

LEAD AND COLLAR



April/May 2004

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Events to Note

May 15 Newsletter Deadline for the June/July Issue
 Show-n-Go's at Companion: April 18, May 16, June 6
 Show-n-Go's at Council Bluffs: April 10 & 18

Benefits of Membership

Picnics
 Halloween Party
 Christmas Party
 Open Training Site
 Reduced Class Prices
 Awards Banquet
 Newsletter

Note: Any roster changes or additions please notify the editor.

Another Note: Save your newsletters for future reference.

What Breeders Do For a Rash

Here is a list of remedies used by breeders when their dogs get a rash:

Gold Bond Powder, Benadryl clear lotion, CamphoPhenique, Calomine clear lotion, Cephalexine, Chlorhexi Derm Maximum (specialty shampoo sold by vets) , HyLyt Soap-Free Hypoallergenic Shampoo, Corn Starch, Malaseb shampoo.

Please remember Gold Bond Powder and several other products contain zinc. Zinc can be toxic. Not to stop you from using it, but do so in moderation and for short periods of time if in a location where the dog can lick it off.

TO BDOC:

THANK YOU FOR THE BEAUTIFUL AZALEA PLANT, IT REALLY BRIGHTENS UP MY HOME.

IT IS NO FUN BEING SICK - BUT VERY NICE TO BE REMEMBERED BY GOOD FRIENDS.

CAROL WILSON



If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fluffy only two of them.

-Phil Pastoret

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Alberta Gray

President, Bellevue Dog Obedience Club

As I end my term as President of BDOC I have mixed emotions. This Presidential term has had it's ups and downs. The biggest down was the loss of the leadership of Sharon VanErt. I hope I was able to step up and lead the Club in the fashion approved by Sharon and the Club Membership.

This past year has seen 2 successful agility trials and one successful Obedience Trial. The club added the non regular class of Rally Obedience, Level 1. By doing this, the Club has gotten in on the ground floor of a new AKC Venue. This is exciting.

We look forward to another successful year with 2 agility trials and an expanded obedience trial with hopefully 3 levels of Rally in the non regular classes. AKC has approved Rally as a titling class beginning January 1, 2005. Our Club will be ready to take on this new titling venue with the experience gained in our non regular classes.

Next year will be an exciting year. The board has approved a Building Committee. The Board took this step in order for our Club to continue its leadership in the community.

I know you will give the New Board your continued good support.

Tonight we will elect new board members, a treasurer, training director and president. I wish to thank those that served with me on the board during my term.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR - 2003

Each year the board selects an outstanding member that has shown leadership and dedication to the club. This person's efforts go

above and beyond the task of member. The Board had a dilemma this year in selecting just one member. This year we have 2 very deserving members.

The Board is pleased to honor this club member the Member of the Year Award. Whenever there was a task that needed a chairman she was there. Parades, Dog Days at the Ball Park, Paws for Cause, Halloween Party, Banquet arrangements, you name it, she has done it.

This Club member knows all about puppies. She loves them and I believe if she could she would have a house full. The love of the puppies has made her an excellent teacher for the puppy class. Her expertise is well shared with our students.

With her skills she has organized the Obedience Trial, not only for this year and previous years, but for years in advance. And she has the unique ability to recruit her family. The Club is forever grateful to Jeff, Laci, Tessa and Chance for not only sharing their wife and mother with the club, but for their help and assistance as Chief Ring Steward, Steward, Canteen, Raffle, Bake Sale decoration and what ever other task came up.

The Member of the Year goes this year to **MaryAnn Prucinsky**.

BDOC owes a big thank you to MaryAnn and the entire Prucinsky family.

OUTSTANDING CLUB MEMBER

As I said previously, the Board elected to give 2 awards this year to two very special members. The Board now is pleased to honor a long standing club member.

This person has been with the Club 20 years. During this time she has served the club in a variety of roles. I hope she will forgive me if I do not name all of them as truthfully I am not sure anyone knows all the jobs she held.

She was agility trial secretary, handled the ribbons, I believe she was also Obedience Trial Secretary. She has held the post of President and been the secretary a number of times in addition to board member. She has offered her home for the Christmas Party and Board Meetings. This Club Member taught classes. I remember taking my Izzy to her class, and she was determined that my Izzy would sit/wait for the recall if that was the last thing she did. Not only did she teach classes, she also prepared the curriculum for the puppy and beginners classes.

She was on the committee to write the Bylaws and the Club Constitution. The Annual Banquet, door prizes, Halloween Party are among the tasks she has taken on. Last year she assisted Marge in sewing the Steward vests. When I came onto the Board, she was serving as Secretary. I just told her the other day that I missed her little voice in my ear.

BDOC can always count on her for her guidance.

I can think of no one more deserving for this special award than our own **Carol Wilson**.

