

Blues News

BLUE RIDGE
DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



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"Dog's New Years Resolutions"

I will stop trying to find the few remaining clean pieces of carpet in the house when I am about to throw up.
I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, crabs, etc.
I will not eat other animals' poop.
I will not lick my human's face after eating animal poop.
I will not eat my own vomit.
I will not eat "kitty box crunchies".
I will not eat any more socks and then re-deposit them in the backyard after processing.
The diaper pail is not a cookie jar. I will not eat the disposable diapers, especially the dirty ones.
I will not chew my human's toothbrush and not tell them.
I will not chew crayons or pens, specially not the red ones, or my people will think I am hemorrhaging.
When in the car, I will not insist on having the window rolled down when it's raining outside.
I will not drop soggy tennis balls in the underwear of someone who is sitting on the toilet.
I will not bark each time I hear a door bell on TV.
I will not walk under the big dog when he is peeing.
I will not steal Mom's underwear and dance all over the back yard with it.
I will not play tug-o'-war with Dad's underwear when he's on the toilet.
The sofa is not a face towel. Neither are Mom & Dad's laps.
My head does not belong in the refrigerator.
I will not bite the officer's hand when he reaches in for Mom's driver's license and car registration.
I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
I will not roll my toys behind the fridge.
The garbage collector is NOT stealing our stuff.
I must shake the rainwater out of my fur BEFORE entering the house.



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"The greatest pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him, and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself, too."

-Samuel Butler



YOUR DAILY SURVIVAL KIT FOR THE NEW YEAR

Today, I am giving you a
DAILY SURVIVAL KIT
to help you each day.....

Toothpick ... to remind you to pick the good qualities in everyone, including yourself.

Rubber band ... to remind you to be flexible. Things might not always go the way you want, but it can be worked out.

Band-Aid ... to remind you to heal hurt feelings, either yours or someone else's.

Eraser ... to remind you everyone makes mistakes. That's okay, we learn by our errors.

Candy Kiss ... to remind you everyone needs a hug or a compliment everyday.

Mint ... to remind you that you are worth a mint to your family

Bubble Gum ... to remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything.

Pencil ... to remind you to list your blessings every day.

Tea Bag ... to remind you to take time to relax daily and go over that list of God's blessings.

This is what makes life worth living every minute, every day

Wishing you love, gratitude, friends to cherish, caring, sharing, laughter, music, and warm feelings in your heart in the year

2020



"THANK YOU"

Thank you all so much for stepping up to help get the agility trial running and keeping it going all weekend in my absence!! I'm afraid to start naming people because I might forget someone and I probably don't even know who all did what, but you are the best!! It's the first trial I've missed since 2000. I was able to get there today and see some wonderful runs by club members and their partners.

Caper was the star of my car today with a QQ and two 2nd places. Kindle did what she 'preferred' in Standard and had 2 off courses but redeemed herself in JWW with a 1st place. Wish we had been able to run the Friday and Saturday courses; they looked like a lot of fun as well.

I've decided having an elder parent is sort of like having a teenager again. My mom called and left a message while I was walking dogs and was flustered by what was going on at the rehab center. She wanted me to call her back. I didn't have the phone number to my step-dad's room, however, and she had called from her cell and then promptly turned it off. Caper was about to run so I went ahead and ran her and then dashed off home where I did have his room number. Everything turned out to be OK but I felt bad about leaving so abruptly.

I heard nice comments on the improvement at the facility, the nice judge, and our well run trial. Now lets hear your brags!!

A very tired and grateful Janice



Picture Of the Month



“ Stop snarling. Close your eyes. Mom says nap time”

Cleo and Cammy Rich

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



"The Annual Awards Dinner"

The Annual Awards dinner will be on Sunday April 19 at the Clarion banquet room in Winchester. The cost is \$20/person. You can place your money in the treasurer's box OR mail it to the club PO Box 104 Boyce, VA 22620. I will need a solid head count to give the facility by Wednesday April 15.

There will be a marked box at the training room beginning on the night of the meeting for all your plaques that need updated with 2019 titles. Members are responsible for paying for the engraving on the established plaques at the cost of 8 cents a letter. New plaques will be provided at no cost for new dog's with titles.

Donna Smith will be sending out a link like last year where you can list your new titles to be engraved. After doing this for the first time last year I have one request- put the name of the dog like it is on the top of your plaque on the form. Some of you put the call name on the form and I had trouble matching it with a registered name listed on the plaque to figure out what titles went with what dog. I will need all the plaques by the last week in March to get them to the engraver.

If you have any questions let me know.

