

# LEAD AND COLLAR



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## Events to Note

Apr. 21-22 BDOC Herding Trial  
Apr. 25 BDOC Club Meeting  
May 4-6 BDOC Agility Trial at Humane Society  
May 15 Newsletter Deadline for the June/July Issue  
June 8-10 BDOC CPE Agility/UKC Obedience Trial  
Show-n-Go's at Companion: April 15, May 20, June 10  
Obedience/Rally Match: April 1

**Caroline Rice**

**BDOC Outstanding Club Member - 2006**

By Alberta Gray

Every year the Board takes on the task of naming one outstanding club member as Club Member of the Year. This is not easy, as we have an abundance of deserving members. To qualify as the Outstanding Club Member of the year, the member has to meet certain requirements, including attending club meetings. Board members and Officers are not eligible.

This year the Board had no problem identifying this outstanding individual. This individual has a long list of accomplishments and has worn many hats since becoming a member in 1989. This member has willingly taken over a project at the last minute when the chair could not continue her duties. This member has been Trophy Chair for the Awards Banquet and has also taken charge of the door prizes.

This member has been invaluable at our Obedience Trials. She has taken on the challenge of Show Chairman, and she even stepped in one year at the last minute when the Show Chairman had to resign. Remember the year we did not have judge's books? When the show opened on Saturday morning, the books were there, thanks to her. She has been hospitality chair and ring steward, and this year she has also volunteered to be Chief Ring Steward. Along with all of this, the premium lists and catalogs were completed thanks to her wonderful husband.

This person also took on the task of Club Secretary, which is a very demanding position. In addition, she has been the Class Coordinator for how many years now? Is it possible it could be ten years or more?

One of the more fun positions this person has taken on was Master of Ceremonies for the Halloween Party.

Although she has never shown a dog in competition, this person joined the club all those years ago because her son wanted to show his Cairn Terrier. That son has followed in his Mother's footsteps and has remained an active member of the club. We look forward to the third generation of the family joining

our club in a few years - once he is able to walk and talk and hold a leash in his hand!

Lost and homeless cats and dogs have found their way to her home. Her concern over how a neighboring family was treating their Shih Tzu prompted her to ask the neighbor if she could take over the dog's care. That is how Tia came to live with her. Then there was Shay. Shay moved from home to home until he found his forever home with her.

And did we mention what a good cook she is? She has opened her home for club Christmas Parties and put her cooking talents to work.

With all she does for the club, how does she find time to be a school teacher in the gifted program, a Sunday School Teacher, an active member of her church, and a baby sitter for her grandkids?

We have only touched on the very tip of her talents. How could the Board not name Caroline Rice Outstanding Club Member for 2006?

#### **Dear BDOC Board Members,**

What a nice surprise it was to receive the Club Member of the Year Award. To be honest, some time ago I decided that I would never be the member of the year since I never have shown a dog.

Once, when Eric was in Residency there was the chance that he would arrive too late and I would have to show Andy. Panic set in for me, but fortunately Eric got there in time.

Judges for whom I have provided hospitality have sometimes asked me why I am a club member and I say it is because the people are fun to be around and the cause is worthwhile.

So I do thank all of you for picking me for the award. Had I expected it, I certainly would have had a good speech planned.

*Caroline*

### **President's Message**

Gerianne Darnell

2006 was another exciting and eventful year for the Bellevue Dog Obedience Club. The year opened with our Annual Meeting on March 4, 2006, where we celebrated our accomplishments for 2005 and made plans for 2006.

Our first event was our annual AKC Herding Trial on April 22-23. Many members came to Gerianne's the week before to fill holes and tarp the holding areas,

and those same smiling faces showed up to work the trial that weekend. Although we lost money on the herding trial in 2006, the deficit was made up by a benefit obedience seminar given by Gerianne in August, and the event itself was a huge success, with many exhibitors promising a return trip in 2007.

The herding trial was followed by yet another successful agility trial held in Wahoo, Nebraska, on May 5-7. During the first week of March Gerianne found out that our regular site at the Nebraska Humane Society was not going to be available for our May trials, causing some scrambling around for an alternative site. Spring storms raged during the May trials and it turned out quite cold, so we were glad to be inside at Wahoo! Again we had many volunteers, members and non-members, who helped make this event a success, financially and otherwise. Our volunteer voucher system, handled by the capable Rose Strasser, has made finding volunteers for our many events a much more pleasurable experience, as people are eager to help.

