

LEAD AND COLLAR



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UKC Obedience/Rally Trials June 5-7, 2015

Friends of BDOC held another great obedience/rally event in June with conjunction with the CPE agility trials. Thanks SO much to Kathy Novak for being secretary and Norine Nieman for being chief ring steward. Both ladies did a fabulous job. And thanks to Christie Baker for doing the food, it was a wonderful, inexpensive way to feed that many people. Thanks also to Deb Landon who helped me do so many things, Linda Puckett for wrangling the ribbons, and Erin Embrey for hauling all of the BDOC supplies to my house. And of course Jim who worked for us all weekend, watering the floor for the agility trial, emptying the trash, and doing whatever we needed, which thankfully did not include raccoons or snakes this time!

Thanks to ALL for your hard work and good humor all weekend! Club members who helped on the obedience side of things were Linda Puckett, Kathy Novak, Norine Nieman, Deb Landon, Alberta Gray, Gerianne Darnell,

Christie Baker, Sharon Dowell, Kris Woodke, Erin Embrey, Devetta Hill, Karen Stevens, and Sandy and Bill Williams. Non club members who helped were Alycia Noble, Amy Hynek, Nancy Yechout, Sherry Williams, Janet Vandeventer, Cecilia Reynolds, and Becky Sowa.

Thanks to all! Gerianne Darnell, Trial Chairman

Brag from the UKC/CPE weekend:

Robert Q'd in 14 out of 15 agility runs with 14 first places. Such a good boy, although he was getting pretty hot and tired by the end. Rick was High Combined in rally on Friday, and then Bert taught me how to read signs, as I turned the wrong way on one in Rick's second run Saturday and flunked on probably his best run of the weekend. I was so busy telling Rick to BE QUIET that I turned the wrong way. Dah! But on Sunday I redeemed myself (and Rick agreed to go back in the ring with me), and Rick was High in Trial, High Combined, and High Cumulative Rally for the weekend.

My dogs had a SUPER weekend in July at the Central Iowa Dachshund Club AKC obedience trials in Van Meter, Iowa.

Rick earned his 99th and 100th UDX legs to finish his UDX10 title. That means Rick has qualified 100 times in both Open B and Utility B at the same trial. An Amazing Feat! Rick is now retired from jumping 20 inches and will move on to the Pre/Preferred classes in Open and Utility where he can jump lower and not have to do stays.

Robert placed second both days in Open B and won Utility B on Sunday for 25 more OTCH points! He was also High Combined on Sunday, earning his fifth UDX leg. Robert now has 44 OTCH points and all of his first places for his AKC Obedience Championship. Robert is currently qualified for the National Obedience Championship in Tulsa next March, and we hope to keep up the pace to remain qualified so we can attend!

Thanks to Erin for going to the show with me on Sunday, we had a great time, including ice cream and wine buying in Stuart on the way home. Thanks also to Bert, Linda, and Pam for the UDX10 cake. **Gerianne Darnell**



Rick



Robert



**Canine Good Citizen Urban
June 25, 2015**

Club members Mary Hostetter, Sandy Williams, Sherry Rife, Marv & Sandy Crawford and their dogs Riley, Snowy, Summer, Saylor and Snider earned the CGCU title.

Dexter earns his C-ATCH!!

By Rebecca Erickson

I had one of the happiest days ever with Dexter on June 6th at our BDOC CPE agility trial. Dexter earned his C-ATCH!! Dexter and I have travelled quite a path together, and he never ceases to amaze me. This former street urchin has transformed from a habitual runaway dog to a title earning machine in agility, obedience and rally -- and is a fabulous companion, logging thousands of travel miles each year. We didn't get here on our own, and we owe tons of thanks to our "village" of supporters! Dexter is now retired from agility, but will be available to sign autographs at obedience trials in the near future!!