Donna Richardson



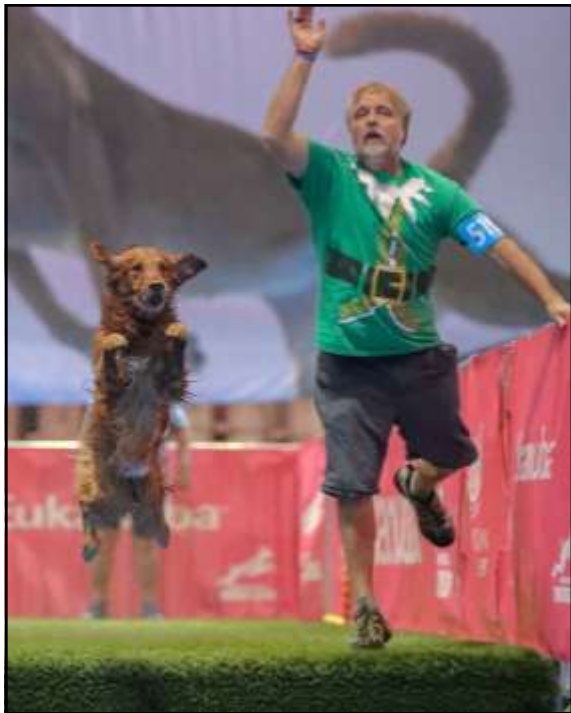


"WAGS & BRAGS"



Data and Rory had a beautiful Jumpers run and ended up in a runoff, receiving 3rd place in 24" dogs. Finn and I placed 3rd in 24"

Time to Beat. ♥ We had fun at the Star City Kennel Club trial in Lexington. Fun people and fun courses!



Data also had some awesome shots from the NADD National Championship in Orlando. Thank you to MLBaer Photography. Data looks serious, but he had fun and was pretty proud of himself when he had his bumper. He competed in the Master Division (20'- 23'11") and finished as #38 out of 176 dogs. His Nationals jump was 22'3", but his season average was 23'10". I think you can see why his nickname is the "Red Rocket".

Carol

So last night at Blue Ridge Dog Training club this girly took and passed her Canine Good Citizenship Advanced test! This is our family's first title of the 2020! I'm very proud of her as we didn't prep for it and for the most part Phoebe was there and not her



wild child/alter ego Pheebs ☺

Joy

Cammy spent the better part of the summer and fall at the beach with not much class or training time! We only had about a week to get prepared for the obedience and rally trial mid November. She obtained her CD title with two first placements. She also got two legs towards her intermediate rally title with two perfect scores. The weekend after Thanksgiving she was entered in our agility trial and got her novice jumpers and novice standard title, again with very little practice time!

Cammy is a challenge at times to stay ahead of her training, but I love her and the challenge she brings me. Cameo Salt Water Taffy CD, BN, RN, NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP, DJ, CGC, TKI
Holly





“More Brags!”



Morgan Vance and Shadow competed in the Westminster Kennel Club's 7th Annual Masters Agility Competition in NYC on February 8th. This was her 4th year competing and their best performance in that setting. This event is not your typical agility trial. Dogs and handlers need to handle loud abrupt noises, crowds walking and gathered on 3 sides of each ring, applause, children wanting to touch and interact with passing dogs, media and request for interviews, not to mention the long day. I am so proud of Morgan and Shadow for embracing the opportunity and being able to qualify in both Standard (10th) and Jumpers runs (13th), Double Q'ing and getting so close to being selected for the televised Finals.

Morgan was asked by the AKC Director of Agility to represent the international Junior team that she was on for 2 years and accept a Westminster Kennel Club \$5,000 donation on behalf of the team. This presentation place during a commercial break during Finals. She stood with friends, Carrie DeYoung, AKC Director of Agility and Debby Dubai, Fundraising Coordinator for the European Open Junior Team to accept the gift. What an honor it is for Morgan to still be an advocate for the young people in our sport of Agility!

I would also like to congratulate Suzi Dodson and Magic for a wonderful showing at this event for their first time. It was exciting to have a fellow club member there!

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Proud mom,
Debbie Vance





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Xtra (on the left) got URO2 and Blitz (on the right) got URO1 received their UKC United Rally & Obedience Certificates. Beth



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Blue Ridge Dog Training Club has a new title to add to the list of accomplishments. Chilbrook Mzee Bquad of Deanfields started her journey toward a Champion Tracker title by passing her Track Dog test on Sunday. It has started!