The weekend of June 2-4 found the Bellevue Dog Obedience Club membership sponsoring a CPE Agility trial. We once again put on a very successful weekend, with many compliments from the participants on the friendliness and helpfulness of our members. We even had a participant finish their CPE Agility Championship at our event, and we were excited to share in her excitement.

June brought our annual picnic, held at Gerianne's this year. We had many new members in attendance at the picnic; we are very excited that we have picked up an additional ten new members in 2006, most of them drawn by the fact that this is a group of people who seem to actually enjoy each other's company while they put on events and go about the business of running the club.

The fall of 2006 brought our second AKC agility weekend of the year, which unfortunately was ushered in by tornado warnings and heavy rains. Gerianne and Bert's football watching the evening of the Saturday trial was interrupted by having to make decisions on contacting the exhibitors who were camping out at the trial site at NHS. Our ever capable trial secretary, Dawn Antoniak-Mitchell, traveled from her home in the face of the storm to lead the exhibitors to the relative safety of a nearby building. We are lucky to have Dawn now secretaring all of our AKC events!

We enjoyed entertaining the residents of New Cassel retirement home in October, dressing up our dogs and in some cases ourselves, to amuse all in attendance. We did a demonstration of rally and obedience, and refreshments were enjoyed by all in attendance.

Our last event of the year was another very successful obedience trial held on the weekend of October 28-29 at the Companion Dog Club facility. Despite a crushing defeat by the Huskers that weekend (sorry, I couldn't resist), there were many happy folks in attendance. A couple from Des Moines told me that they would never miss our show, and they very much appreciate our prizes and the friendly attitude of our club members. A very successful raffle was again held, which this year made a big difference in our bottom line. Our 2006 obedience trial was a financial success, and we are looking forward to expanding to three days in 2007.

Our last event of 2006 was our annual Christmas party, and once again Caroline Rice opened up her beautiful home to us, and if anybody went away hungry, it was certainly their own fault!

I look forward with much anticipation to our scheduled events of 2007. Our herding trial is already full, almost two full months ahead of the event, and we are expanding our CPE agility trial in June to include three UKC obedience trials. We are getting a lot of interest already in both events. Our AKC agility trials will continue to be a favorite of local exhibitors, and our AKC obedience trials in October are also expanding to three days of both obedience and rally. It is an exciting time to be your president, and I deeply appreciate our members being willing to put up their hand and say, "Yes, I can do that!" when asked to help. We are known in the area as the friendly club that "gets along with each other", and I am proud to be your president.



**Congratulations to new BDOC life members Mike and Lucy Kerby!**

### **Submissive Urination: How To Control It**

*From Drs. Foster & Smith, Inc.*

During excitement, young dogs often spontaneously urinate. They have no control over this and sometimes do not even realize it has occurred. Other dogs may urinate as a sign of submission in the presence of another animal (or person) that they consider dominant. Submissive urination is sometimes

seen in puppies or young dogs that have been abused. However, many puppies that have submissive urination are perfectly normal and from good backgrounds. These types of urination problems seem to be caused by either a lack of neuromuscular control over the bladder or by previous treatment that frightened or intimidated the puppy.

Owners should try to determine what actions or events cause the involuntary urination to occur. For some, this will be easy. Excitement or sudden movement toward the puppy may cause her to urinate. For others, it might be something as simple as direct eye contact. Many puppies urinate when you bend over them, so instead, kneel down to their level. Whatever the cause, do your best to eliminate these situations or actions. Most puppies will outgrow this behavior by six months to a year of age, especially if we let them mature through this stage of their life in a gentle and calm environment. Be patient. When an accident occurs, do not make a fuss. Clean it up and forget it. **Note From Dog Fancy calendar:** Steam cleaning a carpet after a dog urinates on it can actually make the problem worse, as heat can cause the proteins in urine to bond to carpet fibers. Use a cleaner specifically designed to remove urine.

### **Volunteers Needed In May**

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This is my first time as chief ring steward (May AKC Trial) and I am anxious to get to know everyone better. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in working and what you would like to do. We need bar setters, gate stewards, scribes, assistant scribes, leash runners, and sheet runners. No experience required!! I would like to have jobs filled by the time entries close Friday, April 20th, so everyone will know what is going on. You can work half days or full days, all 3 days or just one or two days. It's up to you!! We have vouchers for all who work, good towards your next entry fee or class fee.

