

# Blues News

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BLUE RIDGE  
DOG TRAINING  
CLUB, INC.



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## BRDTC Run Thru/Fund Raiser



**Pleased to announce that we took in \$1000 at our run-thru as well as tons of donated items. Thanks to everyone who helped. It was a fun day, and many people thanked the Club for doing this. We will also be collecting items & money at our trials next weekend.**

**Donna T.**



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## NWW VISITS BRDTC



*What a fabulous experience!! Thank you so much for allowing our guys to be a part of your special event! ...Karen said she felt like she was at the Westminster Dog Show!! Sarah loved being around all the dogs and would have petted every one of them if she could. And, of course, Donald is ready to now adopt a dog!!! They all reminisced of their childhood dogs on the way back to NWW....It was such a very exciting day! Thanks so much for inviting us to help! It was truly an honor! Thanks for alllllllllllll you do for NW Works! YOU make a difference in their lives!! And, ours!!! Theresa Manchey*





## Winchester hosts dog agility trials

**By Jake Zuckerman**

12:57 am Saturday, July 9, 2016

WINCHESTER – Dogs of all breeds, shapes and sizes showed up to the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club’s Agility Trials on Friday to navigate an obstacle course as fast as possible.

The course featured an A-Frame the dogs had to climb and descend, hurdles to leap over, poles to weave in and out of, an elevated platform to span without their owners, and a table to sit and stay on in the middle of the race.

Most dogs made it through in anywhere between 40 seconds to two minutes.

Donna Smith is president of the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club. She said people and their dogs love the club and the trials because it’s a great bonding activity for all parties.

“I started doing it because it just looked like something fun to do with my dog,” she said.

The dogs ranged in skill level from world-class to amateur. The trial was broken into four classes: novice, open, excellent and master. Competitors in the master class are disqualified if they make any mistakes in the course.

One of the stars of the show was a husky named Grrrr, owned by Jan Larson.

Grrrr is the highest ranked agility husky in the country. .



Claudia Bates directs Quasar, her border collie, through the obstacle course at the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club Agility Trials on Friday.



A dog emerges from the tube after climbing up and down the A-Frame on an obstacle course at The Blue Ridge Dog Training Club Agility Trials. The dog competed in the master class, where any mistakes on the course results in disqualification.



Sophie Brown, left, participated in the 4-H Dog Days of Summer event, which on Friday include a stop at the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club’s Agility Trials. Several dog owners came by to introduce their dogs to the kids and teach them about dogs.



## "Thank You!"



Kenzie smiles-quite literally-for the camera. All her owner has to do is ask, and this dog gives her best attempt to make a human-like grin.



Maggie Copp, a participant in the 4-H Dog Days of Summer Program, watches in awe as one well-trained dog earns a treat for his hard work.

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who came out to help at the trial, whether you were there all day all 3 days or dropped in to work a class. All help was much appreciated!!

We do have a core group who gives their all each and every time -

Ed, who organizes the room set up, signage, and most important, puts out the poop stations and gets rid of them at the end (out front). He is mostly unseen but awesome!!!

Gretchen and Stacy were on the ball setting courses and it didn't go unnoticed by the judge, she complimented the club on having a great crew.

The bag ladies and man did a wonderful job as usual keeping us all fed. The judge loved her lunches!

Anne is the most awesome of volunteer coordinators and I was so thankful she was there this weekend because I (and Gretchen) dread that job when Anne can't be there.

Suzy has been helping with ribbons, especially at counting time, which is a real pain...

Donna Richardson always delivers the nicest gift basket to the hotel room to welcome the judge and she's never there Friday morning to hear the judges rave about how nice it is but they all do!

Now, if anyone is interested in taking over hospitality...



I saw some great runs by club member teams! And Q or not, everyone looked like they were having fun! Sometimes the personal Q is better than one that comes with a green ribbon. If you've been working on something and it all comes together, I know for me, I'm happy, even if something else went wrong.

*Janice*

Thank you to Janice, Gretchen, Anne, Ed, Donna, Annette and all the bag ladies, and so many who helped make it a great weekend. I didn't work all day every day, but I did work all Friday morning and some today. Sometimes it seems it's never enough. I have given many hours to the club for many years. I know many club members who have served on the board or in offices who have very grueling positions and give many, many, many hours. Lets not forget them. And all the teachers too. We have a great club and I think most people try their best to do what they can, depending on their jobs, and other commitments. Everyone can't do everything.

