

LEAD AND COLLAR



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Events to Note

Sept 12-14 AKC Agility & Obedience Trials

Sept 26-28 Herding/CPE Agility Trials

UKC Obedience/Rally Trial, May 30, 31, June 1, 2014

We had another great CPE/UKC trial here at my place this past weekend. I will mostly report on the obedience and rally, which I was in charge of, and Bert can chime in as chair of the agility trials with a listing of club members who helped with that. I do want to recognize Rose Strasser on the agility side for her wonderful secretarial duties (with table assist and ribbon duties by Linda Puckett), John Wilson as chief course builder, Erin Embrey as the volunteer coordinator, and of COURSE Alberta Gray as chairman. Many thanks also to George and Kim Embrey for doing such a super job with the canteen. The weather was a bit hot, but we were SO lucky to be cleaned up and all of the exhibitors were gone by the time the storm hit on Sunday. However, those brave souls who went back to NHS to unload the equipment were NOT so lucky (Trish, Erin, George, and Walt) and we are appreciative of their efforts in the

pouring rain to get the equipment back where it belonged.

The week began with a successful barn hunt seminar on Thursday and Friday nights. Other than the electronet getting run over and poles broken by somebody (the same person twice? hello? <g>), it went great and a good time was had by all, including the rats (really!).

Obedience and rally again had a small entry, but it was an enthusiastic group. Two Rally Championships were earned and one Obedience Championship. Kathy Novak was again the very capable and organized secretary, and Norine Nieman was the chief ring steward and did a fantastic job, despite two volunteers not showing up (we had this happen in both agility and obedience, we understand that things can come up, but if you have volunteered to help and you can't make it, please let us know so we can schedule somebody else in your time slot.) Exhibitors graciously stepped in for both venues. Thanks to the obedience volunteers Connie Gordon, Sherry Rife, Kris Woodke, Connie Byrnes, Karen Stevens, Sharon Dowell, Sandy Williams, Marlene Lee, and Shirley Stephens, and a special shout-out to Matthew Williams who vacuumed the obedience building! And of course thanks to Jim who was always there to help where needed.

Our next event will be a combined AKC obedience/AKC agility event here at my place September 12-14. I believe I have successfully twisted Rebecca's arm to be volunteer coordinator for obedience, and prospective member Karen Stevens and I are working on wonderful exhibitor bags for both obedience and agility exhibitors to commemorate our 20th Anniversary Agility trial. It will be worth entering just to get one of these bags. Look for more details soon on this exciting event.

Thanks again to everyone for all of your hard work for the weekend. - **Gerianne**

In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to be semi-human. The point of it is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly dog.
---**Edward Hoagland**

From President Trisha Burbach

As many of you have probably heard, BDOC has decided to depart our current training building due to an unsolvable odor issue. While we had located a new facility close by, it unfortunately turned out to be too expensive to rent. The membership voted on this at our recent summer picnic and meeting. The decision was to vacate our current location and find another location(s) to potentially sublet and continue teaching classes.

This was a difficult decision for the club, but we are moving forward in finding new alternatives for training and re-looking at our training plan. A dedicated group of volunteers - Rose, Lou, Randy, Caroline, Erin - are leading our effort in this.

Our move out date is Aug. 2, starting at 8 a.m., when we will move our stuff to a storage unit. We are planning on hiring a crew of movers for the really heavy lifting, but membership help is also needed. Please let us know if you can help with the packing and moving of lighter items.

For members with personal items in the building, it will be open on July 26 at 8 a.m., so you can pick up your items. If you cannot make this date, please contact a board member ASAP to arrange for a pickup time.

Now is the time for us to work together as we move forward. We have the hardest-working, most dedicated dog club members in the area, and together we will continue to bring the best dog events to our community and also encourage responsible dog ownership and teamwork through our classes.

Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. ---*Milan Kundera*

The dog has got more fun out of man than man has got out of the dog, for the man is the more laughable of the two animals. ---*James Thurber*

Barn Hunt

Barn Hunt, sounds silly doesn't it. But, wow, is it fun. Any dog can enter, and even though this is not an AKC show, AKC recognizes the venue and will give you AKC titles as long as the dog is AKC registered.

So, take a dog, a handler, a couple of rats (in tubes) some straw and some fencing and you have the makings of a course.

The rats are fairly young and are purchased from an exotic pet shop which sells them as feeders for snakes, etc. So by us purchasing the rats, we are rescuing them. Ask Lucy how she loves the ones she adopted after our first Barn Hunt Seminar. They really are cute have names and are white and brownish.

The object of this sport is the dog first goes through an instinct test so they know what they are looking for. One tube is clear, another tube has only rat nesting in it and

the last is the one with the rat. It is amazing how the dog can tell the difference in all three tubes.

If you are squeamish about rats, don't worry you will never see it.

The rat wrangler will load the tubes and place the tubes in the straw maze while you and your dog are out of site,

You then lead your dog into the course, take off the leash and collar, dogs run naked like they do in CPE. Tell your dog to find the rat, or whatever you want to say. Once the dog locks on to a tube and you believe the dog is telling you he found the critter, then you yell "RAT" and the game is over.

It sounds very simple and it is. But as you advance each course gets more difficult with more tubes and more rats.

The Board has discussed this venue and has agreed to pursue the sport under the Friends of BDOC. Look for more information as plans take place. **-Alberta**

The Yellow Dog Project

Anyone who has ever had an infirmed, unsocial or elderly dog is going to love The Yellow Dog Project, a global movement for parents of dogs that need space. The concept behind it is quite simple. If you see a dog with a yellow ribbon or other items tied to its leash, that signifies a dog who needs space and you should not attempt to pet the dog or bring your own dog over for a greeting. Now here's an idea that's long overdue.

The Yellow Dog Project has now made its mark in 45 countries and educational materials have been translated into 12 languages. Fans are calling it, "Brilliant" and "The best thing to happen since the invention of the leash!"

<http://www.care2.com/causes/what-to-do-if-you-see-a-yellow-ribbon-on-a-dogs-leash.html#ixzz36uXONeXZ>

No Cook Doggie Stew

- 1/2 cup frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
- 1/2 cup cooked broccoli florets, cut into small pieces
- 1/4 cup cooked rotisserie chicken, skin and bones discarded and meat coarsely chopped
- 3/4 cup cottage cheese
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmigiano Reggiano cheese

Apple Crunch Pupcakes

A fruity treat your dog will adore

- 2 3/4 cups water

- ¼ cup applesauce (unsweetened)
 - 2 tbsp honey
 - 1/8 tsp vanilla extract
 - 1 medium egg
 - 4 cups whole wheat flour
 - 1 cup dried apple chips (unsweetened)
 - 1 tsp baking powder
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
 2. Mix water, applesauce, honey, egg, and vanilla together in a bowl
 3. Add remaining ingredients and mix until well blended
 4. Pour into lightly greased muffin pans
 5. Bake 1 ¼ hours

Some Things to Watch Out For

When preparing homemade dog treats, make sure you take into account any allergies that your pet has to specific ingredients. You will want to avoid adding any ingredient you know your pet has reacted poorly to in the past. If you are experimenting with new flavors, feed the treat to your dog in a small amount to see how he reacts to it before distributing an entire treat. Store your treats in an airtight container and place in the freezer. Allow the treat to thaw for 10-20 minutes prior to serving to your dog. Treats can last up to 6 months in the freezer.

Commonly Asked Questions

There is no such thing as a dumb question—and whether you'd like to admit it or not, you've probably wondered about at least one of these inquiries below. How do we know? Experts at the [AKC GoodDog! Helpline](#) are actually asked these questions *all the time*. Learn the answers below. No one has to know about it.

Will it confuse my dog if I change her name?

