

LEAD AND COLLAR



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Events to Note

April 13 Fun Day at BDOC CGC Testing at 1:30 p.m.
May 15 Newsletter Deadline for the June/July Issue

BDOC Library

Alberta Gray

BDOC is currently collecting dog related books, videos and DVD's for a Club Library. As we are just getting started, we do not have a Librarian and are in need of a volunteer to fill that position. Once we get things organized, we will announce through the News Letter and the Yahoo list the details on how you can use the Club Library.

If you have anything you wish to donate, you can bring it to any club event or drop it off at the training building.

Let me know if you would like to volunteer. It would not hurt to have a couple of club members to run the library.

PRESIDENT'S 2012 YEAR IN REVIEW

2012 was a very successful year for BDOC members. Members earned 182 titles and we are pleased to honor each title. Each title represents hours of hard work by both dog and handler. Congratulations to you all. Tonight we will honor the member of the year. This is always the highlight of the evening. I also want to honor the long suffering significant others that although not a club member, they support the club member and are invaluable to the club. Both Ron Puckett and Ron Hostetter put in long hours along with Randy Frady, George Embrey and Mark Larson in adding electric outlets and fans to the training building. In addition Ron Puckett is our unofficial photographer and Ron Hostetter has built numerous agility courses. We take for granted that our trials will be a success. We can do that because we trust those trial chairs that know how to get things done. What we don't realize is the number of hours these members put in and all the headaches they endure in the process. BDOC does have a very aggressive trial program. We host 2 AKC agility trials, one herding trial, one obedience trial and a rally trial. Our sister Club, Friends of BDOC hosts 2 CPE agility trials and one UKC obedience trial and one UKC rally trial. All of these trials are multiple day events. Those trial chairs are Gerianne Darnell, Erin Embrey and myself. Thank you to all the volunteers that worked at these trials, without your help, we could not put on these events. The club was very pleased to receive some unexpected publicity for our Herding and CPE agility trial. The Omaha World Herald picked up a news item

in the Council Bluffs Nonpareil for the trials. We were almost overwhelmed with public support. It was wonderful! BDOC is aggressively working towards increasing the number of classes we hold at our Training Building. We are honoring the teachers tonight. But we also need to thank Caroline Rice, class coordinator and Lucy Hulse, training director. I want to thank the outgoing board members, Connie Byrnes, secretary, Caroline Rice and Rose Strasser, Board Members. Randy Frady is the outgoing Vice President. Thank you for your time and dedication to the club. Ever wonder who cleans and vacuums the Training Building? Well Erin has taken on that duty. If you are at the building and notice we are low on supplies, let her know. Thank you Erin for all you do for the club.

For 2013, we plan on holding an additional weekend of AKC obedience and Rally trials. We also need to add additional classes. To do this, we need to let the public know about what seems to be the best kept secret in Omaha, Bellevue Dog Obedience Club. We will continue to hold a Fun Day at the training building on a monthly basis. The fees paid at these monthly events will be applied towards purchasing additional matting so we can expand the working ring size. With the increase in ring size, we hope more members will take advantage of the training pass program. The trainer pass program is handled by Linda Puckett, thank you Linda. And while we are talking about Linda, I am sure tonight she will pass around the list of awards needed for the October Obedience/Rally trials. You have in your hands a beautiful program put together by Gerianne Darnell. Thank you, Gerianne, for your time and efforts in putting this together. It is said, it takes a village to raise a child, well it takes a village to have a successful club. And I believe we have the right village here to make the year 2013 more successful than 2012.



9/1/98 - 9-9-12 Kes Uran

U-OTCH, OTCH U-ACHX Whippetree Canyon Kestrel,AKC: UDX, NA NAP OJP OAP RE CGC,

NADAC: NAC, EAS, OAC-V, NJS, ASCA: UDX, RV-O, RS-N JV-O HIC, CPE: CL3R F, APDT: RL-3, AMBOR: A-ERV A-NJV, AACBRC: ATT (American Temperament Test pass), BPD, FFX-AP, FFX-AG, CCC: OV (Outstanding versatility), SARA: service dog reg.

