

LEAD AND COLLAR



April/May 2016

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**Some Dogs Will Test
You,
Some Dogs Will Teach
You,
And
Some Dogs Will Bring
Out The Best in You!**

I'm A Dog Show Person

My "grooming" will never cost as much as my dog's does. I call every female dog a bitch with no regrets. I drive thousands of miles to run in the ring for 10 minutes. There is no such term as "enough dogs" for me. You might call it addition, I call it a lifestyle.

Annual Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2016, 7:30 p.m., Johnny's Cafe

Minutes from the last general meeting and treasurer's report approved.

No new member applications.

There was no president's report.

Training – Erin Embrey reported that Puppy Class just ended and Beginner Class had one more week. Sandy Crawford remarked that puppy class was well taught and enjoyable. Puppy and Beginner Classes are scheduled to begin again on April 6, Wednesday nights, taught again by Sharon Dowell and Deb Landon. Our arrangement with Five Elements Veterinary Alternatives for renting training space is working well.

Report of Committees – 2016 Events

AKC Obedience Trials April 1-3 – Gerianne Darnell – Club members will be providing food, sandwich and salad items and desserts. Setup will be Thursday at 5 p.m. at Sunshine Obedience School. A match will be held 6 p.m. Thursday. Dinner for judges each night will be at Sunshine Obedience School and club members are welcome to attend. Two provisional novice judges will be judging this year in addition to the regular judges, so more people can enter. BN and Novice will be the first classes each day. Stewards are needed – contact Kris Woodke.

AKC Agility Trials May 6-8, Sept 30-Oct. 2 – Erin Embrey – May trial – Randy is volunteer coordinator. John and Walt are course builders. No report on the Oct trial.

UKC Obedience / CPE Trials June 3 - 5 – Gerianne and Deb Landon – Christie Baker will run the canteen. Mike Willis is the CPE judge. UKC premium is in progress.

AKC Obedience Trials Aug 5-7 at Sunshine Farm – Gerianne Darnell – On track. Judges hired.

CPE Agility Trials Sept. 16-18 – Deb Landon – Judge is hired. These trials will take place at the Nebraska Humane Society Meadow. A new chair may be needed.

Fall AKC Agility Trial – Rose Strasser and John Wilson are co-chairs.

AKC Obedience Trials Oct. 28 – 30 – Caroline Rice is the chair. Judges are hired.

UKC Nosework – Gerianne Darnell explained a new trialing opportunity in UKC Nosework. It is a hot new dog sport. Motion was made and passed to allow Gerianne to investigate and move forward to a match, which is required before a trial can be held.

Recognition of Outgoing Officers and Board Members – Randy Frady recognized outgoing officers.

Election – The following board members were elected unanimously: President Gerianne Darnell, Vice President Erin Embrey, Secretary Kris Woodke, Treasurer Deb Landon, Training Director Sharon Dowell and at-large members Linda Puckett and Bert Gray. Dee Nelson continues as an at-large member.

Old Business

Website – Changes to the website administration were briefly discussed. The new board will discuss it.

New Business

October Obedience Trial Sponsorship – Sharon Dowell – Sign-up sheets for sponsorship opportunities were passed around to members.

Adjourned to awards at 8:15 p.m.

WANTED “vintage” 144 Kennel Aire wire kennel with tray and a plastic crate Classic Kennel brand (cream color) size 26L x 18 1/2W x 16H both in excellent condition

Sandy Crawford 402-571-9498

Show/Trial/Hunt News



Sandy & **Snider**: RATI



Sandy & **Saylor**:

RATI

Snider and Saylor both qualified at the NKC Barnhunt on their first try. **Sandy Crawford**

Christa got her ARCH at the last WCRL Rally trial at Gerianne’s 2/27. She had two firsts with 210s and two seconds (due to time) with 209s and one third so it was a nice weekend! :) I also walked by a sign and NQd us on one run. Ack. Christa has forgiven me. ha ha.

We have been out of things while her leg injury healed for the previous 8 or 9 weeks; I’m very happy she held up well and seemed happy to be back working. **Laura Uran**



Select Dog – New GCH



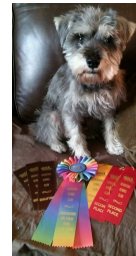
Rally Advanced Title

Heart of America KC show March 13 in Kansas City **Levi** was Select Dog to complete the requirements for his Grand Champion title, owner handled all the way.