Dexter

Indie Earns another Title

Indie, Ch. MACH3, CATCH3 Snowood Spirited Double IPA, UD, BN, MXG, MJG, MXF, T2B4 Finished his Time to Beat 4 title at the Triune trial on Friday July 3rd and followed that on the 5th finishing his MACH 3. Indie is one of the top 5 Dalmatians in the AKC Agility Invitational ranking for the 2014-2015 year and has earned an invitation to the AKC Agility Invitational. **John Wilson**



Indie

Former Member Passes

By Sharon Miller

Carol Schwenneker was a friend and caring member of BDOC. Then she and Terry moved to Marion, Illinois. She died on July 1, 2015. She suffered a heart attack, aspirated, got pneumonia, and was not conscious after that. She was preceded in death by her father, mother on 1-14-2010 and Terry on about 2-4-2004. Also her beloved Afghans Gino, Danny, and Caleb. She is survived by a brother, Brian Hopkins of Seattle.

She left behind Diamond, an Afghan, and Selena, a Chihuahua, and arranged for the perfect people to take them into their care. Carol's internment was on July 12, at Calvary Cemetery in the mausoleum beside Terry.

I had just talked with her for about 1.5 hours two weeks before this. We reminisced about the time at AK SAR BEN. There was a livestock show but BDOC was inside to demonstrate the importance of picking the correct dog for your family and also taking obedience classes. We had a table to hand out pamphlets and answer questions. Then we performed obedience exercises.

Everyone put their dog on a down-stay dropped the leash and stepped about 5 feet in front of their dog I told Carol "not" to drop her leash. Gino was Gino. I was in the middle of a circle with Clever on a down-stay. I walked in and out around the people and dogs. Gino saw his chance for mischief. He got away from Carol and laid on top of Clever. Didn't hurt him at all but slowly you saw two grey paws and a head starting to stick out from under Gino's hair. I was looking the other way and didn't see it. Ron came into the ring and pulled Clever out and took him up into the Grandstand and gave him to Jeff to hold. Clever wasn't thrilled with big dogs after that.

Carol was almost completely deaf and blind but never let it get her down. I will miss her and so will many others. A very special woman.

Jaala Earned her PACH in June



Board Minutes

July 26th 2015 Club Picnic Gather 2:30 to eat, meeting at 3 p.m.

Treasurer's report approved (Minutes from last meeting not available).

The president gave her report.

Report of Committees – 2015 Events

AKC Obedience "No Frills show" July 31-Aug 2, 2015

- Location: Sunshine Farm; Chair: Gerianne
- Entries are almost full. Rebecca is the volunteer coordinator (could use a few more people), judges are hired, and Alzheimers group will do food. There will be a match on Thurs. Gerianne is looking for large items or money for a cash raffle. We will feed the judge's after the trial at Gerianne's.

CPE agility Sept 11-13, 2015

- Location: Sunshine Farm; Chair: Deb Landon
- Mike Willis is the judge. The Embreys will do the canteen. Volunteer Coordinators are Trish & Rose. Help is needed especially with getting equipment from the shed at NHS to Gerianne's. We discussed getting a weekend UHaul so we could load everything for both the CPE trial and the following AKC trial. Gerianne will talk with Omaha Sports Complex to see if we can drop of agility equipment 10 days early.

AKC Agility Sept 25-27, 2015

- Location: Omaha Sports Complex; Chair: Erin and Gerianne
- Everything is on track. Trish is Volunteer Coordinator but we still need someone for canteen.

AKC Obedience Oct 23- 25

- Location: Companion Dog Club; Chair: Erin
- We still need a chief ring steward. Eric Rice is doing the canteen and we hope Karen Stevens will organize the silent

auction. Please contact Sharon if you can donate money for awards.

Old Business:

New training Location:

- New 5 Elements Veterinary clinic location at 60th and Grover. They have a training room that we can rent for \$15 an hour. It is a long and narrow space but should be good for small classes of puppies, beginners and maybe rally obedience. Currently we have reserved Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 starting 9/9 for classes and it was suggested we start with a puppy class and a beginners obedience (manners) class. Caroline will check class prices. Instructors needed!

AKC agility chair 2016 and on

- Erin will chair Spring 2016 trial if Caroline takes over Obedience trial chair for 2016.
- For future Fall trials, it was suggested to form a committee with rotating trial chairs from this committee however the entire committee will work together to make sure everything is done. If interested in being on this committee, contact Trish.

New Brochures

- We need new brochures with no address (in case we move again) but with phone number, email, facebook link. We have a new email address bellevuedogobedienceclub@gmail.com which can be linked to multiple people (currently Erin and Caroline). We are working on getting Facebook more active. Please send Erin anything the public may want to know. Upcoming local events, brags, pictures of our events.

