

LEAD AND COLLAR



October/November 2023

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Bellevue Dog Obedience Club of Nebraska- Board Meeting August 2, 2023

This meeting was held Via Zoom call in attendance were Gerianne, Erin, Joanne, Teresa, Rhonda, and Caroline

Call meeting to order: at 6:36 p.m.

The reading of the last board meeting on June 29, were waived as they were published in the newsletter, moved by Rhonda second by Caroline, all approved.

The treasurer's report: was presented by **Joanne**. A discussion was given on the club's balances for the year. There was a discussion on the anticipated loss for the year and also raising prices for our entries next year. It was moved to accept the treasure's report as given by Teresa and second by Rhonda, all approved.

Presidents Report: Appreciated the turn out for Bert's Celebration of Life. She also acknowledged that the July general meeting was canceled due to lack of interest.

● Report of committees:

- AKC Obedience/Rally, August 4-6, Gerianne and Erin chairs, Devetta volunteer coordinator
 - AKC Scent Work, August 18-20, Gerianne, Erin and Joanne, chairs, Polly volunteer coordinator Pam Fusselman
 - AKC Herding, September 22-24, Gerianne and Erin chairs
 - AKC Obedience/Rally, October 28-29, Gerianne and Erin chairs, volunteer coordinator Rhonda Pratt
 - AKC Scent Work, November 3-5, Teresa/Gerianne chairs, Erin coordinator
- Old Business:** We need to find a date, time and place for August general meeting that club members would be interested in attending. Last year was a putt putt golf which had a good turnout. Valentino's was mentioned Caroline will look for a place.

New Business:

We need to start filling chair and volunteer coordinators for next year's events.

GA and Erin are chairing AKC Obedience March 29-31, August 2-4, October 26-27, AKC Herding April 12-14, and September 20-22. UKC Obedience June 7-9.

We need a volunteer coordinator for all AKC Obedience dates. We welcome anyone that wants to co-chair to learn how to be a chair. We need chairs and volunteer coordinators for our five nosework trials in 2024: AKC April 26-28, Aug 16-18, and November 1-3, UKC June

7-9, and CPE June 22-23. Please reach out. We need members to help. We need to select a nominating committee. BDOC sponsored a track two years ago for the AKC National Tracking Invitational in Lincoln, and we have been asked to sponsor another for the September 9-10 event. A motion was made by Teresa to sponsor a track with second by Joanne, all approved.

Next board meeting: Zoom 10/4/2023 6:30 p.m.

Next general meeting: Pizza Ranch 9/12/2023 starting at 5:30, we have the room until 8 p.m. The meeting will be around 6:30. 3010 S 84th St. Omaha 68124. Cost will be \$15.59 per person.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. by Caroline and second by Erin, all approved.

Rhonda Pratt
Secretary BDOC

IT'S THE
FRIENDS
WE MEET
along THE WAY
THAT
HELP US
APPRECIATE
THE journey
have if you have awesome friend



True Story (from Facebook)

This week, I made a mistake. Anyone who knows me well knows I will always own up to my mistakes.

This was one of mine. I'm posting this not to be dramatic or to start discussions, but to highlight to everyone who is a dog owner how a split-second decision can result in catastrophic events.

On Monday afternoon, Myself and Finnley were walking Merlin at the park. Whilst there I found a large stick (more of a branch really) and threw it for him. As I did it I heard all the people who say "Never throw sticks for dogs it's dangerous" and rolled my eyes to myself thinking that dogs have chased sticks since the dawn of time! 😞

Next time I will listen.

Whilst running for the stick (branch) Merlin caught it in his mouth. Within seconds he was yelping like I've never heard before. As I ran towards him, I could see that it had jammed his mouth open and he was unable to close it. Finally, he was able to

close his mouth again, by which time blood was pouring out of it.

He started wheezing and choking, then went limp, I couldn't get him to move. Seconds later he was heaving and vomited blood all over the grass. At some point during all this I called Steve to come and get us in the car and the vet - of course being a Bank Holiday I was put through to the emergency vets who said I had to go to Castle Hill in Reading. By the time Steve arrived, Merlin could not and would not walk and he carried him dripping with blood to the car. Again, this isn't me being dramatic, this is how it happened.

