

# LEAD AND COLLAR



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## **BDOC 2019 Annual Meeting President's Report**

*Gerianne Darnell, president*  
February 21, 2020

BDOC had another very successful year in 2019, with our members earning hundreds of titles in obedience, rally, agility, flyball, herding, tracking, canine good citizen, farm dog, barn hunt, nosework, hunt tests, and conformation. Our year began with three UKC nosework trials in February, followed by three AKC obedience and Scent Work trials in March. In April our club sponsored a CGCU test judged by Sharon Dowell where four dogs passed. May featured our spring AKC agility trials along with our annual Veterans Agility Parade. This year was our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of holding AKC Agility Trials, and we offered a soft cooler with our logo on it as a gift for exhibitors at both the spring and fall trials. The following week in May was our

semi-annual AKC Herding Trials. June featured our UKC nosework, obedience, and rally trials, and in 2019 we also added a SPOT test, which is the UKC equivalent of CGC. In August we held three days of AKC obedience and rally, followed two weeks later by yet another successful three day AKC Scent Work Trial. In September we held our fall AKC herding trials, with two trials on each day for a total of four trials. Our fall AKC agility trial was held during the last weekend of September, followed by our 32nd annual AKC Obedience and Rally trials in October, which offered a very popular Veterans Obedience Parade. Our last trial weekend of 2019 featured a very successful three day AKC Scent Work trial in November. None of these events could have been held without our wonderful chairs Erin Embrey, Sharon Dowell, Linda Puckett, Devetta Hill, Gerianne Darnell, Deb Selden, Alberta Gray, Teresa Carlile, Kris Woodke and Anita Richmond. Many of these people chaired multiple events, and our club is grateful to these hard-working members. A huge thank you also must go to our herding, nosework, obedience and rally secretary Norine Nieman. Our club also has a wonderful and informative newsletter published every other month by Sherry Rife. Under the direction of our Training Director, Devetta Hill, our club has tried to offer more "fun" events for our members, which has been well-received. As a club, we enjoyed the Annual Awards banquet in February, had dinner out at Tish's in April after the CGCU test, and we had fun with our dogs at the club picnic in June which included CGC, CGCA, and trick dog testing judged by Sharon Dowell. In August we had a Doggie Game Night and Pot Luck, and in October we shared our dogs in costume with the residents of the Fox Run Retirement Community in Council Bluffs. We finished the year in December with a very fun Christmas party and gift exchange at the home of George and Gerianne Darnell. In 2020 we are adding an additional CPE

Scent Sports weekend in May. At the present time we plan on cutting down to one AKC Agility trial weekend per year, but due to the difficulty of finding a trial secretary, we will not be holding AKC Agility in 2020. We hope to return to AKC Agility in the fall of 2021. Our club is known as a kind, caring group of people who know how to put on a fun and well-run dog show, regardless of the venue. The future remains bright for BDOC. As we look to the future, we continue to enjoy each other's company and our shared love of our dogs while we put on the best dog events in the area.

### **2019 BDOC Member of The Year**

When the Board discussed who the 2019 Member of the Year should be, one person's name was brought up, and we all agreed it was a perfect choice.

Not many people have helped with all of the tasks that must be dealt with before, during, and after a trial. And, not many people have dogs who are great Ambassadors for their breed. This person has done both of these things.

Before a trial, you need to coordinate with the judges. They need to get from the airport to the hotel and then to the trial site. The set up for the trial begins a day or two before the trial, and for nosework trials, we also have to gather all of the items together that are needed for the various searches. We also need a volunteer coordinator for each trial. This person has done all of these things.

People are always needed to work in the ring at the Obedience and Rally Trials, along with the multiple jobs necessary to successfully run a Nosework trial. This person has worked at our Obedience, Rally Trials, Nosework trials, and Herding Trials whether it be 20 degrees or 100 degrees. This member is always readily available during the trials and is ready to jump in where needed.

After a trial, the trial site needs to be cleaned up and returned to its original condition. Exhibitors and Trial helpers need help getting all of the stuff back in to their cars, and judges need to get back to the airport. Ribbons also need to be counted. This person is always available to clean up, count ribbons, transport judges, and load and unload all of the "stuff" necessary to have a successful trial.

This person has been a staple at the Herding Trials. The duck wrangling job is just not the same if this person is not there. Did you know there is a special sweatshirt for duck wrangling? I do not see duck wrangling as anything but fun when I get to wrangle ducks with my pals and coast down the hill in the

Gator...WEEEEEE WEEEEEE WEEEEEE WEEEEEE!! Here is our pinwheel for the next trial!

On a personal note, I have enjoyed adult nights with Dinosaurs and a walk around the Zoo with this person, along with many evenings of texts about volleyball players Callie Schwarzenbach, Nicklin Hames, and Lexi Sun, and how awesome our Husker and USA Volleyball teams are.

This person enjoys a good beer, margarita, or a glass of wine with her friends and family, along with a fun romp in the fields with her dogs. I am so glad that I have been able to spend time over the years with this person and her dogs. Zane was such a docile teddy bear of a dog, and Nornie had a fun-loving, joyful personality. This year's 2019 Club Member of the Year is Sue Volkmer. Sue, we thank you for sharing your time and your dogs with us. Your friends are looking forward to watching your next adventures with Zury.

