

# LEAD AND COLLAR



December/January 2004-05

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## Events to Note

Dec. 10 BDOC Christmas Party  
Jan. 15 Newsletter Deadline for the Feb/March Issue  
Show-n-Go's at Companion: Dec. 5, Jan. 9

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

Another Note: Save your newsletters for future reference.

*Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.*

Club Christmas party will be at the Rice home December 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 with dinner at 7. Notices will be sent out. Doggie gift exchange.

## Dog Show Definitions

Author Unknown

1. **Great stud dog** - Mounts anything that can fog a mirror.
2. **Excels in movement** - If he gets loose, run like hell.
3. **Personality Plus** - Wakes up if you put liver up his nose.
4. **Good bite** - Missed the judge, got the steward.
5. **Large boned** - Looks like a Clydesdale.
6. **Good obedience prospect** - Smart enough to come in from the rain, but ugly.
7. **Quiet and good natured** - In his kennel.
8. **Excels in type and style** - However, moves like a spider on "speed"
9. **Won in stiff competition** - Beat four puppies and a 9 year old novice dog.
10. **Multiple group winner** - At two puppy matches.
11. **Pointed** - His head is shaped like a carrot.
12. **Noted Judge** - He put up our dog.
13. **Respected Judge** - He put up our dog twice.
14. **Esteemed Judge** - He puts up anything that crawls.
15. **Specialty Judge** - Puts up anything that looks like his own breeding.
16. **Won in heavy competition** - The other dogs were revoltingly overweight.
17. **Shown sparingly** - Only when we had it in the bag.
18. **Show Prospect** ..... He has 4 legs, 2 eyes, 2 ears, 1 tail.
19. **Finished in 5 shows** - And 89 where he failed to win a ribbon.
20. **Well Balanced** - Straight as a stick, front and rear.
21. **Handled brilliantly by** - Nobody else can get near him.
22. **At stud to "approved" bitches** - Those bitches whose owner's check is good.

23. Linebred from famous champions - Ch. Whoozitz appears twice 6<sup>th</sup> generation.

24. Terrific brood bitch - Her conformation is the pits, but she conceives big litters.

25. Wins another Best In Show - His second, under the same judge, our uncle.

### 2005 DUES ARE DUE

Send dues now for 2005 to Connie Byrnes, 1541 Madison Ave., Council Bluffs, IA 51503. It is \$20 for a family membership and \$15 for an individual. Must be paid before March 1<sup>st</sup> to continue your membership.

### BELLEVUE DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2004

The meeting was called to order by the president, Alberta Gray at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Alberta Gray, Connie Byrnes, Caroline Rice, Michelle Foutch, Jane Larson, Eric Rice. Absent: Randy Frady.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the *Lead and Collar*.

The treasurer's reports for June, July, and August were accepted as presented. The September report will be revised.

The treasurer also circulated a final report for the spring agility trial and a preliminary report for the September trial. It was noted that the amount realized by the fall show is much less than the spring show; however the complete dues for membership in the Omaha Agility Group were debited against the fall show. Also, the club's tenth anniversary of agility trials was celebrated at the fall show and this added to the show expense.

Plans for the obedience trial later this month are complete. Caroline Rice has assumed the duties of chairman since MaryAnn Prucinsky cannot return to club activities at this time. Linda Puckett will serve as Chief Steward. There will be a volunteers' canteen and a bake sale. Michelle is the show secretary. She reported there are 91 entries on Saturday and 63 on Sunday. Some discussion was held regarding the size of the catalog. It is hoped that someone can format the catalog to the traditional booklet form.

The October general meeting is again at New Cassel on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Members are encouraged to wear costumes and bring dogs in costume. We supply baked treats and the facility will do coffee and punch.

The Christmas party was discussed briefly. Caroline Rice will be glad to host the party at her house. The date was set for December 10.

The next board meeting is December 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Caroline Rice*, Secretary

### BELLEVUE DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB General Meeting October 27, 2004

Prior to the meeting the members and their dogs entertained residents at New Cassel Retirement Center at an early Halloween party.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The minutes of the August general meeting were approved as they were published in *Lead and Collar*. Minutes of the October board meeting were read for information. The treasurer's report was circulated. Also presented by the treasurer was a preliminary report from the September agility trial. There is no report yet for the herding match or the obedience trial.

