

# LEAD AND COLLAR



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## Events to Note

Sept 15 Newsletter Deadline for the Oct/Nov Issue

Sept. 16-18 AKC Agility Trial

Oct. 28-30 AKC Obedience & Rally Trials



## Friends of BDOC Trials

Gerianne Darnell

Friends of BDOC held our annual gala event of CPE agility and UKC obedience/rally on June 3-5, 2011. For the first time in a few years, we had NO SIGNIFICANT RAIN, actually, I can't remember that we had any rain at all, but maybe it sprinkled at some point. It was hot on Friday, but then the weather moderated for the agility people.

I don't have the numbers in front of me, but we had a nice agility entry, given that the CPE Nationals were the following weekend in Minnesota, and many people elected not to travel the weekend before. Obedience had several day of show entries to bring the entries up to a nice level, I think we had around 15 rally and 20 obedience each day, give or take a few. Special thanks to obedience secretary extraordinaire Kathy Novak, Chief Ring Steward Peggy Battig, and stewards Marlene and Dean Lee and Shirlee and Mac Stephens. The obedience trial lost money this year as we tried some different, out-of-town judges, but next year we will have Kathy Davidson doing all rally and obedience classes, so we should show a profit.

Agility was beautifully secretaried as usual by Rosemary Strasser and chaired by Alberta Gray. I'll let Alberta fill you in on the particulars of the agility trial, but I know that it went well and a nice profit was made.

Volunteers included (and shoot Bert and I if we missed somebody!):

### Saturday load up of equipment:

John, Randy, Rose, Linda, Bert, Trisha

### Thursday set up:

Dick, Peggy, Gerianne, Rose, Linda, Bert, Randy, John, Kathy

### UKC Stewards and helpers:

Friday

Kathy, Dick, Peggy, Kathy Davidson and husband

### Saturday

Dean, Marlene, Shirley, Peggy, Kathy

### Sunday

Mac, Shirley, Dean, Marlene, Peggy, Kathy

Canteen

Christie, Darwin, Keri

### CPE

Connie, Linda, Bert, Gerianne, Erin, Rose, Trisha, Deb, Darwin, Amy and her kids, Lucy, And special volunteer course builders all weekend, Randy, John, Mary and Ron Hostetter

Lots of points, titles, and legs were earned by happy BDOC members. I hope you are all going to brag in the newsletter. John was High Cumulative with Indie in agility and High in Trial in agility on Friday, and Gerianne and Rick were High in Trial in obedience on Friday with a 199.

Thanks again to all of you who helped make this such a terrific weekend for everyone!



Kathy Davidson & Razor  
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### **Thank you Volunteers**

Alberta Gray

We did have a great CPE trial considering we had mostly local competitors. I am thinking we had 503 runs, or close to it for the three days. We did make a nice profit. Thanks to Rose for multi tasking and handling the chief ring steward duties of assigning workers. She did have the help of the CPE program, but it was a lot of work on her part. Thank you Rose for your usual top notch secretary work AND chief ring steward.

And thanks to Linda for her table help. Linda and Rose make a great team.

Thanks to Darwin and Christie for the wonderful canteen. And thanks to Kerri for helping out on Sunday.

Randy, John, Ron and Mary did a wonderful job all weekend of course building. Did you know it takes 2 guys to buy paint? I think it was just their excuse to get some rest away from the show site.

Ellen had some challenging but very doable courses.

We could not do this without the help of our volunteers. I love seeing Amy with her kids volunteering. The kids are the future of our club.

Now we just need Eric's kids and Nora's baby to get a little older so they can help out! Am I missing any other potential 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> generation kids?

Gerianne listed the CPE volunteers in her post (Connie, Linda, Bert, Gerianne, Erin, Rose, Trisha, Deb, Darwin, Amy and her kids, Lucy, And special volunteer course builders all weekend, Randy, John, Mary and Ron Hostetter) And if any one is not listed, I am the responsible person so shoot me! Please!!

