

Blues News

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Blue Ridge Veterinary Blood Bank... Our first visit!



About 20 years ago we had a Golden Husky mix that had been sick and was in and out of the Vets office for eating rocks! Of course over the weekend he had gotten worse and we had to take him to the new emergency clinic in Winchester. At that time they suggested surgery since they did not like what they saw on his X-rays. What they found was a hemangioma of the spleen and it burst on the table. They were able to save him, but he lost a lot of blood! He did recover, but it took a long time and he was never back to what he was before all of this. There was no canine blood bank in the area. I did make a promise to Rags that if one of my dogs could ever donate

I would do that in honor for him!

We now have the Blue Ridge Veterinary Blood bank that is operating out of Purcellville, VA. I decided to check them out and see if our new puppy, Cammy would be able to donate. The staff there is very nice and their operation is totally volunteer dogs. They really like dogs to be over 50lb and at least a year old, but with anything I think it depends on the dog. Cammy did great on her initial meet and greet visit. They did a small blood draw to type her and run a full panel on her.....this was done at no cost to us!! They snuggle with her while the procedure is being done and she really did not notice a thing.....she was more focused on the cheese and peanut butter she was getting!! They say a blood draw only really takes about 2-5 minutes, but they keep them calm for a bit after the draw. They do ask that you keep them to a calm routine that day, but they can be back to their regular routine the next day. Cammy's first blood donation is scheduled for Feb 6th and she is a universal donor!

The benefits to this are great. You not only feel good about helping another dog, but also getting screenings done on your dog at each visit. If you go to the Purcellville site you can leave your dog there at their daycare for free that day. You can also qualify for a reduced price if your dog every needs blood products. Donations can be given up to every 5 to 7 weeks. They are currently working on getting a few more donors in this area and opening up a site in Winchester. For more info their web site is brvbb.com.

Holly Rich



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"Rainbow Bridge"

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Could your dog be a life saver?

Canine Blood Donor Program Information

Could your dog become a life saver? Accidents and Illness don't take vacations!!

A donation of blood means giving the gift of life to an animal that is sick or injured. The demand for blood products continues to increase, and we need the help of willing canine volunteers to meet this need. Give your dog a chance to be someone's hero. We are the largest volunteer veterinary blood bank and our standards are providing the leading edge for the industry. Our canine donor base consists of ALL volunteer donors – no cages or compounds of caged dogs! Just real dogs living in real homes that make periodic visits from your loving homes, into the hands of our specially trained and caring staff.

Why do dogs need blood transfusions?

Dogs may need blood transfusions for different reasons. Your dog's blood is made of red blood cells, and plasma which contains white blood cells, platelets, antibodies, etc. Blood can be separated into these various components so that the specific transfusion needs of a dog can be met. Red blood cells are used in the treatment of anemia (low red blood cell count), following an accident or during surgery when blood is lost, when your dog's body cannot produce enough red blood cells by itself or when diseases cause the body to destroy its own red blood cells.

Plasma contains proteins or enzymes which help to clot the blood. It can be used to treat bleeding due to liver disease or bleeding seen with the accidental ingestion of rodent poisons. Plasma is also used when protein or albumin of the patient becomes very low. Another component of plasma, cryoprecipitate, is used in the treatment of hemophilia or in other inherited bleeding problems.

Do dogs have blood types?

Blood types are determined by molecules (proteins and carbohydrates) on the surface of the red blood cells. Dogs have at least six well characterized blood types, also known as dog erythrocyte antigens (a.k.a. DEA). The antigens are DEA 1.1, 1.2, 3, 4, 5, and 7. The blood type considered most important to dogs is DEA 1.1. Dogs can either be negative or positive for DEA 1.1. Dogs that are negative for DEA 1.1 and the majority of other blood types are considered "universal" blood donors. Dogs that are positive for DEA 1.1 can only give blood safely to dogs that are also DEA 1.1 positive. The majority of dogs are DEA 1.1 positive and only a SMALL percentage of dogs are "universal" donor.

***Donor dogs must be:***

- Healthy and Happy
- Greater than 40 lbs
- Between 9 months and 7 years of age
- Able to lay still for 10 minutes (with help of a snuggler)
- Up to date on rabies and distemper (DHPPCV) vaccines
- On year round heartworm, flea and tick preventatives
- Not on any long term medications (there are some exceptions)

What is a donation like?

