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BRDTC 2015 Agility Trial

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To the Bag People:
Thank you for the goodies that you donated for the lunches-we truly appreciate it. People raved about the baked goods. Thanks you also from me for making me feel happy again I really did miss seeing you all.
Donna T.

Congratulations to everyone who earned Qs, titles, and to those of you who just learned lessons and still had fun! Teri Lyn



Hi all--
Congrats to everyone on the last few trial weeks, you all have done so amazing it's hard to keep up! If I have missed any e-mails, I apologize--but congrats to all! Amy



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"Remembering Dicey"

MACH7 Smack-Dab's Daring Dicey MXS3 MJS3 MXP MJP MXF MFB TOX T2B MAD SAM RCH JM GM TM CGC 11/11/03-2/11/15



You never know when that last run will be, whether it's agility, obedience, tracking, nose-work, or any other dogsport. Funny we call them dogsports - they're really people sports we do with our dogs. We don't do them for the dogs, the dogs do them for us. Goals, ribbons, titles, recognition, that's all for us. All our dogs care about is that we are spending time with them and that it's fun for us both. Dicey's last run was on an October day at Walnut Hill Farm in Reva, VA. It was a Standard run and it was a blast! Playing with Dicey was always fun - she was the happiest of dogs. She was always wagging her nub, wanting to play, flirt with the boys, steal toys, play tug, whatever. She had the most awesome temperament. I could take her anywhere and be confident that she would handle herself appropriately. Well, maybe she was a little naughty where food was involved. She was so bad about shopping! She could not walk past an open bag without sticking her nose in it to see what someone had. Sometimes it didn't have to be open for her to tip it over and try to get in it if it smelled good. She had other naughty habits. She would not stay at the start line. Granted I never really taught her to stay at all but she would stay in practice. I tried, she didn't. Oh well, we accomplished a lot without it. She loved to play and if I was on the computer too long, she would shove a wet toy behind my back, knowing I would go "ewww" and throw it. I was easily trained. Walking her was a trip. She would pee on command but poop could only be done in a 'special' place. I never knew where that was but we would walk and walk... A friend gave me a book of matches at a trial once and they worked. And Dicey learned what it meant when I said "I have matches!" After that I rarely had to use them. She was pretty easily trained, too... She was supposed to sit while I fixed her food. She did, intermittently jumping straight up, singing for all she was worth, but landing in a sit. I just had to laugh. A lot. Every day there was something she did that made me laugh. For 11 years she was my constant companion, slept in my bed, sat next to me on the couch, tripped me as I got out of the shower, followed me from room to room. I miss her so darn much. I don't know what's worse, being here at home without her or being at a trial without her. The easy part was setting her free from the body that betrayed her. The hard part is getting used to life without her in it.

We went on quite the ride together. Dicey was in the Doberman Pinscher

Club of America's Top20 Agility for 8 years, she qualified 8 times for the AKC National Agility Championships; for 2015 she met the requirements in both Regular and Preferred. Twice we got to go to the AKC Invitational for agility, once to CA and once to FL. We travelled, a lot. She took it all in stride. Whatever I asked of her, she did, and with joy. But she would have been just as happy to have stayed home playing ball in the yard, hiking in the woods, or swimming in a pond. I am so thankful she humored me in my human endeavors. You never know when that last run will be but you will remember it forever. Try to make them all worth remembering.



Janice Morton





Resident to compete in dog contest

By Kevin Green

Reaching the 2015 American Kennel Club National Obedience Championship has been five years in the making for Front Royal resident Patrice Leipham and Tubbs, her 5-year-old Rottweiler.

On Saturday, Leipham and Tubbs will compete against some of the top dogs and owners in the country in a series of rigorous obedience exercise trials.

This year's contest is being held at Purina Mills Farm in St. Louis, Missouri on March 14-15, with the top 10 dog-handler teams announced on Sunday.

Leipham said that Tubbs is not only the nationally top-ranked obedience Rottweiler, but also one of only three Rottweilers in the country attending the competition.

"I get a lump in my throat thinking about it," she said, "Because the people out there with Rottweilers are wonderful, they're family. That's who I am representing."

Leipham received Tubbs as an 8-month-old puppy from Cathleen Rubens, of Silverhill Rottweilers in Raleigh, North Carolina, five years ago.

"Tubbs was actually put together for me by the breeders from previous Rottweilers," Leipham said, elaborating that Tubbs "was chosen and given" to her as a gift "to represent the breed."