Kes, the diva, the adventurer, the house manager, the nurse of all who needed help, the protector, the joker, the rules enforcer, the baby lover (any species), the thinker, the teacher, the babysitter, the tryer, the beauty, the traveler, the steady partner, the assistant, the one with a heart of gold and superb judgement.

I still cannot write about her without sobbing and feeling stabs of pain because I miss her so desperately. She was such a precious treasure. While it would be unjust to not mention all that she did competitively; it is not what defined her shining spirit, her immense intelligence, her supportive friendship, and the joy she brought into so many lives. It simply provided a tangible way to demonstrate her versatile ability and her great work ethic. We loved each other and love can achieve a great deal.

A friend of mine shared a memory of Kes. A bunch of people were working on agility in the park. While we were packing up the equipment, a small piece of a jump rolled under the trailer - way in the middle. Impossible to reach. A groan escaped from almost every person there. People started to look for something to reach under the trailer with and I told them to hold on. I asked Kessi to get it. She scooted under on her chest, grabbed it and brought it out...she even did a nice little front. :) That type of thing was so typical of her- she could apply all she learned to real life situations easily and she always was ready to help. She also had the cutest feet in the world. :)

I rarely see a dog that is so well rounded and so well adjusted and one that could be trusted so completely in any environment. Her judgement was so excellent she rarely needed people to tell her proper ways to handle situations. Together we taught classes, explored the wilderness, participated in club demonstrations, played, worked, laughed daily, showed and had a wonderful time.

Showing: 55 titles

Merit Awards with Nat'l rankings and placements: **ASCA** Invited yearly to International Finals competition for Obedience 2001 through 2006 (when I retired her). 2006 # 2 Superdog (Obedience

and Open averages) & # 2 placement in Finals competition at International and High Scoring Veteran Dog at National competition, & merit awards for year. 2005 Ranked # 3 Superdog did not go to nationals, # 3 Open # 4 Utility, merit awards for year, 2004 # 3 open ranked & #1 Nationals Open winner, merit awards for year. 2002 # 3 Novice ranked & #2 National competition placement, 2002, - UKC Invited to International Premier Event for obedience for 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006.. Invited for agility 2003 - 2005. Went to only one Premier in obedience. With extremely limited showing, in Obedience 2006 ranked # 6 in Open obed. and 10 in Utility, Won Premier competition Open/Utility with HIT and HC, 2005 - 2003 Ranked in top 10 to 15 in Obedience (Open and Utility) and Agility (all levels).

She received outstanding versatility awards for her varied accomplishments and Laura's involvement in teaching, serving as an officer in local dog clubs, and other community service.

She is the recipient of awards of Canine Distinction and two Excellence awards from AKC and UKC work.

Kes has roughly 50 High in Trial wins in Obedience and in agility. She has numerous High Combined wins in Obedience. She also has had numerous High scoring herding dog and high scoring Australian Shepherd awards, over 200 qualifying ribbons over 190 first places, around 40 second places, about 20 thirds and about 12 fourths overall.

Funny...it doesn't seem we could have done that much. Mostly I remember the experiences, the funny things that happened, times with friends, etc. Thanks to her, my life was so rich. :)

Laura Uran

BDOC General Meeting Feb 23, 2013

Meeting started at 7 :31 p.m. at Millard Roadhouse.

Minutes for last general meeting was in newsletter. John Wilson moved to approve. Seconded. Passed.

Minutes from the board meeting will be published or read at the next meeting. Moved by Deb Stiner. Seconded. Passed.

Earned 182 titles. Congratulations to all.

Honor member of the year:

President's message: Thank you to the trial chairs, the workers at the events, the people who taught

classes, trainer's pass program, members who are finishing board positions. Dessert was given by Deb & Mike Stiner.