### **BDOC 2007 Awards Banquet**

By Gerianne Darnell

Our Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet was held at Johnny's Cafe on March 3, 2007. Your president barely made it there, as the roads were cleared to the south just a couple hours before I had to leave! and I am certainly glad that I made it!

I thought dinner was exceptionally good this year, and other people have mentioned the same to me. After a

delicious dinner, we started with our business meeting. New officers were elected, Vice President Dee Nelson, Secretary Cheryl Dikeman, and board member Amanda Mohler. Those leaving the board were thanked for their two years of service, Vice President Eric Rice, Secretary Jennifer Van Wassenhoven-Tudor, and board member Rosemary Strasser. Alberta Gray also left the board in her position as past president, meaning she has served an amazing five years in a row, thank you Bert! We also welcomed new members Dean and Marlene Lee, and we will be putting them to work shortly!

We then got down to the fun part of the evening. Linda Puckett presented awards to our 2006 instructors. Those who taught two or more classes were Alberta Gray, Linda Puckett, Rosemary Strasser, Nora Boyd, Mary Ann Prucinsky, Jane Larsen, and Randy Frady. Teaching one class were Michelle Foutch, Eric Rice, Chris Broshar, Lucy Hulse, and Dea Jaffey. Gerianne and Linda then presented the amazing number of 57 trophies and plaques to our members for their outstanding achievements for 2006. The evening was culminated with the Presentation of 2006 Club Member of the Year to Caroline Rice.

Before dispersing we enjoyed picking up the wonderful door prizes organized by Amanda Mohler. Thanks to all who helped put on this Awards Banquet, and to all who attended.

Please think about coming out to support your club by helping at our first events of the year, the herding trial April 21-22, AKC agility May 4-5, and CPE Agility/UKC Obedience June 8-10. Our next club meeting will be Wednesday, April 25th, at a location yet to be decided. I hope to see you all there!

### Truths About Pets

(author unknown)

- \*Although cats are rather delicate creatures, and they are subject to a good many ailments, I never heard of one who suffered from insomnia.
- \*Dogs and cats instinctively know the exact moment their owners will wake up. Then they wake them 10 minutes sooner.
- \*Dogs have owners. Cats have staff.
- \*Dogs shed, cats shred.
- \* I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult?
- \*I hope to be the kind of person my dog thinks I am.

\*Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.

\*We wonder why the dogs always drink out of our toilets, but look at it from their point of view: Why do humans keep peeing into their water bowls?

\*Women and cats will do as they please . . . men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

\*When a man's best friend is his dog, that dog has a problem.

### Reminder from K-State Veterinarian

Many conscientious dog owners wouldn't think of giving their canine a tasty but dangerous chocolate bar. But they may not know giving a dog a handful of fruit or nuts can be just as risky.

Seemingly harmless foods like fruits and nuts that have health benefits for people can be dangerous to dogs, said Ken Harkin, associate professor of clinical sciences at Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Harkin says a few foods to watch out for include:

**\*Raisins.** A healthful snack food for people, they can wreak havoc on dogs. Harkin said raisin toxicity is a relatively rare condition that can result in kidney failure. Symptoms include vomiting and diarrhea before the dog takes a dramatic turn for the worse.

**\*Macadamia nuts.** Harkin warns that the tasty and pricey nuts are toxic to dogs and create hind limb weakness, tremors, depression, vomiting and fever. He said dogs usually recover.

**\*Moldy food.** What grosses you out may not even faze your dog. Your pet's indiscriminating tastes can lead to trouble. Harkin said moldy food can produce a tremor syndrome in dogs that can result in seizures.

**\*Bread dough.** Even a food fundamental to many human diets can be dangerous when it's uncooked. Harkin said bread dough isn't good for dogs or children, either. The yeast can ferment in your dog's stomach and produce signs of "ethanol ingestion" -- drunkenness. A ball of dough also can obstruct the dog's gastrointestinal tract.

**\*Dark chocolate.** Even though dark chocolate is being touted as a good source of antioxidants for humans, chocolate still is unsafe for dogs. "The major offenders would be cocoa powder and baker's chocolate, with dark chocolate and semisweet chocolate behind these," Harkin said. "It takes three times as much dark chocolate to equal baker's chocolate."

If you suspect your dog has ingested an excessive



amount of one of these foods, Harkin says to call your dog's veterinarian.

