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Dec. 1 BDOC Christmas Party
Dec. 9 AKC Rally Seminar at Companion
Jan. 15 Newsletter Deadline for the Feb/March Issue
Show-n-Go's at Companion: TBA
Lincoln Obedience & Rally Match: Dec 15

Questions to Ask a Breeder

By Paula Ercoli, (substitute any breed)

- How long have you been in the breed and how long have you been breeding Clumbers?
- Are you a member of any breed clubs and the parent club?
- How many litters do you breed a year and have you bred since in the breed?
- Do you do genetic testing and can you send me proof?
- How do you socialize and temperament test the pups, or do you?
- What are the sire/dam like and do you have them on your property, etc.?



Allowable Surgical Procedures

The AKC Board approved the publication of a list of procedures that, undertaken to restore the health of a dog, would not in and of themselves affect a dog's show eligibility. Such procedures would include but not be limited to:

1. The repair of broken legs, even if such procedures involve the insertion of pins, plates or wires.
2. The removal of damaged cartilage.
3. The repair of ligaments that have ruptured or been torn.
4. Caesarean sections.
5. The repair of umbilical hernias.
6. The removal of tumors or cysts.
7. Gastric torsion/bloat surgery.
8. Splenic torsion surgery.
9. Tonsillectomy.
10. Correction of "Cherry Eye" (which involves the gland of the nictitating membrane).
11. Debarking.
12. The removal of dewclaws if a regular practice in the breed.

Treats Made from Animal Products

Real Age Article Originally published on 09/28/2006

Treats made from animal products may contain salmonella. The bacteria may not cause symptoms in your dog, but after handling any dog treats, food, or chew toys, wash your hands right away. Otherwise,

salmonella might trigger an extremely unpleasant bout of gastrointestinal problems for you. Enough said.

Manufacturers of pet treats -- pig ears, beef jerky, seafood snacks, and similar products -- are looking into ways to kill [salmonella](#) before the products are sold; heat and irradiation may help. Meanwhile, the FDA has stepped up testing to encourage contamination control. A study of nine case reports of people who suffered from [nausea and vomiting](#) found that they had fed their pets a treat and then prepared food. (Note that for every lab-confirmed case, dozens or even hundreds more may have gone unreported.) The treats and the people tested positive for the same type of salmonella, which can be transferred from fingers to food or the mouth. Pets can harbor salmonella bacteria but experience no symptoms of an infection. So wash your hands with soap and water after handling any of their treats; you'll keep their tummies -- and yours -- happy.

Message from the President

Gerianne Darnell

BDOC had a delightful meeting with the residents of New Cassle Retirement Home on Wednesday, October 25. Many club members and their dogs attended, with most of the dogs in costume! We visited with the residents, and then showed them some obedience and rally exercises, and later had refreshments with them. I don't know who had more fun, us or the residents.

Our 19th annual Obedience/Rally trial was held October 27-29. Rose Strasser did a terrific job of chairing this event, and she will have a full report elsewhere in the newsletter. I have received several thank you notes which I will share with the membership at our next meeting, and I also heard many favorable comments such as "this is the best trial I attend, and I don't want to ever miss it!". We really came together as a club to make this a wonderful event.

Plans are underway for our Christmas party to be held at Caroline Rice's home on Friday, December 1, so be sure and put that date on your calendar. We will discuss all of our exciting club plans for 2007. See you all there.



Obedience Trial 2006 Report

Submitted by Rosemary Strasser

The Bellevue Dog Obedience & Rally trial has a history of putting on a small but impressive show. This year's Nineteenth Annual Trial on October 27th-29th was no exception. Tables of trophies, large rosettes, and special breed prizes line the walls and a sensational silent auction greeted participants as they walked in the building. I was reminded again what a truly impressive show our club has each year. Of course none of this would be possible without the hard work and generosity of so many of our members. Months before the trial, the board members and obedience committee worked to prepare for the trial. This year, their task included "breaking in" a new trial secretary and trial chair. ☺ Thank you for your patience and guidance!

