

LEAD AND COLLAR



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Events to Note

- Sep. 4 General Club Meeting
- Sep. 15 Newsletter Deadline for the Oct/Nov Issue

Friends of BDOC UKC Obedience/Rally Trial

June 7-9, 2013

Gerianne Darnell

Friends of BDOC once again held three very successful UKC obedience/rally trials on June 7-9. Judges Sheryl Peterson and Lorelle Jones from Des Moines cheerfully presided over the festivities. Several new obedience and rally titles were earned. Special thanks to our secretary Kathy Novak and to chief ring steward Peggy Battig. Thanks to our stewards Marlene Lee, Shirley Stephens and Michael Williams, and also thanks to canteen organizer Christie Baker and canteen worker Dee Nelson, as the tasty food was much appreciated.

I can not resist a personal brag, I guess that's what I get for chairing every year! My Papillon Robert was High in Trial for Obedience all three days with three 199 1/2 scores. Robert also had two High in Trials in agility, earned a perfect 15 Q's for 15 runs, and ended up High Cumulative for the weekend in both obedience and agility. Border Collie Rick earned two UUD legs, finished his URO2, earned two URO3 legs, had one High in Trial Rally, and was High Cumulative Rally for the weekend. Thanks to my dogs for an amazing weekend, and to the club for giving me this showing opportunity!

Training Note

We are now organizing fall classes. If you can teach an obedience or Rally class in September or any time after that, or you have questions about BDOC classes, please contact Lucy-blueboots1@cox.net. Let me know when you are available. If you haven't taught before, you can learn by assisting another instructor. Thanks!

Words From the President

After a nice cool, rainy spring, summer has now pushed its way in and taken over big time. My little Grayson has claimed the air vent in the kitchen as his own. He will plop down on top of it, cutting off the air to everyone else, but at least Grayson is comfortable. And that is what it is all about, keeping our fur friends cool on these hot and humid days.

A big thank you to Dee and Daryl for driving over to Des Moines and picking up 2 rolls of mats the Club purchased from DMOTC. We should now have enough mats to make a good size ring at the training building.

The picnic was fun. Thank you to Gerianne for allowing us to invade her home for this event. All of the dogs enjoyed being able to run free in the fenced in yard and exploring every corner while the humans enjoyed all the great food.

Trisha was a magnet drawing all the dogs to her with her pocket full of treats. They seem to forget that she could just as well be poking them with a needle. The agility jumping race was fun. Wish we had a video of the dogs 2 and 3 at a time racing down the course.

Our next general meeting will be September 4th at 6 p.m. at Valentino's at 108th and Q. When you come in, tell them you are with the dog club and you will get a special rate.

Star Puppy Class

Mary Hostetter

I had three puppies and owners for the first STAR PUPPY class at BDOC. Ruth Meyers with her Weimaraner Angel, Audrey Carlson with Storm a German Shepherd, and Britnany Soriano with her GoldenDoodle Quinn. We worked on responsible dog ownership, puppy behaviors, and Pre-Good Citizen behaviors. All the puppies were doing great on loose leash walking, sits, downs, come, attention, give it and leave it by the end of classes. We had a lot of fun too! Audrey and Ruth went through the test with their dogs and both passed with flying colors. Congratulations to them!



Zapped Hotdogs

Slice chicken or turkey dogs into thin slices.
Arrange on paper towel in microwave.
Cook on high till puffy. They should be crisp.
Store in freezer or fridge.
Do NOT use beef or pork as they are too fat.

Mother's Day Canine Good Citizens



THE OLD SHOW DOG

He always knows. No matter how quietly you get out the leashes or how you smuggle the show gear out to the car, he knows you're going to a dog show. He sits beside the cabinet where the gear is stowed as you bustle about attending to the last minute details. His ears flat, a hopeful gleam in his eyes, he looks at you. It is as close as he will come to begging. You pause for a moment to rub behind his ears, guilty at leaving him again and then you think back.....

You remember it was not so terribly long ago, when it was just the two of you, striking out in the early morning before the sun came up. Everything was bright and new and life was simple. He was the most beautiful dog in the world, and your goal back then was to win that ribbon...maybe a blue one. But those years have passed and now you're off to show younger, more beautiful dogs.

You move on - its nearly time to go. He gets up to follow you from room to room - old age and arthritis narrowing his limits. You tell him that he will have to stay home, and you turn away before his tail droops slowly to the floor. And so you leave. You see his head at the window as you drive away.

Just always remember the nobility of his character and the trust in his eyes, and promise never to do anything to dishonor him in any way.....he is your old show dog.



**New Matting in Training Building
Club Members at the Picnic**



An Animal Rescuer

Author Unknown

My job is to assist God's creatures. ...
I was born with the drive to fulfill their needs.
I take in helpless, unwanted, homeless creatures
without planning or selection.
I have bought dog food with my last dime.
I have patted a mangy head with a bare hand.
I have hugged someone vicious and afraid.
I have fallen in love a thousand times.
And I have cried into the fur of a lifeless body too
many times to count.
I have Animal Friends and friends who have animal
friends.
I don't often use the word "pet".
I notice those lost on the road side and my heart
aches.
I will hand raise a field mouse and make friends with a
vulture.
I know of no creature unworthy of my time.
I want to live forever if there aren't animals in
Heaven,
but I believe there are.
Why would God make something so perfect
and leave it behind?
Some may think we are masters of the animals,
but the animals have mastered themselves. ..
something people still haven't learned.

