

LEAD AND COLLAR



December/January 2015

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Events to Note

Jan 15 Newsletter Deadline for the Feb/March Issue

Christmas Party

Sunshine Obedience Farm,

Saturday December 13.

Meet at 4 p.m., eat around 5 p.m.

Food will be assigned by alphabet.

Those wanting to participate in the gift exchange should bring a gift \$15 or less, wrapped.

DOG EQUIPMENT to Have Along

By Laura Uran

All of this does not take a lot of room. Some of it will be on the dog as well. :) It looks like a lot but it really isn't.

- **Leash: The best leash length for most hiking is 6 feet.** Materials that work well are paracord, nylon or biothane. Leather will bleed dye onto your hands if it gets wet and it dries slowly. It can work though, if it is well oiled. Rope can be OK but it may be more bulky and

slower to dry. You'd think an extendable leash would be great, but it isn't! It is tiring and awkward to carry because you must grip it all the time. It gets heavy, it gets tangled unless you are in an open meadow or a similar place and it offers very poor control. If you are on mountain paths, you may NOT want your dog ranging off the path. They can fall over a cliff. No experienced hiker I've talked to uses an extendable leash. **It's important that it have a wrist loop.** It's less tiring for the hands to loop it over the wrist as it prevents gripping for miles. PACK AN EXTRA 6 FOOT LEASH...IN CASE! It's a good idea to have a color that stands out from nature colors so it can be found if it gets dropped.

I don't generally favor the waist attach leashes. Walking the trail requires some give and take and/or guidance on the leash, much like using a horse's reins. Also...if you are on tricky footing and start to lose your balance, you can let go of a leash you are holding. POSSIBLE EXCEPTION: if you will be on the flat with a very wide trail, it might work to use one. It's hard to know what you'll be faced with sometimes though.

Long line Lightest one possible: Very handy at lunch stops, etc. to wrap around a tree or something to tie the dog if you need to.

Collar (or harness) with ID: Needed even if dog has a microchip. A wide, comfortable buckle type collar with very good ID is crucial. If necessary, a harness could be used instead. Materials that work best are the same as the leash suggestions above. I use a pet pocket ID (it's a very small pouch that slips over the collar so it can't fall off. Outward Hound still has these). It allows you to put temporary information such as where you are staying on vacation, your cell phone numbers, your dog's allergies, care needs, your permission to treat the dog if it is injured, etc. so that if the dog does get lost, the chances of recovering it are better and faster as is the opportunity to treat the dog if it is injured. You can even change it as you change motels. I cover the paper with clear packing tape to waterproof it then fold up and put in the pocket

NO choke or pinch collars please: For long trips, please don't use training collars. If your dog is big and can pull you off your feet in dangerous places, use your "control" collar in those places and go back to the buckle collar when you have negotiated the tough areas. These collars can make the dog sore and then desensitize the dog to them.

Extra ID: Put complete information in the dog pack as well IF a pack is used.

Maybe: **Harness:** A harness is sometimes best for toy dogs, but not always. It depends on how the dog walks on a trail. For dogs with cervical (neck) problems it is a better option. If you prefer to use a harness **DO NOT use a front hook type or other "control" harnesses.** On narrow trails, pressure can flip a dog out over a cliff! It also can simply turn the dog so that it cannot avoid rocks etc. It is not safe. **The best type of harness** for the trail is the non-restrictive type. A tracking harness is ideal. Yes, the dog can pull in this type of harness, but on long walks and when moving over tough terrain, you don't want to restrict shoulder movement, have pressure on the throat or chafe the body by the elbows. **Do NOT use a backpack over the top of a harness!!!** IF YOUR DOG IS WEARING A BACKPACK with a good leash ring it will serve as a harness provided the ring is actually attached to the harness portion of the pack (not the top portion of a pack attached by Velcro!!)