Community Involvement: Committee needed. If interested, contact Trish.

New Business:

Club Website

- Trish found a person to re-design our website for \$150. Future updates would be \$50/hr. It will include a calendar that we can update with class info. It will include class descriptions, contact info, list premiums, link to yahoo group, even a brag page (\$5/mon) if we want it. The hosting info should match what we currently pay of \$10/month.
- New BDOC T-shirts
- Trish is checking on using an existing design featuring pictures of member's dogs coming out of a corn field adapted as a new BDOC shirt. More info to come.

Adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Dianne Watson Armstrong

This was my first time in 15 yrs. to go to a dog show circuit without a dog to show (since Gracie is too young and Rainy is retired). It was enlightening to just sit back and be a spectator. These are some of my thoughts and observations.

It takes humility to train and show a dog. Double dose if you show a Schnauzer *smile emoticon*. I could never have taken Mattie, my 1st obedience dog, to a UDX if I had depended on my own knowledge and ideas. I wondered why some find it easy to accept input and some do not. I realized that many years in recovery has taught me to trust those with more experience than I. It feels normal to me to try suggestions that don't make sense or seem like a good idea. I am grateful for that. It takes a village to train a dog.

To watch an upbeat happy team moving through the exercises is a beautiful thing. If the dog or handler makes a mistake and they are still moving through the exercises upbeat and happy, it's even more awesome. May I always remember that bad sportsmanship, aggressive body language, or making a scene doesn't belong at a show. It's ok to be disappointed. It's not ok to act out. I saw a few dogs work their hearts out but didn't Q, who's owners wouldn't even look at them exiting the ring. How sad. 2 years without a Q, Rainy has taught me it's just a dog show. We're not talking life or death here. Or as Lynn says, "If this isn't the right sport for you, there's always sky diving, one screw up and it's all over...."

People who come from a position of "How can I help?" "How can we better serve you?" "What do you need?" "What are your thoughts?" make fabulous obedience chairs!

It's my responsibility to manage my dogs stress at a show. It's not their job to manage mine.

A dog show is the whole show. Not just our time in the ring. What we do the rest of the time can make or break our runs. Marion taught me that. Thank you!

These I will add to the list of things I have already learned:

1. The dog isn't "doing it to me". They don't plot ways to embarrass me in the ring. They are dogs.
2. Mistakes made in training will double in the ring.
3. A 200 backyard run won't transfer to the ring. Dogs can't generalize.
4. Few problems can be fixed at a show. Thanks, Lynn!
5. More run throughs won't fix it either. Problems have to be taken apart and trained in tiny increments. Kind of like life.
6. My dog doesn't care if she wins. The ribbon means nothing to her unless she gets to shred it.
7. Not qualifying doesn't make me a bad person.

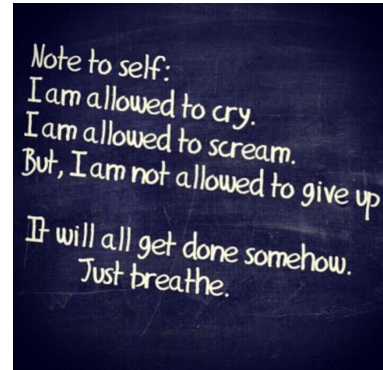
8. It doesn't make me a bad trainer either.

9. There is no way to proof for a squirrel falling out of a tree into the middle of an article pile.

10. There is no way to proof for a kid in a spaceship either.

11. At the end of the day I still have a great dog.

12. There's always another dog show.



The Reason for my Leash:

Your dog's social etiquette is none of my business, even if he is really friendly. If my dog is on leash, take the cue, and keep yours away.

There are many reasons for a leash. Mine might be injured, under the weather, having a really bad day, or simply enjoying nature with me and has no care whether yours is friendly or not. It might not be my dog, or it might be a brand-new dog that I don't know how he will behave. However, we are total strangers to each other, and other than a polite 'Hello,' I do not owe you an explanation. Simply take my cue of my dog being on a leash, and respect my space by keeping yours away.

If you feel yourself wanting to call out "He is Friendly" as you see your dog's bum galloping away from you towards an on-leash victim, counter your urge and instead be polite and call them back. **Monique Anstee**