### **Recipe for DIY Grooming Spray**

*You will need:*

- 1 small spray bottle (about 1-2 ounces)
- 1 ounce of warm water
- 3-4 drops of an essential oil

Thoroughly wash your spray bottle with warm water and dry. Fill the bottle with one ounce of warm water and three to four drops of your favorite essential oil. Put the cap back on and shake vigorously (you will need to re-shake the bottle each time you use it).

Mist your pet's fur from about six inches away. Rub through his hair with your fingers or you can use a brush to spread the oils through the coat. The nose-worthy effects last about one week.

### **7 Essential Oils Best for Pets**

Just like humans, pets will react to essential oils in different ways. Carefully observe how your pet reacts to an essential oil, especially with cats, as they're generally averse to citrus essential oils. Avoid applying near the eyes, nose, anal or genital areas.

**Chamomile, Roman** is effective for the relief of muscle pain. It has anti-inflammatory, anti-infectious and anti-parasitic properties.

**Eucalyptus** helps with muscle aches and with breathing. The oil opens up the air passages and clears congestion. It also has a calming effect.

**Helichrysum** is great for skin conditions, irritations and effective for pain relief. It is very therapeutic.

**Lavender** is a gentle essential oil that is antibacterial. It is also nerve calming, a natural insect repellent and can be used for skin irritations.

**Niaouli** is a powerful healing agent and is less likely to cause skin irritation. It's antihistaminic which it makes it great for skin problems caused by allergies.

**Peppermint** is great for arthritis, dysplasia, sprains and strains. It stimulates circulation and the mind.

**Sweet marjoram** has strong antibacterial properties and is a calming agent and muscle relaxant. It's good for bacterial skin infections, wound care and can be used as an insect repellent.

### **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF BELLEVUE DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB February 11, 2020, Panera, Council Bluffs, IA**

**Board Members Present:** Gerianne Darnell, Erin Embrey, Deb Selden, Kris Woodke, Alberta Gray and Linda Puckett.

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Minutes of last General Membership meeting** – Since the minutes were published in the last newsletter, a motion to waive the reading of those minutes was made by Erin Embrey and seconded by Alberta Gray. Motion passed.

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**Report of President** (Gerianne Darnell) — Nothing new to report.

**Report of the Vice President** (Erin Embrey) – None.

**Report of Treasurer** (Deb Selden) – Deb passed out copies of the most recent Treasurer's Report. A motion to approve that report was made by Erin Embrey and seconded by Linda Puckett. Motion approved.

**Report of Secretary** (Kris Woodke) – Nothing new to report.

**Report of Training Director** (Devetta Hill) - Since Devetta was not present at the meeting, no report of the Training Director given. However, Gerianne did report that Devetta would like to plan another game night for some time in 2020.

**Upcoming Club Events:**

- UKC NW trial, Feb. 14-16, 2020 – Due to unforeseen circumstances, Dee, who had agreed to provide the food for this trial, is no longer able to do so. Gerianne contacted Rebecca Erickson and she is going to take care of getting the food for the trial. Sue Volkmer volunteered to be the Chief Ring Steward. Set-up will be Wednesday night, 2/13, instead of Thursday due to bad weather reports for Thursday.

- AKC Obedience/Scent Work trials, March 27-29, 2020 (Obedience Chair Gerianne Darnell/ Scent Work Chair Sharon Dowell)- Gerianne reported that everything is on track for the Obedience trial. Deb Selden is the Chief Ring Steward for Obedience. Linda and Bert are doing the food for the weekend. Sharon was not at the meeting, but Gerianne said everything is on track for that trial.

- CPE Scent Sport trial, May 2-3, 2020 (Chair Deb Selden) – Sharon Dowell will be our judge. Kim Embrey is taking care of the food for that weekend, and Kris Woodke will be the Chief Ring Steward.

- AKC Herding trials, May 9-10, 2020 (Chairs Gerianne Darnell/Sharon Dowell). Deb Selden will be in charge of food for the weekend. The ducks are already here.

- UKC Obedience/NW/SPOT, June 5-7, 2020 (Obedience Chair Gerianne Darnell/Nosework Co-Chairs Sharon Dowell and Teresa Carlisle). Judges are all lined up and reservations have been made. SPOT, UKC's equivalent of AKC's Canine Good Citizen test, will once again be offered on Saturday afternoon for a nominal fee and will be judged by the UKC obedience and Rally judge. Gerianne will also line up obedience stewards. Bert is in charge of SPOT and is working with Norine on the ribbons for that event. SPOT will only be offered on Saturday.

- AKC Obedience/Rally, July 31-August 2, 2020 (Chair Gerianne Darnell) – Judges have been lined up for this weekend. Deb Selden will be in charge of the food for the weekend, but we still need a Chief Ring Steward.

- AKC SW trials August 14-16, 2020 (Chairs Deb Selden/Erin Embrey) – Still looking for a Chief Ring Steward and someone to be in charge of the food for this event.