Dog Boots: These are very important. If you are not going far and footing is kind you may not need them. If you will be gone several hours, have them along since you don't know what you will run into. Boot your dog on surfaces that are very hot (sand, cement, etc.) On blistering hot rock and sand it is a MUST. If your dog's pads burn and blister you are both in trouble. On natural trails, use judgment. It's crucial to have the boots along for medium sized dogs and up. You simply cannot carry a dog that size far if it becomes lame. It's far better to let small dogs keep walking too if you can, but at least you could carry them out if pressed to do so. Any dog 10 lb or more becomes a heavy load over a long distance. A slide on a rock, sand burrs, coarse sand, etc. can abrade a paw pad, cut it or injure a nail and it only takes a moment. Even dogs with tough feet can still injure them. In places that have sharp ice or rocks, thorns etc. it's best to boot the dog before going over it to prevent injuries. **PLEASE SEE THE BOOTS SECTION FOR INFORMATION on size and selection. Get your dog used to boots before the "big" trip.** Dogs usually accept very well fitting boots quickly. The key is "well fitting."

Maybe – Nexcare "**no sting**" spray on liquid bandage (as mentioned in the first aid section. On painful abrasions, if this is put on and left to dry and then boots are put on, the dog stays much more comfortable. This does not sting when put on and dogs like it much better. (So do people). It isn't essential, just nice.

Maybe if going far with very small dogs: "**Carry pack**" to put a small dog in: For very small dogs, hikers tell me that it can be a good idea to have a backpack or pouch made for dogs to put the tiny ones in when they need to rest. It leaves human arms free for balancing which is much safer. Very little dogs work a LOT harder on a trail than larger dogs and they also often end up having to take MANY more steps than people and larger dogs. Small step ups in terrain for people and larger dogs are big jumps for tiny dogs. They wear out because of the huge effort. Plan to have to carry your toy dog off and on if you are going far even if your tiny dog is quite fit.

Maybe - **Vaseline (or bag balm, paw wax or similar greasy substance):** If you will be in the mountains or other areas where there are pine trees and thus pine sap or other sticky substances will be around. If the dog is

not wearing boots all the time, be sure to take this. I got into trouble once and learned to never forget it. Put it between the pads and around the nails when you begin the hike. The sticky sap will roll right out if you work it a little with your fingers. If it does not, add some more oil and work it out. I've not had it fail - ever. Please don't think you can just cut the hair between the toes out. You'll end up cutting so much the dog's feet will get sore and you'll run out of hair. (I know. I've been there). Yes, the dog's feet can get really dirty in some environments, but it's better than fighting with balls of sap between the toes! **If you need to boot after putting on this substance:** simply wipe the paws well with a paper towel and put on the boots (or the sock and then the boot). When you return to your cabin or wherever you are, work out any sap "balls", then simply use some waterless shampoo and clean the feet or dunk feet in a bucket of water, lightly shampoo and wash them, rinse well, dry and you're set. It doesn't take long. **BOOTS and sap:** Oil can remove sap from boots as well – especially the soles but it might "spot" the fabric **NOTE about pad dressings.** On the trail I didn't find it protects as well as boots on tough terrain. It can help a bit to keep ice balls from forming so fast.

Bowls: There are many bowls out. I do NOT favor the fabric type folding bowls much because they start to leak if they sit during a lunch break and they stay wet longer than the types I prefer. I keep one bowl hooked outside my pack or in the "small and easy to reach" area of the dog pack because then I can easily get to it without taking off the packs. **One of three types of bowls work well.** The silicone (food grade) collapsible bowls with a hole to fasten them to your belt (or side of the pack), a collapsible silicone bowl without a hole put in an easy to reach area of a pack or a regular non-collapsible type silicone or plastic bowl with a hole drilled through the edge so you can put a ring through it and clip it to a belt or pack. **Another nice bowl,** especially for food because it stays wide open, is the Guyot "squishy" bowl. All of these dry fast and can be cleaned in a snap. Two bowls are best. Should one fall off a cliff or something, it's good to have a spare packed away!