### **From the President**

Erin Embrey

There is an end to this "heat dome", whew! I hope that everyone and their dogs have come through this heat wave unharmed and think about those people with animals that aren't so fortunate. Thanks to those that work in the rescues and shelters for helping find some place cool for those not so fortunate.

I'm going to take us back a few months to June for our CPE and UKC Trial. Thank goodness we didn't have this heat for that trial! Thank You to Gerianne for once again allowing everyone to invade her wonderful facility and bringing us music again! Nothing like watching people walk a course with their paws up! Everyone that helped out load and unload Trisha's trailer, Thank You! Randy, Ron, Mary, John your course building and overall help is outstanding. To every club member and their family members that came out and ran sheets, leashes and set bars we continue to thank you for a job well done. Without the help of family and friends (exhibitors included) we wouldn't be able to do it!

Rosemary and Kathy, the time that you ladies put in leading up to, during and after the trial as Trial Secretaries is greatly appreciated! Rosemary had some great help from Linda in the camper and Kathy had some great help from Dick and Peggy, Dean and Marlene as well as Mac and Shirley. We are very lucky to have all of you, Thank You!

Our training building is up and running. Thanks to Randy for getting the building painted. Dee, Bert, Linda, Rose, Staci, Kim and Mary over a few days helped put stuff together after painting. We cleaned up, laid out the matting, brought out jumps and reset the gates. It was a bit warm, but we did it! We then had our Summer Picnic and General Meeting in the building! There was a ton of good food and good conversation, thanks to all for coming out!

At this meeting we voted in a new member, Sharon Johnson as well as voted to hold another CPE Trial in the fall. This trial is being held in conjunction with our Herding Trial. Starting on September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 2<sup>nd</sup> our CPE friends will run while our Herding friends will run on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Yes, these trials will both be held at Gerianne's house at the same time! It shall be fun and interesting to handle two separate trials the same weekend; I'm up for it, are you?

We need to start thinking about the back end of the year for BDOC. We have AKC Agility again at Chance Ridge in Elkhorn on September 16<sup>th</sup> thru the 18<sup>th</sup>. I will be asking for help again in a few weeks! If you can mark those days down, I will certainly be able to use whatever you can give me! The week of the trial, we'll load up the equipment at NHS (usually Wednesday @ 5:30pm) and then Thursday we'll unload at Chance Ridge. If you'll be available at all that week/weekend please let me know! I already have a volunteer work sheet from someone in Pennsylvania, so plan ahead this trial should be just as full as it was in May!

Planning into October, save the 19<sup>th</sup> for the Halloween Party and General Meeting at New Cassel. Our annual trip out to visit those folks is always something they look forward to. They love to hear about the dogs and what they do. This year they have asked us to share what the dogs are bred to do, so plan a little to share about your breed. The next week is our Obedience trial and this will be held at Gerianne's house. Due to the closing of Companion Dog Club, we do not have a building to have this trial. We have been fortunate enough to have club members with large enough facilities to make sure we don't lose this trial. We do need to find a place, so if you have ideas please let us know. We have looked into indoor soccer fields and they are expensive but they are also booked two years out, so we need to get it figured out quick.

I hope that I've covered everything from the past few months and get the word out about what's coming. Again, mark your calendars for the upcoming trials even if you can only help for a few hours, we'll take it!

Have fun, play safe and we'll see each other soon!

### **BDOC Board Meeting**

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

-Call to Order: 7:07 p.m.

-Minutes of Last General meeting as printed in Lead & Collar by Erin for Amy, motion to accept as printed by Randy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caroline.

-no new member applications.

-Report of Treasurer: read by Connie, amendment of timing fees from \$500 to \$400, motion to accept by Rose, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caroline, Herding Trial treasurer's report read by Connie, motion to accept by Rose, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lucy; Agility Trial treasurer's report read by Connie, approved; NSF Check from the AKC trial, that since has been corrected, the motion was to make sure the NSF was corrected before the next BDOC/Friends of BDOC Event.

