

# Blues News

December 2017

BLUE RIDGE  
DOG TRAINING  
CLUB, INC.



Established 1967

## "2017 Holiday Auction and Dinner"



The agility trials in December made a profit of \$4482 for the club and the bag people made a profit of \$528.

The auction netted \$739.

Thanks to all of you who made these events a success!!!

Donna Richardson  
treasurer BRDTC



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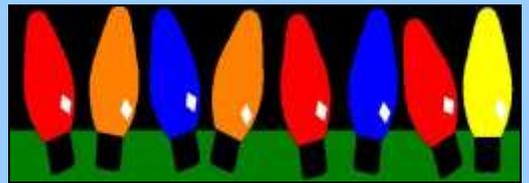
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### "Happy New Year"





Pictures by Carol Nansel







HAPPY HOLIDAYS





**Pictures by  
Marzenna  
Gilbert**







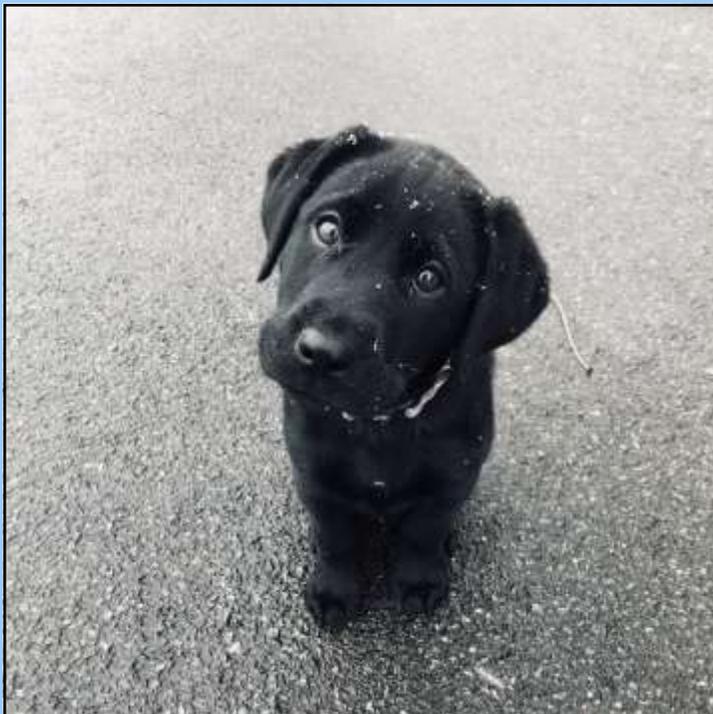
**Russell and Trixie Bissell**



**The newest addition to Keepsake Kastle. She is from Lincoln x Pi and is yet to be named!**



***"Let it Snow!!!"***



**Ozzy Stokes in her first snow.**



The Finalized slate of officers and Board

- President.....Donna Richardson
- Vice Pres.....Ed Strawsnyder
- Secretary.....Debbie Vance
- Treasurer.....Donna Smith
- Training Dir.....Donna Thompson
- Board of Dir.....Bob Tatara  
Joy Pitcher  
Bobbi Lutz  
Colleen Nolan
- &nb sp;  
Gary Fisher

Small point of order, Joy and Gary are not being voted on. Their terms on the board do not end until next year.



Picture Of the Month



“HAPPY Holidays From the Marino kids

Dear Club Members,

Thank you so very much for your support and help at the agility trials. Special thanks to the "Bag People" who very sweetly served everyone their lunch. Thanks for the food and monetary donations.  
Donna t

I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed judging for your club. Everyone is always so nice. Please thank everyone that stewarded over the three days. I know some of them showed and then stayed to be a steward. I really appreciate how hard they worked.

**Cheryl Pratt**

**This precious little dog earned her MACH at our trial!  
Donna t.**





# Mark Your Calendar



**SHAWNEE KENNEL CLUB**  
 Is sponsoring a  
**Canine Good Citizen Test**  
**Saturday and Sunday, January 20 & 21, 2018**  
**Frederick County Fairgrounds**  
**155 Fairgrounds Road**  
**Clearbrook, VA**



*CGC testing will begin at each day after the AKC B Match Conformation. Testing is conducted individually. Any questions please contact Scotti Slonaker 540-295-1409 or [scotti2467@yahoo.com](mailto:scotti2467@yahoo.com)*

Fees: CGC Test only \$10 for members of Shawnee Kennel Club  
 \$20.00 for non members  
 No treats are allowed during testing.

