and he made us both so proud by making the cut on both Saturday and Sunday against some top winning specials. Pretty cool for a 16 month old boy, his first two times as a special and at Keeshond specialties with lots of entries.

I showed my silly little six month old puppy, Trixie. She is very cute, but still in a bit of a gawky stage, not totally trained, full of leaps and bounces, and with her best yet to come. I figured I would show her and get some practice in and hope to get a ribbon in there somewhere. Thursday was her debut in the breed ring. She entered the ring like she owned it! And as it turned out, she did! She went Winners Bitch against several other much older girls to earn a nice major! I thought that was pretty awesome for a sixth month old puppy. On Friday, she repeated that and earned her second major!! Go Trixie! Those two days made my weekend, with both Remi and Trixie getting majors. Saturday's entries were bigger, but Trixie showed like a little pro once again. I just showed her and did my best to keep her from leaping and bouncing and pouncing on me. There must have been enough "good moments" in there, when the judge was watching her, because she went Winners Bitch again! These wins were all from the Bred By Exhibitor class as well, which in Keeshonden is generally the toughest class. I am so beyond thrilled with my little girlie, Trixie!!! Three times in the ring and three majors!!! She now has 11 of the 15 points needed for a CH.

Margaret Bissell
Keepsake Kees



"WAGS & BRAGS"



At the MKC agility trial this weekend, my Whippet Roxie was in AKC agility for the first time. I only entered her one day. She earned a Novice JWW leg with a 97 & a perfect run, just 3 seconds OT because we had to redo the start of the weave poles once. She would've also gotten a Stnd leg if she hadn't jumped off the Dog Walk and the Teeter. She hasn't been practicing on the higher dog walk or teeter, so I wasn't really surprised. She wasn't truly ready to start but I was anxious to see how she'd do. I think she did all the jumps even better than she does in class so that was good to see. Thank you Donna Smith for our good start in agility.

Roxie also earned her Barn Hunt Instinct title at the Doberman National the beginning of Oct. in Ohio.

And my Dobie Kinsey earned a Novice leg in Barn Hunt at the Dobe Natl'.

Bobbie Lutz

I'm delighted to announce the safe delivery of 9 lovely Labrador Retriever puppies on 5 October to my girl, Tilly. I'm sleep deprived and thrilled all at once.

Sandy



I promise...

- To bark until I make you crazy
- To dig holes in every garden you build
- To chew up your favorite comforter
- To shed in places you didn't know possible
- To take that special book and chew it
- To drool on every window of your home
- To introduce you to new people who will expand your life
- To lift your burdens when they feel heavy
- To teach and share with you the meaning of unconditional love
- To make you laugh
- To teach you to believe in things unseen
- To expand your heart like never before...that is my promise



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Thank You!!

I would like to thank everyone who came out to volunteer last night so our TDI and CGC tests could run smoothly. We couldn't do this without you all and it seemed that most had a good time! Thanks to our evaluators: Donna Thompson and Susan Brogan who tested for nearly 3 hours straight.

Also thank you to all the crowd, dog holders, front desk greeter, and evaluation assistants:

Alice Seabright

Marzenna Gilbert

Barbara Guidry and her grandchildren

Martha Inglis

Martha Heisel

Bobbi and Fred Lutz

Barbara Z.

Annette Talbot

AND thank you to Debbie and Morgan Vance with Shadow and Duke for being wonderful friendly dogs. (And Debbie and Morgan helped as part of the crowd too!)

All the TDI dogs that completed the test passed

Gibbs passed his TDI test last night. Thanks to everyone that helped to make this possible. The rowdy crowd lived up to their name....lol All but 2 of the CGC dogs passed including some club member's dogs, so lets here those brags.

Joy and the Fur bunch

Bella passed the CGC and TDI tests yesterday. We thank everyone who worked to her get ready for the tests. We also thank all the very nice folks who came last night to help with the testing.

My three grandchildren - Matthew (age 11), Merrit (age 8) and Maelin (age 2 1/2) got to be part of the the TDI test's unruly crowd. The boys had a great time and learned a lot. Maelin especially thanks Annette for holding her hand so she could be part of the "unruly crowd". All three are still talking about the experience.

Barbara

They were super, and we can't thank you enough for bringing them. We had another group of children who came in afterwards. The dogs were definitely exposed to kids! Dear Susan, Thanks so much for doing the testing.

Donna t

The kids were great and so was everyone else!

It was very helpful to me after a long hiatus from testing to have everything so well run! Special thanks to my table folks, Bobbie and Fred Lutz for their help, our friendly dog handler Morgan with her beautiful, patient dog, and of course, our unruly crowd, who were actually pretty well behaved in my ring, LOL!

Congratulations to all.

Susan Brogan

Joy, as always it was great to participate with the TDI testing procedure. Watching the dogs at work with their partners is always a bonus. Congratulations to all the new CGC and TDI dogs! The road ahead is full of wonderful experiences!

Martha Inglis



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Nov 10 - meeting
Nov 17-19 Obedience & Rally
Dec. 1-3 akc agility trial
Dec 9 - Holiday party &
Meeting

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



**AKC Agility & Rally Trial
November 1-3**

**November 10
General Meeting
7:30 pm**