Combs: A flea comb and a regular comb are important to have along. You can get ticks, grass seeds and burrs, etc. out easily with them. (They MIGHT even be used on the humans in the group!) They are important with short haired dogs too. I take a plastic flea comb and a flexible small human comb made to carry in a pocket. On the trail, I have rarely needed anything else even with a very hairy Australian Shepherd and they take little room.

Maybe - "**Raincoat**". Some rains in the mountains are COLD so something to keep the dog's chest and back dry can be helpful. Obviously it depends on the dog and the weather. I used rain protection for my short haired dog probably only once or twice and never needed it for one dog as the rains we got into were on warm days. A shivering dog is hard to warm on the trail, so, use judgment and pack something in case. Rather than packing a bulky dog slicker, I make three holes in a big heavy duty plastic garbage bag, slip it over the dog's head and then put legs through. The middle is tied with a long shoelace or similar thing OR it is just pulled over the backpack. Voila. It's replaceable, serviceable, cheap and it takes almost no room. :) **PONCHOS:** They make some for dogs that are light and take little space. They might work out nicely. I'd try that before packing a

heavier "slicker" probably unless I would be hiking in a place like Washington where hiking is usually in rain! OTHER NOTE FOR TOY DOGS: They may have more trouble maintaining body temperature than larger dogs. A coat or raincoat may be more necessary with them.

Food: Taking it or not depends on length of the hike. If it's an hour or two, maybe not. Treats work for that. If food is needed, take enough for two meals in case you get delayed. Kibble is easy - bag it and go. IF YOU FEED HOME COOKED OR RAW FOOD: The easiest thing to do is to get a good freeze dried raw food that can simply be rehydrated for a lunch. (Giving lunch is a good idea for hiking dogs...they have increased calorie needs). IF YOU MUST PACK FOODS THAT NEED TO BE KEPT COLD: I found a pretty easy way to pack it. There are some lunch coolers for kids that have an insulated portion on the bottom that zips off. An entrée sized container (like a glad container) will fit in one along with a small frozen gel pack (it is likely to even come with these two items). There are also lunch bags available with gel in the walls of the "sack". Freeze the bag, add food and go. Fold it into as small bundle as the food container allows and you are set. At the end of the day (8 to 12 hours, my home cooked food was still mildly cool or better than that. At noon it was very cold. **NOTE: TAKE TWICE AS MUCH FOOD AS YOU WOULD USUALLY FEED.** Calorie needs increase when hiking. Very small dogs can double their intake. Medium to large dogs will need more food than usual, perhaps double depending on the dog.

Maybe: **Sunscreen formulated for dogs:** For nose and muzzle especially. Quite important for dogs that don't have black nose leathers as they burn easier. Even black ones can sunburn if they will be in the sun a lot. There are almost always spots in a hike that are full sun for some time. If you have a shorthaired dog, skin can burn too.

Maybe: **Human sunscreen.** If you find a formula BOTH human and dog can use, great!!!! If you can put it on and you won't be gone long, don't take it. On longer hikes, it's good to have.

Maybe a **dog coat:** Dogs are less prone to hypothermia in general than people, but it can happen. Small dogs often do not control body temperature as well as larger dogs. Use judgment. The fleece coats pack well. Use judgment re: where you will be, weather conditions and the type of dog you have.

Maybe **Doggles (dog sunglasses).** Sound silly? Not really. Sun protection can help prevent cataract development and in glaring open areas of rock, snow or sand especially, it can prevent eye damage. In heavy winds (or windblown snow or sand) it can protect the eyes. The Doggles stay on well. My dog wore them fine in the bright sun and appeared to actually like them, but if she got into the shade she wanted them off. They are easy to slip on and off. Take care to obtain the correct size!! Obviously, use these before you embark on your hike to get the dog used to them and check them to be sure they stay in place during the hike. **Caution: If footing becomes very precarious;** take them off to be sure the dog's vision is unimpaired until the tricky spot is behind you.