Treasurer's report: The report shows we made a profit of \$ 3416.71 . John Wilson moved to accept report, seconded, passed.

Training : Erin is doing puppy class and we can use some more puppies. At the end of March, we will begin a class on Sunday - probably beginner's novice or CGC. Rally class may have room for drop-ins.

Obedience trial in March: New secretary. Need volunteers for Friday afternoon. Obedience trial is about half full at this time. Need more entries in rally. Cat rescue group will do food. Trial held at Gerianne's location.

Agility trial this spring: Chance Ridge is increasing the expenses. Erin is chief ring steward.

UKC obedience: premium list will go out in the next week or 2.

CPE agility: As soon as premium is done, it will go out. The trial was just approved 2 weeks ago.

Herding - Judges are hired. Gerianne will be acting secretary. Darwin should get us some more publicity like last year.

We should have brochures at each event about our club.

Election: Thank you to Connie, Rosemary, Caroline, Linda, Randy for their support of the club. To replace these people, the nominations are:

VP - Gerianne Darnell

Secretary - Sharon Dowell

Board - Sharon Brewer, John Wilson, Linda Puckett

Training Director - Lucy Hulse.

Rebecca Erickson did a lot of work on the nominations. Any nominations from the floor? No response. Motion to accept the nominations for the election by Randy Frady, seconded, passed. Congratulations.

New business -We need a someone to maintain the web site. You would have complete web-it responsibility for the web site. There is a fee to get up higher on the Google website search engine. We need our club to show up easier during searches. Give any information you want on the web site to Deb Landon. No volunteers to do the website.

Comment on the training building costs lots of the treasury money: We would like to increase the number of classes. We have a fun day once a month. We don't make money on the training building, but the club is not losing money because of the activity trials (agility, obedience, herding) making profit.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. so we can eat dinner.
Meeting restarted at 8:54 p.m.
Lucy recognized the instructors for 2 obedience classes during 2012.

Brags

Meeting closed at 8:56 p.m. Moved by John Wilson, seconded, passed.

Awards for titles made during 2012 followed meeting.

Human Health Tip

(from Better Life Line)

One ounce of dark chocolate a day provides the benefits of a healthier heart, lower blood pressure, and a happier mood.

BARN HUNT

Barn Hunt is for all dogs of all sizes.

For years, informal barn hunts have been done in conjunction with earthdog events and terrier fun days, using various rules, and as something to enjoy with no pressure on handler or dog. But it has never been a sanctioned sport. Barn Hunt Association is in the creation stage of taking those various fun barn hunts, honoring the traditional role of "ratcatchers" in ridding barns of vermin, and opening it up to any dog, of (almost) any size, type or breed.

If you would like to be in on the ground floor of this new sport, helping us as we guide it off to a great start for future sanctioned shows, now is the time! Join our [facebook page](#) and [yahoogroup](#), where we will be actively discussing rules, etc.

The first official Barn Hunt Association Sanctioned Trial will take place April 13-14. Dogs must be registered with the BHA to enter trials.

From the highlights of the Feb AKC BOD meeting:

http://www.akc.org/press_center/article.cfm?article_id=4844

"Effective April 1, 2013, AKC will recognize and record Barn Hunt titles earned at Barn Hunt Association events. Owners may apply to have these titles recorded by AKC on a form that will be prepared by the Performance Event department." BarnHunt is a brand new sport open to all dogs. <http://barnhunt.com/> Those that have tried it have reported back that their dogs love it.

Training Tip

(from the radio)

When you come home does your dog jump on you? Does he jump on people who come to visit? Keep a cookie sheet by the door and when you come in put the cookie sheet in front of you before your dog jumps. It is like nails on a chalk board and your dog will soon learn not to jump. "THE COOKIE SHEET IS YOUR FRIEND".

Agility Break-Away Tire

The AKC Agility staff has finished reviewing the safety concerns posed by the Tire Jump used at AKC agility trials. The AKC Board of Directors has approved the regulation allowing the use of a break away tire for AKC agility trials.

