

# Blues News

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BLUE RIDGE  
DOG TRAINING  
CLUB, INC.



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## 2015 Agility Trial

Pictures by Monroe Williams



Congratulations to all our club members with Qs or personal bests or goals achieved during the last 4 days. Thank you to everyone who worked, and showed up despite the last frigid and snowy gasp of winter -- judges, ring crew, Secretary, bag ladies and competitors!!  
Marty



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# BRDTC Agility Trial

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## "Thank You!"

Thanks goodness it's over but oh, what fun we had! Thanks so much to all members who came out to support the club over the four days.

Special thanks to Gretchen Mason, my co-chair, for all her hard work. She filled in for Anne with workers on Thursday and Friday when Anne was stuck at home and as chief course builder for John and Stacy when they were stuck at work. Plus ran her 3 dogs!!

Ed went over and above the call of duty, shoveling grassy areas for the little dogs to have a place to potty!! He does an amazing job of keeping things outside taken care of.

The Bag Ladies and ~~Thank You~~ Men (I think there were 2 this time!) did a great job of feeding the masses on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and got many compliments from the exhibitors.

Anne Laskey kept the workers in line and took care of the raffles on Saturday and Sunday, still the Pied Piper of volunteer coordinators!

I saw many club members working in the ring all weekend - we couldn't do it without you!

This afternoon I was amazed at the organizational skill of Donna Smith. I went to put the toy bins, etc, in the closet and it was packed to the brim - no room. Somehow, she managed to rearrange it so everything got put away and there was even room to walk in and turn around!! I wonder if I could get her to come to my house...?

I'm sure I'm forgetting someone, if so, I'm so sorry and so tired! This was a very difficult trial for me, the first Blue Ridge trial without Dicey. I was happy to stay busy because it kept my mind off the fact that she wasn't with us.

Kindle had some great runs, some Q's and one naughty walk of shame. I saw some great runs by members with their dogs and I know there were some new titles. I'm looking forward to seeing the brags!

Goodnight!!

*Janice*

**And thank you Janice for all your hard work as well! So sorry I could not get off Thursday and Friday. We are very short handed at work right now, so we are not allowed any time off for awhile. This is my first blue ridge trial I had to miss in 12 years!! John got called out on 2 separate cases at the same time. Thanks to all who stepped in for us. Oreo was very upset when I got home letting me know that she missed her runs!!**

**With that said, 4 days is getting to be a lot without filling. I think the board needs to consider going to 3 days. People might be getting scared off by the weather as there have been a couple of trials cancel, and we seem to get big snow storms several times now. If we go to 3 days, maybe the club could look into another weekend we could just do Saturday and Sunday to make up for the lost days. I know finding a weekend will be hard because there are so many trials now in our area. It may or may not be possible.**

***Stacy***



## "Thank You!"

Another Great event! Congratulations to all of you who got new titles, new legs, new experience! I know you all work so hard with your dogs! There was LOTS of behind the scenes work with planning and organizing, as well as the 'day of' activity- judges, stewards, bag ladies... The snow put a bit of a twist into the plans, but I am sure the participants in the events of the weekend appreciated the effort. With all our different lifestyles, occupations, gifts and talents, the club manages to work together to provide a wonderful experience for all of our 'guests' at these different trials. May this be just one of many, many more successful collaborations of ~~temperament~~ temperament and talent blended together for the greater good! Way to go, Blue Ridge!

*Martha Inglis & Teddy*

I would like to thank Danielle for her thoughtful deed in going out and getting food for the exhibitors today. I know the exhibitors would have appreciated it dearly for not having to go out in the storm just to get something to eat. I know I would have appreciated it!!! I have experienced first hand on how this club operates with only a few members opinions are listened to and even considered!!! When you try to do something good and not one person even considers what you want to do, it truly hurts!! I am truly grateful in what you tried to do for the club Danielle!!