ANTIFREEZE SAFETY

From the Internet

God forbid that anyone would ever intentionally hurt or harm one of our dogs, but in fact it happens this time every winter - Antifreeze! We all know it is a deadly, highly toxic substance, fatal even in small doses!

Each year in the U.S. as many as 10,000 of our best friends are poisoned, either accidentally or due to ignorance or outright cruelty, as a result of exposure to ethylene glycol.

All it takes is a teaspoon for a dog. It causes immediate kidney failure by the time the symptoms of poisoning appear, the animals are already doomed.

Why do so many animals get into fatal trouble with antifreeze? It has a sweet smell & taste that children, companion animals and wildlife find irresistible.

A bittering agent could be added during the manufacturing process that would make antifreeze and engine coolants, unpalatable. This bittering agent, denatonin benzoate, is the world's bitterest

substance. The bittering agent itself is safe, biodegradable, and will not harm engines. For only pennies a gallon, it would not harm and would save thousands of dog lives each year.

A BDOC Member Worth Knowing

Submitted by Diane Newman

Name: Dawn Eckert Bain

Job: International Logistics Manager-Nutra Flo Sioux City Iowa

Family: Two Daughters, Madelynn 8 years old (going on 21) a third grader. She is my type A child. Very organized and a perfectionist. Cassandra 6 years old and a first grader. She is my party child always up for a good time. You can often find her singing. Denny is my husband of 12 years. Poor man never had a pet till he met me! He is wonderfully understanding and supportive!

Pets: Oh yikes-all of them?! Let's see: 4 cats Tia & Roughy (Persians-last of the Silver Screen Cattery family. I bred and exhibited Persians for 8 years before getting into dogs.) D.C. (rescue Siamese-and yes D.C. stands for #%#@! cat) and Nina (American Curl rescue and top notch mouser!) Dogs: Liberty (Aust Shep) I co-own her with Kris Witzka. She is the other blue-eyed party girl in our house. Vivian (Aust Cattle Dog) she is my very special buddy. Cosby and Lilo (the Schipperkees) they belong to the girls and both girls show in conformation with the Schips. Gus (the Bloodhound) he is my husbands' dog-nuf said! Husker (Greyhound) & Elsa (Great Pryn) both are foster children from our Animal Control Dept. Goat: Little Boy-also rescue child-he only has one ear-there's a long story. Sheep: Jacob-he is Little Boys' buddy. Guinea Pig: Bob-Madelynn's reward for not getting in trouble talking in class for a whole month! (In first grade.) Rabbit: Violet-She is Bobs' buddy since G. Pigs die of loneliness and I didn't want a BUNCH of G. Pigs! Bird: One lone Zebra Finch-another one of my husbands critters.

Hobbies: Dog shows-riding horses-gardening (hopefully next spring!) Writing articles and fiction stories for the Aust Cattle Dog Club Quarterly Newsletter.

Favorite TV Programs: Anything Sci-Fi or science related like CSI or Discovery

Favorite Foods: Haven't met one I don't like

Favorite Movies: I like Sci-Fi -both Lord of the Rings movies anything along those lines.

Favorite Authors: Right now the only reading material I get to look at is Little House on the Prairie stuff and beginning reader books-Mom stuff!

If I had one wish: It would be that all the humane societies and like facilities weren't needed because every critter had a loving home.

Best memories growing up: Riding my horse along the lake. Fishing with my grandpa. Playing charades at Christmas with my entire extended family (cousins et. al).

Something you would change about BDOC: Its' location-you guys are just too far away!

What makes BDOC fun & enjoyable: The people. Everyone is always so welcoming and warm.

BDOC Building Project

Alberta Gray

For a long time, members have tossed around the possibility of BDOC having their own building. Some place to call our own, to be large enough to have our own obedience trial, to have space to show our awards and memorabilia. A Building of our own would allow for members to come train at their convenience. To have a home for the club.

With our own building, we could expand on our services.

The Board has decided the time is right to pursue this goal.

A Committee consisting of Eric Rice, Randy Frady and Alberta Gray has been formed. We have already looked at some properties for rent. We want to look at some property to buy and build to our specifications. If you are aware of any land for sale, please let the committee members know.

The new Board will be setting up a building fund and a budget. There is a lot of planning and work ahead. I know this is a challenge BDOC will take on and the building project will be a success.

When I am Old

Author Unknown

I shall wear Turquoise and soft gray sweatshirts... and a bandana over my long, silver hair.....and I shall spend my Social Security Checks on Sweet Wine and My

Dogs.....and sit in my house on my well-worn chair and listen to my dog's breathing.

I will sneak out in the middle of a warm summer night and take my Nero for a run, if my old bones will allow... and when people come to call, I will smile and nod as I walk out and show them my dogs...and talk of them and about them...

