

# Blues News

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BLUE RIDGE  
DOG TRAINING  
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## "Thank You!"



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Hi,

I just want to thank all of you who helped make our Obedience / Rally Trial a big success. This year was our biggest trial ever. We had 4 trials all full with 60 entries each trial!!! By the end of Sunday we were all tired but it was a good tired!

I cannot thank our trial Secretary Cheryl Harrison enough for all her hard work keeping everything together. Being a trial secretary is not an easy job. Donna Richardson, thank you for always being there with the answers!! Kathy Brunner, thank you for organizing the Obedience Stewards. Joy Pitcher, thank you Rally Stewards the trial the judges commented on what good stewards we have. Thank you for doing keeping everyone well liked the M and M's. I late fix! And Ed thank grounds and room in der. And also thank who helped clean up back in order after the That's alot of work!!!



for organizing the ards. Without the could not go on. All on what good stew- you to everyone Colleen Nolan our hospitality and feed. I especially needed that choco- you for keeping the working or- you to everyone and put our room trial was over.

It really was a very successful weekend for many of our exhibitors and club members. We had an Obedience Trail Champion and a Rally Trail Champion this weekend. This was our clubs 3rd OTCH and very 1st RACH since we started hosting an Obedience trial. I'm not sure how long we have been hosting obedience trials. Maybe someone can tell me?

And now to start planning next year's trial....

Jan Burgan

Thank each & everyone of you who worked to pull off a super 3-day trial. So proud of our Club members!

Donna t





Thank you, Donna R. You showed off the Club in the best light. It wasn't easy to coordinate all those demos and talk to all those kids and keep things running. You kept us all going and did a fantastic job. I don't know what this Club would do without you.

**Susan**

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**Linda Andrews**

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time to put on another great obedience and rally weekend. A few of the many volunteers who always seem to be there are Donna R, Cheryl, Joy, Scotti, Kathy, and Colleen, just to name a very few. Jan, you do a fantastic job every August. I always hear great things from the exhibitors about our trials and how much they like to come.

Oh, by the way, Racer finally got his UD and Quest got his RA.

**Linda**

# "Congratulations"

Recently, *Blue Ridge Dog Training Club* was voted the #1 DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINER in a reader's choice survey from the Winchester Staff. Congrats to all of us!

Be proud - we have a great thing going! Thanks to all our members, the Board, and all the volunteer instructors! Know that you are making a difference in the lives of families and households of our local communities, not to mention pet's lives.

Also, hats off to our fellow member and speaker this week, Lisa Marino, as her *Head of Class Dog Training* was the Runner Up.

And just in case you were wondering, other pet-related winners were...

*At Your Bark 'n Call* for Pet Grooming

*Petsmart* for Pet Store

*Kingdom Animal Hospital* for Veterinarian Animal Care Practice

**Debbie Vance,**  
Secretary



## "BRDTC Tattoo & Microchip Clinic"



Here are a few photos from the Tattoo and Microchip clinic put on by GRREAT tonight. Sent by Carol Nasel





## Picture Of the Month



**“WHAT A WEEKEND!”**

Cleo Rich



### “Thank You!”

A huge thanks goes out to Linda Andrews and Quest, Patrice Leipham and Tubbs, Susan Brogan and Carmine, Evelyn Williams and River and Cowboy, Janice Morton and Caper and Kindle, Sandy Golden and Lacey and Morgan Vance and Shadow and Scrat for performing for the kids at the summer camp in the Sportplex this afternoon. It was really hot in there but both dogs and handlers did a great job and the kids really loved it. Thanks also to Ed Strawsnyder and Bob Tatara for helping to set up and move things during the demo. You guys ROCK!

**Donna Richardson**

### Here is the make at home electrolyte replacement recipe:

**1cup Water (or real bone broth for dogs)**

**2 tsp Raw Honey**

**1/8th tsp of Himalayan Pink Salt**

**1/2 tsp Apple Cider Vinegar (with mother)**

**Mix all in a pan and heat until honey and salt are dissolved into the solution. Let cool and keep refrigerated. Keeps up to two days**