*Stacy*

Just wanted to thank everyone for making our agility trial run so smoothly, despite the weather. A huge thank you to Janice for chairing and to Gretchen for filling in everywhere needed. Anne for slightly nudging us all to help out and keeping it all straight. Thanks to John and Stacy for course building. Thanks to Donna Thompson and Annette and all the bag ladies and dude for the great food. It was great to see so many members competing and volunteering and stopping by to visit. Blue Ridge puts on a great trial because we all come together to make it happen.

Congratulations to everyone for their achievements this weekend whether it be a title, Q, a personal best or meeting of some goals.

Hope to see everyone at the Pizza party and general meeting this Thursday at 6:30. We eat first and then will have our meeting.

*Joy*



# "Winner - Winner!"



*Chia Brunner*



*Carmylie Bi Bi Birdie Talbot*

**Lots more pictures in the March Newsletter!!!**



### Dog's Bedtime Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
The king-sized bed is soft and deep.  
I sleep right in the center groove,  
My human beings can hardly move.  
I've trapped their legs, they're  
tucked in tight,  
And here is where I pass the night.

No one disturbs me or dares intrude,  
Til morning comes and "I want food!"  
I sneak up slowly to begin,  
And nibble on my human's chin.  
For morning's here, it's time to play,  
I always seem to get my way.

So thank you Lord, for giving me,  
This human person that I see.  
The one who hugs me and holds me tight,  
And shares their bed with me at night.

## Picture Of the Month



Houston, we have a problem..... The frozen tennis ball has disappeared beneath the 6 inches of snow in the backyard. Kenzie cannot possibly come back in the house until she finds it. She is now rooting through the backyard like a racing pig. Never a dull moment here.  
Carol Nansal

### Salmon Delights

6 ounces of Salmon  
1 Tblsp of Salmon Oil  
1/3 Cup of Garbanzo Bean Flour  
1 Cup of Rice Flour

1 Egg  
½ tsp of ground Fennel (optional,  
aids digestion and good for gas)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Puree salmon and mix with rest of ingredients. If dough too dry add a little water, if too sticky add more flour. Flour surface with either rice, tapioca or regular flour. Roll out dough to ¼ inch and cut into shapes. Bake for 30-40 minutes until desired crunchiness. Makes about 5-6 dozen treats. Keep in a cool place or freeze.

### Dog Trivia

**The Beagle came into prominence in the 1300s and 1400s during the days of King Henry VII of England. Elizabeth I was fond of Pocket Beagles, which were only 9" high.**

**The best dog to reportedly attract a date is the Golden Retriever. The worst is the Pit Bull.**

**The Akita is one of the most challenging dogs to own. Some insurance companies have even characterized it as the #1 "bad dog" and may even raise an Akita owner's homeowner insurance costs.**

**The Beagle and Collie are the nosiest dogs, while the Akbash Dog and the Basenji are the quietest.**



# 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, Papilonia 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) mailto:[dogsrfun4rae@gmail.com](mailto:dogsrfun4rae@gmail.com)

Registered students will be notified by email.

Make checks payable to PDTA.

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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 hill  
Obedience/Rally Building held at the  
Exhibit2  
To the left as soon as you pull in the  
gate to fairgrounds.**

**Visit [WWW.infodogs.com](http://WWW.infodogs.com) show infor-  
mation Virginia select show and view  
judges.**

### Change in Classes

I wanted to let everyone know of three changes to the class registration forms for next session. The new registration form is up and shows the changes.

Thursday night at 6:00 pm will be a CGC/Therapy Dog prep class. We also cover exercises from both Therapy Dog Incorporated and Pet Partners tests. We will be offering the TDI test in the late spring.

Thursday night at 7:00 pm will be a combination Sub Novice and Pre Novice obedience class.

Also, anyone who is interested in run thrus for Novice rally, we have a course and allow run thrus each Wednesday night at 8:15. The course is usually a nested Novice and Advanced course. Cost is same as Thursday night Rally run thrus: \$3 for members \$5 for non-members.