Dogs don't understand the concept of names—right now, she's responding to the sound of the name you taught her to respond to. Teach her to recognize the new name by pairing it with her current one. For example, you want to change Millie's name to Cameo, so start calling her "Cameo-Millie!" She will learn that "Cameo" predicts "Millie" and will respond. When she reliably responds to the paired names, you can begin to drop off the "Millie" half.

Can I paint my dog's nails?

Human nail polish has toxins like formaldehyde that, although won't kill your dog, may make him ill. And when you want to take it off, the nail polish remover you would have to use contains even more chemicals. Your groomer may offer healthy alternatives to coloring your dog's nails.

My dog smells everyone's private areas. Why? How can I stop this?

Dogs naturally sniff each other's nether regions as a way of gathering information (that's why you'll often see your dog leaning in to catch a whiff of another dog's rear). Fortunately, we humans have alternative ways of greeting one another. If you have company over, ask him to "down-stay" while they are there or keep him leashed until you teach him another way to say "hello." Training him to touch someone's hand (with the command "touch") as a greeting and then returning to you for a reward can be helpful.

Does raw food turn dogs wild?

No. Food itself, whether cooked or raw, will not turn a domesticated animal wild/feral or vice versa.

Why does my BorderCollie bark at the fire in the fireplace?

It is not uncommon for [Border Collies](#) to bark at things that move or make noises, especially when they do not have a job. Make sure she gets lots of exercise and training. In addition, giving her more activities and creating jobs for her through her training (have her "sit-stay" before throwing a ball to her, for example). Give her a job to do other than bark at the fireplace by calling her and asking her to do an alternate behavior, then reward her for doing so. If she looks back at fireplace without barking, reward that behavior too.

BDOC Board Meeting June 29, 2014

Board meeting started at 10:20 a.m. In attendance were Trish Burbach, Bert Gray, Gerianne Darnell, Deb Landon, Sharon Dowell, Erin Embrey, Sharon Brewer, John Wilson and Rose Strasser.

Minutes of the last meeting – approved.

Treasurer's report – approved.

Report of the Committees

- **AKC Agility and Obedience trial September 12-14 - Gerianne Darnell**

Trish will be agility volunteer coordinator, Rebecca obedience volunteer coordinator. New member applicant Karen Stevens is working on swag bags for entrants. Agility premium is out, obedience will be out late July. Alzheimer's Association group will do canteen. Fencing, gates, course building, ribbons and a photo wall were discussed. Gerianne will be retiring from chairing our AKC Agility trial after 20 years. The club appreciates her work and leadership and is seeking a new chair.

- **AKC Herding/CPE Agility Trials September 26-28 - Gerianne Darnell and Bert Gray/Deb Landon**

Volunteer coordinators will be Gerianne and Trish. The Embrey's will do the canteen. Herding premium is being drafted. Herding judges will stay with Gerianne. Deb will get a hotel room for the CPE judge. Bert will be retiring as CPE trial chair. The club appreciates her leadership and is seeking a new chair.

CPE Trial Secretary and Ribbons – A vote was passed to compensate the CPE Trial Secretary with entry fees instead of vouchers. It was also decided that CPE title ribbons should be given to all who earn them, not just club members.

Future New Trials – We are considering adding a summer AKC Obedience Trial, so we would have trials in March – August – October. We will see how our trial goes this September. A Barn Hunt is being considered as a possible spring event in the future. It is a hot event right now. Our last-minute fun match profited \$150.

Top Dogs Press Release– Thank you to Lou for bringing up the idea. We should send out a press release to coincide with the building opening and highlight some of our club's dogs with national standings. We will coordinate with Lou.

Volunteers and Vouchers – There was a discussion on options for best compensating volunteers. Our current voucher system was discussed as well as informal research on what works for other clubs. Raffle tickets for gifts, gift baskets or vouchers, and big prizes like a day of entries were discussed. Another option is determining how much in vouchers will be given for each event and setting specific amounts for hard-to-fill jobs, then using raffle tickets for the remaining voucher amount. We may consider changing our current voucher system for next year's agility trials. We will discuss at future board meetings.

