

LEAD AND COLLAR



April/May 2012

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Events to Note

- April 1 BDOC Open House 12-4 p.m.
- Apr 25 Club Meeting 7 p.m. dogs welcome
- May 4-6 AKC Agility Trials
- May 15 Newsletter Deadline for the June/July Issue

On **March 31**, BDOC will be hosting our first Fun Match at our training building. The Match will start at 9 a.m. with Rally. We will have a nested course. Following Rally, we will be renting the Ring for regular Obedience for \$6.00 for 6 minutes. The building will be open for this Match until Noon.

The ring size of 25X40 is non regulation, but still allows for enough room to work your dog.

So far, Caroline Rice and Mary Hostetter have volunteered. We still need two more club members to

assist. Contact Alberta at hairyd@cox.net to volunteer.

BDOC BUILDING ADDRESS

1115 Applewood Drive, Papillion, NE

General Directions: from the North: come south on 72nd street towards HWY 370. Turn right onto Applewood Drive (BP Gas station on the corner) follow road down and curve to the right building on the right.

From the south: HWY 370 to 72nd Street go north on 72nd (be in the LEFT LANE) turn left onto Applewood Drive (BP gas station on your left) and follow road down and curve to the right.

BDOC Open House

The open house is Sunday, **April 1st** from Noon to 4:00 p.m. There will be demonstrations on conformation, obedience, rally, agility, and flyball. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help. Members are welcome to bring their dogs to participate in the conformation, obedience, rally and agility exercises. An officer from the Bellevue Police Dept. will be there with his dog for a presentation. There will also be booths on pet therapy, CGC, 4-H, and rescue. Weather permitting there will be some fun games for everyone to participate with their dogs (on lead).

We still need members to help out with the games. Please let Mary know if you can help at rhostetter11@gmail.com

A Small Thank You from Erin Embrey

I want to take this opportunity to Thank BDOC for a good couple of years. It's been an honor to be the

President and work with all of you in different ways. We accomplished a lot during those years starting with getting ourselves a building for us to call home. I know it has cost us quite a bit of money in making it ours. I do believe that if we continue to use it for classes, trainings and seminars I believe that we will be okay. We also started a Public Relations Committee and I'm thankful that we have a very capable team, and I'm excited to see what else we can do over the next few years.

I also need to give a huge Thank You to Linda and Gerianne for all their hard work and dedication to the Annual Awards Banquet. Getting the place is easy, and working on the food isn't too hard, but what you ladies do for a month or two prior with awards and triple checking everything is amazing! Thank you to everyone who came out, it blew my mind at how full that room was and how much fun everyone had.

Congratulations to those that were voted in for the next two years as the Board; Alberta Grey, Deb Landon, Brent Brady and then Connie for taking on 1 year of Secretary. I know we are in good hands with this group! Thank You for everyone's hard work and dedication to those that came off the Board; Amy Voogd (with the cutest invites ever!), Staci Miller and Connie Byrnes from Treasurer.

We have some trials coming up in May and June that I will be contacting you about. I really need tons of help especially moving the equipment during the May 4-6 Agility Trial in Elkhorn. It is an indoor trial so weather will not be a factor, if it's raining we're running! So, if you know some big guys or girls that would like to volunteer some time over that weekend, feel free to take their information and send it on to me. Oh, and they get lunch for volunteering!

See everyone at the next general membership meeting on April 25th!!

PET'S LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Before humans die, they write their last will and testament and give their home and all they have to those they leave behind. If, with my paws I could do the same, this is what I'd give:

To a poor and lonely stray I'd give my happy home, my bowl, my cozy bed, my soft pillows and all my toys, the lap, which I loved so much and the tender loving hands; the hand that stroked my fur and the sweet

voice which called my name, and I'd will to the sad and scared shelter dog the place I had in my human's loving heart of which there seemed no bounds. So when I die, please do not say, "I will never have a pet again for the loss and pain is more than I can stand." Instead, go find an unloved dog - one whose life has held no joy or hope and give my place to him. This is the only thing I can give - the love I left behind.

From the President

Alberta Gray

It will take some big shoes to follow the path Erin has set for the club. That path leads us to a growing club with an eye to the future.