Obedience Trial: There were many favorable comments on the trial. It went off without any problems. Communication has been received from both judges thanking us for a great trial. Dami Walker has volunteered to be in charge of the volunteers' canteen next year. Linda Puckett and Sharon Miller have volunteered to be in charge of trophies. Judges for next year have already been lined up. There are many items that need to be considered about the obedience trial. At the December board meeting the board will set a date for early in January at which time there will be a special meeting for the single purpose of discussing obedience trial concerns and possibilities. The membership will be notified of the date and location of the meeting at the next regular general meeting of the club.

Agility Trial: Bev Rumshauer will no longer be the secretary for the trial Dawn Mitchell will be secretary for one year. The idea of getting help from Nebraska Kennel Club (they will be asking us for help in July) instead of paying Companion was discussed. Nothing was decided.

Herding: BDOC will hold its first herding trial in April. Volunteers will be needed. It was suggested that someone who is familiar with herding write an article for *Lead and Collar* explaining what happens at a herding trial and what kind of volunteer work might be needed.

Nominating committee: Randy Frady has agreed to head the nominating committee. Positions open are: Vice President, Training Director, Secretary, and one Board Member at Large (to replace Eric Rice).

**Announcements:** Omaha Obedience Club is disbanding. We will welcome any members of the group who want to join us.

Carol Wilson is still storing our mats in her garage. She would like us to look for a storage facility for them.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be the Christmas Party on December 10 (Friday). It will be at Caroline Rice's house. Food will be prepared for us. Members will be asked to RSVP. There will be a gift exchange of doggie gifts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Caroline Rice**, Secretary

**From Gerianne:** At the Border Collie Society of America National Specialty, Raymond finished his HSBs title. He also won the Herding Challenge Championship for Started Dogs. Riva finished fifth in the Obedience Challenge for Novice. After rushing home from the specialty, Riva and Ray finished four herding titles the following weekend, HIAd and HSBd for Riva and HIAs and HIA for Raymond, including a Reserve High in Trial.

Raymond sired a litter of puppies which included two boys and two girls on October 20, 2004.

**New title:** Weaver (Ch. Silhouette's Dream Weaver, CGC,CD) earned his CD with qualifying scores at the BDOC Sat. & Sun. Trials. His first leg was earned at the KC Weimaraner Specialty August 20<sup>th</sup>. Three shows, 3 legs! Weaver is the companion of Sherry & Kurt Rife.

**From Rosemary Strasser:** My Japanese Chin, Arianna's Tiamat Valkyrie (Tia), picked up another MX leg (2nd place) at the Lincoln agility trial. Tia and my Basenji mix, Chi Chi, also qualified twice each with all 1st places in wildcard runs at our first CPE trial in Lincoln. My soon to be 15 year old Pekingese, China, has fully recovered from near death due to an *E. Coli* bacteria infection in her kidneys. She is back to her old self and beating up on my foster Japanese Chin puppy, Rio, who is still looking for a forever home if anyone knows someone looking for a great small dog to train in agility or obedience!

**From the President**

Alberta Gray

I am writing this the day after our 2 day Obedience Trial. I cannot tell you how proud I am of the Club members that stepped up when they were needed. This is what a Club is all about, working together. A BIG thank you to Caroline for stepping forward to take over the Trial Chair. With the ground work Caroline laid for the trial everything went according to plan. Michelle did a terrific job with the Trial Secretary duties. Linda was an excellent Chief Ring Steward and Kris came through for the trophies. With Diane and Sharon's help during the trial, the awards were processed quickly. Jane donated her time and Carol brought some wonderful cookies and was available for any needed tasks. Sherry was taking pictures as were Kris and Rose.

Marge, Gerianne, Eric, Mary, Connie and Rose were Stewards. Kerri did a terrific lunch for the volunteers. Brandy, Rob and Dami stepped up at the last minute to handle the bake sale. Gerry donated a wonderful quilted wall hanging for the silent auction.