I want to mention the efforts of some of our newest club members who so graciously "volunteered" for various positions. Thank you to our chief ring steward, Nora Boyd, for organizing all our stewards. Karen Blessing and Dea Jaffey did a marvelous job collecting for and organizing the silent auction as well as stewarding. Thanks to Dick & Peggy Battig for filling in where needed. We especially appreciate their help with the obedience match. Brenda & Megan Bruce, Lucy Hulse, and Jane Susgin donated their time stewarding and helping out with various jobs. Dee Nelson was always there to give us a hand with setting up, stewarding, or whatever we needed. New member Amanda Mohler has barely lived here 3 months and yet she helped steward all day for various classes. Thank you all, we are so fortunate to have such a great bunch of new members!

Additional thanks to Linda Puckett, who I think never sat still, as she worked organizing the trophies with Lynn Pettengill and Sharon Miller. Caroline Rice and Michelle Foutch went above and beyond the call of duty to escort (and entertain) the judges. Michelle was also match chair on Saturday afternoon. Thanks to Eric Rice for running the canteen and baking such delicious brownies. Gerianne Darnell, Randy Frady, Marge Danielson, Alberta Gray, and Mark Larson are always there for us setting-up, tearing down, and everything in between- thank you! Additional thanks to Gerianne for judging the match on Saturday. Carol Wilson, Diana Spaulding, and Russ Standage were also there to lend a hand. I'd also like to thank Danielle Kleber who does such a wonderful job each year with our club's website posting pictures - make sure you check it out!

Everyone who volunteered or donated to trophies, the auction or bake sale, please know that your contribution and effort was truly appreciated by the club and all the participants at the show!

Finally, congratulations to all those who participated in the obedience trial, we are very proud of our club members' accomplishments. We tried to get a picture of everyone but I'm afraid we may have missed a few. So here are the results of our club members!

Rally Results October 27 & 28

Rally Novice A

Dee Nelson and Australian Shepherd "Powder" earned two legs with a score of 88 and 89 to finish their RN with a 2nd and 3rd placement in Novice A.

Cheryl Dikeman and Toy Fox Terrier "Kegan" finished his RN with a 1st place score of 97 in Novice A.

Rally Novice B

Sherry Rife and Weimaraner "Belle" placed 4th with 83 and 2nd with 98.

Alberta Gray and Shih Tzu "Hairy D" completed their RN title with a 3rd place score of 86 and 4th place score of 95.

Jane Susgin and Standard Poodle "Arthur" earned two more legs which I believe finished their RN including a 3rd place score of 97.

Rally Advanced A

Linda Puckett and Toy Poodle "Stormy" completed his RA with two 1st places with scores of 71 and 95.

Nora Boyd and Pembroke Welsh Corgi "Gryphon" earned their first leg with a score of 84 and 3rd place.

Rally Advanced B

Sherry Rife and Weimaraner "Fancy" (handler: Jenny) earned a 3rd place to finish RA with a score of 79.

Rally Excellent A

Sherry Rife and Weimaraner "Fancy" (handler: Jenny) earned their first leg and 2nd Place with a score of 84.

Rally Excellent B

Lucy Hulse and Australian Shepherd "Chloe" earned a 3rd place score of 85.

Amanda Mohler and Standard Poodle "Lucy" earned a 2nd place score of 98.

Obedience Results October 28 & 29

Novice A

Nora Boyd and Pembroke Welsh Corgi "Gryphon" finished their CD with a 4th and 2nd place and scores of 174 and 175.

Novice B

Linda Puckett and Toy Poodle "Stormy" earned their second leg with a 181.

Gerianne Darnell and Border Collie "Raymond" finished his CD with a 1st place and a 197 and a 2nd place with a 196. Raymond also earned special awards as Highest Scoring Herding Dog, Border Collie, Agility Dog, and Herding Dog.

Jane Susgin and Standard Poodle "Spencer" placed 4th in a large class with a 183.5.

Utility B

Gerianne Darnell and Border Collie "Riva" earned her second leg with 195 score and special awards of Highest Scoring Champion and Tracking Dog.

Pre-Novice

Michelle Foutch and Maltese "Gizmo" competed in pre-novice.

Sherry Rife and Weimaraner "Belle" took home a 3rd place ribbon with a 185.

Veterans

Karen Blessing and Irish Water Spaniel "Blake" took home a 3rd place ribbon.

Christmas in Australia

As Australia has Christmas in the hot summer time, here's a good description of the Australian Christmas Day....sung to the tune of Jingle Bells.