The Public Relations Committee that Erin instituted has some great ideas for the upcoming Open House. And that committee is also working on a new brochure for the club. The club will be relying on this committee to get the word out about the club and our upcoming events. The committee members are Mary Hostetter, Deena Brady and Lou Meyers.

The Annual Awards Banquet was a fabulous success. Thanks so much to the Banquet Committee: Gerianne Darnell, Linda Puckett, Connie Byrnes, Erin Embry and Randy Frady. The choice of the restaurant and the menu selection was top of the line. And a Special thank you to the Trophy Committee, Linda Puckett and Gerianne Darnell. Many of our members are so successful in the various dog venues and this committee highlights their success.

Gerianne spent hours producing the program which is a keepsake for sure. Just saying Thank You does not seem sufficient, but Thank you!

Mother Nature has teased us all winter long of Spring. And now the calendar is telling us the actual Spring is just around the corner. Time to get out and shake off those winter cobwebs and do some training. This reminds me; contact Linda for a trainers pass!

I am looking forward to working with the board, Randy, Lucy, Connie, Caroline, Rosemary and our new board members Brent Brady and Deb Landon.

BDOC Board Meeting 2-15-12

Call to order 6:58 p.m.

Members present: Caroline, Connie, Erin, Randy, Amy, Rosemary.

Three new member applications scheduled to be read at banquet meeting.

Minutes of last general membership meeting 1-7-12 read by Amy, motion to accept by Caroline, 2nd by Randy, motion carried.

Treasurer's report- read by Connie

-discussed trials and vouchers, outlined a policy for voucher use and record keeping

-Randy moved to empty storage unit and eliminate monthly rental fee, second by Connie, motion carried

Report of Training Director- (Lucy)

-next set of classes start second week of March, beginners, CGC course, morning class beginner +

-Lou sent ideas for club income: seminars, private classes (Caroline will make an application to match that definition)

-could rent building to 4H groups to use for practice on a regular basis, open to other group use

Committee Reports:

-Agility AKC May 4-6, 2012 and September 14 - 16

-Agility CPE and UKC Obedience and Rally June 8-10, 2012 (judge change)

-Agility AKC September (not on books yet) 28 - 30, 2012

-AKC Obedience and Rally October 26 - 28, 2012

Nominations Committee; Caroline

-people running for all offices

New Business:

-April 1st for Open House

-Mark Larson donated Shop Vac

-Rose made motion to increase membership dues, \$25 individual/\$40 for family to start in 2013, second by Amy, motion carried.

Old Business:

Adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Braggs!

BDOC Membership Meeting/Awards Banquet 2-25-12

Call to order 6:58 p.m.

Three new member applications: Jeanne Halsey, Deb and Mike Stiner, Sandy Williams. Motion to accept all new applicants by Gerianne, 2nd by Linda, motion carried.

Minutes of last general membership meeting 1-7-12, read by Amy, motion to accept by Erin, 2nd by Deb.

Minutes of last board meeting 2-15-12 read by Amy, motion to accept by Michelle, 2nd by Randy.

Report of the President - Erin Embry.

Treasurer's report- read by Connie (annual report), addressed questions, motion to accept by Caroline, Bert 2nd, motion carried.

Report of Training Director- (Lucy), 4 classes coming up in March, CGC, combo, puppy, would like to have a

Rally class, Lou volunteered to teach several sections, Deb S. also volunteered to teach classes.

Committee Reports:

-Agility AKC May 4-6, 2012 and September 14 - 16, Gerianne, Go Dogs is having a trial the weekend prior, just need to haul equipment back, will coordinate trucks and trailers so we do not need to rent truck, Michele, Mary, and Larry are in charge of hospitality, Premium List Opens in a week / We will have to get the equipment out and back on our own for September Trial. Members volunteered to use their trucks and trailers to do the hauling.

-Agility CPE and UKC Obedience and Rally June 8-10, 2012, Gerianne and Alberta; judges set, Rose has premium out, need volunteers, Christi said cafeteria is planned.