Leipham said that, for herself, Tubbs and her husband Neil, this year's National Obedience Championship will be a first.

"Getting an obedience championship is incredibly difficult, so this is in celebration for all of these people who have done it," she said.

Leipham explained that obedience trials are "more stressful for the dogs, because in agility ... you can talk to them, it's fast and it's fun."

In obedience trials, Leipham added, owners are not allowed to vocally guide their dogs through some of the advanced exercises as in any of the eight rings — or fields of play.

"As you go from one ring to the next, there might be two or three exercises that you have to do ... and the next ring is a different set of exercises," Leipham explained.

As an example, Leipham pointed to one aspect of the contest where dogs have to locate "scent articles" of the owner "out of a pile of scent dumbbells."

"Obedience is all about precision and a mental bond between the handler and the dog," Leipham said.

Essentially, receiving the top prize means a pitch-perfect trial. To reach this level of performance, Leipham said that it takes years of training. For the most part, the top competitors in obedience are owners of border collies and golden retrievers.

"They are able to take the constant repetition over and over and over, in order to achieve perfection," Leipham said.

Achieving this kind of performance from working group dogs — such as Rottweilers — is "very, very difficult," according to Leipham.

In order to train Tubbs for obedience contests, Leipham said she worked on obedience exercises twice a day.

"The only time he eats is when we're training. So he has learned that ... this kind of effort earns reward,"

Leipham said. "That's been every day of his life for years."

That kind of training, Leipham said, "Builds a lot of drive in the dog to do these exercises."

While the National Obedience Championship will be a novel experience for Leipham and Tubbs, she noted that their experience at the 2014 AKC Obedience Classic in Orlando, Florida, will certainly help.

However, Leipham also noted, the classic is different in that any dog and owner, regardless of class or ranking, can attend and compete.

"That kind of gave us a taste for the tournament atmosphere," she said. "The day-of is kind of a whirlwind."

For the owners, the day begins early when the facility opens at 7 a.m. for registration. The actual trials begin an hour later.



“From then on, you’re running from one ring to the next and trying to stay up on the exercises and the order of exercises,” Leipham added.

Leipham went on to say that this constant running does not cease — save for a few breaks — for owners until late in the evening. “Last year, I know the competitors did not get back to the hotel until 9 at night.”

And yet, despite all of the difficulty and stress involved, Leipham said this trip to Missouri and a chance to compete the national level is something that was on her bucket list.

Leipham said that everyone enters these contests “as a warrior, wanting to win,” but she expressed that attending this event is not merely about winning.

“In reality, you’re not going to win with a Rottweiler, so you’re going into it to represent the breed as well as you can ... and just have a good time,” she said.

Soooo....I know inquiring minds want to know. Tubby went through 4 rounds of competition clean with solid scores and nice performances. We did groups and then broke for lunch. After lunch Tubbs wasn't quite there and ticked the broad jump then sat on the stand signal. After getting that out of his system he completed the final rounds of competition solidly. We started at 8 AM and I'm not sure exactly when we finished but I think it was between 4 and 5. Tubbs and I were both wiped out. I knew you couldn't drop 2 exercises at this level and go on but Rotts rocked the working group with Jeremy Schuster and Chace in first place and Renee Hoover and Jazmine in second. A beautiful Dobe took 3rd while Tubbs slid into 4th. For 5 years Tubbs has stepped into my world and done all I've asked of him. It's time for me to now do what he loves. We'll be hitting the agility course and tracking fields as soon as we recover. I'd like to thank everyone who supported and shared this journey. You'll never know how deeply it was appreciated.

Patrice





“Tracking Report”

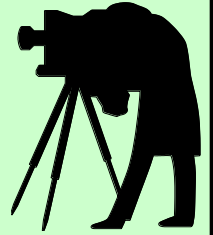
We held a very successful tracking test today, and we had 2 dogs earn their TD.

Wish to thank the following track-layers: Tom Anderson, Mary Ann Dean, Joyce Riggs, Diane Krumme, and Marzenna Gilbert.

Hugs to Beth Anderson who "took charge" in her usual fashion and who purchased the gifts for the tracklayers and the gifts for the draw. That was her generous donation to the Club. She also made the best fruit salad you could ever want. Hugs to Joyce Riggs who always comes through with great food. Hugs to Marzenna who knows how much we like her deviled eggs. I made potato soup (you can sample it at the Setter trial) and desserts. Blue Ridge always holds a successful event no matter what it is!
Donna T.