Our donors come in once every 5-7 weeks to donate blood. We use the same equipment that is used in human medicine. Blood is collected from the jugular vein and takes between 5-10 minutes. We take between 225 mls and 450 mls depending on your dog's size and temperament, which equates to 1-2 measuring cups. During and after the collection the dogs get lots of treats and praise. The total time your dog spends with us is about 20-30 minutes!

What happens to the blood?

After the whole blood is collected, it is spun in a centrifuge to separate the red blood cells from the plasma. A unit of blood can be separated into 2 units, packed red blood cells and plasma. This means a single donation could potentially help save 2-4 dogs! Packed red blood cells can be kept refrigerated for 6 weeks and plasma can be kept frozen up to 5 years.

How do I start?

During your initial visit with us, we assess your dog's personality. They will be screened for blood-borne diseases and will go through a training to become accustomed to the process of the blood collection so that it will be a positive experience.

***We cannot say **THANK YOU** enough;
We would not be able to do this without each and
Every one of our lifesavers!***



Picture Of the Month



“MIRROR, MIRROR on the WALL”

Picture taken by

Evelyne Williams

Garlic Treats

Pound a boneless chicken breast (or turkey breast, or a piece of round steak) to a uniform thickness of about ¼". Sprinkle *liberally* with garlic powder on both sides. Microwave on a paper plate, covered with wax paper, for 2-3 minutes per side. Cut into tiny pieces when cool. Keeps for several weeks in the refrigerator, or can be frozen.





Mark Your Calendar



Agility Seminars with Paulena Simpson

BRDTC offers club members the first opportunity to register for seminars and at discounted rates. Take advantage of the few days notice to get your registrations mailed in. Two upcoming seminars to choose from...

When: February 24, 2018 (snow date 4/7/18)

Where: BRDTC Training Room

Who: Handlers of all abilities; dogs 13+ months

Agility Seminars with Paulena Simpson

8:00am - 12:00pm *"Mental Preparation: Knowledge is Power"*

1:30pm - 5:30pm *"Find the Line"*

Working spots: \$125 *but only \$110 for BRDTC members*

Auditing spots: \$50 *but only \$40 for BRDTC members*

Limit to 8 Working Spots and unlimited auditing spots

Informational flyer and registration form is attached and also posted on the Yahoo Groups site.

Debbie Vance
BRDTC Secretary



"WAGS & BRAGS"



Satchmo and I had a good weekend up at Periland Agility. We Qd in 8 out of 9 events with some very nice runs. He was a good boy and had to crate out in the middle section (we usually have a partitioned side area with friends). I love playing with this boy! True to contact loving Satchmo during the Colors run Sunday I chose the course without the dog walk (he strolls over it) and on a tight after a jump next to it he looked at the dog walk and looked at me sadly but then came and did the tunnel anyway. He is a hoot. **Joy**



Sandy Golden here. Gibbs made his first visit today as a Therapy Dog. We went to Berkeley Springs Center, the nursing home where I used to work. The residents enjoyed him and he enjoyed the attention.

Sandy Golden

*Love recognizes no barriers.
It jumps hurdles, leaps fences,
penetrates walls to arrive at its
destination full of hope.*

- Maya Angelou





“New Kid on the Block”

I want you to meet Romeo. of all the rescues I have done, This is the saddest story. Romeo is a Golden /cross, that lived for years with an Alzheimer's patient, with not much company. This past June, his owner, (the patient) passed away. Since then, this friendly dog has lived alone in his house with the company of two Chihuahua's. He was fed in a big feeder, and had water, but the daughter in the family, worked, went to a nursing home everyday, an to visit the Mother, and had little time for the 3 dogs. My daughter, who also does rescue found out about the situation, and in contacting the lady, and arranged to bring ROMEO to me. He is a wonderful, dog that just needs a lot of love and attention. SINCE I LOST MY LAST TWO RESCUES, AND HAVE MISSED HAVING A DOG IN THE HOUSE, I am happy to give this nice dog a happy, forever home. I just wanted to share my story, with such a good ending, which is more than a lot of dogs have...ginger



Thank you for sending in pictures & Other items and taking part in your newsletter. I couldn't have done it without you. Martha



- Lisa Marino
- Sandy Golden
- Bobbie Lutz
- Colleen Nolan
- Margaret Bissell
- Theresa Manchey
- Suzi Dodson
- Beth Anderson
- Linda Bueching
- Barbara Guidry
- Amy Grimm
- Donna Smith
- Linda Buechling
- Janice Morton
- Stacy Deflippi
- Scottie Slonaker
- Joy Pitcher
- Holly Rich
- Ginger Taylor
- Rory and Carol Nansal
- Marty Matheson
- Debbie Vance
- Donna Thompson
- Becky Gregory
- Danielle Brooks
- Susan Brogan
- Marzenna Gilbert
- Sue Rich

!!NO RY T H A N K Y O U !!