-Agility Herding/CPE Agility 28 - 30, 2012, Gerianne and Alberta, judges hired and will be staying with Gerianne, CPE trial judge is hired, new to the area

-AKC Obedience and Rally October 26 - 28, 2012, judges hired, Erin will be the Trial Chair, Nora will help, Caroline and Eric will do Canteen again.

Recognition of Outgoing Officers and Board Members- Erin Embrey

-Amy Voogd, Staci Miller, Connie Byrnes

Election of Officers & Board Members- Caroline Rice

-presented nominees: Alberta Gray, Lucy Hulse, Deb Landon, Bret Brady, Connie Byrnes: Caroline motioned to cast a unanimous ballot, 2nd by Gerianne, motion carried.

New Business:

-Storage Unit- volunteers will get stuff out of storage unit / will contact Dee for pass code and coordinate a date in the next week.

-Membership Dues effective 2013, \$25 single / \$40 family; motion by Deana, 2nd by Dave, motion carried.

-Committees could give input on ways to cut costs in their areas

-2013 additional March 31st/ April 1st, Obedience Trial, AKC, flat ribbons, would be at Gerianne's, Rose will be mentor Deana as Secretary

Old Business:

-Shop Vac was donated by Mark Larson, Deana has been steam mopping when she does classes twice a week and is willing to continue, club will order mop pads and add a spigot to make filling bucket easier

-Open House- April 1st, put together flyers, distribute to local vet clinics, pdf to Yahoo group so members can print and distribute

Presentation of Instructors - Lucy

Adjourn and Brags @ 9:20 motion by Deb, 2nd by Michelle, motion carried.

Presentation of Awards - Gerianne and Linda

Presentation of Outstanding Club Member - Erin Mary and Larry Max

**Bellevue Dog Obedience Club of Nebraska
Members of the Year 2011**

When it comes to this time of year and you have to select a BDOC Member of the year it is very difficult as there are so many deserving members. This year it is different as the member of the year was very obvious.

Looking over the years since I have been a member and in talking with others in the club, I find there are some members that even though they no longer may be training a dog, they still remain active and help BDOC whenever they can. One prime example is a couple that trained a little Dachshund in BDOC classes and as the dog got older and with the injuries incurred, they couldn't work with him as much.

Though this little dog wasn't able to work anymore, these members still stayed active. They support the club and give generously to the Obedience Trophy Fund. They are at the agility trials helping set up for the weekend. Where one goes with BDOC most generally, you'll find the other right there. We are extremely lucky that their family understands their commitment to us for a couple weekends out of the year.

When you first join any organization, you don't know everyone. I only knew a handful of people but quickly learned who everyone was. These two wonderful people were at my first Agility Trial. As I walked by the kitchen I hear, "There she is"! I looked into the kitchen and two smiles greet me along with "hellos". Every agility trial I hear this and see those smiles and it starts the weekend on a positive note. We know that people come to our trials to see these members. They are attentive and caring for all the people that come to the Canteen.

These members are often first in the building. They start coffee and have donuts ready as they begin to set up for the day. It has even been mentioned that they make special sausage sandwiches for the ring crew in the morning. When setting up a ring, you can never have enough hands and this couple will help all they can, whether it be moving a stake or holding the tape or what ever else is needed. When lunch time rolls around these two are right there waiting with a hot griddle, sandwich flipper, smiles and conversation! Who else can offer you a grilled sandwich made to order at a dog show?

This year was a special year for this couple as we helped them celebrate their wedding anniversary at our spring agility trial. It was a very lucky year when

Sharon Van Ert invited members of the closing Omaha Obedience Club to join BDOC and this couple accepted this invitation.

It is my honor to present the 2011 Bellevue Dog Obedience Member of the year award to Mary and Larry Max.

2011 Report of the President

2011 sure proved to be an interesting year. We started with our first Herding Trial of the year that was fun and good weather, for the most part. We received a letter from an exhibitor that was extremely pleased with our trial and of course how well she did! Lori, one of our judges even celebrated Easter by wearing rabbit ears on her head!