Harold worked on the catalog and got the judge to the airport on Monday morning.

We had two excellent judges in Don Schempp and Linda Scanlon. Thank you to MaryAnn for contracting them. MaryAnn, we heard your surgery is over and you are well on the road to recovery.

Oh, and we cannot forget Randy. He did arrive for ring clean up at the appointed time, but the trial ran so efficiently the work was all done by the time he arrived. Good timing, Randy.

None of this could have happened without the assistance of Companion Dog Club with Melanie McNeil in particular. Companion is so lucky to have her as a member. Thank you to all the CDC members that came out to help on Friday night and during the trial on Saturday and Sunday.

**Members Placing at BDOC Trials**

Michelle Foutch, Trial Secretary

NOVICE B ON SUNDAY:

DOG #125, **4TH PLACE:** BUFFALO CREEK'S OLD KING COLE PT, PEMBROKE WELSH CORGI, OWNER CHRIS BROSHAR, PLATTSMOUTH, NE

VETERAN NOVICE ON SAT & SUN:

DOG #501, **1ST PLACE BOTH DAYS:** HAPPY PLATO CDX, MINIATURE SCHNAUZER, OWNER CAROL WILSON, OMAHA, NE

PRENOVICE ON SUNDAY:

DOG #603, **1ST PLACE:** SOLID GOLD EYE OF THE STORM, TOY POODLE, OWNER LINDA AND JENNY PUCKETT, PAPIILLION NE

DOG #602, **4TH PLACE:** WEE MITE HEAVEN SENT, SHIH TZU, OWNER ALBERTA GRAY, OMAHA, NE

BRACE SAT & SUNDAY:

DOGS #501/901, **1ST PLACE:** HAPPY PLATO CDX & A TOUCH OF FROST, MINIATURE SCHNAUZERS, OWNER CAROL WILSON, OMAHA, NE

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DOG #603, **2ND PLACE,** SOLID GOLD EVE OF THE STORM, TOY POODLE, OWNER LINDA & JENNY PUCKET, PAPIILLION, NE

Thanks to all our volunteers: Chris Broshar, Sharon Miller, & Diane Newman: Trophies Michelle Foutch: Trial Secretary, Catalog, Set-up & Tear Down Connie Byrnes: Assisted Trial Secretary Harold Rice: Premium Mailing & Catalog Kerri McCracken: Canteen Linda Puckett: Chief Ring Steward Gerianne Darnell and Marge Danielson helped out all day both days, & Mary Max helped. Alberta Gray: prepared Premium, set-up, Other General Tasks, Clean-up Caroline Rice: Event Chairman and Hospitality (picked up Judge) Eric Rice: Set-up & maybe he was steward also Bake Sale: Linda Puckett, Carol Wilson, Brandy & Rob Cassidy.

**Dear Bellevue Dog Obedience Club,**

Thank you for the generous prizes offered at your trial. Special thanks to Carol Wilson for offering a cash award for High in Trial on Saturday and Kit Walters for offering High Combined on Saturday and Sunday.

The group prizes were nice to receive. Please extend my thanks to the Bellevue Vet Clinic for the cash offered on Saturday for the Sporting Group and Caroline Rice for her contribution on Sunday. The money is always wonderful and I have already applied the funds toward another trial.

Thanks to Dea Jaffey, Kerri McCracken, and Sandy & Marv Crawford for their contributions towards the trophies in Utility B and Open B. Good thing I had Gary with me to take home all the hardware.

Thanks to all who helped put on the trial. It takes a lot of time and effort to have a successful trial.

Best wishes to all and thank you,  
**Karen Rasinowich-Platt**

(BDOC thank the Platts for their trophy donation)

**Flea Killer**

Author Unknown

This is not a flea control, just kills fleas on contact...put 3/4 to 1 inch of rubbing alcohol in bottom of any size jar. Add tiny bit of Dawn dish detergent. "Pour warm water into jar to top and mix together. Apply this to "DRY" dog and work into lather. Rinse. All fleas will be DEAD! Use a human cream rinse on dog after bathing.

**Member's Thoughts**

By [Linda Puckett](#)

I loved the following article in the last newsletter and thought I'd expand upon it!!!! Here goes.....Down, but not out.....yet!!

