

LEAD AND COLLAR



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Fall 2018 Agility Trial

Our Fall AKC Agility Trial is in the books. Thankfully we were inside the Omaha Sports Complex so the rain didn't bother us. The dogs loved the cool weather.

We started the weekend, Thursday evening, with a truck Loading Party at the Nebraska Humane Society Meadows. This is the last year we can store the equipment at the shed so we had to load everything onto the truck. Darrell and Dee tagged teamed getting the rental truck to the meadows for loading and to the trial site and back to the rental office the next morning. Thanks D&D. Friday morning very sparse crew of volunteers unloaded the truck and set the rings for the morning runs. Thanks so much to all who arrived early to help.

Our Judge, Ginger Robertson, had some great courses, challenging and fun. Ginger sent a lovely email with her thanks for the gift card. "I really enjoyed your club." Ginger was easy to work with and she will be back in a few years. She was very encouraging and always had a smile on her face,

There were 2 PACH's earned, one by club member Gerianne with Robert. Congratulations to Gerianne and Robert on another Championship making him a top dog in the country with many championships. The other by a couple with their Schnauzer from Kansas. A MACH was also earned by a non-club member.

We had a surprise visit from an AKC Rep Kitty Bradley. It has been a long time since a BDOC event had a Rep visit which is why Kitty stopped by. She gave us a glowing report on how the trial was run and was so pleased with the good things she saw. Kitty visited with our chief steward John Wilson to go over the equipment and made some minor suggestions.

It takes lots of batteries to run the timer. Thanks to Kris Woodke for donating all those batteries. Also special thank you to Caroline and Harold Rice for getting the workers snacks and water.

Thank you to all the club members that volunteered to make this trial a big success. Loading crew was Bert, Ron and Linda Puckett, John, Erin, Randy, Darrell, Doug. Course builders John and non-club member, Walt.. unloading and set up John, Pam and Doug Fusselman, Erin, Dee, Linda and Bert. Ribbons Deb, Linda, Bert and Sharon Dowell for housing them. Clean up crew Linda, Bert, John, Gerianne, Erin, Deb, Sheri Mueller. Deep apologies if anyone was omitted from the list.

Thanks to everyone that made this trial an enormous success. This is always a lot of hard work but well worth the effort to have fun with our dogs.

Co-trial chairs

*Linda Puckett
Alberta Gray
Sheri Mueller*

BDOC Fall Obedience Trial

Our 31st Annual Fall AKC obedience trial is in the books! We had beautiful weather this year. Because the entry was somewhat low, we didn't start until noon on Friday and 10 AM on Saturday and Sunday, which was nice not to get up at the crack of dawn!

Set-up was on Thursday night. Those in attendance were Erin, Gerianne, Kris, Anita, Shari, Linda P., Deb L., Kim, and Bert. Anita and Shari had some amazing prizes for the stewards, and because they had so many neat things, they went ahead and set up a raffle for the exhibitors, which brought in \$196. They also beautifully decorated the tables. Thank you Anita and Shari for all you did! Shari also had an beautiful memorial display of dogs that our members have recently lost, it was very touching and I had to walk away once when I got tearful...

Our head steward, Kris, ably assisted by Shari and Anita, had a schedule all laid out for us for the three days. Club members who stewarded were Karen S., Pam and Doug F., Sharon D., Gerianne, Erin, Marv, Anita, Shari, Kris, Bert, Alicia and Devetta. We also appreciated Kris' sister who was pressed in to service. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU! The judges were very impressed with how efficient and knowledgeable our stewards were. Thanks also to Sandy C. for the cookies, they were a big hit!

Our trophy/ribbon people were Linda P., Deb L., and Dee, they met earlier in the week to get the massive amounts of ribbons ready, with a minor assist from Erin who had the numbers they needed for their board. Dee supplied the ribbon stickers while Linda and Deb, with some assistance by Bert, kept the rings supplied with ribbons and figured out the prizes and toys. I know my own dogs, well, ok, mostly Rayna, are thrilled with the wonderful toys they won!

THANK YOU to Kim Embrey for the wonderful food all weekend, you are SO appreciated for stepping up to do this for us.