**Amy**

A big thanks to the Club members who donated to our lunches--it was greatly appreciated.

Plenty of drinks left for future events.

How can I ever thank the "Bag People" for their hard work, and you were so sweet to everyone.

We trained Danielle to be a "Bag Lady," and she passed out strict requirements!

Thank you Jan for coming down at the end of the trial & helping us get organized.

It is a labor of love, but I don't think we would ever be allowed to quit!

**Donna T**

Thank you to the Bag Ladies and Dude for teaching me their craft. I think I still have quite a bit to learn, yet. They make it look so easy, but it is because they work so well together like a well-oiled machine, and have an intricate system they have put together to make it run so smoothly. There is a LOT involved and until I stepped in to help, was not aware of all that was involved - and still don't know the half.

Kudos to them and to everyone who helped to put on another successful trial!

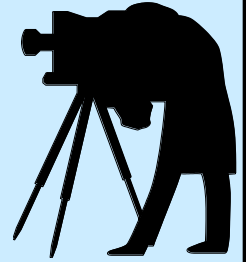
**Danielle**

Thank you to all of the members, and other exhibitors, who volunteered to speak to the 4-H'ers about their own dogs, dog care, dog training and dog accomplishments. We had many more volunteers than we had time with the kids, so I'm sorry if we didn't get to you. Everyone was AWESOME! Each short presentation was different, was geared to the kids level, and included hands on time with the dogs. The 4-H'ers were excited about all of them and I know they learned a lot! Special thanks to the Lunch Ladies and Dude, for feeding the group while they were there .

**Carol Nansel**



## Picture of the Month



### “SLEEPING BEAUTY”

Madison Rich

## Icy Paws Frozen Homemade Dog Treats

two 32-oz. tubs plain or vanilla yogurt

2 tsp. garlic powder

one 6-oz. can tuna in water

24 3-oz. plastic (not paper) bathroom cups

Open yogurts. If they are full to the top, use a spoon to scoop out one bathroom cup. These will be frozen as plain yogurt. Put half of the can of tuna in each yogurt container. Add 1 tsp. garlic powder to each container. Mix each container thoroughly. Use a spoon to scoop the mixture into the cups. Place on tray and pop in freezer overnight. Makes approximately 24 treats. Variations:

Natural Flea Prevention: mix in garlic powder, brewers yeast, and fennel seed

Veggie Delight: mix in cooked peas or other veggies

Chicken Icy Paws: used canned chicken instead of tuna

Potassium Boost: add in a mashed banana

Can also use standard ice cube tray instead of plastic cups. When frozen, pop out and put in plastic bags or wrap in wax paper.

### “Fun Facts on Dogs”

The Basenji is the world's only bark less dog.

The origin of amputating a dog's tail may go back to the Roman writer Lucius Columella's (A.D. 4-70) assertion that tail docking prevented rabies

One of Shakespeare's most mischievous characters is Crab, the dog belonging to Launce in the Two Gentlemen of Verona. The word “watchdog” is first found in The Tempest.



## Mark Your Calendar



### Rally Trial - August 6-7

It's that time again...

Our Rally Trial is coming up August 6 and 7th and I'm looking for volunteers to help Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning during the Rally trial. This is a great opportunity for those interested in rally to come and learn first hand and for those trialing to help during levels that you're not entered in. Please email me at: [joyfulpitcher@aol.com](mailto:joyfulpitcher@aol.com) if you will be able/wiling to help out and indicate which day and during which levels you can help out.

thanks, Joy

### Ron Heller Seminar

If you ever have the opportunity to see Ron Heller and one of his Labradors at an agility trial, you will be in awe of the amazing teamwork they have with each other from across the ring. Every time I have seen Ron run, the whole venue goes silent and everyone stops to watch with admiration, and I'm sure a bit of envy. Ron has been practicing distance work successfully with his dogs for close to 20 years now. Don't we all wish we could communicate course directions to our dogs from one small strategic area in the ring? Ever wondered how to do it?

Well, I have good news for you. Ron is coming to BRDTC in Winchester, on September 24, to teach us how we can start our puppies and novice dogs in distance work! There are 10 working spots for his seminar, and unlimited auditing spots. &nbsp;Registration is open for the seminar now. Details are on the flyer, which is posted on the BRDTC website: <http://brdte.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/RONHELLERSEMINAR-092416FINAL.pdf>

I'm sure every participant will leave with something they can use in starting their dog in distance work. The working spots will fill quickly, so don't put off sending in your registration! Hope to see many BRDTC members there.