## All I Need To Know About Life I Learned From My Dog

Author Unknown

- \*If you stare at someone long enough, you'll get what You want.
- \*If it's not wet and sloppy, it's not a real kiss.
- \*Know when to hold your tongue, and when to use it.
- \*Leave room in your schedule for a good nap.
- \*Don't go out without I.D.
- \*Always give people a friendly greeting.
- \*When you do something wrong, take responsibility (as soon as you're dragged from under the bed).
- \*Be direct with people; let them know exactly how you feel by piddling on their shoes.
- \*When you go out into the world, remember to always
- \*Take time out to smell the roses, trees, grass, rocks, fire hydrants etc.

## Sniffer Replaces Eyes

(from TV Weim Club News)

Blind dogs rely on smelling and hearing to make their way in the world. Here's how you can take advantage of your dog's keenest sense.

Bumping into things and having trouble navigating is not uncommon for dogs who are vision-impaired. You can minimize mishaps and make getting around a lot easier by marking each area of the house with a different scent, using pinecones, candles, or air fresheners to create a sniffable map of his surroundings. Try a drop of vanilla extract by his food and water dishes, a spot of peppermint essential oil on his bed, and your favorite potpourri by the door you use when taking him out for walks.

## The Choice is Yours!

Author Unknown

Dogs like to sleep at the foot of the bed  
Cats like to sleep at the head of the bed

Dogs mark their territory  
Cats assume all territory is theirs

Dogs come in all shapes and sizes  
Cats come in pretty much the same size

Dogs come when you call them

Cats take a message and get back to you when they are good and ready

Dogs will bark to wake you up if the house is on fire  
Cats will quietly sneak out the back door

Dogs will bring you your slippers or the evening newspaper  
Cats might bring you a dead mouse

Dogs will sit, lie down, and heel on command  
Cats will smirk and walk away

Dogs will tilt their heads and listen whenever you talk  
Cats will yawn and close their eyes

Dogs will give you unconditional love forever  
Cats will make you pay for every mistake you've ever made since the day you were born

Dogs will let you give them a bath  
Cats will take out a contract on your life if you try

## Confidence Building For Dogs

Author Unknown  
*The Printed Paw, January 2007 issue*

Many problems with dogs can stem from a lack of self-confidence, or relying on their owners for security. This often causes problems like excessive barking, attention seeking, health disorders and sometimes self-mutilation. Dogs need to feel confident in themselves but not so confident that they become dominant. Shouting or hitting a dog is never a solution, especially for dogs that have no self-confidence, it will only make things worse. You will never convince a nervous dog that you have a reason for getting angry and lashing out at them.

Language barriers: Contrary to popular belief dogs rarely know that "they have done wrong" they are usually cowering from your anger. Imagine a foreigner came to your house and started to shout at you, would you know what they meant? They may have a valid reason for their anger but they have no way of telling you about it. Dogs don't speak our language, we simply cannot tell them off, for what they did while you were out. The only way to build confidence in a dog is by setting an example.

Nothing to worry about: If they are afraid of something, don't shield them from it or force them to inspect it. Just put it where they have to go past it and then ignore it and act as if there is nothing to be afraid of. They will soon learn to ignore something

once they become used to it and know it doesn't bother you.

Getting over-excited: Overcome this by introducing them to the trigger for their excitement without it leading to anything. For example, you can teach a dog that putting a coat on, or getting a lead down doesn't always end in a walk. If you do this often enough they will learn that these things are a normal part of life and nothing to get excited over.

If they do become over-excited simply ignore them, walk away or put them in another room (20 to 30 seconds is sufficient). If they get excited when you (or they) come back, put them out to try again. Dogs will only get excited if there is something to get excited about. If there is no reward for getting excited then they will learn not to do it.

If they have been doing it for a while then it may take some time to unlearn it. If you teach your dog to have some confidence then they will take many more things in their stride and will be far more enjoyable to you.

Keep leads loose: When walking do not keep your dog on a tight a lead. Especially when you meet other dogs, you will only encourage them to be afraid of the other dog. They can't get away because of the tight lead so their only option may be to attack before they are attacked. If you can relax around other dogs, it is more likely that your dog will too.

Remember that a dog will pick up behavior patterns from their surroundings, if you are nervous and stressful then your dog will almost certainly be too, which will make you more nervous and stressful and so on.