Dashing through the bush
In a rusty Holden Ute
Kicking up the dust
Esky in the boot
Kelpie by my side
Singing Christmas songs
It's summer time and I am in
My singlet, shorts & thongs

CHORUS:

OH, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS
JINGLE ALL THE WAY
CHRISTMAS IN AUSTRALIA
ON A SCORCHING SUMMER'S DAY
JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS
CHRISTMAS TIME IS BEAUT
OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO RIDE
IN A RUSTY HOLDEN UTE

Engine's getting hot
Dodged the kangaroos
Swaggy climbs aboard
He is welcome too
All the family is there
Sitting by the pool
Christmas day, the Aussie way
By the barbecue! **CHORUS**

Come the afternoon
Grandpa has a doze

The kids and uncle Bruce
 Are swimming in their clothes
 The time comes round to go
 We take a family snap
 Then pack the car and all shoot through
 Before the washing up. **CHORUS**

Pets May Protect Kids from Stomach Bugs

By Matt Kaplan (reprinted from TVWClub News)

Pets can protect their owners against common stomach bugs, according to new research. Jane Heyworth at the University of Western Australia, and colleagues found incidences of gastroenteritis, commonly called stomach flue, were significantly lower in young children living in homes with pets, than those living without.

For six weeks, the team closely observed 965 children aged four to six, noting incidences of nausea, diarrhea, and vomiting. Children that had a cat or dog in their household were 30% less likely to have gastroenteritis symptoms than children who lived in homes without pets.

"It is a commonly held view dogs and cats are a source of gastroenteritis, but our results do not support that," Heyworth says. Being licked and touched by pets may allow children to develop immunity from repeated low level exposure of pathogenic organisms, she suggests.

Previous studies have shown people who keep pets suffer fewer health problems, such as heart disease and depression.

(Journal Epidemiology & Infection vol. 134, page 926)

George Crabbe: "Ode to a Dog. With eye upraised his master's look to scan, the joy, the solace & the aid of man, the rich man's guardian and the poor man's friend, the creature faithful to the end."

Alberta's Possum Story

Bungee, my earth/tracker dog is very proud of his catch. This is the critter that has caused mayhem since he moved in under my deck. Thinking he had it made, Mr. Possum had his choice of crab apples and an occasional dog biscuit that one my crew may have dropped. When ever I let the dogs out, I had to be sure Mr. Possum was sleeping safely in his condo. Sometimes it worked and sometimes he was out in the shadows where I could not see him.

Bungee had enough of this intruder and decided to take matters into his own hands. Tuesday night I set

the trap around dark and brought all the dogs in. Once inside I counted and found I was missing one—Bungee. It turned out he was under the deck growling and barking at the possum. There was no way I could coax him out. I kept watch as best I could and listened to be sure Bungee barked every once in a while, that assured me the possum had not gotten to Bungee. Around 11:30 I was alerted by the dogs in the house something was happening outside. I ran out and there in the middle of the yard was Bungee standing over this lump. I though he had killed it.

I picked up Bungee, put him in the house and went to get a shovel. As soon as the shovel touched the possum, his eyes opened and looked at me. The beast was playing possum, imagine that. Anyway I did manage to get him out of the yard on the other side of the fence so at least the dogs could go out and do their nightly duty.

Last night I made sure all the dogs were inside when I set the trap and sure enough this morning, Mr. Possum was safely stored in this trap and not very happy about it. The dogs immediately investigated, Bungee being the most vocal. I had to take this picture of Bungee with his trophy.

Mr. Possum is now safely moved to the far side of the lake. He didn't hesitate to come out of the trap as soon as I set it down beside a creek. This was after I flushed out a blue heron which startled me.



Company's Coming

Husband's putting on a tie
 The kitchen smells of apple pie
 Floors are polished, tables glow
 Records playing soft and low
 Six o'clock and all is well
 At last I hear the front doorbell
 Pat my hair and check my face
 Not a thing is out of place
 Then a voice speaks loud and clear

"MOM, THE DOG THREW UP IN HERE!"



"What matters about a dog is the inside of the head, not the outside of the body."

Tam Cordingley, Foxridge Farms tam@hughes.net

What is inside the mind and spirit of a dog is much more important than the looks of the dog from the outside. What we remember of dogs we have lost thru time isn't the lovely picture; it is the funny behaviors, how they always are looking at us, how well they performed their tasks. The beauty of a dog fades, as does the beauty of a person, and what is left is the gift of the spirit.