We drove 30 mins to Reading where Merlin threw up 2 more times pure blood.

They put him under a general anesthetic and discovered a piece of the stick wedged against his windpipe.

He was struggling to breathe and was sent straight to Southern Counties Veterinary Specialists in Ringwood as they were concerned, he wouldn't make it through the night.

After driving over an hour to get there - the longest scariest drive ever... after all there is no pet ambulance, we reached the specialist in Ringwood. Whilst she observed Merlin, he dribbled blood from his mouth the entire time.

He was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit and remained there for the best part of 2 days.

We were told that the stick would either be removed manually back through the mouth, via key hole surgery in the neck if the stick was small enough, or worst-case scenario a slit down the front of the throat for a bigger obstruction- I don't need to tell you the risks involved here.

He was put back under general on Tuesday morning and they managed to remove the stick via forceps.

It was 10cm long! Miraculously (and she said it was a miracle) the stick had not damaged the windpipe or esophagus when it had got wedged in his throat. They then had to flush away all the fragments and splinters that remained inside his throat.

He was kept another night to be strictly monitored, no food allowed but fluids via drip and very strong pain killers.

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Tonight, he came home. He will be allowed only in the garden on a lead for 2 weeks. He has two

different lots of antibiotics and 2 different pain killers to take. No solid food for 2 weeks.

He is lethargic, swollen, and in pain.....because I threw a stick. One second decision resulting in catastrophic events - we were lucky it could have been so much worse.

Our vet bill totaled almost £7000 - thank God for insurance!

So please please, use this story and listen to the voice saying don't throw sticks for dogs, because I ignored it and nearly lost my favorite being as a result.

The guilt I feel is immense.

August Events Report

Gerianne Darnell

BDOC had two very successful events in August, AKC Obedience/Rally August 4-6 and AKC Scent Work August 18-20. Our judges for Obedience/Rally were Rick Garvin on Friday and Louise Botko on Saturday/Sunday. As always, our hard-working secretary, Norine, did her usual well-organized job taking the entries and tabulating the results. Devetta Hill was the Chief Ring Steward and did a bang-up job gathering stewards, in fact, we actually had to turn volunteers away as we had so many! Chairs Erin and Gerianne, along with Jim, got the obedience room ready the week before, and Erin and Gerianne also purchased the food for the weekend. Members who helped set up, steward, wrangle ribbons and prizes, and/or helped clean up were Joanne, Kim, Kris, Shelly, Devetta, Rhonda, Pam, Erin, Tish, Shari, Gerianne, Dee, Jim, and Linda. Many qualifying scores, points, placements, and titles were earned by our members.

We tried a new format for the Scent Work trials, using three judges and offering three days of Detective along with Interior, Exterior, Containers, and Buried. This allowed the judges to also show in Detective two of the three days. The format was well received by the exhibitors, despite some hot weather! Our judges were Johnnette Ulch, Brenda Bruce, and Chris Eblen. Gerianne and Erin mapped out the various areas the weekend before, and on Thursday Gerianne and Sharon set things up, assisted by Sue, Shelly, and Jim. Thanks as always to Sharon for bringing the ribbons, containers, and scent supplies. Norine was again our well-organized secretary, and Sue was the volunteer coordinator on site, with Pam finding volunteers before the event. Club Members who helped steward and/or set up and clean up were Ron, Shelly, Sue, Gerianne, Erin, Ron, Polly, Devetta, Kim, Teresa, Rhonda, Jim, and Joanne. Caroline

brought out a delicious lunch on Saturday, with Gerianne and Erin doing lunch the other two days. The two August events cleared over five thousand dollars! Thanks to all club members that helped.

Time With Your Dog

(From Facebook)

You only have a few years with your Dog so let them up on the Bed, the Couch.

Let them come for the Ride, let them get the biggest Stick they can find, let them roll in the mud.

Let them Swim and enjoy the water, because Time sure flies and they won't be here forever.

In the Blink of an eye their time on Earth is done. A Dog is not just an Animal, they're here to make you Smile.

Always there for you, they could care less what you look like, or how much money you have.