The Ones so Beloved of the Past and the Ones so Beloved of Today....

I still will work hard cleaning their runs and mopping and feeding them and whispering their names in a soft, loving way. I will wear the gleaming sweat on my throat, like a jewel and I will be an embarrassment to all...and my Children ... who have not yet found the peace in being free to have dogs as your Best Friends....

These friends who always wait, at any hour, for your footfall...and eagerly jump to their feet out of a sound sleep, to greet youas if you are a God.

With warm eyes full of adoring love and hope that you will stay and hug their big, strong necks...and kiss their dear sweet heads...and whisper to them of your love and the beautiful pleasure of their very special company....

I look in the Mirror...and see I am getting old.... this is the kind of woman I am...and have always been. Loving dogs is easy, they are part of me, accept me for who I am, my dogs appreciate my presence in their lives...when I am old this will be important to me...you will understand when you are old....& if you have dogs to love too.

If We Didn't Have "Dogs"

From the Internet

I could safely walk around barefoot in the dark

My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated

All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of dog hair.

When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like the SPCA kennels.

When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without wading through dog bodies that beat me there.

I could sit on the couch without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable before me.

I wouldn't have presents under my Christmas tree I have to explain, like bones & stuffed animals or explain why I must wrap them.

I would not be on first name basis with 3 vets and even a vet specialist.

The most used words in my vocabulary would not be come, sit, down, NO, out, stop and leave it.

My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates nor would there be areas totally off limits.

My purse & exercise bag would not contain things like: extra leashes, treats, pickup bags.

I would no longer have to spell out the words: F-R-I-S-B-E-E, B-A-L-L, T-R-E-A-T-S.

I could sleep in my bed without waking up at night wondering if I am taking up too much room. I could turn in my bed without having to push something furry out of the way.

I would not have difficult, gut wrenching and heartbreaking times when one furry body must leave us.

I wouldn't buy weird things to stuff into "kongs" or explain why I am buying them, or explain what "kong" is to everyone.

I would have some extra money.

I would not be putting pills down someone's throat, or providing certain type diets.

I would not have as many leaves INSIDE my house as outside.

I would not look strangely at people who think having ONE dog ties them down too much.

I would not have to answer the question why do I have so many dogs from people who will never have the joy in their life of knowing they are loved unconditionally by something as close to an angel as they will ever get. Who else has a friend who considers you the **MOST** important thing in the whole wide world all the time!

Pet First Aid & Safety

American Red Cross Heartland Chapter Pet First Aid & Safety class schedule. Come earn your American Red Cross Pet First Aid & Safety card

Saturday, June 12

Thursday, July 22

These classes sponsored by Metro Tech Community College. To register call 457-5231 or online at www.mccneb.edu

Saturday, May 15

Saturday, July 17

Thursday, June 17

Saturday, August 7

These classes sponsored by American Red Cross Heartland Chapter. To register call 343-7730 or online www.redcrossomaha.org

All classes held at the American Red Cross building located at 2912 S. 80th Avenue from noon to 4:00 p.m. New LOWER class fee is \$30.00.

Teachers Needed

MaryAnn Prucinsky

We need teachers!!! If most of our members taught or assisted in one class a year, we would have no problem filling the classes. Please call 292-4163 to volunteer.

Life As A Pup

This morning, I woke up & kissed my dad's head. I peed on the carpet, then went back to bed. "The life of a puppy, oh my, this is great." Then I thought about breakfast, "I hope it's not late." Mom took me outside, we walked for a while. This never fails to make Mama smile. I sniffed everything, that we did pass, I ate something weird - it gave me gas. I'm sure God loves me, I know that is true. He gave me so many great things to chew. Rugs, plants or rocks, I really don't care. What I truly like best, is Dad's underwear.

That obedience book, was sort of yummy. Though it didn't sit well on my poor puppy tummy. I threw up a bit, but that was all right. When Mom found it later, I was well out of sight. I made streamers of T.P., while running at full speed. Mom is pretty quick-but I was still in the lead. I flew under the bed, and Mom flew past, She stopped, shook her head, and breathed, "You're too fast." Mama later phoned Daddy, and said, "It was frightening!"

That afternoon, she was sure I'd pooped lightning. She'd sat at the computer, while I chewed the cord, She thought I was mad, but I was just bored. When Mama had enough, couldn't take anymore, That's when my tushy got shoved out the door. I love it inside, but outside is best. Lay in the cool grass, and had a good rest. That didn't last long, there was too much to do.

MaryAnn Prucinsky was presented with a plaque as Outstanding Member for the year 2003. Carol Wilson was presented a plaque recognizing 20 years of dedication and service to BDOC.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Rice

**Have a great Spring
In
The Show Ring!**