

Blues News

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BLUE RIDGE
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CLUB, INC.



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President Message Donna Richardson

Hi fellow BRDTC members! A few items of information for you all:

A nominating committee has been established for creating a slate of officers and board members to be voted on at the December meeting. We will need to vote on president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and one board position. If anyone has an interest in running for any of these positions please contact Amy Grimm, Suzie Dodson or Bob Tatara (our nominating committee).

We are still looking for property to purchase for our own training building. If anyone has any ideas or sees any prospects, please let Gary Fisher know. He has been out and about checking out places on a weekly basis.

Finally I need to mention some housekeeping items. Please clean up after yourselves when at the building for private rentals or classes. Your instructors are not babysitters and do not have time to remind everyone to throw away their trash, to not leave clutter on the table or crate tops, or to not leave half used water bottles laying around. We do not have maid service- we are the maid service. Last year we tried out requesting that everyone take out the trash and recycling and empty the poop stations as a part of your membership. It worked OK and many people signed the calendar as they did things. We did not make a big deal of it this year and it seems as if the help has gone away. The bags for the poop stations and trashcans are right on the shelf by the door and very easy to find. If you see the recycling is full, take it to the recycling center or put it out with your own recycling. The trash and poop can be put in the dumpster at the end of the building. I know all we need to do is remind everyone to pitch in and things will get done....so this email is just a little reminder. Thanks in advance for doing your part to keep the building clean.

Donna Richardson



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Anybody
who does-
n't know
what soap
tastes like
never
washed a
dog.
-Franklin P.
Jones





Dehydration in dogs

Sent by Donna Thompson

Dehydration can occur in animals, just as easily as it can in humans, and is every bit as serious, as well as preventable.

Signs of Dehydration in Dogs:

- Dryness of the mouth - does your dog's mouth appear less wet than normal?
- Loss of skin elasticity - test this by picking up your dog's skin along his back, then let it go. It should spring right back into place immediately; if not, that is a sure sign of illness and dehydration.
- General fatigue or weakness - your dog's energy level isn't what it normally is, and he seems unmotivated to be active.
- Tremors - your dog may shake and tremble and seem feeble.

Sunken eyes - compare the appearance of your dog's eyes to what you are used to. This symptom of dehydration in dogs may signal serious dehydration requiring immediate professional attention.

Signs of Dehydration in Cats:

- Loss of skin elasticity - test this by picking up your cat's skin along their back, then let it go. It should spring right back into place immediately; if not, that is a sure sign of illness and dehydration.
- Thick saliva - touch your cat's gums; they should be wet with liquid saliva, not jell-like saliva.
- Fatigue and lethargy - cat's nap constantly, but this would be excessive napping and unwillingness to move from one spot.
- Constipation - a sign that not enough fluids are in the bowels.
- Increased heart rate - if you notice your cat's heart is racing while in a sedentary state.

Sunken eyes - this is a serious sign you need to get your feline to the veterinarian ASAP.

Preventing Dehydration:

- Keep your dog or cat hydrated at all times, especially before stressful events (a move to a new location, vacation, a temporary houseguest, new baby).
- Add a little liquid to their food, including dry food.
- Offer an electrolyte solution to help them retain fluids (Pedialyte can be combined with water and then offered).
- Offer ice chunks to encourage slow water intake.

Fresh filtered water may help encourage your dog or cat to drink more water.

With warmer weather beginning it's a good idea to start a good routine of prevention with your pet now. Please give us a call if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,

North Oatlands Animal Hospital



Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone who came out to the Tracy Sklenar Seminar over the weekend - either as participants or as helpers.

I don't know how we did money-wise, but it was hugely successful from all the rave reviews we had. We worked, we had tons of fun and we learned lots of new skills.

Participants ran fast, Faster and FASTEST!!! They were faster at the end of the session than they were at the beginning!

Everyone was so motivated by Tracy and her positive attitude and training.

She made the difficult things very easy to understand and to execute. People were getting across the ring in record time!

Thank you everyone for making this event so successful!

Danielle Brooks

It was a wonderful group of seminars! I agree with everything Danielle said. I hope we can invite Tracy back for more!

Janice

Despite my worry last week, blue ridge members came through and we were able to cover all the rally steward positions.

We had volunteers who don't compete in rally but came out to help out with one of the trials, one who got out of bed and ran over to help when I called her and many who worked around when they competed and stayed later than they needed.