Mary Ann Dean



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

2020

April 19 awards dinner
June tba
July 3-5 akc agility trial
July 14 general meeting
July 31 akc rally/obedience
Aug 1-2 trial
Sept–oct tba
Nov 13-15 ob/rally trial
Nov 27-29 agility trial
Dec 4-6 akc 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



April 19

**Awards
Dinner
Clarion room**

"Rainbow Bridge"



"Cousteau Gaines"

By the edge of a wood, at the foot of a hill
Is a lush, green meadow where time stands still.
Where the friends of man and woman do run,
When their time on earth is over and done.

For here, between this world and the next
Is a place where each beloved creature finds rest.
On this gold land, they wait and they play
Till the Rainbow Bridge they cross over one day.

No more do they suffer, in pain or in sadness,
For here they are whole, their lives filled with
gladness.

Their limbs are restored, their health renewed,
Their bodies have healed, with strength
imbued.

They romp through the grass without even a care,
Until one day they start, and sniff at the air.
All ears prick forward, eyes dart front and back,
Then all of a sudden, one breaks from the pack.

For just at that instant, their eyes have met;
Together again, both person and pet.
So they run to each other, these friends from long
past,

The time of their parting is over at last.

The sadness they felt while they were apart,
Has turned into joy once more in each heart.
They embrace with a love that will last forever,
And then side by side,
They cross over...together.



"ASHLEY LUTZ"



"PRECIOUS
GAINES"



"TRAVIS LUTZ"



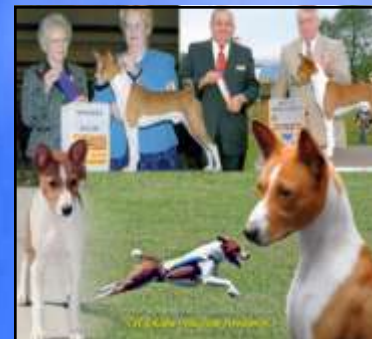
"Sweets Thompson"



Akili'a Kwinana Slonaker
CD NAJ



CH Reveille Bells and Whistles
Slonaker
CD RE NA NAJ NAP



CH Jokuba-Asia's Four
Freedoms Slonaker

Carmylie Deja Blu Mystic Explorer "Cousteau".

I had to say goodbye to this sweet boy, Carmylie Deja Blu Mystic Explorer "Cousteau". Cancer took him from me, my heart is broken. He was my cuddle buddy at night when he slept on the bed. I will miss you so much, you will always be in my heart and memories.

"PRECIOUS GAINES"

On April 6, 2019 this little sweet hear left us at 11 weeks of age, she lived the best life she could though it was very short. She never stopped playing until the very end, she enjoyed her runs around the house with her brothers and sister. This little puppy was named Precious, that is exactly what she was.

Cindy

Timbreblue Windrydr Biker Girl, ASHLEY LUTZ - 24 Feb. 2005 - 7 Nov. 2019

Ashley had been battling Lymphoma all year when a mass showed up on her liver. She would've been 15 this coming February. She'd earned her last Rally title (**RAE10**) just last November. As evidenced by her titles, she did alot for me and quite willingly too. The CAVX (Champion Award of Versatility Excellent) is an American Whippet Club title for all those other titles she'd earned.

GCHB, UGRCH, UCD, UACH, UR03,
CD, MC, FCH, RAE10, AJP, AXP, OA, OAJ, CGC, TKN, TT, CAVX

Windryder's Americade Cruiser TRAVIS -- 6 Oct. 2003 - 31 Aug.2019

Travis was quite the accomplished kid. He'd earned his AJP agility title when he was 12. I guess the secret to getting them to a nice old age is to keep them active as long as you can. He was 36 days from 16 yrs. old! The AV title (Award of Versatility) is an American Whippet Club title for all those other titles he'd earned.

BIF, UGRCH, UACH, UR03, UCD, , CD, BN, FCH, MC, RE, AX, AJP, OAJ, OAP, CGC, TT, AV
Bobby



Pride 'N Joy's Short 'N Sweet JH SH CD RAE 2007 – 2019

Born weighing only 5 oz, and I named her "Sweets" the moment I saw her. It was a real struggle to keep her alive, but she had the will to live. She proved that when she was diagnosed with cancer and live another year on Chemo.

She attended church with me, and our minister prayed for her each week and even had a little funeral to remember her.

She was fearless in the field, had fun in rally, and was a good obedience dog. She had to have something in her mouth every time I went into the kennel & always welcomed me with something every time I returned home. Her favorite thing to do was to lay beside me on the love seat & dare anyone to take her toys away.

Life has been very sad without her, but she is with Bernie now.

Love her so much!

Donna Thompson