Training Building – It was decided that a membership vote was needed on whether to sign a lease for the new location. The rent at our potential new site at Hwy 370 and 132nd St. has increased from \$915/mo plus utilities to \$1025/mo plus utilities, with a 3-year lease required and air-conditioning installed. Rent at our current building is \$875/mo plus utilities. Sharon D has talked with our landlord, and if we determine we cannot afford the increased rent, he will not sue us if we break our current

lease and simply leave our current location. The board's discussion included the increased cost, 3-year lease term, increased utilities, previous building searches, location, difficulty of finding an affordable site, how to fill classes, how to get commitments for class instructors, a class marketing coordinator, and the building as a pipeline for new members. Updating the website to include Paypal enrollment and a single "club" e-mail for inquiries were discussed.

Next General Meeting – Will be the picnic, Sunday, July 13, 1 p.m. at Sunshine Farm. Thank you in advance to our host.

Meeting Adjourned at noon.

BDOC General Meeting July 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm following the summer picnic at Sunshine Farm.

Building Discussion – After a lengthy discussion on the training building, a secret ballot vote was taken with the following action receiving the overwhelming majority of votes: "Get rid of the building. This requires that we look for facilities to hold class as we did in the past i.e. churches, barns, doggie daycares, vet clinics, etc."

Sixteen votes were cast for this option. Options 2 and 3, which were combined, received 6 votes, option 4 received 1. The other options were as follows:

Option 2 – Sign the 3-year lease with existing landlord at new building [on 132nd and Hwy 370]. Continue offering same selection and number of classes. Accept losses for the building.

Option 3 – Sign a 3-year lease with existing landlord at new building but operate with a "business model." This would require the club to offer 43-51 six-week classes a year to pay for the building. Must have a dozen or so instructors dedicated to teaching class.

Option 4 – Buy commercial land that eventually will be developed. This would mean holding outdoor classes until enough money was raised to build a structure.

The discussion began with facts being presented, including:

- The new lease at the new building on 132nd and Hwy 370 would cost \$1,025/month with a 3-year lease required and air conditioning included. The landlord had to increase the rent due to unexpected building permit expenses. With utilities added, the cost would be approximately \$1400/mo. Our current building's rent is \$875/mo.

- Because of the odor issues, we have not been able to teach class in our current building. Our current landlord has agreed to let us walk away from our current lease (break the lease contract) and not sign a lease at the new building if we cannot afford the higher rent.
- Our current building has resulted in approximately \$26,000 in losses for the past 3 years.

Randy Frady, Lou Meyers, Caroline Rice and Erin Embrey volunteered to be on a committee to help formulate our way forward, including potential locations for subletting and revamping classes. Potential locations discussed for subletting included Omaha Parks facilities such as gymnasiums and Five Elements Veterinary clinic which is opening a new building next year.

During the discussion, the following 11 people volunteered to teach classes: Lou Meyers, Eric Rice, Rose Strasser, John Wilson (winter only), Randy Frady (puppy, beginner, beginner flyball), Connie Byrnes (rally), Bert (advanced), Diane Newman, Sharon D, Mary H, Deb Landon.

Minutes of the last meeting – approved.

New Member Applications – Karen Stevens was voted in as a new member.

Treasurer's report – approved.

Report of the Committees

- **AKC Agility and Obedience trial September 12-14 - Gerianne Darnell** – On track. The club is seeking a new AKC agility chair for 2015. All of the major pieces are already in place for 2015, including judges and location.
- **AKC Herding/CPE Agility Trials September 26-28 - Gerianne Darnell and Bert Gray/Deb Landon** - On track. Randy volunteered to help as a sheep wrangler. We are seeking a new CPE agility chair for 2015.
- **AKC Obedience Trial October 24 – 28 – Erin Embrey** - On track. The awards donation sheet was passed around. Eric Rice volunteered to do the canteen. Deb Landon will be the volunteer coordinator.