- A dog relieving itself in the building during the test is an automatic fail, so please potty your dog prior to the test.
  - Please bring your dog's AKC number (if you have one) for CGC paperwork
- You should bring a brush for the CGC test

Directions Take Exit 321 off 81 N or S go towards Clearbrook and turn right on route 11 South. Fairgrounds on the right next to a school; go down drive and turn left; match/test is located in Whitacre building.

### Registration form

**Please fill out and return at day of testing or mail C/O Scotti Slonaker 115 Potomac Place Winchester, VA 22602.**

**Hander's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of person testing with the dog if different-**\_\_\_\_\_

**Address**\_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog's Call Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breed of dog or mix:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog's date of birth/Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a member of Shawnee Kennel Club?** \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

**I am registering for the following test**  
**Canine Good Citizen Test** \_\_\_\_\_

If you have special needs please contact Scotti Slonaker 540-295-1409 or [scotti2467@yahoo.com](mailto:scotti2467@yahoo.com).



We will be holding agility run-thrus on New Year's Day again. John will be designing the courses, and we will be needing help taking entries & setting courses. So don't party too much the night before ☐

**Donna t.**

Hi Everyone!

Cammy just came from her first visit with Blue Ridge Veterinary Blood Bank. They told me they were actually looking to add Winchester to their donation sites. My question is, is there any interest in them coming to one of our meetings to talk about what they do??? If so, who should they contact???

**Holly**

### Candy Cane Dog Treats

1 Cup of Rice flour  
1 Cup of Tapioca Flour  
1 Egg

2 small Jars of Chicken & Chicken Gravy  
Only Baby Food  
4 Tblsp of Tomato Paste

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Combine all ingredients except the tomato paste. Separate the dough into a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> piece. Set aside the 2/3<sup>rd</sup> piece and cover to keep from drying out. Add the tomato paste to the 1/3<sup>rd</sup> piece. Add additional rice flour 1 tablespoonful at a time until the dough is workable. Starting with a small piece of each colored dough, roll between both hands and transfer to a hard surface. Continue rolling on hard surface until you form equal widths of dough ropes. Set the two color ropes side by side and cut to length. Transfer to cookie sheet lined with parchment paper and twist dough to form candy canes or sticks. If dough dries out while working just add a small amount of water. Bake for 20-30 minutes until desired crunchiness.



### *Rainbow Bridge*

*If you have a special someone you want to be on the Rainbow Bridge page please e-mail me a picture and a brief write up.*

*Rainbow Bridge will appear in the January Newsletter.*

*4sarah@shentel.net*



**PACH Manchey's Cowboy RN MXP6 MXPS  
MJP5 MJPS PAX owned  
by Theresa A. Manchey  
of Strasburg, VA**



Cowboy was found during a snow storm in February 2010 huddled with his sister under a bush, nearly frozen to death.

He came to Theresa Manchey in April 2010 at 14 weeks old. They began their journey as an agility and therapy dog team. Along the way Cowboy overcame a health crisis that threatened his agility career, but he has “proven to be a tough little guy,” says Theresa.

He makes regular therapy visits to special needs children in two schools and participates in exhibition programs sponsored by her training club, Blue Ridge Dog Training Club. Cowboy also holds titles in rally and tricks. He earned his PACH on April 7, 2017, at the Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C. Trial in Frederick, MD.



## "WAGS & BRAGS"



Life goes on even if the breeder cannot show & train:

Cindy finished an RE in Rally on Choice

She also finished an RN on Gala

Beth finished an RN & 1st place on Blitz

Ziggy who is Choice's brother got another HIT in

Obedience & High Combined in Rally

Want to thank these wonderful people for training hard & doing a super job.

Donna

At our rally trial last Friday, my Whippet Ashley earned legs 8 & 9 toward her RAE8 title. She also was 2nd place in both the Excellent & Advanced classes in the first trial. She came within 2 pts of being High Combined too. So proud of my 12 1/2 yr. old.