Carol and Rory Nansel

### Volunteers Needed

Hello All, The Metropolitan Washington Dachshund Club will be having their Obedience, Rally and Conformation Show the second weekend in **October ( 10/08 and 10/09) at the Frederick County Fairgrounds** on Route 11 in Clearbrook. We are looking for stewards for these shows/trials. If you can help out, it would be greatly appreciated.....always a fun time, good food, and opportunity to watch "weiner dogs in action"! Email me at





# Myra Savant Harris

## CANINE REPRODUCTION, WHELPING & PUPPY INTENSIVE CARE SEMINAR

Sponsored by the Skyline Kennel Club of Virginia

November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Saturday 9 – 4, Sunday 9-2

**Hampton Inn** 400 Payne Lane, Staunton, VA 24401 (540) 886-7000

A limited number of hotel rooms are available at a discounted rate until October 14<sup>th</sup> (Double \$129.99 plus tax)

Registration Fees (Light breakfast & lunch included each day):

Reservations made by October 28th - \$125.00

Reservations made after October 28th - \$150.00

*Space is limited – register early!*

Make checks payable to **Skyline Kennel Club** Complete the form below & send to:

Kipp Whelan 808 Emmanuel Church Road, Mount Solon, VA 22843

For questions, contact Kipp at 540 487 1623 or tulipridgefarm@gmail.com

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# "WAGS & BRAGS"

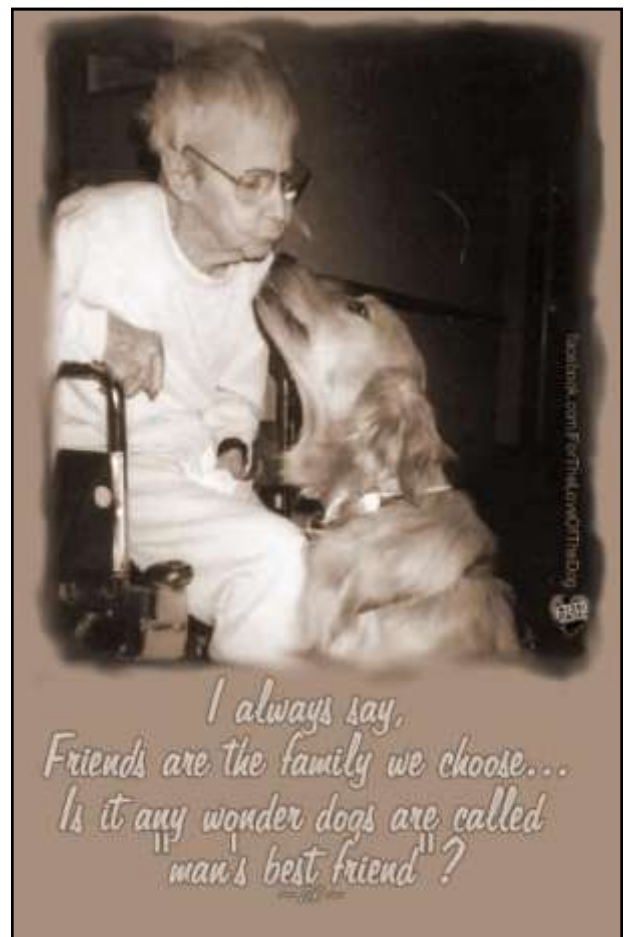


Let's hear some brags! Kindle was 5 for 6, which doesn't happen often. And I was very happy with our NQ run because I ended up trying something I wouldn't have tried otherwise and it worked! I was thrilled! Now time to sit back and relax...

*Janice Morton*

I am pleased to brag for my mom Annette Talbot. This past weekend at the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club agility trial, Shelazz Storm Chaser "Stormy" got his title in novice jumpers and weaves preferred. Mom also ran CH Carmylie After the Storm "Travis". Travis didn't get any Q's in excellent jumpers and weaves, but he was a very good boy. He still loves it at 10 1/2 years young.

*Cindy*





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**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

Aug 5-7 akc Obedience & Rally trial  
Nov 18-20 obedience trial  
Dec. 2-4 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

**BRDTC  
Will hold  
on  
August 5-7  
AKC Obedience & Rally Trial  
At  
Body Renew**