*Picture
Of the Month*



*Think
Spring!*

Peanut Butter Oat Leaves

1 Cup of Rice Flour
 ¾ Cup of Quinoa Flour
 ½ Cup of Oats

2 Eggs
 ½ Cup of Peanut Butter
 1 Tblsp of Vegetable Oil

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Combine all ingredients and roll out dough. Add flour if too sticky or water if too dry. Cut into leaf shapes for fall. Bake on parchment paper for about 20-25 minutes or desired crispness.

Dog Trivia

At the end of WWI, the German government trained the first guide dogs for war-blinded soldiers

It costs approximately \$10,000 to train a federally certified search and rescue dog





Mark Your Calendar



English Setter Agility Trial

The English Setter agility trial to be held at the Sportsplex on March 21/22 will open this Wednesday. It is a random draw entry but get your entries in if you want to participate. John Defilippi will be our judge this year (Thanks John!). I have appreciated all the help we have gotten from the BR members in the past and hope we can count on your help again this year. As you all know I DO work my English Setter people alot, but we are a small group so your help is needed. And remember it is a 330 run per day event so the days are a bit shorter than the BR trials.

Donna Richardson
trial chair
ESAA agility

Jump On It Jeannine Rash 2-Hour Seminar

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Multi-OTCH trainer Jeannine Rash, Papillon Dog Training Academy (PDTA), is presenting another 2-hour seminar, Jump On It.

Jeannine has earned 4 Obedience Trial Championships (OTCH) and is currently working with her hardest dogs to date – a sound and sight sensitive Papillion, Chloe Cupcake, and 2 rescues from a local rescue. She is also working with her Pap puppy, Josie. Her training techniques are gained from 30+ years of training dogs and are finely tuned with real life experiences. Jeannine has the ability to train through complications and personalities.

Jeannine will share her proven methods for teaching each AKC jump exercise along with special emphasis on building excitement and precision. She believes teaching these exer-

cises early and often is the key to perfection. Using her proven methods, dogs should be taught the broad jump now not after earning a CD.

Jump on It will instruct you how to teach each jump exercise by breaking it down into easily digested pieces. Jeannine doesn't just teach the bare exercise to her dogs, she wants them to understand it so they can handle the stress of the show ring.

You want perfected directed jumping? Start now!

Jump on It will run from 10 am – Noon and includes lunch. This opportunity has a limited number of working spots so act fast. All students are invited to stay after the seminar to practice with their dogs.

Class size is restricted to maximize this training opportunity; a wait list will be maintained.

Mail registration forms to Rebecca Elliott, 306 Arrowwood Circle Mount Airy, MD 21771

For specific questions, contact Rebecca at dogsrfun4rae@gmail.com mailto:dogsrfun4rae@gmail.com

Registered students will be notified by email.

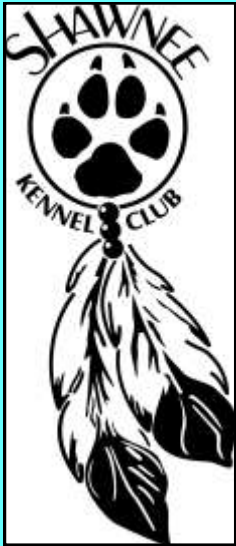
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Working: \$35 Auditor: \$30

No refunds after March 21, 2015



**Shawnee Kennel Club
Conformation
Obedience/Rally
Trial on
May 30 and 31st.**

**Shenandoah County Fair
Grounds
300 Fairground Road
Woodstock, VA 22664**

**All Breed Conformation
Obedience/Rally Trials**

**Conformation-large building at
the bottom of the ill
Obedience/Rally Building held at
the Exhibit2
To the left as soon as you pull in
the gate to fairgrounds.**

**Visit WWW.infodogs.com show
information Virginia select show
and view judges.**

**Esther Boyd Frederick
County Animal Shelter**

They are in need of the
Following items:

- Brooms & Dust Pans
- Plain non-clumping cat litter
- Window cleaner
- Liquid dish soap
- Liquid hand soap
- Paper towels
- Ink Pens
- Multipurpose copy paper
- Latex gloves
- Canned dog & cat food
- Dry puppy & kitten food
- Cheap disposable cat toys
- Kong dog toys
- Clorox bleach
- Post it notes
- General office supplies (staples, paper clips)
- Large industrial trash bags





"WAGS & BRAGS"



Magnolia got her Open Standard title on Thursday and a first in Open Standard and JWW. On Friday, she and I ran our first excellent course. She ran so well, until she ran to see the judge and put a foot on the dog walk. She thought he was just sooo handsome and knew he must want to pet her.