Last Monday, I hobbled into the house after an exhilarating agility class at Gerianne's. Stormy and I were having a terrific run when I tripped over my own two feet, fell....SPLAT.....and bounced TWICE .....coming face to face with Stormy who was quite surprised I was on his level!! I had a huge lump and bruise on my left knee and a somewhat lighter one on my right knee, plus a few aches and pains in various unmentionable areas... but no bones broken thank goodness. I sat down at the kitchen table and saw that my BDOC Newsletter had arrived. Tucked into the top of the seventh page was a small anonymous paragraph that made me smile and laugh out loud - it so perfectly fit that day and I related completely to it. I have taken the liberty of changing a couple of words for all the crazy dog people I know including myself!!!

Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, "Collar and Lead" in one hand, "Dog Treats" in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WHOO-HOO - What a RUN.....and I QUALIFIED !!!!



It's almost Monday and I can't wait to go to Gerianne's and class again...I'm walking fairly normally and the bruises are such a pretty color and fading fast, as are the memories of the bounce....this life is so much fun when you have such wonderful friends....both two and four legged, to share it with.

### **Having a Good Time**

*AKC Gazette*

"If you and your dog have a good time in the ring and enjoy your day, you're a winning team. You need no score sheet, no judge's book, no ribbon of any color, no rating system and certainly no thoughtless remarks from someone at ringside to tell you how you and your dog are doing. You need only look into your heart and into the eyes of your dog. If what you see there makes you feel good, you and your dog have the only award either of you will ever need."

### **Popsicles For Dogs**

From Trinity Valley WC News

Easy for you to prepare and fun for your pet to eat. Chicken broth Popsicles are an excellent low-calorie treat any time of year. Pour one can of low-fat, low-sodium chicken broth into an ice cube tray and freeze. Best to limit your dog to one cube per day.

### **Mind Games**

From *Paws & Praise* Newsletter

#### **Paper Towel Tubes**

"I have a difficult time thinking of paper towel tubing as anything other than "dog beaters." You can make the neatest popping sounds with them. They are great for things like counter surfing where you beat the counter -yelling at the counter and popping it with the dog beater. 'Bad counter! Bad counter! Where's the cheese sandwich I put on you?', while the dog's expression is positively human like...open mouthed horror! Wow! Stay away from the bad counter! Whew! Makes the human crazy!

Or other things where you want to get the dog's attention in a negative way. Funny how my mind gets stuck in channels. I don't want to waste my paper towel tubes!

When using the beaters, try to do it with a straight face. I have problems if I glance at Able and crack up. You should see him run and hide. I catch glimpses out of the corner of my eye of him peeking around the

corner trying to figure out just what has rattled my cage so badly. I really froth and foam.

I love looking at the doggies who are just stunned when I whack at the dining room table or I am slapping at the front gate. Their expressions are so droll.

I've whacked stairs because they've gotten in my way. I NEVER look at the dog. You have to hit so it makes noise. Hit too hard and you bend the tube and instead of going TWACK TWACK TWACK you get thwip, thwip, thwip.

You just can't get miffed at a dog who is staring horrified at the kitchen cabinet getting a whopping for having its food disappear. WOW that's a bad cabinet. I'd better stay away from that one!"

### **A BDOC Member Worth Knowing**

Submitted by Diane Newman

Name: Marge Danielson

Job: Hy Vee---HBC Clerk

Family: Husband, 2 sons, 1 granddaughter and 5 grandsons

Pets: 3 Miniature Schnauzers Tuffy, Chatty and Sarge 2 Border Collies Bette and ???

Hobbies: Knitting, sewing and herding

Favorite TV Programs: Price is Right and X-Files

Favorite Foods: Prime rib and ice cream

Favorite Movies: Westerns

Favorite Authors: Nicholas Sparks

If I had one wish: There would be Peace worldwide

Best memories growing up: Our country school days and riding horses

Something you would change about BDOC: A lovely new building

What makes BDOC fun & enjoyable: The friends you meet, the special events and the late after hours chats.