As we age most of us begin to realize that the appearance is not as important as the substance of our characters. The look in the eye of a working dog as it performs its task, the expression of unbounded joy in the face of a field trial retriever, the dedication seen in the tireless searching of baggage by a customs dog. This is what we remember.

After many years of being a show dog fancier, as well as an obedience and trail competitor, I find the brain on the inside of the head is much more important than the skin on the outside.

PET ALERT:HOLD THE GUACAMOLE

Thinking of giving Polly a little something extra with her cracker? While there are a few foods that both humans and pets can enjoy, there are others that, while perfectly safe and healthy for people, can be dangerous to our animal companions. "Avocado leaves, fruit, seeds and bark contain a toxic principle known as persin," says Dana Farbman, CVT, of the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC). "The Guatemalan variety, which is the most common variety found in stores, appears to be the most problematic."

The primary concern in dogs is with gastrointestinal irritation, including vomiting and diarrhea. Typically, these effects are seen in dogs who have scavenged on significant quantities of fruit or branches. Birds and rodents appear to be particularly sensitive to avocado, and ingestion can result in respiratory distress, congestion, fluid accumulation around the heart and even death. For additional information, please visit [ASPCA online](http://ASPCAonline).

If you suspect that your animal companion has eaten avocado—or any other potentially dangerous substance—call your veterinarian or the APCC's emergency hotline at (888) 426-4435 for round-the-clock

telephone assistance. For more information on poison prevention, visit [APCC online](http://APCConline).

Holiday Hazards

- Christmas tree water (may contain fertilizers and bacteria, which, if ingested, can upset the stomach.
- Electrical cords
- Ribbons or tinsel (can become lodged in the intestines and cause intestinal obstruction—most often occurs with kittens!)
- Batteries
- Glass ornaments

Cold Weather Hazards

- Antifreeze
- Liquid potpourri
- Ice melting products
- Rat and mouse bait

Foods to Avoid Feeding Your Pet

- Alcoholic beverages
- Avocado
- Chocolate (all forms)
- Coffee (all forms)
- Fatty foods
- Macadamia nuts
- Moldy or spoiled foods
- Onions, onion powder
- Raisins and grapes
- Salt
- Yeast dough
- Garlic
- Products sweetened with xylitol

New E-Mail Address for Editor

As of November 15 the address to send information for the newsletter, roster updates etc. is greydog@myfmtc.com.

AKC Rally Seminar by Dawn Antoniak-Mitchell December 9, 2006; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., to be held at Companion Dog Club. Send registration to Karen Voller, 7610 S. 130th St, Omaha, 68138-6055 by Dec. 5. Cost: \$45 non-members, \$35 CDC members. For information call 896-9578.

I'VE BEEN THINKING

by Tam Cordingley

Most of my close friends will cringe at that phrase. On the way home from an obedience trial I suddenly realized that I was happy. Judging had run long, it was late, I was tired, the weather was hot, but I was happy and relaxed. There have been lots of dog show

trips in my 50+ years of dog shows when I have not been happy on the drive home. Win or lose, dog shows are not always happy. The wrong dog won, the grounds were not good, we had 8 AM judging and groups at 4, and a variety of other gripes.

This was a different experience. It was a rally trial. That in itself is fun. All the participants are happy entering the ring, everyone has a smile on their face. The dogs vary in breed and performance but all the spectators and participants are rooting for every one. Applause is common.

It also was not rushed. Obedience takes time. When one is showing in obedience we all know that so we can relax, we are not going anywhere. It is an extremely pleasant time out not to worry about the cell phone, I turn mine off, no computer. Time to relax, enjoy the dogs, root for your friends, and talk to other competitors.

In our hustle and bustle world of dog shows today we seldom take the time to enjoy what we are doing. Rush to get the dogs there, chalked, judged, bitch awhile about the judging, then either rush to get home to the phone and computer messages or to re-chalk and get ready for the group. Then rush either out to the motor home to get ready for the next day, or really rush to get out the gate first.

Maybe that is the main joy about the obedience ring. We are not rushing. Most exhibitors stay at least until the end of their class, many for the end of the trial. The dogs are quiet and well behaved, most crated near their owner's chairs. If there are children they are usually also quiet and well behaved or are asked to leave.

One of my dearest friends, and she will recognize herself, fusses because it takes so long. So what? Why can't we treat ourselves to a time of no hurry? I'm relatively certain that the sky will not fall if someone has to wait until after I take a day off to get a return phone call or email. My dogs enjoy a time with me. I enjoy interacting with my dogs and watching the interaction with other people's dogs. My business and personal life will both be better for the little time it takes to truly relax. In fact my first rally experience was so much fun that I am continuing on with that dog and have just started another.