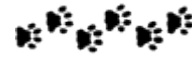
### U S Presidential Pets

<a href="#">George W. Bush</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spot Fetcher, <a href="#">Millie's pup</a></li> <li>Barney, <a href="#">Scottish Terrier</a></li> <li>India or Willie, cat</li> <li>Ofelia, Longhorn cow</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Bill Clinton</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Socks, cat</li> <li>Buddy, <a href="#">Chocolate Lab</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">George H. W. Bush</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Millie, <a href="#">Springer Spaniel</a></li> <li>Ranger, <a href="#">Millie's pup</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Ronald</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lucky, <a href="#">Bouvier Des Flandres</a></li> </ul>

<a href="#">Reagan</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rex, <a href="#">Cavalier King Charles Spaniel</a></li> <li><a href="#">Dogs</a> &amp; horses at the ranch</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Jimmy Carter</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grits, <a href="#">dog</a> given to Amy by her teacher that was later returned</li> <li>Misty Malarky Ying Yang, Amy Carter's Siamese cat</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Gerald Ford</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liberty, <a href="#">Golden Retriever</a></li> <li>Shan, Susan Ford's Siamese</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Richard Nixon</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Checkers, <a href="#">Cocker Spaniel</a>,</li> <li>Vicky, <a href="#">Poodle</a></li> <li>Pasha, <a href="#">Terrier</a></li> <li>King Timahoe, <a href="#">Irish Setter</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Lyndon Johnson</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beagle, Little Beagle, Him and Her, all <a href="#">beagles</a></li> <li>Blanco, <a href="#">white Collie</a></li> <li>Yuki, <a href="#">mongrel dog</a></li> <li>Hamsters and lovebirds</li> </ul>
<a href="#">John Kennedy</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charlie, Caroline's <a href="#">Welsh Terrier</a></li> <li>Tom Kitten, cat</li> <li>Robin, canary</li> <li>Bluebell, Marybelle, parakeets</li> <li>Macaroni, Caroline's pony</li> <li>Tex and Leprechaun, ponies</li> <li>Debbie and Billie, hamsters</li> <li>Pushinka (<a href="#">mutt</a>), Shannon (<a href="#">Cocker Spaniel</a>), Wolf (possibly part <a href="#">Wolfhound</a> and</li> </ul>

	<p><a href="#">Schnauzer</a>), and Clipper (<a href="#">German Shepherd</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Butterfly, White Tips, Blackie, and Streaker, <a href="#">pups</a> of Pushinka &amp; Charlie</li> <li>• Zsa Zsa, a rabbit, and Sardar, Jacqueline's horse</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Dwight D. Eisenhower</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heidi, <a href="#">Weimaraner</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Harry Truman</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feller, <a href="#">Cocker Spaniel</a></li> <li>• Mike, Margaret's <a href="#">Irish Setter</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Franklin Roosevelt</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major, <a href="#">German Shepherd</a></li> <li>• Meggie, <a href="#">Scottish Terrier</a></li> <li>• Winks, <a href="#">Llewellyn Setter</a></li> <li>• Tiny, <a href="#">Old English Sheepdog</a></li> <li>• President, <a href="#">Great Dane</a></li> <li>• Fa la,, <a href="#">Scottish Terrier</a></li> <li>• Blaze, Elliot's <a href="#">Mastiff</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Herbert Hoover</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• King Tut, <a href="#">German Shepherd</a></li> <li>• Big Ben, Sonnie, <a href="#">Fox Terriers</a></li> <li>• Glen, <a href="#">Scotch Collie</a></li> <li>• Yukon, <a href="#">Eskimo</a></li> <li>• Patrick, <a href="#">Wolfhound</a></li> <li>• Eaglehurst Gillette, <a href="#">Setter</a></li> <li>• Weejie, <a href="#">Elkhound</a></li> <li>• Pat, <a href="#">German Shepherd</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Theodore Roosevelt</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pete, <a href="#">Bull Terrier</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">John Quincy Adams</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alligator</li> <li>• Silkworms</li> </ul>
<a href="#">James</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Spaniel</a></li> </ul>

<a href="#">Monroe</a>	
<a href="#">James Madison</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parrot</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Thomas Jefferson</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mockingbird</li> <li>• Two <a href="#">Briards</a></li> </ul>



On judgment day if God should say, "Did you clean your house today?"

I will say, "I did not. I played with my dogs and I forgot."

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we're here we may as well dance."