The clean-up crew consisted of Erin, Gerianne, Kris, Anita, Shari, Linda P., Deb L., Kim, Bert, Connie, and Pam F. After clean-up, we counted the ribbons that are now going to live at Kris's house, THANK

YOU KRIS. Gerianne brought wine to share, and Shari did too, but we decided it was prudent to only open ONE large bottle

A good time was had by all. Next year we are contemplating having two trials on Saturday and one on Sunday, to help cut expenses for both the club and the exhibitors. Thanks everyone for your help.

Gerianne and Erin, co-chairs

Club Christmas Party



The BDOC Christmas Party will be on Saturday, Dec. 15, 5 pm arrival, at Sharon and Scott's house, which is approx. 10 minutes south of Gerianne's home. Address: 53524 Elrod Rd, Glenwood IA. Come enjoy the quiet countryside and a roaring wood fireplace.

New this year: We are having an ugly sweater contest! Start your hunt now! We'll also play the usual entertaining Dirty Santa gift giving game. More info will follow. **Sharon Dowell**

News from Ringside

BORGO KO KO BOP BONNYCASTLE "SHIMMY"
West Highland White Terrier 1 year old.

New title Canine Good Citizen 11-3-18 in Des Moines, Iowa.

New title Trick Dog Novice 11-3-18 in Des Moines, Iowa. **Marvin & Sandy Crawford**

AKC Scent Work Trial November 2-4, 2018

By Deb Landon, Trial Chair

The November BDOC AKC Scent Work Trial at the beautiful Sunshine Obedience Farm was a huge success with a monetary profit for the club. The weather was cold, which added to the challenge of the outdoor searches. We offered our first Buried Excellent level (which is in the ground). The trial was completely filled on Opening Day with a wait list. This event offered Containers, Interior, Exterior and Buried elements judged by Johnette Ulch from eastern Iowa.

A special Thank You to Sharon Dowell, Co-Chair, who was instrumental in the success of the Trial! Teresa Carlile did an awesome job as Volunteer Coordinator. Our trial Secretary, Norine Nieman, along with her assistant, Linda Puckett kept the entries, cancellations and move-ups in order, as well as recording all of the results.

Set-up and clean-up crews:

Set-up: Sharon D, Gerianne, Erin, Kim and George Embrey and Deb L

Clean-up: Teresa, Sharon D, Gerianne, Erin, Deb L, Sue Volkmer, Alberta, Linda P and Norine Stewards, included Club Members Erin Embrey, Sue Volkmer, Karen Stevens, Rose Strasser, Sharon Dowell, Teresa Carlile, Shelly Rehmeier, Linda Haggstrom, Karen Stevens, Kris Woodke, Bert Gray, Linda Puckett and many more folks who pitched in when they saw a need. Non-club members such as Ron Weaks and Shelly Rehmeier, also stepped in and helped a lot throughout the weekend.

Alberta Gray and Kris Woodke helped keep everyone warm each day with their delicious soups! And Linda Puckett stepped in each day with setup and cleanup in the kitchen. Thank you to everyone who brought salads and desserts!

There were others who stepped in to help during the weekend that are not listed here, but greatly appreciated!

This is our club's second year of hosting this new and fast-growing canine sport, and we expect many more years of continued success, comradery, and team-building among participants and club members. Stay tuned for some positive changes to the BDOC Scentwork Trials in 2019!!!

Old Dogs Don't Die

By Leigh Curtis

Old dogs don't die; they can't. They've merely run up ahead; they're waiting for us just out of sight. Close your eyes late at night and you may smell his musky odor, or perhaps hear his snuffle from the next room. Pay attention and you may feel his nose on your hand or the back of your calf. When your final day comes, you can go on to meet him; he's never left you and never will, and when you close your eyes for the last time, you'll open them again to be met with his Bright eyes and wagging tail.

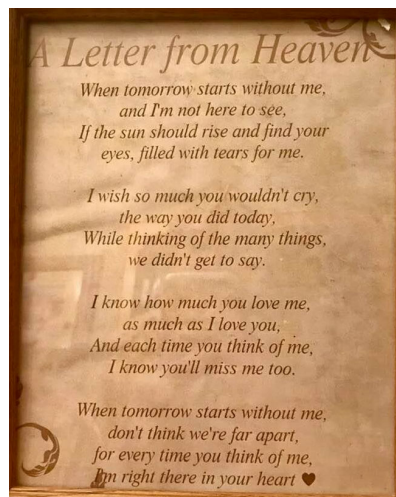
Old dogs don't die, at least, not those dogs who take the biggest chunks of our hearts with them when they leave us. Those dogs are inextricably part of our souls, and they go with us wherever we are. Though we may not see them, we know they're there because our heart is still beating; we still breathe, and those of us who have been truly touched by a good dog know our lives really started the day we met them.