They won't Judge you, or talk about you behind your back.

They Simply, Completely and Unconditionally Love you, with all of their Heart, their Soul, their Being And forever, will be the absolute Best Friend you will ever have.

Bellevue Dog Obedience Club of Nebraska General Meeting, 9/12/23

This meeting was held at the Pizza Ranch in Omaha, club members enjoyed dinner before the meeting.

Call meeting to order: at 6:42 p.m.

Minutes of the last general meeting: Meeting April 26, 2023. A motion was made by Ron to waive the reading of those minutes as they were published in the newsletter, second by Kim, all approved.

Minutes of the last board meeting: Meeting August 2, 2023. A motion was made by Ron to waive the reading of those minutes as they were published in the newsletter, second by Kim, all approved.

Treasurer's Report:

was presented by **Joanne**. Joanne handed out financial reports for the year to date. A discussion was had on the club's balances for the year. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report as given by Rhonda, seconded by Linda, all approved.

Report of committees:

AKC Herding, September 22-24, Gerianne and Erin chairs, volunteers needed.

AKC Obedience/Rally, October 28-29, Gerianne and Erin chairs, volunteer coordinator Rhonda Pratt
AKC Scent Work, November 3-5, Teresa/Gerianne chairs, Erin volunteer coordinator
Old Business: Nominating Committee needs to be selected. Discussion on raising entry fees for all events. After discussion there was a motion made to raise CPE entry fees to \$18 by Rhonda, seconded by Erin, all approved. AKC and UKC entry fees will remain the same, \$20.

New Business:

We need to start filling chair and volunteer coordinators for next year's events:

AKC Obedience March 29-31, GA and Erin chairs, volunteer coordinator Rhonda.

AKC Herding April 12-14, GA and Erin chairs

AKC Scent Work April 26-28 Sue chair volunteer coordinator Shelly.

UKC Obedience/Nosework June 7-9 Obedience GA and Erin Chair, NW Chair_Shelly, Sue volunteer coordinator.

CPE Scent Sprots June 22-23, Chair and Volunteer Coordinator Needed.

AKC Obedience/Rally August 2-4, GA and Erin chair, Ron volunteer coordinator.

AKC Scent Work August 16-18, Chair Needed, Volunteer Coordinator Needed.

AKC Herding September 20-22, GA and Erin chairs.

AKC Obedience October 26-27, GA and Erin chairs, Devetta volunteer coordinator.

AKC Scent Work November 1-3, Chair Needed, Volunteer Coordinator Needed

BDOC sponsored a track for the AKC National Tracking Invitational in Lincoln, and BDOC was presented with a nice sign to be hung with our 2021 sign.

Next general meeting: October 10th, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at Bellevue Berry Farm. Bring your dinner to share around the campfire. Club will pay for the bonfire and GA will check in to the cost, if any, of the hayrack ride. Members will pay their own entry fee.

Next board Meeting: Zoom call 10/4/2, 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. by Linda, seconded by Joanne, all approved.

Rhonda Pratt

Secretary BDOC



HAZY'S STORY

Linda Puckett



Dancing in a Winter Haze NA NAJ NAP - "HAZY," Toy Poodle- 14th November 2005 -28th August 2023

If it wasn't hard enough to lose a close friend, Bert, then my heart dog, Icy in May, this week we also have had to say goodbye to my grand dog, Hazy, my daughter Jenny's first dog after she and Lee were married. Hazy was 17 3/4 years old. She came to us as an eight-week-old sweet, crazy puppy from my British friend Jenny Jackson. She was the best first dog that Jenny could have ever wished for after she and Lee were married. Lee was not sure at first about having a dog in the house as he was a farmer and was used to dogs living outside! Of course, that wasn't going to happen for Jenny! Hazy soon worked her way around his little finger and was adored by the two of them the rest of her life! Hazy had the best smile for anyone she knew well and grinned from ear to ear when she saw them, showing every tooth in her head and turning herself inside out with excitement!!!! ☐☐☐