Top 14 Super Powers Coveted By Dogs

14. **Invisibath** -- The power to disappear at the first sound of bath water.
13. **ViseHump** -- The leg hump grip of steel.

12. **AquaField** -- Immunity to bucket of cold water when copulating in driveway.

11. **Skeetvision**-- The ability to shoot laser beams from your eyes to blast that damn Frisbee out of the sky.

10. **SuperBladder** -- Loaded with Toxi-Urine -- One lift of the leg and this town is mine!

9. **SquirrelFreeze**

8. **AnalTelepathy/ButtSniffery** -- Two powers which when combined allow one to smell another dog's butt without actually having to get up and move around.

7. **John-O-Matic** -- Turns any toilet bowl into a punch bowl by sheer force of will.

6. **ChuckSpeed** -- Ability to catch that friggin' Wagon Train.

5. **Anti-Psych-Out** -- Immunity to all that "fake throw" nonsense.

4. **VacuCalm** -- Utter self-control whenever the vacuum cleaner is turned on.

3. **GucciTract** -- An invincible digestive system that sustains itself entirely on designer shoes.

2. **King Fido's Touch** -- Everything you touch turns into crap

And the #1 Super Power Most Coveted by Dogs...

1. **DoberMorph** -- Ability to change into a Doberman anytime someone rolls up a newspaper.



Stormy The Herding Toy Poodle -

(or A Wanna be Border Collie in Toy Poodle Clothing !)

By Linda Puckett

Last week, after an obedience lesson with Gerianne, Stormy and I accompanied Gerianne and Rick on a walk around the sheep pasture. Stormy watched with intense interest as Rick herded the ducks for awhile, but Storm had bigger and better things on his mind..... As we rounded the corner to finish the last leg of our walk, Rick and Stormy ran ahead. Stormy was small enough to easily slip under the gate and before I could stop him, he was in the large pasture with about 30 sheep. They saw this miniature black border collie and took off up the hill towards the back fence, with Stormy in full pursuit. I was panicking but Gerianne was quite calm and said he'll wear out and be back soon.....as he disappeared from sight over the hill.....with the minutes slowly ticking away. We saw the sheep come into view at the far side of the pasture, going up the second hill to the diagonal corner from us....no Stormy.....I breathed a sigh of relief, thinking that Gerianne was right and he'd turned around and was heading back to us.....No such luck.....his little legs made him slower but no less determined.....he finally came into view as a little

black blob going up the hill after the sheep. They got to the top by the fence and turned around to face him.....he got halfway up and stopped, watching them, then walked towards them. Six went left and the rest to the right. In my mind was Kent's voice with his Oklahoma drawl, that I had heard so many times as he judged our herding trials, saying "That's a shed".....at the same time Gerianne said it!! Stormy took off after the larger group and brought them straight across the diagonal to us, through some panels and up the hill to our gate. Gerianne went through into the field and as the sheep passed, Stormy came up and stopped, very willing to be picked up. He knew he was in trouble and looked very "sheepish", but I don't think he regretted it at all.

I can laugh at it now but I have a new respect for herding dogs and their owners. I used to chuckle at the owners voices getting higher and more and more panicky as their dogs ran around.....that was exactly ME! I used every obedience command I could think of....come, leave it, sit, stay, down, here, bad dog!! He didn't listen at all and I'm sure he felt it was worth it.....those sheep were just too much fun!

He slept soundly all the way home, flat on his side in the crate beside me, twitching his feet and I'm sure he was "counting sheep"!! He was dreaming of being born a border collie so he could do it all over again the next day, just like his friend Rick!

Pavlov's Punkin' Bread



- 1 Medium Egg
- 1 2/3 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 cup applesauce
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 cup pumpkin, cooked
- 1/2 cup water
- 14 x 8 bread pan sprayed with nonstick cooking spray

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine dry ingredients. In separate medium size mixing bowl, combine wet ingredients. Gradually add dry mixture to wet, mixing thoroughly. Pour into bread pan. Bake for 50 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out dry. Cool the bread on a rack. Store in a sealed container.

Yield: 1 loaf of bread.



**Merry Christmas to All
And
Happy Showing in the New Year!**