Maybe: **Dog cap with sun visor:** They make them and they serve the same purpose for dogs that they do for people wearing a ball cap type of hat. Probably not essential but it does seem to give some comfort

especially if you do not use Doggles. It keeps their head cooler and helps to prevent overheating if you get the type with the closed top. It works well with Doggles too though. These are inexpensive and they take very little room. They fit well and stay on. Use judgment regarding sensible use.

Bug repellent: If you aren't going out long, spray before you go and don't take it along. Otherwise, put some in a very small spray container (can be found by cosmetics in drug stores). I make a repellent using vinegar and essential oils that human and dog can share. It repels extremely well and it's safer than some chemical sprays. However, there are many safe natural repellents for dogs that can be purchased. If you can also use it, all the better. Whatever you choose, be sure to have it for you and the dog. **Caution: Do not use just any human spray on dogs.** Get a repellent formulated for dogs or one you can both use. Avoid Pennyroyal in natural preparations...small doses can be toxic.

DO NOT RELY ON REPELLENT COLLARS. They just don't work. Need to repel mosquitoes and flies mostly....also ticks depending on the time of year.

Maybe **Chews or Kong type toy** that can be stuffed with food and keep the dog busy **IF** you may simply sit and read by a stream or something like that for a while. If your dog won't use it don't take it. If you will only do regular, short breaks you probably won't need this type of thing.

WATER



News from Ringside

Kris Woodke reports: At the CDC UKC Rally trial in October, **Milo** (my min. schnauzer) got two first places in RO3 and a High In Trial while earning three more legs toward his URX title and points toward his UROC title. He also earned his Veteran's Championship and his RL3 title (and a Certificate of Excellence) at Sunshine Obedience School's WCRL trial in March.

Also at the Sunshine Obedience School's WCRL trial in March, Echo (the other min. schnauzer) finished his RL1 title and earning a Certificate of Excellence for having scores of 190 or better for all three qualifying legs. He also finished his UKC RO1 title in June at the Friends of BDOC trial.

In July, I became a L3 provisional judge in WCRL Rally (I am now allowed to judge all levels of WCRL Rally), and in August did my first judging assignment for all levels at Sunshine Obedience School. It is loads of fun --everyone should come out and play WCRL Rally!!!

Norine Nieman's papillon, **Bindi**, finished her Altered Championship on Saturday, October 18th at Companion Dog Club Partners' UKC shows. During the show weekend she received one Altered Best in Show and two Altered Reserve Best in Shows. She is now UACH UCDX URO3, ARCH S & L's Painted Smile CDX BN GN GO RAE3 CGC, RL1X RL3, CD-H, Can. RN.



Silent Auction Huge Success

Karen Stevens

A BIG thank you to all of the BDOC members who donated items throughout the year for the silent auction! Your bargain hunting and deal seeking paid off big time. The club raised \$855.50, which was more than double the amount made in previous years. This is a new silent auction record!!!

A special thank you to Sandy Crawford for her help with the auction. It was wonderful to have an extra set of hands with all of the aspects of the auction including; assembling the baskets, setting up, closing, and tearing down.

Thanks to all who made this a big success!

Oct. 25, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 3 p.m.

Absent: John Wilson

Meeting minutes approved as published in the newsletter.

No treasurers report.

No new member apps.

No training report.

Committee reports:

Obedience trial - going well

Spring obedience trial - on track

Spring agility - No chair. The board will serve as the chairmen/women. Alzheimer's group asked to do food.

Need a volunteer chair.

UKC Obedience/CPE Agility - it's time to submit event paperwork

Old Business:

Training space - In April/May, Five Elements should be open. At this point in time, we should strive to begin classes there when they open. No rent established yet. They know we are very interested. In the meanwhile, we should focus on having a class schedule ready.

Volunteers - Ideas were discussed. It was decided that a committee of 3-4 volunteers should get together to explore options and follow through on implementation.

Community Outreach - We will ask for a volunteer committee to work on this.

New Business:

Christmas Party - Gerianne has volunteered her home for the party.