Thank you to:

Scotti

Theresa

Tara

Danielle

Beth

Tom

Connie

Amy

Donna Richardson

Janet

and to Jan for helping the judge with course building

I just want to send out a very big THANK YOU to all the people that came out and helped make our Obedience /Rally Trial this weekend a success.

It means so much to me that so many of you took time to support this event.

I had quite a number of exhibitors take the time to tell me how much they enjoy coming to our trials.

I am so proud of us!!!

Thank you all again so much for your help.

Jan Burgan

Wish to thank all of the members who helped this past weekend—it was a pleasure to see you out there making the trials run so smoothly.

Proud of you ☐

Donna



Picture Of the Month



Cultural differences.

Golden: The ball is MINE - throw it now and I WILL get it first.

Border Collie: I see the ball, I will catch the ball, and then I will spit it out in front of the Golden and wait for her to deliver it back to you so we can play this game again.

Carol Nansel

Veggie Bones

Ingredients:

2 3/4 C. Flour

2 Tbls. Bran

2 Tsp. Baking Powder

3 C. Minced Fresh Parsley (good for doggie breath)

1/4 C. Shredded Carrots

1/4 C. Shredded Cheese (your choice--mozzarella, cheddar)

2 Tbls. Olive Oil

1/2 Tsp. Flaxseed (optional)

1/2 C. Water

Directions:

Preheat oven 350 degrees. Lightly grease a cookie sheet. Mix together parsley, carrots, cheese and oil. Combine the dry ingredients separately from the veggie mixture. Slowly add 1/2 c. water and mix well. Dough should be moist but not wet. Knead for a minute.

Roll out dough to 1/4" thickness. Using cookie cutters of your choice, cut out shapes and place on baking sheet.

Bake 20-30 minutes until biscuits have browned and hardened slightly. They will continue to harden as they cool. Store in an airtight container once thoroughly cooled.

Makes 2 to 3 dozen



Mark Your Calendar



Scent Work



Two Seminars with Jessica Miller
 sponsored by
Shawnee Kennel Club (SKC)
Seminars offered Saturday,
September 8, 2018.
 Registration closes September 5, 2018.

WHEN: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – **Intro to Scentwork**
 1:30-5:30 p.m. – **Continuing Scent Work**

(sign-in begins 30 minutes prior to workshop)

WHERE: Shawnee Kennel Club, **Blue Ridge Dog Training Club 221 Commonwealth Ct Winchester, VA**
 (in the back go around circle to last left turn
 use to be Body Renew)

WHAT: INTRO TO SCENT WORK

A half day working session for dogs that have never participated in scent work sports. We'll introduce the venues, concepts, titling systems, & rules and the training process for getting started in competitive scent work. Working spots will focus on developing independent hunting in the dog, handler observation skills, how to build enthusiasm and stamina for searching and a brief discussion of the properties of odor and how it moves. Handlers should bring a high value reward they know the dog loves, a long line (8-12ft) and a body harness or thicker flat or martingale collar (no harnesses for the training portions).



CONTINUING SCENT WORK

A half day working session for dogs that have already begun working in Scent Work and have been previously introduced to Birch odor. Targeted at teams working toward Novice/Advanced or NW1 levels, we'll explore how to build your dog's odor obedience, working both Interior and Exterior searches. A more in depth discussion of odor movement and properties will be provided. An emphasis will be placed on enthusiasm for the search, goal setting and strategies for optimizing at home practice. Handlers should bring a high value reward they know the dog loves, a long line (8-12ft) and a body harness or thicker flat or martingale collar (no choke, prong collars, slip leads or no-pull harnesses for the training portions).

COST: **Working Spots – A.M. (Limited to 8) – \$50** (SKC Members – \$40)
 Auditing spots – unlimited – \$20 (SKC Members – \$10)

Working Spots – P.M. (Limited to 8) – \$50 (SKC Members – \$40)
 Auditing spots – unlimited – \$20 (SKC Members – \$10)

Questions? Email Scotti Slonaker – scotti2467@yahoo.com



Community Events

Blue Ridge Dog Training Club has 2 community training demonstrations coming up:

- Saturday, September 15th - Apple Harvest Festival at Frederick County Fairgrounds, 10a-5p
- Saturday, September 29th - Frederick County Parks and Pets Extravaganza at Sherando Park (fundraiser for Ester Boyd Animal Shelter), TBD (typically 9a-3p)

Both are "try it" events, where we demo and allow other community pets to try it. We can demonstrate agility, obedience, rally, tricks, nosework, or any other talents you and your canine partner would like to demonstrate, including greeting the public. This is a great opportunity for your dog to perform/interact in a different environment and free training for us. Hope you will consider coming out to represent our club and get to know other members. It is a fun day! Parking is available near the rink area for both if arrive prior to the event start.