-Report of the Training Director- just completed two classes, CGC test, 7 entries, 6 passed, condensed puppy and beginner to a 6 week schedule, \$65 + tax, \$69.55 for non-members and member classes cost \$50.00, 6 week format for beginner, puppy, adv. Beginner (\$75 + tax), Rally is 8 weeks (\$90 + tax, members \$20 less + tax), CGC is 4 weeks (\$55 + tax, members price \$20 less + tax); Randy motion to offer a \$20 discount one time to rescue group adoptions (Coupon print out w/Caroline email), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Connie, motion carried; motion to accept condensed class schedule by Erin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caroline, motion carried.

#### **-Report of the Committees:**

-Herding Trial: Herding Trial in the fall

-AKC Agility Trial: Agility at Chance Ridge discussed, great feedback

-CPE/UKC: June 3, 4, 5—Rosemary and Erin

-Obedience: October 28, 29, 30—Erin

#### **-New Business:**

-Summer Picnic June 25 or July 2 @ Training Building (Randy), Yahoo list to have members input on which date; main dish F - L, Side Dish M - R, Salad / Bread A - E, Dessert S - Z.

-Fall Halloween General Meeting at New Cassel, Randy will call about the 19<sup>th</sup>.

-Motion to donate \$100.00 to church elevator by Caroline, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lucy.

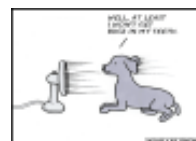
#### **-Old Business:**

-Training room- holes patched by Ron and Mary Hostetter.

-Motion to accept lowest bid of painting of the building, \$1,000 or under by Caroline, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rose, motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn- Rose, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Braggs



## BDOC General Membership Meeting

6/25/11

**Call to Order:** 5:02 p.m.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** motion to accept Deb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle.

**New Member Applications:** 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for Sharon Johnson, Bert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Staci, new member accepted

**Report of Treasurer:** read by Connie, reports for CPE June 2011, Linda discussed ribbons were less--by about \$100, amount of profit is without vouchers, motion to accept with amendment for ribbons by Bert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary; UKC June 2011, motion to accept by Gerianne with adjustment to ribbon amount, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb; General Treasurer's report, discussed estimated taxes that must be paid this year due to having paid taxes last year, storage facility bill paid up to date--went to old address; agility trial facility \$250 donated from Gerianne, Friends of BDOC treasurer's report, discussed building rental fees--within budget, motion to accept by Bert with amendment (Connie will look up this amount), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacy, motion carried.

**Report of the Training Director:** Lucy reported--one Beginner's class with six students, requested volunteers to teach classes--pick your day and time, Star Puppy class possibility by Mary, would like to have Advanced Obedience and Rally Classes too, discussed email with information about classes and pricing.

**Training Passes:** Linda, email went out with information, key for 1 month \$15, 3 months \$40, will email when renewal is due, can train anytime class is not held, voucher can not be used for payment, timer will be available for twenty minute sessions, can bring a friend for a \$10 drop in fee, will get a box for the drop in money, there will be a sign in box, possible calendar on website to see when classes are scheduled and when open times are available for training,

**Report of the Committees:**

**Herding Trial:**

**AKC Agility Trial:** report by Erin, will be at Chance Ridge, Caroline will transport the food, need a couple people to work the Canteen, premium list is out, it opens in three weeks, email will be out soon for volunteers.

**CPE/UKC:** report by Gerianne, went well, read

Thank You notes from judges

**Obedience:** report by Erin, a few people will help with Hospitality for judges, Caroline will be Chief Ring Steward, Eric will do food again, location--Companion not looking promising, some discussions with GLOC as a location \$2,250 current quote, possibly at

Gerianne's--plus is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  cost, minus is Rally on dirt floor, discussed scheduling possibilities as well as pros and cons of each location, email will go out on Yahoo list to get member input, trophy donation sheet went around, Linda created donation letter for everyone to take to businesses, etc. for general trophy fund, prizes.