Joy





## "WAGS & BRAGS"



Periland is a magical place for Issie. She went 2 out of 4, missing a Q in Colors by a second because we had to redo weave poles (I'm sure it was my fault). We still failed to break the code for full house and she decided to visit and run around (not on me). I wonder what she would do with full house if it wasn't always first on Saturday? I love her enthusiasm and seeing glimpses of a confident dog when she is running. She simply Rocks!

**Joy**

I am so proud of Kismet, my friend, partner and teammate.

For the second year, Kismet made the NADAC Top Ten List in Regular, Jumpers, Chances, Touch N Go, Weavers and Hoopers.

Love my Kentucky rescue. Thank you Leslie Burgard DeFusco, for entrusting her to me.

**Kitty Bowman**

Day two of Blue Ridge's trial done. Yesterday Satchmo got his 2nd leg in excellent standard with a clean run and was a little under time. Then came open jumpers which was a beautiful run until the weaves when he saw the judge and decided he should go say hello. After a visit and woo wooing at him, I got him back, and he did the weaves but visiting and weave redo for a slower speed dog like him is the kiss of death. Today we tried open jumpers again, but he choked on a piece of cheese which resulted in multiple refusals, then he rallied and ran with me but saw a dog sneak through gate at the end of the field we were at and he got really worried. Got him back again (which is huge) but time was quickly up. Tomorrow is his day off then Sunday he has one more standard run then Issie gives AKC agility another try in Novice jumpers.

Best of all after some initial grumpiness early yesterday and occasional grumbling in his crate, he has not reacted at another dog! I'm very proud of my little boy

**Joy**

Speaking as a real "newbie" to competing (my very first trial entry with Skip who is nearly 9yo), I want to thank everyone who was so helpful with the ins and outs of getting registered, signed in, measured, out on the course, understanding the scoring, etc. - especially Gretchen, who always has time to answer every question and give a pep talk. You were all there once as a "newbie," too, and it's very nice to have the help to get started. Skip and I had fun as novices in Standard and JWW. And, he qualified (!) in JWW, despite his visiting the judge for far too many seconds.

**Martha Heisel**

My Banjo earned his novice preferred title with a clean run and a blue ribbon on Thursday. He did a great first open run on Friday but forgot how to weave. We will get there. I am so proud of him and so lucky to have a great doggie friend.

**Marty**

Going to the Blue Ridge agility trial in all that snow on Thurs. was worth it. Ashley finished her Open Standard title and Travis earned his Excellent Jumpers Preferred title.

Then I went to the Shenandoah Valley KC shows in Harrisonburg on Sat. & Sun. My Roxie was 1st in the Bred-by class of 3 on Sat. and her litter sister Pippa (who's owned by a friend of mine) took a 4 pt. major on Sat. & then the 3 pt. major today to finish her CHAMPIONSHIP! I was glad to be there to see it for myself!

Pippa is now CH Windryder's Belle of the Biker Ball.

**Bobbie Lutz**



## “More Brags!”

On Saturday, Chia earned her first OAP leg, with a first place.

***Kathy***

This weekend at our agility trial Satchmo got his 2nd leg in Excellent Standard and actually took off and ran fast working some ahead of me during his other Excellent standard run (which he does not usually feel safe enough to do) and though we didn't Q (because mom messed him up at the weaves) it was awesome to see him so uninhibited and happy.

Issie gave AKC another go yesterday afternoon and she was one off course tunnel from a Q in Novice Jumpers! Anyone who knows Issie and her journey in agility and being on the soccer field of the sportsplex will understand why I am so proud of her.

***Joy and the Fur bunch***

Really enjoyed the 3 days of agility this week-end. It felt so good to get out of the house and play with Lacey and Willie. Even though we only got one Q, we had lots of good parts and worked through a lot of things. I even did blinds everyday....lol. The one Q we got was in Master Standard Preferred on Saturday. Lacey got her MXP. Very proud of my wild and silly girlie, who always manages to keep me humble. BRDTC and Versatile K9s did an awesome job. Really enjoyed the judges, they are quite a team.