The weekend before (March 5-6) Levi earned his Rally Advanced title in Des Moines. **Sherry Rife**



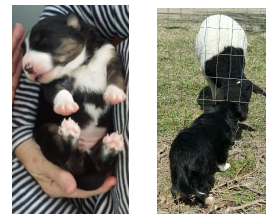
Snowy earned his third leg and Rally Advanced title in Des Moines March 5, 2016. **Sandy Williams**



Echo earned his RATN (Barnhunt Novice title) at the Nebraska Kennel Club’s Feb. 13/14 trials at Companion. A good time was had by all. Thank you, NKC, for bringing Barn Hunt trials to the area. Because what could be more fun to a “ratter” than finding the rat? **Kris**



My All-American dog **Roo** and I competed in our 1st AKC Agility Nationals in Tulsa this past weekend. He was clean in Standard, JWW, and Hybrid and placed in the top 6-12% in every class which allowed us to make it into Finals. In the final round, we had a great run but the dirt was loose and Roo slipped off the side of the teeter. He still finished 9th overall out of 229 dogs in the 12” class! I am thrilled! Very grateful to have a wonderful dog and great friends to share the experience. **Rose Strasser**



New puppy at the Darnell Household!
On Friday, 3/25, a new puppy will join Rick and Robert!

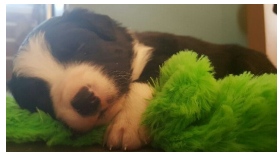
She is a border collie named **Rayna**, and her sire is my much loved and dearly departed Raymond. She is a sister to Rick and a littermate to Erin's new puppy **Gerianne**



Last week, Beagle "**Kasey**", traveled to Tulsa, Oklahoma for the 2016 Rally National Championships.

He was the only Beagle competing and we were competing in Rally Advance. Kasey and I earned two Q's with no placements, but he sure had a lot of people walking by staring, petting and talking to him while he was out on a lap or in a chair!

We had a fun time with our friends and are already talking about the next trip to Tulsa! **Erin Embrey**



On Friday March 25th, I will be picking up a new addition...Border Collie, "**Reign**"!

Reign is out of DC Ettrick on Edge, Gerianne's, "Raymond" and Ettrick Daliah, Jamie Evans, "Daliah". These parents pass down excellent Herding, Agility, Obedience, Rally genes and also a pure love of playing the game or even just hanging out with you on the couch.

I am excited to be trusted with such an angelic, sweet and naughty creature! I can't wait to see what the future holds for Reign and his sisters Rayna and Tessa! **Erin**

Report from our President

Gerianne Darnell

Thanks for allowing me to be your BDOC president the next two years! My main goal for us as a club is to continue enjoying each other and putting on terrific events with the least amount of stress on all of us

Thanks to our outgoing president, Trisha Burbach, for all of the hard work she has done for us in the past two years. Also thanks to outgoing board members Randy Frady, Kerri McCracken, Rose Strasser, and "fill in" secretary Sharon Dowell!

This will be short, as I have just returned from a big trip to the National Obedience Championship and National Rally Championship in Tulsa (more on that elsewhere!), but our first big event of the year will be our April 1-3 obedience trial. Club members have volunteered to do a

soup each day and I will be picking up salad and bread to go with it for lunch. We are in need of food donations of desserts, salads, anything you'd like to bring to contribute to lunch. We will be feeding between 50 and 60 people. We will also be feeding the judges on Friday and Saturday night, anybody who would like to contribute a dish is welcome to stay for an early dinner! Kris Woodke is in charge of volunteers and you can contact her at kwoodke7618@yahoo.com Please help!

Our next club meeting will be Wednesday, April 27th, at Valentinos Restaurant, watch your email for details!

Reflections

My first trip to AKC Nationals with two poodles!

This was a very exciting trip to my very first Rally National competition!! Both Icy and Misty qualified to go. I was very fortunate to have such a good friend in Erin, who helped Misty earn her last Novice leg in rally so she would be invited. I had to be out of town the weekend of the last possible show she could qualify before the deadline. Erin did a great job taking care of Misty and earning that last leg. Thanks again Erin. You made it possible for Misty to go with us!