Virginia Federation

Mariane introduced our Guest of Honor Cabell Youell, Executive Director, Saint Francis Service Dogs, located in Roanoke, VA.

She talked about their program. This is their website - <http://www.saintfrancisdogs.org/>

They use purebred Labs and Golden Retrievers because they are tall enough to open doors, the public perceives them as friendly, and they have good temperaments. She said they look for “laid back dogs with a work ethic.” It is not always easy to find that combination. They work with very reputable breeders who understand they must begin socializing dogs from day one. They come to St Francis at the age of 8 weeks and are given to a Puppy Raiser. Puppy raisers play a vital role within the Saint Francis organization. By opening up their home to one of these special puppies, they are helping Saint Francis to provide a service dog to one of the many people in need of assistance throughout the community. Puppy raisers teach the puppies basic obedience commands, socialize them in a wide variety of settings and provide lots of love. Puppy raisers attend weekly training sessions, complete weekly and monthly training and health reports, and follow the comprehensive guidelines provided by Saint Francis for the puppy's safety, health and training. Most of the costs of raising and training the puppy are covered by Saint Francis, including all veterinary care, dog food, and basic equipment. Saint Francis provides crates, leashes, bowls, collar, gentle leader and vest. Recipients may expect to purchase some items for the puppy, including toys, approved treats, grooming products and dog beds.

The goal of puppy raising is to develop the puppy into a mature, dependable dog that is well-behaved, socialized, relaxed, friendly, attentive and responsive to basic commands. Then they move on to their service training. The whole process takes about 2 years. Their other programs are:

- **Service Dogs** - Placing professionally trained service dogs with qualified partners is the primary program at Saint Francis. Service dogs are capable of performing many useful tasks, including going for help, picking items up, opening and closing doors, retrieving the phone and turning lights on and off.
- **Veteran Dogs** - Saint Francis places service dogs with veterans who have sacrificed their physical health to serve our country. Service dogs for veterans do all the tasks required of a service dog, as well as offer support for other combat-related issues.
- **Facility Dogs** - Saint Francis places expertly trained dogs who partner with a professional working in a healthcare, courtroom or education setting. Facility dogs are trained to do many tasks to assist with therapy, provide motivation and give comfort.
- **Training** - The Saint Francis training program is detailed, comprehensive, and designed specifically for Saint Francis service dogs. The program is administered by professional dog trainers to ensure all Saint Francis dogs are well-prepared for their work with a partner.