***Sandy Golden***

Chia and Timer were entered in the BRDTC agility trials this weekend. Our first seven runs were NQ's. Our last run was Chia in Open Standard. I told her, "No pressure, but unless you Q in this run, the weekend is a total bust." Well, she was a good girl and stepped up to the plate and Q'd with a first place. I was very proud of her.

***Kathy Brunner***

Yes we did it Gwen, carmylie bi bi birdie got her excellent standard title. Jean Simmonds will brag more on her. Just so happy we have the title, now moving up to masters. Am I crazy or what.....lol

***Annett Talbot***





## VA Federation Report

In November Judge Cooper of the US District Court in DC decided against us in our suit against USDA/APHIS over the implementation of the new retail pet store rule that went into effect in Nov 2013. Basically his decision said that in the 2014 Farm Bill (signed after our suit was filed) Congress ratified the rule. It was decided to not appeal this decision since it would be even more money and very difficult to argue the judge's opinion.

We did win some things in this fight. We stood up and "put our money where our mouth is" and said we did not feel these new regulations were fair and should not be applied to small scale hobby breeders. We screamed loud enough that APHIS hired Julian Prager (lawyer, AKC judge, Bulldog breeder, advocate for breeding and dog ownership) as a Canine Program Advisor. It was VFDCB REGULAR Meeting 5 January 11, 2015 certainly clear to all of us that APHIS "What is your business model?" did not understand what hobby breeders were all about. It became clear to them as well as a result of our lawsuit.

Depending how APHIS goes about implementing the regulations we may have another opportunity to challenge this rule. We certainly proved we can do it.

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Your Federation is hard at work defending your interests to own and breed dogs.

Nov 7, 8, 9, 2014 - Sharyn and Alice attended the NAIA Conference; we spoke with several USDA/APHIS officials that were there as well as animal advocates from across the nation. This included a detailed presentation by the lawyers who won the Feld (circus people) case and got HSUS to settle for \$15.75 million.

Nov 17 - Alice spoke to the Virginia Kennel Club on what the Federation does to support its members.

Dec 5 - Sharyn and Alice spoke to the Shawnee Kennel Club about "Out-of-Control Animal Control."

Jan 6, 2015 - Alice and Gloria Jones attended the Fairfax County Animal Services Advisory Committee to follow up on the Pekinese case.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/Mobile/BoardDetails.aspx?BoardID=22007>

In Fairfax county if your lot is less than 12,500 sq ft you may only have 2 dogs. An overzealous ACO responding to a complaint about 4 Pekingese called in the zoning people who told the owner she had 30 days to get rid of 2 dogs. These were all old, infirm, rescues that were deemed unadoptable.

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In the current Virginia General Assembly -- Session starts January 14 and ends Feb 28.

[http://dls.virginia.gov/pubs/calendar/cal2015\\_2.pdf](http://dls.virginia.gov/pubs/calendar/cal2015_2.pdf)

most of the bills so far are dealing with feral cats. Senator Stanley is carrying two bills that were killed last year.

### **SB 698 Companion animal surgical sterilization program; fund; penalty.**

Establishes a fund to reimburse participating veterinarians for the surgical sterilizations they perform on eligible cats or dogs. The bill provides that a surcharge of \$50 per ton of pet food distributed in the Commonwealth be deposited in the fund and such pet food be exempted from the existing litter tax. An animal will be eligible for sterilization under the program if it is a feral or free-roaming cat or is owned by a low-income individual or a releasing agency such as an animal shelter. The bill establishes penalties for providing false information or submitting false payment requests.