During 2010 and 2011 started looking for a place to call home and in March we found it. This building was to host classes and meetings when possible. Quickly we observed how chilly it can get in there, but now all is warm and fuzzy. We did a ton of work on the building from spackle and paint to hanging the mirror (which does come in handy) and the BDOC Banner on the back wall. BDOC purchased shelving units to organize ALL of our belongings and get the totes of paper products off the ground. We still have some work that is going to be done, and many classes to hold and seminars to attend, but we finally got ourselves landed into a place that works.

We did a little outing on a windy spring afternoon that took a few members to downtown Council Bluffs. We did demonstrations of Rally and Obedience as well as tricks. That weekend, Ellie and I got into the local paper with a "High 5"! Thanks to all that came out that afternoon and chased rally signs down the sidewalk!

Moving into May we had yet another successful AKC Agility Trial at Chance Ridge in Elkhorn. We had some music rocking the place that helped us set courses and walk them as well. It was quite fun to see many people break out into dances in the middle of the ring. Everyone from Wednesday to Sunday that helped load, unload, load again, thank you! Getting up in the morning, especially that early isn't easy for some people and we hit it out of the park again.

June brought us some hot weather and we all made it through. The weekend of our CPE and UKC trial was busy as usual but music was there and we all walked the courses with our paws up! This is really were I decided that Lady Gaga wasn't so bad after all! We should consider making this a non negotiable at this trial...you WILL be listening to music while setting and walking courses!

During the hotter summer months we sit back and relax, for the most part. We're still attending classes, trials and teaching classes, but we are not hosting any trials. We had our summer picnic at the Training Building where we had our meeting and ate some really good food.

Our training building just got a good use a few weekends ago. Gerianne put on a stretching seminar for dogs and humans. I have heard great things about it and only wish that I was able to attend. I hope that in the next few months that we get more seminars going and pull more people into our building. Classes and trainers passes continue to be where most of the use is coming.

More music was played as we set up for our September Agility Trial again at Chance Ridge in Elkhorn. I turned to look into one ring and saw a circle of friends dancing away. One dancer had been in a bad car accident a year prior and to see her dancing and having fun was truly a blessing. The whole thing just put a smile on everyone's face and yes there are pictures, but they will not make it out of the camera, promise. Our trials have bumps and bruises along the way and sometimes we have to call an audible but we always stay on our feet, of which I can not say the same for myself!

The Herding committee decided that it would be best to move to the fall. So we added a herding trial AND a CPE Agility trial on the same weekend in September. It was a fun enjoyable weekend for everyone, even one of the herding judges came over to CPE and sat next to me and watched for a while. I think he liked it! We twisted an arm or two of our Herding Secretary and she came back to do it, thank you Sharon!

September 2011 was winding down and we were winding ourselves up for our October Obedience Trial. We had to make a decision to take our chances at the old location or do what we thought best and change locations. We thought to not take a chance and Gerianne offered her Obedience and Agility buildings for the trial. She even got George to donate a small portion of his boat building for indoor crating with a heater, if needed. Eric and Caroline Rice had wonderful soups for us again!

I want to extend my gratitude to each and every single one of you for all your energy and hard work you have put into our events. I don't think we can say it enough, without you we could not have the trials and success that we have.

Valor Dog of the Year - Heroic Hank By DeAnn Smith

The story of Hank's heroism has gone national.

The Humane Society of the United States has bestowed its top award on the Kansas City dog who nearly died while saving his owner from domestic violence.

A group of judges selected Hank as the Valor Dog of the Year. A vote from the public also named Hank the People's Hero.

Last year, a woman known as McKenzie desperately called the Rose Brooks Center after her boyfriend nearly beat her to death with a hammer. As the man struck the woman with both ends of the hammer, the Great Dane leaped into the fray.

The dog jumped in and laid across the woman and absorbed most of the blows until the man threw her and the dog from a second-story window.

The dog's injuries were severe. They included a broken hip and ribs and other broken bones. The man left the dog in the street for dead.

"He saved her life," said Susan Miller, the center's chief executive officer.

The Humane Society agreed. The Valor Dog award celebrates canines who display an extraordinary sense of courage or resolve by heroically helping a person in need.

Hank and McKenzie will receive prizes from Belle Tocca Tags, Custom Glass Etching and Humane Domain.