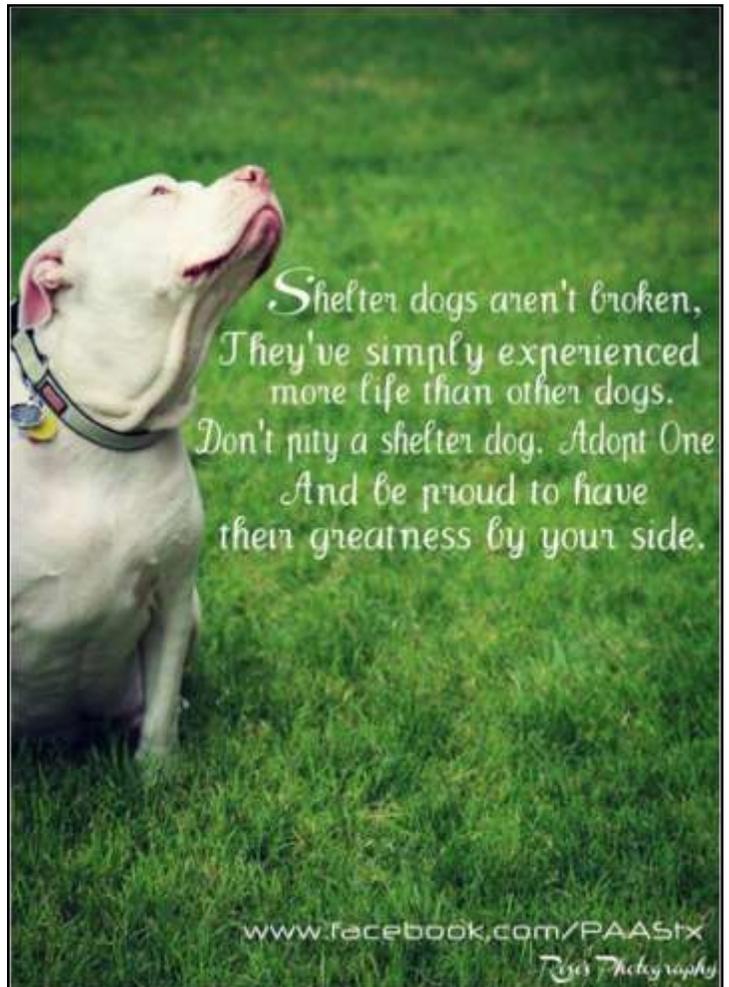


- **Prison Pups** - Saint Francis partners with Bland Correctional Center, a medium security men's prison, to teach inmates how to raise and train puppies for Saint Francis.
- **Breeders** - Saint Francis relies on top-notch breeders to fill our need for excellent dogs. Our breeders provide structurally good, physically healthy and temperamentally sound puppies to our program.
- **Career Change Dogs** - Saint Francis places dogs that do not complete the training program, as pets in loving homes carefully screened by Saint Francis staff and volunteers. They do not charge for the dogs. Most people cannot afford them and they don't want that to keep someone from getting a dog. Plus, they ask a lot of people who get their dogs. There are expectations for care and feeding and they have to make visits to St Francis. The understanding is if a recipient cannot take care of the dog according to their expectations then they take the dog back. That does not happen very often.

When you love what
you have,
you have everything
you need.



Shelter dogs aren't broken,
They've simply experienced
more life than other dogs.
Don't pity a shelter dog. Adopt One
And be proud to have
their greatness by your side.





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WHAT'S HAPPENING 2018

FEB. 24 - AGILITY SEMINER
March 6 - General Meeting
MARCH 9-11 AGILITY TRIAL
MARCH 17-18 TRACKING TEST
Awards Banquet - tbs
July 13 - Pizza Party
September 13 - General Meeting
November 14 - General Meeting
December 8 - Christmas Party/
Auction

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



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Icey Bissell



Gelto Marino



**Desdemona's Grace –
26 Jan 2002 to 25 May 20217**

*At the rising of the sun
And its going down,
We remember them.
At the blowing of the wind
And in the chill of the winter,
We remember them.
At the opening of the buds
And in the rebirth of spring,
We remember them.
At the rustling of the leaves
And in the beauty of autumn,
We remember them.
At the beginning of the year
And when it ends,
We remember them.
As long as we live,
They too will live.
They are part of us.
We remember them.*

In Memory Of:

**Joey Rich
Bentley Strawsnyder
Brooks Bergan**



Leo Seabright



Matte Butler



Leia Riggs

Gracie Stokes

It is with great sorrow that I share the news that my sweet Desdemona's Grace crossed the Rainbow Bridge today. Gracie gave us 15 years and 4 months of love and devotion. Gracie passed the CGC/TDI at the age of 10 years. She presented us with four lovely litters of Labrador puppies, and was the most devoted of family companions. My heart is breaking and I know that many of you understand.

Webster's dictionary defines "Grace" as: a virtue coming from God; a charming trait; a pleasingly graceful appearance or effect. We couldn't have given Grace (affectionately known as Gracie) a more appropriate call name. She was a beautiful balance of drive and devotion. Gracie was a loyal family companion and the teacher of every young pup that came into our home. She ruled our 'pack' with grace and dignity.
Sandy Stokes



Princess Leia Golden Quarter Vcd1. RE, AX, AXJ. BD 12/8/2003 Passed- 10/24/2017

There is something about having a dog that was born in your home. She forms a special bond unlike all others. Leia in the last litter of Golden's we had here. She will forever have a special place in our hearts. We miss her so much. We are thankful for all our wonderful years together. **Joyce & Sonny Riggs**

Matte Butler

Matte was my last Australian Cattle Dog. She was 14 when she passed. Very few members knew her. We were the stay at home type. She was sweet and funny but most of all smart. I will miss her.

Martha Butler

My special little spicey Icey told me she had to go on Saturday. Even though I was blessed to have her with me for an amazing 15 years, and even though I knew it was coming, my heart is broken at the moment.