Bobbie Lutz

." To say the least, Satchmo loved playing at the PVSC Turkey trot Fast Cat trial today. His time for the official run was 8.19 and 8.13 for the fun run after which would be 24.9 and 25.2 MPH! . Of course he wanted to keep the bag and didn't want to be apprehended. He even refused to jump into his crate in the car because he wanted more. I love playing with him! Thanks to [Jacqueline Reardon](#) for holding him at the start line and putting up with an over the top dog and [Suzi Dodson](#) for helping to apprehend him after the fun run. (It took him one time to figure out the game and make catching him hard). We have a new sport to play!

Joy



My Whippet Roxie earned her Novice Jumper's Preferred title at our trial.

The same weekend, Roxie's Mom, Ashley, earned her Rally **RAE8** and 3 legs on her RAE9. Not bad for a 12 1/2 yr. old.

Doberman Kinsey had some class wins recently in conformation, as well as a Reserve Winners Bitch. She also started participating in FAST CAT, which she loves almost as much as the CAT tests.

**Bobbie L**

Roxie, new **NJP** title! Plus she has 2 Novice Stnd Pref. legs.



At BRDTC's agility trial, Jan Weiher and Remi earned double Q #19 & 20 for their MACH! Remi is now known as MACH Hare-Raiser Spring Loaded TD MX MXB MXJ MJB.

She is the 3rd Beagle that Jan has earned a MACH with.





## “More Brags!”



This is Gil, the puppy placed with Veterans Morning Forward.

Not sure this really qualifies as a brag but, it is one of my most proud puppy placements. One of the male puppies from my most recent litter was purchased by Veteran’s Moving Forward to enter their service dog training program. I got to attend a ceremony on Sunday when “Gil” was introduced at the newest SDit (Service Dog in Training) for VMF. What an emotional experience.

Veterans Moving Forward is a Gold Star Charity – that means that very little of the money raised for the organization goes into administration costs, with the majority going into their program. They also place the puppies with veterans at NO cost to the veterans.

**Sandy Stokes**



## “Dues are Due”

BRDTC dues renewal is required by **December 31, 2017**. Please make checks payable to BRDTC. Forms and payment may be placed in the Treasurer’s Box in the training room or mailed to BRDTC, Attn: DUES, PO Box 104, Boyce VA 22620.

After Jan 1st I will send out individual emails to those who have not yet paid. Thanks.

**Donna Richardson**  
Treasurer

**Individual Membership \$30**  
**Family Membership \$45**





## The Day Before Christmas

'Tis the day before Christmas, and all through the house  
The puppies are squeaking an old rubber mouse.  
The wreath which had merrily hung on the door  
Is scattered in pieces all over the floor.

The stockings that hung in a neat little row,  
Now boast a hole in each one of the toes.  
The tree was subjected to bright-eyed whims,  
And now, although splendid, it's missing some limbs.

I catch them and hold them, be good I insist.  
They lick me, then run off to see what they've missed.  
And now as I watch them, the thought comes to me,  
That theirs is the spirit that Christmas should be.

Should Children and Puppies yet show us the way,  
And teach us the joy that should come with this day?  
Could they bring the message that's written above,  
And tell us that, most of all, Christmas is love! "  
Anon

## The Day After Christmas

The Day After Christmas?  
T'was the night before Christmas, when all through  
the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
With no thought of the dog filling their head.  
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Knew he was cold, but didn't care about that.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Figuring the dog was free of his chain and into the  
trash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow  
Gave the luster of mid-day to objects below,  
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,

But Santa Claus - with eyes full of tears.

He unchained the dog, once so lively and quick,  
Last years Christmas present, now painfully thin  
and sick..

More rapid than eagles he called the dog's name.  
And the dog ran to him, despite all his pain;

"Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and  
Vixen!  
On, Comet! On Cupid! On, Donner and Blitzen!  
To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall!  
Let's find this dog a home where he'll be loved by  
all"

I knew in an instant there would be no gifts this  
year,  
For Santa Claus had made one thing quite clear,  
The gift of a dog is not just for the season,  
We had gotten the pup for all the wrong reasons.

In our haste to think of the kids a gift,  
There was one important thing that we missed.  
A dog should be family, and cared for the same.  
You don't give a gift, then put it on a chain.

And I heard him exclaim as he rode out of sight,  
"You weren't given a gift! You were given a life!"





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## **WHAT'S HAPPENING 2018**

February - tba

March - 3-4 ukc agility trial

March 9-11 brdtk agility trial

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



**No Meeting in  
January  
Have a Happy Holiday**