War and abuse make me hurt for the world,
but a rescue that makes the news gives me hope for
mankind.
We are a quiet but determined army and we are
making a difference every day.
There is nothing more necessary than warming an
orphan,
nothing more rewarding than saving a life,
no higher recognition than watching them thrive.
There- e is no greater joy than seeing a baby play
who, only days ago, was too weak to eat.
By the love of those who I've been privileged to
rescue,

I have been rescued.
I know what true unconditional love really is,
for I've seen it shining in the eyes of so many,
grateful for so little.

I am an Animal Rescuer.
My work is never done.
My home is never quiet.
My wallet is always empty,
but my heart is always full.

An ounce of Prevention goes a long way toward ensuring the best possible life

BY SHERRY WEAVER, DVM

Helping our dogs age gracefully—and healthily—is a subject that is very dear to my heart. My own Einstein, a Poodle mix, lived to be 19, and he was very happy until the day that he wasn't—which was the day we lost him. Even with the best of care, however, few dogs are -going to live as long as Einstein, and I'm thankful for the luck that gave me all those years. And I'm extra-thankful for the lessons those years taught me and how they've helped me to help my patients.

WHAT IS OLD?

The first step to addressing old age is to define it. What constitutes old differs among breeds. A small dog that should live 12 to 15 years is middle-aged at seven and senior at 10. A medium-size dog that should live 10 to 12 years is senior at seven; and a giant [breed](#) that should live nine to 10 years will be senior at six.

SLOWING THE PROCESS

The real key to aging gracefully is living healthfully as a young dog. A quality diet, good dental care, regular [exercise](#), weight control, regular exams and blood work, -appropriate vaccinations and [heartworm](#) prevention when a dog is a [puppy](#) will dramatically increase his chances of maintaining a healthy body as he gets older.

In many veterinary practices, the local lab will run a mini blood panel whenever a heartworm test is submitted to them. This means that all of the very young patients are being watched for trends—and upping their odds of having any problems caught early. For middle-aged dogs, vets should start to include a yearly urinalysis to evaluate for subclinical infection or protein loss. At the senior year, we move to a full panel with urinalysis and blood pressure. The value of these tests lies in the fact that when disease is caught early, it is much easier to treat and also much less likely to result in permanent damage.

HEALTHY AGING: THE ENEMIES

In humans, dental disease has been linked to all kinds of health problems, from heart and kidney disease to cancer. And even with the more limited research that's available on dogs, many of the same links have been proven in them. As a matter of fact, a recent study showed that dogs with severe dental disease live an average of two years less than those with healthy teeth.

I would also add that, considering the pain, odor, and chronic infection, dogs with severe dental disease do not enjoy their senior years as much as their healthy-mouthed counterparts.

Everyone loves to feed their loved ones, but as our dogs hit middle age, we can literally love them to death. Obesity is the other major health factor that has been shown to take as many as two years from the life expectancy of an otherwise healthy dog. I see it every day: The 10-year-old [Chihuahua](#) who should still be barking at the mailman but can't even [walk](#) across a room without stopping to catch his breath because of weight-related respiratory or heart disease—or won't even get up because his joints won't support his weight. Again, beyond shortening life, weight has huge impact on the quality of the life a dog has.

Chronic joint disease is very common in the middle-age and senior years, and, left untreated, is a common reason for euthanasia. Early signs of joint disease (beyond limping) include increased difficulty getting up stairs or onto couches and beds, the inability to walk as far as usual, increased panting, increased grumpiness, and hiding. When caught as the signs first appear, there are many options for joint-disease treatment, from diet and medication to surgery.

Sadly, we have no real control over accidents or genetic conditions that can shorten a dog's life, but with good care, we can be sure our canine companions will live the best lives possible for as many years as they can.

No matter how long I live, when my life is over, I want it said that I got the most out of it. And I want the same thing for all of my companions and patients.

~*~*No Bake Energy Bites*~*~

So healthy!! And SO easy! And SO yummy!

Dee Nelson

1 cup (dry) oatmeal
1/2 cup chocolate chips

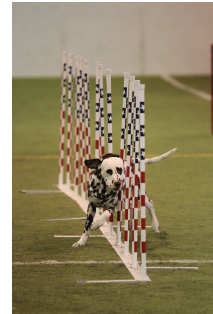
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup ground flaxseed
1/3 cup honey
1 tsp. vanilla

Mix ingredients together in a large bowl. Roll into bite size balls. Refrigerate to set. Enjoy!!

Cut out the chocolate for a yummy dog treat. Or better yet put some peanut butter chips in. :)

News from Ringside

John Wilson reports Indie, Ch. MACH, C-ATCH2, Snowood Spirited Double IPA, CDX, BN, MXB, MJB, XF, T2B has been invited to the AKC Agility Invitational Championship. Invitations are sent to the top 5 dogs of each breed.



Best Ear Cleaner for Dogs

1 Bottle of Wintergreen Alcohol, (not regular) 1 Bottle of Glycerin, and 1 Bottle of Boric Acid Powder.

Empty a little of the alcohol out of the bottle to make room for the other two ingredients. Add to Alcohol - 2 Tbls. Glycerin, and 2 Tbls. Boric Acid.

Shake bottle each time you use it to mix. Soak a cotton ball with solution, clean off any dirt and debris from inside of ear flap first. Now take another soaked cotton ball and rub it around in the ear canal. "DO THIS OUTSIDE" Now let dog loose and let them shake their head. The Wintergreen Alcohol makes the ears smell good, Boric Acid acts as an abrasive to loosen dirt, and Glycerin keeps ears from drying out too much. This recipe does help with yeast problems as well. Enjoy!