### **A Dog's Rules for Christmas:**

From the Internet

1. Be especially patient with your humans during this time. They may appear to be more stressed-out than usual and they will appreciate long comforting dog leans.
2. They may come home with large bags of things they call gifts. Do not assume that all the gifts are yours.

3. Be tolerant if your humans put decorations on you. They seem to get some special kind of pleasure out of seeing how you look with fake antlers.

4. They may bring a large tree into the house and set it up in a prominent place and cover it with lights and decorations. Bizarre as this may seem to you, it is an important ritual for your humans, so there are some things you need to know:

a. Don't pee on the tree  
b. Don't drink water in the container that holds the tree

c. Mind your tail when you are near the tree  
d. If there are packages under the tree, even ones that smell interesting or that have your name on them, don't rip them open

e. Don't chew on the cord that runs from the funny-looking hole in the wall to the tree

f. The lights and decorations are not toys  
5. Your humans may occasionally invite lots of strangers to come visit during this season. These parties can be lots of fun, but they also call for some discretion on your part:

a. Not all strangers appreciate kisses and leans  
b. Don't eat off the buffet table  
c. Beg for goodies subtly  
d. Be pleasant, even if unknowing strangers sit on your sofa

e. Don't drink out of glasses that are left within your reach

6. Likewise, your humans may take you visiting. Here your manners will also be important:

a. Observe all the rules in #4 for trees that may be in other people's houses (4a is particularly important)  
b. Respect the territory of other animals that may live in the house  
c. Tolerate children  
d. Turn on your charm big time

7. A big man with a white beard and a very loud laugh may emerge from your fireplace in the middle of the night. DON'T BITE HIM!!

### Won't Let Me IN

Author Unknown

A dog had followed his owner to school. His owner was a fourth grader at a public elementary school. However, when the bell rang, the dog sidled inside the building and made it all the way to the child's classroom before a teacher noticed and shoo'ed him outside, closing the door behind him. The dog sat down, whimpered and stared at the closed doors. Then God appeared beside the dog, patted his head, and said, "Don't feel bad fella'....they won't let ME in either.



### Junior Showmanship Rule Changes

The following changes to the Junior Showmanship Regulations will be effective January 1, 2005:

- Minimum age of participation will be 9;
- Classes will be divided into three age group:  
Junior 9-11;  
Intermediate 12-14,  
Senior 15-18.
- Competition will be required for the Best Junior Handler award.

These changes will allow Juniors closer in age to compete against each other, as well as for more opportunities for success.

### Gino Has Gone to the Bridge

Sharon Miller

Carol Schwenneker had to put Gino to sleep on November 10th after an extended illness and is taking it very hard. Lets all send our prayers and hugs to Carol. Gino was her "child"....not a dog.

He went peacefully to sleep with her sitting on the floor with him, his head in her lap.

Gino had cancer and finally his back legs wouldn't work anymore.



### Touched By Me

Author Unknown

For if not a heart be touched by me,  
and not a smile was left behind,  
Then the life that I am blessed with  
will have been a waste of time.

With all my heart, I truly hope  
To leave something here on earth...  
That touched another, made them smile  
And gave to my life, worth.



*"Don't cry because it is over, smile because it happened"*



### What You Shouldn't Get Your Dog for Christmas

1. A CD of cats meowing Christmas songs.
2. A chew toy with the head already gnawed off by his canine brother who chewed his way into the gift box around the 15th of the month.
3. A chew toy shaped like a shoe, which he is immediately going to confuse with the right sneaker of your favorite pair.
4. Anything Garfield.
5. A remote control for the refrigerator door.
6. A knitted pink sweater that makes your macho Doberman look like a poodle.
7. A deluxe pre-packaged treat-filled Christmas stocking that's large enough for you to use as a sleeping bag.
8. Doggie antlers when your near-sighted hunting relatives will be spending the holidays with you.
9. A stuffed toy dog with an angel's halo as a hint as to what he has to do to get more presents next year.
10. An audition for a diet dog food commercial where they feed him so much during retakes that he actually gains weight.
11. A piece of jewelry featuring a ceramic dog of his breed for you to wear.
12. His own Internet Pet Supplies credit card.
13. A cat.