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?151+sum+SB698> VFDCB REGULAR Meeting 6 January 11, 2015

It has an impact statement - excerpt:

The Virginia Department of Agriculture requires a general fund appropriation of \$606,074 the first year of implementation and \$346,074 each fiscal year thereafter, to administer this program. Based on costs of similar systems, the department anticipates that it will cost \$300,000 to develop and \$40,000 annually to maintain the computer systems that would be necessary to manage the fund and program.

It seems unlikely this bill will pass.

### **SB 700 Animal Cruelty Conviction List established.**



Requires the Superintendent of State Police to establish and maintain an Animal Cruelty Conviction List available to the public on the website of the Department of State Police by 2017. The list shall include the names of persons convicted of certain felony animal cruelty offenses on or after July 1, 2015. Persons so convicted will be required to pay a fee of \$50 per conviction to fund the maintenance of the list. The bill requires the State Police to remove a person from the list after 15 years if he has no additional felony conviction of a relevant animal cruelty offense.

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?151+sum+SB700>

Like the 2014 bill, this bill is being shuttled among committees again.

Its impact statement says: According to the [State Police] Department, the provisions of this bill create a fiscal impact because there will be a cost to modify CCH [Central Criminal History] application and to maintain the list. The one-time cost associated with the modification of the CCH is \$138,600. Because it is not possible to determine how many persons per year will be convicted of the crime required to pay the fee, according to the Department, there will be ongoing annual maintenance cost of \$1,000.

This is a "feels good" bill. No evidence exists that creating such a list will reduce, much less prevent, animal cruelty. State government should not be burdened with managing a list of offenders unless there is clear and convincing evidence of its positive effect on public safety.

The Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance (SAOVA) website has a lot of material demonstrating why such lists are bad ideas.

[http://saova.org/ALDF\\_AbuserRegistry.html](http://saova.org/ALDF_AbuserRegistry.html)

UPDATE: SB700 was killed in Senate Finance on 1-28-15.

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Senator Stanley has also introduced SB1001.

**SB 1001 Sale and procurement of certain pets. OPPOSE**

<https://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?151+sum+SB1001> VFDCB REGULAR Meeting 7 January 11, 2015

Prohibits the sale or display of a dog or cat on or in a roadside, parking lot, flea market, or similar place and limits the sources of pet shop dogs to humane societies, public animal shelters, and breeders who meet certain qualifications. The bill also establishes a record-keeping requirement for pet shops selling dogs and applies the existing misdemeanor penalty for a violation of the section to each dog sold or offered for sale. Localities are empowered to adopt ordinances more stringent than the provisions of the bill.

This bill further restricts the selection of animals that pet shops may sell. Last year SB 228 pushed to protect consumers by giving detailed information on a dog's breeder. This year SB1001 is pushing the sale of dogs (in pet shops) from rescues and shelters -- and there are NO consumer protections relating to dogs from these sources. It is solely "buyer beware." Guess this year they don't care about the consumer. This just shows once again that the true purpose (this is an HSUS bill) is to limit access to purpose bred dogs.

The last clause that would give localities the power to pass tougher ordinances would allow them to ban the sale of dogs completely. UPDATE: This clause has been eliminated in the revised Senate version. It has passed the entire Senate and is on its way to the House.

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HSUS has appointed a new State Director - Matthew Gray.

He is from the Virginia Public Safety Foundation, is a Republican and has all the good ole boy connections and more. He also has strong ties to Robin Starr.

HSUS' image has suffered after it settled the Rico suit for \$15.75 million brought by Feld Corp (circus folks) and it lost its good rating with Charity Navigator --who actually issued a Donor Advisory on HSUS. Hence HSUS needs more than a pretty face pushing their bills. Since the VA General Assembly is dominated by Republicans they hired a seasoned Republican operative.

<http://www.ringlingbrostrialinfo.com/>

<http://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=3848>



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**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

3/15 Tracking Test  
4/10 Board meeting only  
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

***BRDTC Pizza Party***

***March 12***

***6:30 pm***

***BRDTC***

***Training Room***