**1/8th cup for dogs under 10lb**

**1/4th cup for small dogs**

**1/2 cup for medium dogs**

**1 cup for large dogs**

**1 & 1/2 cups for giant dogs.**

**Can be given up to twice a day.**

Sent by Holly Rich



## Mark Your Calendar



### Christmas Auction & Dinner

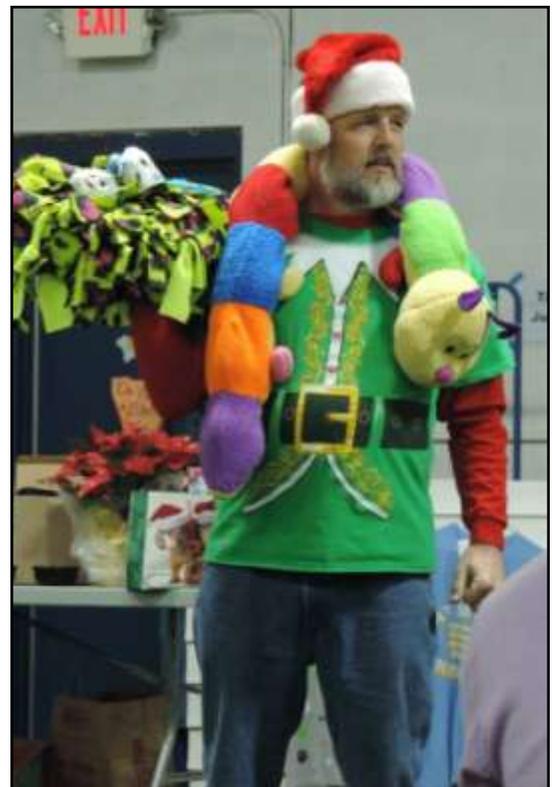
**Our Christmas dinner & auction is not far away. I'm hoping that you're looking in those drawers, closets, attic, basement & garage for those treasures you would like to share. Doggie items, breed related or not are popular. No used clothing please! This is a good time to get a head start on the Christmas 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.**

Where? Bernie Thompson Training Center

When? December 7

Time? TBA

We will be voting on Officers and the Gaines Award. Dues will be collected





## Four Naming Rules That Can Help Reveal a Dog Food's True Meat Content

[www.dogfoodadvisor.com](http://www.dogfoodadvisor.com)

Without rules any product with just a tiny amount of beef in it could be unfairly called “Beef Dog Food”. So, the Food and Drug Administration has established four basic rules to standardize the process of naming a dog food. You can use them to help reveal a product's true meat content.

They are:

### **The 95% Rule**

The first rule requires that at least 95% of a product's pre-cooking weight must come from the named animal source.

For example, in order for any product to be called “Chicken for Dogs” at least 95% of its ingredients must come from chicken. And that's before it's cooked..... Not counting any added water.

Ok, so how does the 95% Rule deal with a product made with two meat ingredients....say beef and liver? To answer that question, you must first understand how the agency looks at “lists”. The FDA always requires that whenever a product lists its ingredients **all must be listed in order of their pre-cooking weight**. The same rule applies to a product's name. So, when the name of a dog food includes two (or more) animal ingredients, the predominant one must be named first. Together they must make-up at least 95% of the product.

For example, when you see the name “Beef and Liver Dog Food”...you know the two named meats (beef and liver) must total at least 95% of the product...and you know that there is more beef in it than liver.

Now, one more thing, when one of the two components happens to be a non-animal ingredient (like a grain or a vegetable) it cannot be used to meet the 95% requirement. In other words, a “Lamb and Rice Dog Food” must contain at least 95% lamb.

### **The 25% “Dinner” Rule**

Now, if the named ingredients make up at least 25% of the product (not counting added water)...but less than 95%, the 25% “Dinner” Rule applies.

To qualify for the 25% Rule a descriptive term must be included in the name.

These so-called “descriptors” consist of words like.....”Dinner”, “Nuggets”,



“Recipe”, “Formula”, “Stew”, etc. For example, if you see a name like “Salmon Formula for Dogs” you know that at least one fourth of the product comes from salmon. But watch out. Since a name like “Beef Dinner for Dogs” only requires that a fourth of the product be beef, the meat component may actually occupy the third or fourth position on the ingredients list. That means the first ingredient (the main one) can sometimes be ones you don’t really want. It may even be say corn; however the name “Beef Dinner for Dogs” makes no mention that the actual major component of the food is corn. This is important if your dog is allergic to corn! Always check the ingredients lists!!

If two ingredients are included in the name they must together total 25%, so long as neither accounts for less than 3%. Unlike the 95% Rule, this regulation allows the manufacturer to include both the animal and non-animal ingredients together in the 25% total!