Awards Ceremony - Checking on Feb. 20, Feb 27, or Mar 6, as possible Fridays to hold dinner, possibly at Johnny's Steakhouse. Other locations discussed. Adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

BDOC General Meeting October 29, 2014

The meeting began at 7:20 p.m. at Fox Run Assisted Living facility Council Bluffs after our annual Halloween visit.

Christie made a motion to waive reading of Minutes of the last general meeting, Marlene 2nd the motion, passed.

Gerianne read the minutes of the last Board meeting. Erin made a motion to accept the minutes, Bert 2nd, passed

Treasurer's report was presented. Dee made a motion to accept, Bert 2nd.

Committees:

Erin gave a review of the October AKC Obedience trial: There was lots of enthusiasm. Overall it was a great trial. Jan Wilde did a great job for CDC keeping things stocked and clean.

2015 Spring AKC Obedience trial: Judges are hired, Gerianne is talking to the Alzheimers group about serving lunch.

2015 Spring AKC Agility trial: a lot of people will be out of town

2015 Spring CPE trial: Christie Baker will do the canteen.

2015 Fall Agility trial will be held the last weekend of September.

2015 Fall CPE trial will be held the second weekend of September.

Gerianne proposed adding an AKC Obedience trial the first weekend of August 2015. Additional discussion will be held at the next general meeting in December.

Old Business:

Discussed finding a place to train. Gerianne will continue to discuss with Dr. Hebel about renting space in their new facility. The club will need a training program/curriculum. Erin will bring to the December meeting a binder with current training materials. A group will meet at Gerianne's in January to talk about a 'Train the Trainer' program.

New Business:

The next general meeting will be the club Christmas Party:

At Gerianne's, Sunshine Obedience Farm, Saturday December 13.

Meet at 4 pm, eat around 5 p.m.

Food will be assigned by alphabet.

Those wanting to participate in the gift exchange should bring a gift \$15 or less, wrapped.

Rebecca made a motion to adjourn, Christie 2nd, passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

2014 Obedience Trial

Erin Embrey

October 24-26 marked our final trial of 2014, and the obedience trial was a success!

We set up Thursday evening and it started earlier with Karen Stevens and Sandy Crawford setting up the Silent Auction. Sandy also pulled the ring gates out and set up the tables for the canteen. Thank you ladies for that work earlier in the day! Also thank you Karen for heading up the silent auction and Sharon Brewer, Sharon Dowell and Sandy for putting things together, it was a huge success! Thank you Alberta Gray and Sue Volkmer for helping to set up and clean up. Your help is very much appreciated! Sue also drove the judges around for food, coffee and other necessities!

Lou Meyers, thank you for picking up one judge and transporting him back to the airport!

Eric Rice manned the canteen for us all weekend. I heard nothing but great comments about the food, I know I always look forward to the chicken noodle soup! Thank you Eric for hanging out with us and making sure we have great food for lunch.

Thank you goes out to Gerianne Darnell for hiring the judges and getting a few friends to help work the table! Also, for your work during the trial it is greatly appreciated! Deb Landon and I also got the list of people to work, Deb wore many hats before and during this trial and did a great job, Thank You!! Linda Puckett along with Deb Landon worked the awards table and Dee Nelson helped get toys, ribbons before and after the trial. Please make sure that we get more lizards for next year! I think I will need a few more!

Thank you to everyone that helped in the rings at the trial; Randy Frady, John Wilson, Trisha Burbach, Rose Strasser, Alicia Robinson and Caroline Rice. I want to send a special thank you to a couple of Junior Handlers that helped out, William and Elizabeth Dennis! These two did a fantastic job setting jumps and helping set courses and were extremely fun to work with!

I am going to work on a couple of little boxes for each ringside table. Things in it might make setting jumps a little easier as well as having one place for all the necessities for a judge and their table stewards!

Thank you for everyone's hard work that weekend from set up to tear down, I appreciate your work! I hope I didn't miss anyone!

Dogs & Ebola

In recent weeks, dog owners, supporters and donors have looked to the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the American Kennel Club for credible information regarding Ebola virus in dogs.