Hazy was so smart and Jenny taught her many fun tricks. She wasn't bred to be a show dog but Jenny trained her in agility where they both excelled and had great fun in the AKC and CPE novice classes together. She helped Jenny on the farm with horse chores. She knew where she was safe and allowed to be and never crossed the fence lines! She was just the best girl!! She was a great mouser and kept the chipmunks in line around the house!! From a tiny pup she travelled an hour every morning with Jenny to "Grammy and Grampy's Doggie Daycare" and spent the weekdays with us! She was a great little traveler and must have travelled thousands of miles over the years. She had fun playing with our dogs and her Grampy all day so got plenty of exercise and was pretty tired every night on the way home. Later in life, she added a little sister, Rainy who was a friend the last four years, keeping her company. Hazy was pretty healthy her whole life. She did have knee surgery when she was four and came through that very well. The last few years, she was mostly deaf and blind but managed to get around the house okay. The one thing she never lost was her sense of smell! She would wake up from a deep sleep whenever she smelled

something good and would demand her share! She's had a great old age until the last few weeks when life seemed to get a little bit harder for her. Hazy woke up Sunday not feeling well. It was such a blessing that Jenny had not entered the show in Topeka on Sunday and was home and able to spend the day cuddling her and keeping her comfortable. She wouldn't eat or drink much and was getting weaker. Hazy seemed to tell them that it was time and she was ready. On Monday we arranged with our good friends Gerianne and George, to meet us at his vet clinic and put her to sleep. She was always so terrified of going to the vet but over there she had good memories of agility classes and was calm. It helped to have roast beef and crinkle fries from Arby's for her too. Her nose found those for sure! She was very calm and it was so peaceful thank goodness.

Three gone in three months has been very hard on our hearts but we are trying to remember the many good years we have had with them all. Icy and Hazy were great pals and the "two little old ladies" snuggled together well. Whenever I feel sad, I imagine them at the rainbow bridge curled up together, close to Bert and Jenny Jackson, who passed away last year. They are waiting patiently for us to meet them again one day. We miss them terribly but know they are in a much better place and not in pain. That is keeping us going right now. Love and miss you Hazy Poo...sending hugs to you, my little munchkin!
Love you lots, Grammy xxxx

Here in this house...

~Author Unknown

I will never know the loneliness I hear in the barks of the other dogs 'out there'.
I can sleep soundly, assured that when I wake my world will not have changed.
I will never know hunger, or the fear of not knowing if I'll eat.
I will not shiver in the cold, or grow weary from the heat.
I will feel the sun's heat, and the rain's coolness, and be allowed to smell all that can reach my nose.
My fur will shine, and never be dirty or matted.

Here in this house...

There will be an effort to communicate with me on my level.
I will be talked to and, even if I don't understand, I can enjoy the warmth of the words.
I will be given a name so that I may know who I am among many.
My name will be used in joy, and I will love the sound of it!

Here in this house...

I will never be a substitute for anything I am not.
I will never be used to improve peoples' images of themselves.
I will be loved because I am who I am, not someone's idea of who I should be.
I will never suffer for someone's anger, impatience, or stupidity.
I will be taught all the things I need to know to be loved by all.
If I do not learn my lessons well, they will look to my teacher for blame.

Here in this house...

I can trust arms that hold, hands that touch... knowing that, no matter what they do, they do it for the good of me.
If I am ill, I will be doctored.
If scared, I will be calmed.
If sad, I will be cheered.
No matter what I look like, I will be considered beautiful and thought to be of value.
I will never be cast out because I am too old, too ill, too unruly, or not cute enough.
My life is a responsibility, and not an afterthought.
I will learn that humans can almost, sometimes, be as kind and as fair as dogs.

Here in this house...

I will belong.
I will be home.



IF I DIE BEFORE MY DOGS

If I die before my dogs, I would like God to allow me to come back to say goodbye, so my dogs know God has called me and I haven't abandoned them. I want them to be in the best hands and to know I'll be waiting for them.

I want to give them one last kiss, one last hug and tell them they're the best thing that ever happened to me.
That without having my blood are what I loved the most.
If I die first, give me permission to tell you how much I love you.
And when we are finally together again, it will never be to part! 🐶🐱🐾❤️



May all your pumpkins be glowing.



Let us be grateful for animals that make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