Magnificent dogs don't die. They shepherd our dreams and only allow the good ones through the gates of our consciousness. They watch over us

much as they did in life, and that moment when we step just barely outside of death or disaster, it's because they moved our feet or they stopped short in front of us as they did in life.

You see, a good dog is something only given to a few people. They are a gift from the universe and, though they're with us only a short time, they never really leave us. They are loyalty and love perfected, and once we are graced with that sort of love we can never lose it. We merely lose sight of it for a time, and that is our fault; for how can love like that ever go away?

It can't. It can't, and it never will. For these brave souls trade their hearts for ours, and they beat together beyond sickness, beyond death. They are ours, and we are theirs, for every sunrise and every sunset, until the sun blazes its last and we once again join the stars.



Minutes of the BDOC Monthly meeting

The October 17, 2018, general meeting of the Bellevue Dog Obedience Club was held at the Fox Run Assisted Living facility. Minutes of the meeting were taken by Randy Frady and transcribed by Gerianne. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Bert motioned and Randy seconded to waive the reading of the minutes from the August 22nd general meeting as they were printed in the newsletter. The October 10th board meeting minutes were not available. The treasurer's report was read and approved. The committee reports included: 1.The upcoming obedience trial is on track. We will set up at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 25th. There are approximately 70 entries on Friday, 61 on Saturday and 53 on Sunday. Gerianne is going to talk to the 2019 fall judges to explore the possibility of doing two trials on Saturday and one trial on Sunday instead of a three day trial. 2.The November 2-4 Scent Work trials are on track, although some supplies are needed. The trials are full

with a waiting list. 3.The February 2019 Nosework trials and March obedience/Scent Work trials are on track and judges have been hired. Sharon is chairing both nosework/Scent Work trials and Gerianne is chairing obedience. 4.Devetta Hill has agreed to chair the May agility trials. 5.Teresa is chairing UKC Nosework and Gerianne is chairing UKC obedience/rally on June 6. Gerianne is chairing the August obedience trials. 6.Deb Landon is chairing both the August and November Scent Work Trials. 7.Shari Mueller is chairing the September agility trial. 8.Gerianne and Sharon are co-chairing May and September herding and 9.We need an October obedience chair as Gerianne and Erin are planning on going to the Border Collie nationals. **New business:** The nominating committee for 2019 will be Kris Woodke, Chair, and Kim Embrey, member-at-large. Gerianne will ask Sharon Dowell to host the Christmas party, details and date TBD. The Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet will be February 22, 2019. Deb Landon will make a reservation at Johnny's. The next board meeting will be held on December 5, 6:30, at Panera in Council Bluffs. Deb Landon made the motion and Erin Embrey seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

A Foster Dog Poem
by Diane Morgan

I am the bridge
Between what was and what can be.
I am the pathway to a new life.

I am made of mush,
Because my heart melted when I saw you,
Matted and sore, limping, depressed,
Lonely, unwanted, afraid to love.

For one little time you are mine.
I will feed you with my own hand
I will love you with my whole heart
I will make you whole.
I am made of steel.

Because when the time comes,
When you are well, and sleek,
When your eyes shine,
And your tail wags with joy
Then comes the hard part.

I will let you go -- not without a tear,
But without a regret.
For you are safe forever—
A new dog needs me now.



Twelve Days of Christmas - Puppy Versions

*Only the last verse is printed, you know the routine
(for those will new pups)*

On the twelfth day of puppy
the little dear made wee
ON THE COUCH SOMEHOW
Beneath the table
Where well never find it
Just around the corner
Where you'd least expect it
Halfway up the stairs
Beside his food dish
RIGHT IN MY SHOE!
Across the kitchen floor
On my lap
Underneath our tree
On the carpeting in the hallway!
On the 12th day of Christmas,
my puppy stole from me:
12 fruit cakes,
11 silver sleigh bells,
10 chocolate Santas,
9 bags of tinsel,
8 pans of shortbread,
7 beeswax candles,
6 pairs of stockings
5 golden earrings...
4 remote controls,
3 credit cards
2 hiking boots
And a garland from the tree!

* And that's when I hauled out the crate!