Effective March 1, 2013, clubs holding AKC agility trials may use a break-away tire in place of the standard tire jump. There will be a six month period (March 1 - September 3) during which clubs may use either the standard solid tire or the break-away tire. Starting September 4, 2013 clubs are required to use the break-away tire. During the optional use period of March 1 - September 3, 2013 it is recommended that clubs note in their premium if the break-away tire will be used at their trial. During the optional use period if the tire breaks open it will not be judged as a mandatory elimination "F". Starting September 4, 2013 the tire will be judged if it is broken open as an "F" which will result in a non-qualifying score "NQ".

https://images.akc.org/pdf/events/agility/BreakawayTire_Feb2013.pdf

Quote

"Training me is not an option, its an obligation. It's NOT something to be done only once I start causing problems, it's how to prevent problems from starting. Teach me how to be the dog you want."

BDOC 2012 Member of the Year

Our Club is very blessed to have so many dedicated animal lovers as members. Each member contributes to the welfare of dogs in so many ways. Then you combine that love of animals with dedication to the club, well, you have an outstanding member

When the 2012 member of the year accepts an assignment, the project is fully completed, and this member has done many projects for the club. This member does this while holding down a full time job which includes on call duties.

This member is a past Vice President of the club and is currently on an ongoing committee. Before we

opened the Training Building, this member found and maintained a secure storage site for the club's belongings.

It is so nice to go to an event, and be recognized as a Club member. How is that possible, well the logo on my T-shirt gives me away. When I am lucky enough to not only qualify but place in obedience, my dog is the winner of a cute toy. When I am hungry at the trial, and maybe cold, a nice bowl of potato soup warms me. And who do we thank for all of this? Why the 2012 Member of the year of course as keeping club members clothed is one of the volunteer positions. It is so nice to wear this clothing at BDOC events and have exhibitors come up to you and thank the Club for putting on such a wonderful event. We need to thank this Member for our t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats all with the BDOC Logo.

This member is constantly doing something with her hands. She cannot just sit still. Many of us are the recipients of dish cloths she knitted or was that crocheted? And I can walk my dog with a leash she made.

And have you thought about all the labels on the Obedience Ribbons and awards that identify the class and placement? Do you know how many hours it takes to type and organize the labels let alone put the proper labels on the proper ribbons? Her duties also involve buying the toys for the awards. She is such a merchandize guru. And how does the committee chair know how many new ribbons are needed for the obedience trial? Well this member also keeps track of how many ribbons are left over so it makes it easier for the rest of the committee to order replacements ribbons. A member since 2006, I believe this member has been on this committee all her member life.

Where ever she goes, she has her side kick with her. A wonderful red merle Australian Shepherd that loves people and getting tummy rubs. This is such a magical pup that never seems to age and continues to keep the age of 6. With the love and guidance of this club member this stray has become a valued and loved addition to their family. This stray was so scruffy that baby powder had to be used to clean her up. This club member is a dedicated rescue person and has found many homes for countless number of strays. A typical day for her may go something like this ----- She is called to a residence as a man yelling at a cowering pregnant once loved little family dog. Get out of here you mutt! You are not going to have your puppies under my porch!—Wait a minute sir. I will take your dog and her puppies and by the way, here is a ticket for animal abuse!

I am proud to announce the BDOC 2012 Member of the year is none other than Powder's Mum, **DeAnn Nelson**.

Cheesy Carrot Muffins for Dogs

(submitted by Sandy Crawford)

1 cup all purpose flour
1 cup wheat flour
1 T. baking powder
1 cup grated Cheddar
1 cup grated Carrot
2 large eggs
1 cup milk
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup veg. oil
Preheat oven to 350 and grease muffin tin.

Combine the flours and baking powder. Mix well. Add cheese and carrots, using fingers to mix into flour.

In another bowl, beat eggs, then whisk in the milk and oil. Pour over the flour mixture and stir gently.