I need volunteers in 3 areas:

1. Help load/transport equipment - to/from
2. Man the BRD TC table giving out Frisbees and our new brochure

Participate in the demo with your dog(s)

Since the events are coming up soon, please let me know if you can assist and with what so I can work out scheduling coverage.

Instructors: Please mention these demos in classes. Training members can also participate in the demonstrations. Please feel free to give them my contact information or get me an email address to contact those interested.

Debbie Vance </div>

BRDTC Secretary/Demo Committee Chair

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13 quirky facts about companion animals

Think you know everything there is to know about your favorite furry, finned or feathered friend? Chances are there are some interesting facts that even the most ardent animal-lover may be surprised to learn.

1. **Tough tongue:** Cats' tongues are covered with little structures called 'filiform papillae,' which are like tiny hooks pointing toward the throat. These hook-like structures help hold food while a cat is eating. The papillae also help with grooming. Humans can feel these barbs when licked by cats.

2. **Seeing spots:** Dalmatians are born all white.

Their spots will develop within the first few weeks of life and can be black, brown or liver colored.

3. **Sleepy time:** Cats are born loungers and will spend on average 16 hours of the day snoozing. Only sloths spend more time asleep.

4. **Send a message:** Fish do not have vocal chords, but they can use low-pitched moans, grunts, hisses, and wails to communicate with one another.

5. **Watch the eyes:** Pet birds can communicate feelings through their pupils. If pupils are dilated, the bird is calm. Pinprick-sized pupils mean birds are agi-

tated and may bite.

6. **Meeeoowww:** Cats only meow to communicate with humans, not amongst themselves.

7. **Seeing colors:** Dogs are not color blind as once presumed. They can see colors, just not as vividly as humans.

8. **Kindle is not just for reading:** A group of kittens is called a 'kindle,' while a group of cats is a 'clowder.'

9. **Almost wild:** Dogs are so genetically similar to wolves that they can interbreed.

10. **Noseprints:** Cats' and

dogs' noses are unique, just like human fingerprints.

11. **Fishy growth rings:** Fish do not add new scales as they grow. The scales increase in size and form growth rings that can reveal the age of the fish.

12. **Not domesticated:** Birds are not domesticated. They're still rather wild and must be taught acceptable pet behavior.

13. **Barkless:** Many dogs do not actively bark. One dog that rarely ever barks is the Basenji, due to a narrow larynx. It can yodel, however!



Celebrating the Life and Legacy of
Anne L. Legge

"Join Us for HAPPY HOUR"

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Casey's Lounge (at the Clarion Inn)

5-6:30 p.m.



Wherever Anne Legge traveled she always enjoyed relaxing with her friends and making new ones.

In Celebration of her friendship we want to toast her memory and legacy.

Drinks, Food, & Cake

Sponsored by Anne's Friends

Please RSVP to Adriana - a_ambassador@hotmail.com



"WAGS & BRAGS"



So my Peter Pan dog decided that today was a good day, to do a NADD personal best (at age 10 and this is his 5th year competing with NADD) and jumped 22 feet 1 inch, then followed it up with a 21 feet 3 inch jump. And I thought this might be the year where his average fell in the senior range, silly me. **Joy**

I had a FANTASTIC weekend showing Z, Rain & Kai in Kingston, RI.

I handled Rain and she went Select Bitch all three days for 6 Grand Champion Points and defeated a champion each day.

Kai was handled by her co-owner and went BOB each day, took an NOHS Group 3 on Friday, NOHS Group 2 on Saturday and NOHS Group 1 and NOHS BIS on Sunday. This is probably the first NOHS BIS for a Spanish Water Dog.

A huge shout out to Garry and Connie and all the folks that I've worked with at the Tuesday handling class.

Colleen N.