Five of us, Bert, Gerianne, Erin and Kim, along with six dogs had a great road trip to Tulsa in two cars, with many a laugh!! Rally Nationals was huge, amazing, and almost overwhelming... so many dogs, noise and people, but very exciting. Plenty of competition. Icy had four runs - two in Advanced and two in Excellent. Her first excellent was less than stellar, with both our nerves getting the better of us!! She earned her only non-qualifying score of 67. The others were better with two 95's and an 87. We definitely weren't in the top scores but it was fun to take her in and do our best. She held up very well and had a good attitude with all those runs. Misty was very distracted at first but managed to earn a 95 and an 83 in Novice. When she was paying attention she pranced beautifully and had lots of fun. I loved taking them in the ring. I was so proud of both of them ;-). Everyone else did really well. I won't spoil their stories... I'll let them tell you all about their experiences....

We only showed the first day, but cheered Gerianne, Rick and Robert on in the obedience competition the next two days. That was amazing as in obedience her dogs had to compete in eight rings each day!! They were marvelous!

It was a great experience to watch all the top dogs come from every part of the country to strut their stuff.... I even got to see a number of Misty's relatives competing in agility!! Agility was going on all three days and we managed to get over to see a little of it a couple of times... and fun to see friends competing. We saw John and Indie have a great run. Rose and Roo were amazing and made it to finals....very exciting to cheer them on!! There were many dogs from this area so Nebraska was well represented!!

What a great trip with good friends...and the shopping was unbelievable!! I'd recommend it for sure if it comes close to us another time. I'll never forget this trip to AKC Nationals!!!! Thanks Gerianne and Bert for talking me into going ;-) **Linda Puckett**

How to Calculate Dog Years to Human Years?

As a general guideline, though, the [American Veterinary Medical Association](#) breaks it down like this:

- 15 human years equals the first year of a medium-sized dog's life.
- Year two for a dog equals about nine years for a human.
- And after that, each human year would be approximately five years for a dog.
- ***How do researchers come up with those numbers?***

There are many several factors to consider, so it's not possible to pin it down precisely, but the AVMA says: "Cats and [small dogs](#) are generally considered 'senior' at seven years old, but we all know they've got plenty of life left in them at that age. [Larger-breed dogs](#) tend to have shorter lifespans compared to smaller breeds and are often considered senior when they are 5 to 6 years of age. The 'senior' classification is based on the fact that pets age faster than people, and veterinarians start seeing more age-related problems in these pets. Contrary to popular belief, dogs do not age at a rate of 7 human years for each year in dog years."

Did You Know?

Metro Creative Connection

Even people who don't own pets may have pet dander in their homes.

Pet dander is the tiny, sometimes microscopic skin shed by cats, dogs and other warm-blooded animals, such as rodents and birds.

Pet dander can be carried into homes on people's clothing, which is how even homes and offices without pets likely have pet dander in them.

Though dander is natural, it's also an allergy trigger for many people. But pet allergies are not entirely a result of pet dander, as the American Lung Association notes that allergens come from sources other than pets' skin.

For example, the ALA notes that urine and feces from cats, dogs and other pets can cause allergic reactions in some people. Dust from dried feces can suspend in the air eventually be inhaled by people with allergies, triggering a reaction. Pet allergens can maintain their strength for several months by sticking to clothing, walls and other surfaces.

Pet owners with pet allergies can still keep their pets, but they must be prepared to make extra efforts to comfortably coexist with their pets. Removing wall-to-wall carpet, keeping pets off furniture and keeping a home clean and free of clutter are some ways for pet owners to reduce the symptoms of their pet allergies.

Wearing a mask while vacuuming also can reduce the severity of allergy attacks, as vacuums stir up dander and other allergens.

When I Got My New Dog

I asked for strength that I might rear her perfectly.
I was given weakness that I might feed her more treats.

I asked for good health that I might rest easy.
I was given a "special needs" dog that I might know nurturing.

I asked for an obedient dog that I might feel proud.
I was given stubbornness that I might feel humble.

I asked for compliance that I might feel masterful.
I was given a clown that I might laugh.

I asked for a companion that I might not feel lonely.
I was given a best friend that I would feel loved.

I got nothing I asked for,
But everything that I needed.

Unknown

Springtime Dog Muffins

- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 bananas, mashed with a fork
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 3 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- Cooking spray

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl, whisk together the egg, honey, bananas and peanut butter. Stir in 3 cups water; whisk until smooth.
2. In a separate bowl, stir together the flour, baking powder and cinnamon; add to the egg mixture.

3. Spray two 12-cup muffin pans with cooking spray; fill each cup three quarters full. Bake until browned, about 30 minutes. Let cool.