### **The 3% “With” Rule**

That brings us to the 3% Rule or the “With” Rule. Whenever you see the word “with” mentioned in a dog food’s name, you’re dealing with an ingredient totaling not less than 3%.

Let’s look at these two names: “Tuna Dog Food” and “Dog Food with Tuna”. To most people, these two dog foods look pretty much the same. However, the “Tuna Dog Food” contains at least 95% tuna whereas the “Dog Food with Tuna” only has about 3% tuna in it. One product contains over 30 times as much tuna as the other, big difference.

### **The Flavor Rule**

Finally, the “Flavor Rule” permits a dog food name to include any specific meat.....fish, lamb, chicken and so on....even if there isn’t a speck of that meat in the product, as long as the work “flavor” is used with it. For example, a dog food can be legally named “Beef Flavor Dog Food” even if the product contains no measureable amount of beef. The only requirement is that a barely perceptible “flavor” must be detectable by a specially-trained testing animal.

All of these rules also apply to Cat foods as well!!!!



# "WAGS & BRAGS"



This team of my mom [Annette Duquette Talbot](#) and Leilani earned their 9th leg towards an Rae (rally advanced excellent title). One more to go, which I am confident they will get soon

## Cindy

Cindy & Choice earning their RAE (that's 29 qualifying scores) at our BR trial.

Donna T



Carmylie Silver Hawk Rising "Blake" received mail today. His win picture from the Harrisburg Shetland Sheepdog Club specialty show



This happened today. Carmylie Silver Hawk Rising "Blake" was wd,bow,at the Harrisburg Shetland sheepdog club's specialty show. Blake now has 7points both majors. This sure beats the event we had on the drive home from the dog show on Friday,when we got a flat tire on 81s. Blake is (Ch. Carmylie Black Hawk Rising x Carmylie Quicksilver).— with [Jean Simmonds](#). Cindy



## “More Brags!”



This happened today at the Laurel highlands kc. Carmylie Silver Hawk Rising "Blake" was winners dog. He is now at 8 points both majors.

**Cindy**



Pheebie and I played Rally today at the Advance level for the 1st time (which means off lead) and Qd both times with scores of 88 and 95 (our stand walk around is a work in progress but improved from the 1st to 2nd run) We took 3rd place in both

trials. So proud of this versatile girl.

**Joy**

Racer finally got his UD and Quest got his RA.

**Linda**

Carmine went to a Stunt Dog Ring Trial (a Do More With Your Dog event)..and earned his Proven (Level 3) and Professional (Level 4) Stunt Dog Titles with Honors (1 perfect 200 and 1 score of 195)!

Next up, Champion Stunt Dog, which requires a complete routine!

If anyone is interested in Stunt Dog (basically performing all your awesome tricks to an audience), please let me know.

I would be happy to do a workshop and trial during one of our short sessions. (I am also a DMWYD Stunt Dog judge).



**Susan Brogan**

Took Satchmo and Phoebe to do a distance jump splash and AR for the boy at Westwind Diving Dogs and i think i can now say with confidence that he is okay from what happened at the Firecracker Qualifier . He jumped in the mid 19's and got a 17 ft AR grab! Pheebie got 11.3 but she tends to jump bigger over a day and we just went for 1 jump. **Joy**



## “More Brags!”

Had a fun day yesterday! Started the day playing with my dogs and Team Elegant Chaos up @ Walnut Hill Farm K9 Sports. With our cheerleader, Issie running around, all dogs were happy and the teams all made gains. Satch pulled out 3 big jumps that were in the red (20's) because i gave him some decent throws, and Pheeb's tried out a make shift speed retrieve/hydro dash and we got her to jump without a toy being thrown and to grab the toy at the end. Biggest wow of day was a certain blonde dog chasing the toy into the water! **Joy**

Finn Found His Calling when he became A Fabulous Therapy Dog! What a Lovely Article about 'The Important Work' You & Finn do together.

Carmine deserves more than 'A Little Brag'. It was A Joy to watch 'Carmine Perform' to earn "His Advanced Level Stunt Dog Titles' (two in one day)! **Barb Zienger**





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**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

Sept 13,14,15 Agility Seminars  
Nov 13 general meeting  
Nov 15-17 akc rally & obedience trial  
Nov 29,30,dec 1 akc agility trial  
Dec 7 dinner & 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



**Friday/Saturday/Sunday  
September 13/14/15  
Agility seminars with  
Bridget  
Thomas.**