*Ariosa Fundy Bay It's A Wonderfullife UD
BN RAE2 CAX DCAT DS CGCA TKI (Z)
GCHB CH Angel Kiss the S'Kai de Ariosa
CD BN RE CAA BCAT CGCA (Kai)
CH Ariosa Concurrido Chasin Fiesta's Mid-
night Rain RI CGC TKN (Rain)*

Here're some July & Aug. brags:

In July, Roxie earned 3 legs on her Novice Agility Standard title at our Blue Ridge trial, but all were under the same judge, so we need to do it again under another. She also earned 2 legs on her Novice Jumpers w/Weav es title.

At the July Bloomsburg, PA shows, Roxie finished her Rally Excellent title and earned **\$10** for being first. Her Mom Ashley earned legs 2 & 3 of her RAE10. And Doberman Kinsey did Rally Novice Rally for the first time and earned 2 legs on that title.

Then at the August Harrisburg, PA shows, Ashley earned legs 4-7 legs on her RAE10 and also **\$25** for her High Combined scores for the 2nd time in her Rally career! Who says dog shows don't pay! And I'm pretty sure she's already qualified for Rally Natl' for next year. Not bad for a 13 1/2 yr old. Daughter Roxie earned her Beginner Novice obedience title + earned 3 "insurance" legs in Rally Excellent. The Whippets made up for Dobie Kinsey not getting anything in conformation that wkend.

And lastly, this past wkend, Roxie earned her Senior Courser title at my club's lure coursing trial.
Bobbie Lutz



Kisment , Venality Match 7. I love this sweet girl **Kitty Bowman**.



“More Brags!”

“MEET ABBEY”

SHE WAS A FAMILY DOG THAT GOT INTO MISCHIEF,SO GINGER RESCUED HER FROM GOING TO A SHELTER.SHE PAID TO BOARD HER FOR A MONTH UNTIL THE TRAINERS COULD MAKE ROOM FOR HER. IT TOOK A YEAR TO TRAIN HER FOR THE WOUNDED WARRIOR PROGRAM.WHEN GINGER FIRST MET ABBEY, SHE SAW SOMETHING SPECIAL IN HER,AND THAT SHE WAS WELL WORTH SAVING FOR SOMETHING GOOD.

GINGER



The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

-Anonymous

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful

-Ann Landers

If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.

-Will Rogers

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

-Ben Williams

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.

-Josh Billings



Animal training facility may be ready next summer

By **JOSH JANNEY**
The Winchester Star

WINCHESTER — A 2,200 square-foot animal exercise and training facility may be ready for use in Frederick County next summer, according to Public Works Director Joe Wilder.

Wilder originally said in January that the county's Public Works Department hoped to have construction on the building completed by the end of the year. But the project has not been put to bid yet, as the design process is taking longer than initially expected.

Last fall, the Board of Supervisors approved \$50,000 to be spent on design work for the new building, which will be adjacent to the Esther Boyd Animal Shelter at 161 Fort Collier Road.

The shelter had collected about \$1.1 million from various donations, and it wants to use a significant portion of that money to construct a recreation room and training room for animals. The new building could be used to train animals and give them a place to exercise.

The stand-alone facility will be located on the northwest part of the site

at 161 Fort Collier Road. The building will use masonry construction with epoxy-coated walls and concrete floors with a special coating to assist in maintaining a clean environment in the building.

The parking lot will also be expanded, and a separate entrance will be constructed. There will be restrooms, a maintenance room, an office area and an intercom system.

Wilder said that the county had to study the land earlier this year to insure that all of the necessary utility infrastructure was in place. He says that next month, 100 percent of the design work should be complete. The design for the facility is being worked on by Design Concepts and Pennoni.

Once the design work is completed, the public works department will decide whether to approve the designs. Afterward, the project will be put out to bid. The project is currently estimated to cost between \$500,000 and \$600,000.

"Based on some of our recent bids it may be a little more than that, but we just won't know until we bid,"

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said Wilder.

Before a contract is awarded, the Public Works Department will have to come before the Board of Supervisors to get permission to use the donated money to pay for the construction. Once construction begins, Wilder said the project could take about six months to complete.

— Contact Josh Janney at jjanney@winchesterstar.com

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WHAT'S HAPPENING
2018

Sept 15 Appl e Harvest
Sept 29 Sher ando Park
Nov 18-20 obedience trial
Dec. 2-4 akc agility trial
Dec 8 Christmas par ty/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



General Meeting
September
7
At
7:30 pm