Fill muffin cups $\frac{3}{4}$ full. Bake for 20-25 minutes. Let cool before having your dog taste test.

Three Keys to Successful Behavior Modification: Timing, Consistency and Motivation.

News from Ringside

John Wilson reports the 2012 Dalmatian Club of America rankings came out and for the 5th straight year, Porter was ranked in the top ten in Agility. This year she ranked #3 in Masters Standard and "Top Spot Standard" and # in Masters Jumpers with Weaves and "Top Spot in Masters Jumpers with Weaves." This year Indie placed #1 in Novice Obedience and #2 Obedience "Top Spot."

Sandy & Marv Crawford report Mardot Bling Bling VCD1 BN CGC RAE "Snider" West Highland White Terrier earned 2 new titles at the Des Moines Obedience Training Club.

February 9, 2013 Graduate Novice 1st Place 195 $\frac{1}{2}$

February 9, 2013 CDX 2nd Place 196 NEW TITLE CDX

February 10, 2013 Graduate Novice 2nd Place 188 1/2 NEW TITLE GN

February 10, 2013 CDX 2nd Place 194

Mary Hostetter reports Riley accomplished three big agility goals this year. At the February Quad City Dog Center NADAC trial Riley earned his NATCH by qualifying on a very tricky Chances course. That also gave him his 100th title. At the March U 2 Kan Du trial Riley got his VersNATCH. When we ran our first elite chances course I was pretty sure we would never be able to pull off that kind of distance work. He always comes through for me!

Is It OK for Pets to Sleep in the Bed?

Mike Arms, President Helen Woodward Animal Center: Not only do I think it's ok, but to be honest, my pets allow me to sleep in the bed with them.

Nancy Taylor, President and CEO, Bideawee: Letting a pet sleep in the bed is really a personal choice, but there are things that any pet partner should consider before making that decision. It's important to know that once you start allowing your dog or cat to sleep in the bed, they begin to expect it. It's easy to understand that it would feel bad to a pet to be in a nice cozy human bed one week, and then the next week to be on the floor. Even if it's a dog or cat bed, most pets know the difference!

If you are even thinking about letting your animal in your bed, think about the other unwanted pets that you might be letting in the bed as well. Especially if you have a dog or cat that goes outside, other animals may make their way into your bed (fleas or ticks for example). Make sure your dog or cat has the proper flea and tick medication to keep this under control. And cleaning your dog with a wipe when coming inside can also help.

Finally, it is a good idea to make sure that your pet wants to "share" the bed with you, not take it over. There are many dogs that will sleep in the owner's bed, and when the unsuspecting person gets up in the middle of the night to use the bathroom, the dog does not let him or her back in. It is important to "check in" with your dog and practice giving the command "up" (allowing him to jump on the bed) and "off" (telling him to get off the bed). If your dog listens without issue to both commands, then you should be ok. If he does not, then training

may be in order before allowing this privilege, as safety is the most important thing. Allowing your pet into bed is a personal decision. However, careful consideration should be made before doing this, as we know that it is hard to change behavior once it is practiced.

Marcie Campion, Ph.D., Scientific Relations Manager, Iams Company: Our pets are part of our family and it's fine to share a bed with them as long as it's safe and comfortable for everyone.

First, pets should be current on their vaccinations and free of parasites like ticks, fleas and worms that can transmit diseases to humans. If you have small pets, make sure they can't roll off the bed or get rolled on, which could result in a broken bone or suffocation. Sometimes "doggy breath" can be an issue too!

Be sure to feed your pet a food that can help reduce tartar buildup and keep their teeth and gums healthy, like Eukanuba dog food with DentaDefense. A premium diet will also help keep your pet at a healthy weight, making it easier for them to get on the bed and help minimize snoring. If your pet needs to lose a few pounds, your veterinarian can assess their weight and recommend a reduced fat and calorie diet like Iams Weight Control. These simple guidelines will help you and your pet get a good night's sleep, but you'll have to talk to someone else about your spouse's snoring.