**New Business:**

1. Erin, discussed getting AC unit for new building, Eric looked into this and presented options, used units for roof or side available for purchase, still need to install it, service it, what to do with it if we would no longer have the building after a year, could get estimates for a "Cold Spot", portable unit, 45,000 cu ft to consider.

2. Discussed donation to church elevator fund as a thank you for classes location when we were in need, motion for \$100 donation by Eric, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary, carried.

3. October CPE trial to coincide with fall CPE trial proposed, would need a trial secretary, checking into available judges, discussion of other shows, Bert looked into it and there is nothing else in area at that time, application must be in by Thursday this week, discussed schedule/trial details, motion to hold CPE Trial first weekend in October by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb, motion carried "Go For It!"

**Old Business:**

\*Thanks to Erin, Mary, and Dee for set up of training building!

**Motion to Adjourn:** by Staci, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary; 6:25 pm Brags

*"If reading scents is, for dogs, the equivalent of reading a written message, then the canine equivalent of ink is urine."*--Stanley Coren, [How to Speak Dog](#)

### Training the Beagle to do Agility

Erin Embrey

At nine months old I decided to try training a bouncing baby boy in agility. I thought that I was crazy but somehow I had to try and harness this jumping. We were at a BDOC Christmas party/General Meeting at Gerianne's and after dinner I leaned over and asked her, "is 9 months old too young to start agility?" She gave me a little laugh and said, "no, it's fine." That is where it all started for Kasey and we haven't looked back.

It was a rough start for us. The nose is a problem, the barking is a problem and the running off was a huge problem. If we would have taped the first year of classes and then taped the past year I wouldn't believe that this is the same dog. There have been many nights of driving home from class wondering what the heck I am doing. Even today Kasey runs off, usually not as far down the corn field as he once had, but now it's more manageable.

Kasey scared me to death at one of our first classes. He had the terrible idea that the agility building is HIS building. When Val brought Sirius, a Doberman, Kasey took off running from one end to the other. Now, going back quite a few years at the Nebraska State Fair I had an American Cocker Spaniel that would have been eaten had we not been late to the long sit because of Showmanship. My beautiful Spaniel would have lost her life to a Doberman, so imagine my heart dropping when I see my little Beagle running towards Sirius. Little did I know that Sirius was not so serious! He just stood there looked at Kasey and then looked at Val like really!? Thank God Val and Sirius are such a great team that now when Kasey gets an eye on Sirius he wants to play.

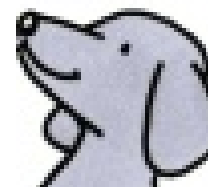
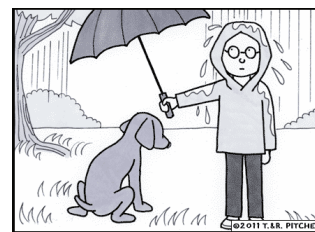
I must be gluten for punishment as I signed up to train again! I knew that a Beagle could be trained in agility since I had seen one get their MACH at a BDOC trial. We continued through the year over coming many issues, that once in a while still pop up. The nose will never go away and neither will his want and need to run, but we can surely work with it. Kasey debuted at the BDOC CPE Agility Trial in 2010. He ran off the field, pooped off the field got a Standard Level 1 leg and a Colors Level 1 leg! We followed that up with the BDOC AKC trial with one run in Jumpers with Weaves Preferred. Sadly we didn't qualify as he thought that his 15 seconds of fame was that camera at the side of the ring instead of hitting his weave poles! He came back and finished his weaves but then I got in his way. We were way over time, but I laughed because we had fun and it was just an accomplishment to have him out there and finish the course.