Grizzly had one Q in Open Standard on Thursday. Unfortunately, his Mom kept messing him up. Oh well, we had a great time both days. Many thanks to EVERYONE who help make the trial run so nicely and efficiently and of course to our wonderful lunch ladies and men.
Teri Lyn

Molly and I had an awesome Saturday at the DGDTC UKC AGILITY TRIAL. She got four 1st places and two 2nd place ribbons of which five of six were clean runs. She got HI-in-TRIAL 1; HI-in-TRIAL 2 ;HI Combined; and two TRIPLE CROWN Awards resulting in two more legs towards UGRACH-3 Title. YAHOO !!

Hope we do as well Sunday.

Bob T

Chia and Timer had a great weekend doing UKC agility. Chia qualified in her last run of the weekend, earning a first place in AG-II. Timer qualified in seven of his eight runs, with multiple placements, and many points toward his U-ATCH. He only needs four more points toward the U-ATCH.

Kathy

Chia and Timer are enjoying some well deserved ice cream after a successful weekend of UKC agility. Chia qualified in her last run of the weekend with a first place. Timer qualified in seven of his eight runs and multiple placements, and lots of points toward his U-ATCH. I'm very proud of my kids.

Kathy

Just checked with UKC, and Chia did finish her AG II title this weekend! Woo hoo!

Kathy

At the DGDTC's UKC agility trials on Sat., Ashley earned 10 UACH pts. in the AG2 level in Trial 2. Trial 1 she earned a 190 (not enough for UACH pts. for that UKC Agility Champion title we're working on.

On Sunday, I went to the Rally trial put on by the Dog Owner's Training Club of MD in Beltsville, MD Ashley got a 93 in Excellent & a 95 in Advanced. That's the 7th leg toward her RAE2 title. Oh and this judge was the same judge who 2 days earlier was in St. Louis judging the Rally Excellent class for the AKC Rally National. She told us that Excellent course was the same one she used that day & she said she was proud of how many qualified "today" on the same course. Ashley had been invited to compete in that class by AKC but we chose not to spend the money on going. To qualify for the invite, one had to have 5 scores 95 or better in Advanced or Excellent over the past year. Guess I was right, she wasn't competitive enough for it. Maybe if I actually trained her more, she'd be better!

Bobbie Lutz

Magic qualified 7 out of 8 runs at the DGDTC UKC trials this past weekend. She earned 4 firsts and a 2nd place, with 50 points to earn her UACH title. I'm so proud of my baby dog.

Suzi Dodson

Mighty finished his Excellent Preferred Standard title at BRDTC, and got a couple JWW Masters legs. I was very happy with all his runs, even the ones I messed up.

He is having such a great time, and we are both learning a lot as a team. And even though Xena has just retired from agility (we sure missed doing the UKC trial this weekend) we had a surprise yesterday as she got a certificate in the mail for UKC 2014 GRACH All-Stars! Something nice for her scrapbook!

Amy



“More Brags!”

Tubbs slid into 4th place working group at the NOC over the weekend. Had solid scores but dropped an exercise that cost us dearly. Bridget Carlsen who I've trained with won the entire competition. Grueling weekend and so proud of Tubbs for reaching deep to keep going through 8 rounds of competition in one day.

Patrice

Well here I go, did not Q at all both days with Travis or Donna T dog Gem, but we sure had a lots of fun. Sat. when I walked the course I said to myself that I will do one way for Travis walked another way for Gem, because she is a little slower. Low and behold did she fool me. When she went over the second jump she opened up and flew like lighting, she was so fast, and I mean fast. I kept up with her. Didn't Q but we had fun. It was fun all weekend. Congrats to all that Q What a great job to everyone who helped make this trail a success?

Annette



“Whelping Box”

Frosty is a daddy again! In the wee hours of Saturday two fat Keeshond puppies arrived, one boy and one girl. Mama is Ez and she's doing great. For us science/math geeks, Saturday was dubbed "PI Day" because the date was 03/14/15 and the number PI is 3.1415 and a whole bunch of other decimals. So I am calling this the PI litter. Names that come to mind are "Easy as PI" and "American PI".

Margaret Bissell Keepsake Kees





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WHAT'S HAPPENING

5/2 Awards dinner
6/26 Meeting
7/24 Board meeting only
8/22 Picnic
10/31 Halloween party
11/20 Meeting
12/19 Christmas party

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

Awards Dinner

May 2, 2015

At

Blue Ridge Training Room