At issue is whether humans can get Ebola from dogs, and whether dogs can even get Ebola in a form that is transmittable. Due to the complexities of the virus, only time and research will answer these questions.

"In humans, Ebola virus is detected using a diagnostic test for Ebola RNA. In dogs, scientists will have to establish the presence of Ebola virus RNA along with whether the virus is replication competent and

infectious," said Shila Nordone, Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer for the AKC Canine Health Foundation. "Only then will we have evidence that canine infection is a public health threat. All told, this will take many months."

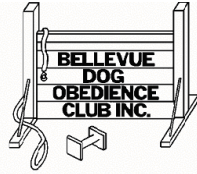
[Dr. J. Scott Weese, DVM, DVSc, DACVIM](#), a preeminent expert on infectious disease transmission in the dog, as well as the [AVMA](#) have provided the most current consensus opinions on Ebola in the dog.

Over the next several months as research advances, AKC CHF and the American Kennel Club will keep the public updated on any and all progress made to better understand the role of the dog as a reservoir for the Ebola virus. Visit [akcchf.org](#) and [akc.org](#) for all the latest.



***Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year***

Bellevue Dog Obedience Club of Nebraska



2014 Awards

Dear Club Members:

It's time to submit your titles for 2014. In order to receive an award, a member must be "active". You are an active member if you have given six hours of service to the club in 2014, which could include attending the general meetings, participating on a committee, helping with trials, etc. Please indicate on the form what six hours you have contributed to the club. BDOC currently offers a plaque for each dog with a "bar" for each title earned. Each year you will add new title bars to your plaque for your dog. There is also an award for "Competition Dog of The Year" which recognizes the top six scores earned in AKC obedience competition from the regular classes. We will be awarding the "Jackie Griffith Memorial Award", given to the Highest Scoring Active Member's dog in regular classes at the 2014 BDOC obedience trials in March, September or October, along with the "Beginner Novice" award (previously the pre-novice award) for our BDOC trials in March, September, or October. If you showed in Beginner Novice or the regular classes at any of the 2014 BDOC obedience trials, please submit those scores below. There will also be an award for CGC and CGCA titles earned by club members in 2014 and for those who have earned the RAE title. Another special award is the Carol Wilson/Marge Danielson Memorial Award for the highest score earned in Novice A, Open A, or Utility A at any obedience trial (not just BDOC trials) during 2014.

Please return the following information to Gerianne Darnell, 11092 240th Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503 by January 15, 2015. If you have any questions, call Gerianne (712-526-2252) or Linda Puckett (402-593-0703) or e-mail Gerianne at geriannedarnell@aol.com. Please copy this form if you have earned a title on more than one dog. You MUST send this form via U.S. mail, don't put the info in an email, please. You can send your pictures via e-mail, but please send this form back in the mail.

I will again be putting your dogs' pictures in the program, so e-mail any pictures you have of your dog to Gerianne. Also, please send any pictures of club events that you have. Please indicate on the form if this is your dog's first title and you need a plaque for your dog. Each dog will have their own page, or you can put all of your dogs on one page if you wish. Thanks, Gerianne

Please send the following to Gerianne, one form for each dog:

BDOC 2014 AWARDS

Member's name: _____

Dog's breed, registered name including titles, and call name:

Does this dog need a plaque?

Telephone Number and e-mail address: _____

Title(s) earned, please separate by venue:

If applicable, list your top six AKC regular obedience scores (not rally) for 2014. You can list a fewer number of scores if you don't have six (date, show & score):

What was your class & scores at the 2014 BDOC obedience trials (March, September, and October)? (include beginner novice but not rally, grad novice, grad open, pre novice or pre open, JUST the regular classes): _____

Please indicate if your dog earned an RAE in 2014: _____

Highest Score in Novice A, Open A, or Utility A in 2014 at any AKC obedience trial, (not just BDOC's trials): _____

Indicate what six hours of service you gave to BDOC in 2014: _____