I've been taking Kasey to any agility trial I can in 2011 and we've had multiple expensive training trips, but it finally started to come together. We got a jumpers leg in Lawrence, Kansas and you would have thought that I finished a title because I screamed at the end! Everything just fell right into place and it felt so good that it had to be the first perfect run, and it was! I

took him to Wichita, the first time around and it was one of those training trips. He was a good dog though and just getting him out around other dogs and areas he didn't know was another accomplishment.

We went back to Wichita to a much larger show and it started out as a training trip but then he ran another nearly perfect course. Lucky for us we had 3 attempts at the weave poles and the almost perfect run became leg 2 for his novice jumpers title. We finished our JWWP title in Elkhorn in front of a hometown crowd. For fun we got 2 FAST Preferred legs at that trial too, it was truly awesome! All his AKC wins have been 1<sup>st</sup> Places, with 0 Faults, I couldn't have asked for him to do much better!

Kasey has been so amazing to work with even through the hard times! Without the support of my family and friends I couldn't be doing so well with my little wizard! Everyone's support at classes, trials, all the tough love and support of my teacher, Gerianne, without it we wouldn't be where we are today.



### State Dogs

**Maryland:** Maryland was the first state to honor a dog with an official title. In 1964, the [Chesapeake Bay Retriever](#) became the state dog of Maryland. The breed is popular with hunters for its ability to retrieve birds in water such as geese and ducks. They are happy, intelligent, and courageous dogs that love water. They do best with active, outdoor-loving families.

**Alaska:** The newest dog to receive an official title is the [Alaskan Malamute](#). Named the state dog of Alaska in 2010 after young students petitioned for it, the Alaskan Malamute is an American breed named after the Inuit tribe called the Mahlemuts that settled in Alaska. Historically, they were very valuable work dogs because they could carry heavy loads over long

distances in the Arctic's harsh environment. Today, Alaskan Malamutes are affectionate and friendly family pets.

**Massachusetts:** Truly an American dog, the [Boston Terrier](#) was the first purebred dog in the U.S. and was designated the state dog of Massachusetts in 1979. Boston Terriers are lively and extremely intelligent. They have a gentle disposition and make wonderful pets. They require a moderate amount of exercise, are simple to groom, and easy to train.

**South Carolina:** The [Boykin Spaniel](#) was named the state dog of South Carolina, the state where it originated, in 1985. Boykin Spaniels have a very cheerful and energetic personality. They are medium-sized, all-around hunting dogs. Because they were bred to work with hunters all day, they fit in best with an active family. The breed loves companionship and enjoys the company of kids and other dogs.

**Virginia:** The [American Foxhound](#) was designated the state dog of Virginia in 1966. One of the rarest of America's native breeds, the American Foxhound was originally bred for fox hunting. They are easygoing dogs that get along well with children. They were bred to run, so American Foxhounds need exercise to keep them happy. Because they can be stubborn, persistence is needed when training.

**Wisconsin:** The citizens of Wisconsin named the [American Water Spaniel](#) their state dog in 1985. They are the only breed native to the state. They were originally bred as an all-around hunter that could retrieve from boats. While they still enjoy hunting today, they are also excellent family dogs. Since they are very energetic, they do require daily exercise, but they also love hanging out with their family. American Water Spaniels are friendly and eager to please and respond well to training.

Additional state dogs include:

**Louisiana:** [Cathoula Leopard Dog](#)

**New Hampshire:** [Chinook](#)

**North Carolina:** [Plott](#)

**Pennsylvania:** [Great Dane](#)

**Texas:** [Blue Lacy](#)

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### **Emergency Preparedness Plan for Pets**

Plan for what should be done in different scenarios. For example, in a situation where staying home is best (such as tornadoes), have a plan to get your pets into a safe room with you. Small pets can usually be carried in their habitat. Cats and any pets whose habitats are too large to transport (ferrets and parrots, for example) can be transported in kennels. Have leashes ready for the dogs. Have treats on hand to ensure everyone's cooperation!

Have the same securing devices on hand for an emergency in which the family would have to leave the home, such as flooding or a fire.