CH OTCH MACH2 Keepsake Giving Me Chills
UDX8 OGM MXG MJG HOFx2
07/21/2002 - 08/26/2017
Margaret Bissell
Keepsake Kees

Leo was my wonderful black standard poodle. I found him on Petfinder as a stray in South Carolina. When I drove to get him we bonded immediately. He died at the age of 14 1/2 on May 2, 2017. He was the first dog I had who became a TDI therapy dog and we went to many schools, libraries and nursing homes together for years. He was always calm and dignified and took his job seriously. He got many certificates from TDI for the number of visits he did. I miss him so much I can't believe he's gone.

Alice

I gave you my house
When you were alone

When I walk thru the door
It now feels like a home

Tail wagging and waiting
Our bond quickly grew

Such unconditional love
Who rescued who?



Gelato the Samoyed

Gelato earned his Pet Partners Therapy Dog registration at 1 year old. He visited at several nursing homes, the hospital, and libraries, and due to his sweet nature three different local libraries created "Read to Rover" programs. His gentle nature helped several children overcome their fear of dogs. Once the new Aurora Hospital opened up, he began alternating visits on weekends there with the nursing home. He earned his AKC Therapy Dog, Advanced and Excellent Titles.

He for his Samoyed Club of America Working Samoyed Title. and Working Samoyed Excellent Titles.

As part of his therapy dog duties, he promoted reading for kids very heavily and was even invited to a school board meeting to talk about volunteering. He starred in a promotional video for his WI vet, and is one of the title characters in two children's books. (Soon to be published on Amazon)

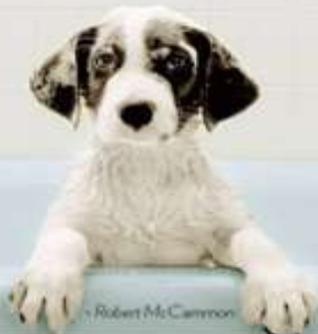
In 2012, he moved from WI to No VA and resumed library visits at Handley Library. He began visiting local schools regularly for the city of Winchester, Frederick County, and in WV. There are very few local schools he has not been in. He also has visited 6 different assisted living facilities, many of them regularly. In his work in this venue, he met, made friends, and had to say good bye to many friends along the way. He was an invited guest at one funeral.

He experimented with other Samoyed activities, such as sheep herding, weight pulling, scooter pulling, and Rally. He played along, but his true calling was therapy work, which he absolutely loved. He earned trick dog titles up through Advanced with Do More With Your Dog, and earned a few beginning titles in Rally, and AKC Tricks but is the therapy dog in him that shone brightest, and led him to go through HOPE Animal Assisted Crisis Response training at the age of 9. He has traveled all over the Eastern region of the US doing Animal Assisted Crisis work at kids camps and other places when needed. He was well known for his singing / wooing abilities.

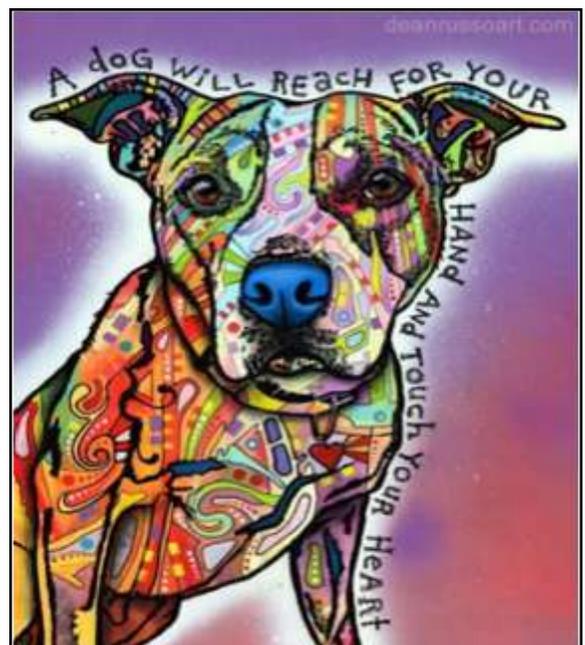
Gelato RN THDX CGC TKA (AKC) WSX (SCA) DMWYD - TDA Will be sorely missed

Lisa Marino

"After years of having a dog,
you know him.
You know the meaning of his
snuffs and grunts and barks.
Every twitch of the ears is a question
or statement, every wag of
the tail is an exclamation."



Robert McCammon



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