- **AKC Agility Spring 2015 Trial and CPE Spring 2015 Trials** – The club is seeking chairs for both. Judges are hired for the spring UKC obedience trial, which is held in conjunction with the CPE trial.

Old Business - Website. Deb Landon will look into updating the website.

New Business – Moving our stuff out of the training building was discussed. Purchasing a trailer was discussed, storing it at a member's acreage. Erin will talk to Trish about getting her dad's help in finding a suitable trailer. The goal is to leave the building in August and avoid paying rent for September. **Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 pm.**

Agility, Obedience, Rally, Barn Hunt

What a great weekend of Agility, Obedience, Rally and Barn Hunt. Yup, it was hot and humid. Luckily we escaped the storms of Sunday.

Ellen Hizer had some great and challenging courses as we expected. It was wonderful way for those going to CPE Nationals this weekend to practice. Good Luck to Team Nebraska/Iowa.

Congratulations to Trisha Burbach for earning Jamaal's C-ATCH 2.

Our High in Trial for Friday was Grace. She is a junior handler. Nice to see an up and coming new competitor.

Janice Bowden and Herbie were High In Trial for Saturday.

John Wilson and Indie earned the High In Trial award on Sunday.

Gerianne and Robert earned the High Combined for the weekend.

Congratulations to Grace, Janice, John and Gerianne.

The Barn Hunt held on Thursday night was a new adventure for the club. If we can work out all the kinks, I think this could be a very profitable trial for the club.

I so appreciate all the Club Members that stepped up to help. I am sorry I do not have a full list of club members that worked. I thank all of you for your dedication to making this a great Trial.

Our next CPE Trial will be held this fall in conjunction with AKC Herding. Plans are underway to make this event as successful as in the past. Mike Willis will be our judge and we all love his courses.

This was my last time as CPE Agility Trial Chair. I want to thank Rose for all she has done during my tenure as chair. I want to thank Gerianne for letting us use her

facility, John and Randy for their course building, Erin for rounding up volunteers, and Linda had the chore of ordering the ribbons and assisting Rose at the table. I have enjoyed this position and am sad to have to resign.

To the club member that steps up for the CPE Agility Trial Chair, you will have a great experienced crew to help you. -**Bert**

News from Ringside

John reports: **Indie** (Ch, MACH2, C-ATCH3 Snowood Spirited Double IPA, CDX, BN, MXS, MJS, MXF, T2B3) competed at the CPE National Event in Lake Elmo, MN in June. Indie won 1st place in the 24" games class. He placed in 6 of the 9 classes he participated in.

Snowy Williams, RN, CGCA, BN, R01, RL1, RJL2, ThDX

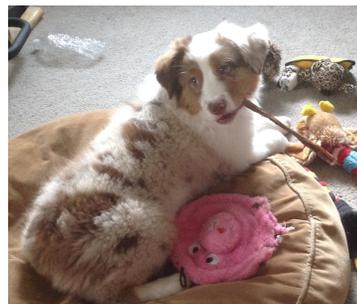


Snowy and Sandy have been very busy visiting nursing homes in Clarinda, Shenandoah and Red Oak each week and will soon begin their visits to the school where Snowy helps some of the children cope with the classroom and practice reading. This is how he earned his Therapy Dog Excellent title.



Welcome Phoebe

She's here !!! Aussie Terra-Blue Kissed By Crystal Winds. - "Phoebe".



As most of you know I have been waiting for the perfect puppy to come along and she did. She is the best little girl, smart, funny, social. We drove to Massachusetts, picked her up and she said let's go! Looking forward to the journey with her. See you at the shows! **DeAnn Nelson**

THE TRAIN

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant, i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of our life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank GOD for the journey.

Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train.