- AKC Herding trials, September 19-20, 2020 (Chairs Gerianne Darnell/Sharon Dowell) – Details are currently being worked out for this trial.

- AKC Agility, September 25-27, 2020 (Chairs Linda Puckett/Alberta Gray) Gerianne and Erin have been unable to secure a trial secretary for this event after contacting numerous people who all have conflicts that weekend (15 or so). Currently, we have the facility rented and the judge hired, but we still need a trial secretary. Erin has been in contact with Lisa Black, our previous trial secretary,

to secure dates with her for 2021, but had not heard back at the time of the meeting.

- AKC Obedience/Rally, October 24-25, 2020 – We are still in need of a chairperson, chief ring steward and food person for this trial. Our judges have already been hired, and the CDC building is reserved.

- AKC Scent Work Trial, October 30-November 1, 2020 (Chair Erin Embrey/Deb Selden) – Looking for a chief ring steward and someone to do the food for this trial.

#### **New Business**

1. Kris brought up the discussion about people not using the io member group and some people not accepting their invitations to join it. There is no way for a member to be added directly; they need to accept the invitation to join the group. However, we are unsure of a solution to this problem – if people don't accept the invitation to join, we cannot make them do that.

2. Trailer – Gerianne thought that it was time to get rid of the Club's trailer/camper (it has been stored on her property for many years). It has not been used for a long time and is probably not worth much anymore. There was a discussion of donating it to any Club member, some non-profit or selling it. Since it is probably not worth much, selling it would most likely not bring in much. Gerianne will put a note out to the group to see if any member would like to have it (they would need to come get it from her place) or know of someplace we could donate it to.

3. Audit – Gerianne brought up that the Club's books had not been audited in a while and was wondering if we should do that again. There was a discussion about what an audit would entail. Gerianne said she would check into the details of an audit and how much it would cost to complete one sometime after tax season is over.

4. Signatures on bank account – Gerianne, Erin and Deb are going to try to meet at Great Western Bank in Bellevue on Friday, February 21 before the awards banquet to get new signature cards completed for the Club's bank account.

5. Nominating Committee (Alberta Gray/Alicia Robinson) – Bert noted that neither she nor Alicia has received any nominations for the open board positions (President, Treasurer and two members-at-large).

**Old Business** – Annual Awards Banquet – The banquet will be held February 21, 2020 at Johnny's. Deb Selden sent out invitations with a deadline of February 14 as she will be calling Johnny's that day with the number count and people's dinner selections.

The next Board meeting will be April 14, 2020 at the Village Inn at 60th and L in Omaha. The Annual Meeting will be held February 21, 2020 in

conjunction with the Awards Banquet, with our next General Meeting set for May 2, 2020 which will be a potluck around 4:00 that day (after the CPE Scent Work trial).

**Adjournment** – There being no further business to discuss at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Linda Puckett and seconded by Deb Selden. Motion to adjourn carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



#### **MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BELLEVUE DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB**

**February 21, 2020, Johnny's Café, Omaha, NE**

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Minutes of last General Membership meeting** – Since the minutes were previously published, a motion to waive the reading of those minutes was made by Sharon Dowell and seconded by Rebecca Erickson. Motion passed.

**Minutes of last Board meeting** – Since the minutes have previously been published, a motion to waive the reading of those minutes was made by Deb Selden and seconded by Randy Frady. Motion passed.

**Report of President** (Gerianne Darnell) — Gerianne gave her report of the Club events that have transpired in the last year..

**Report of the Vice President** (Erin Embrey) – None.

**Report of Treasurer** (Deb Selden) – Deb passed out copies of the most recent Treasurer's Report. After a short Q&A session about items in the Treasurer's Report, a motion to approve that report was made by Sue Volkmer and seconded by Sharon Dowell. Motion approved.

**Report of Secretary** (Kris Woodke) – We had two new members join this year – Rebecca Erickson and Shelly Rehmeier. Welcome to the Club!

**Report of Training Director** (Devetta Hill) - Since Devetta was not present at the meeting, no report of the Training Director given. However, Gerianne did report that Devetta would like to plan another game night for some time in 2020.

**Upcoming Club Events:**

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- CPE Scent Sport trial, May 2-3, 2020 (Chair Deb Selden) – Sharon Dowell will be our judge. Kim Embrey is taking care of the food for that weekend, and Kris Woodke will be the Chief Ring Steward. We will be having a potluck and club meeting after the trial is completed on Saturday, May 2, 2020.
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for a chief ring steward and someone to do the food for this trial.

#### **Election of 2020 Board Members –**

Currently, the terms for President Gerianne Darnell, Treasurer Deb Selden and members-at-large Linda Puckett and Alberta Gray are all up for re-election this year. All have agreed to stay in those positions unless others would like to be on the board. The nominating committee did not receive notice from any member that he/she would like to run. Nominations from the floor were opened. Receiving no nominations from the floor, nominations were closed. Since everyone was running unopposed, Gerianne, Deb, Linda and Bert were voted in by acclamation.

In recognition of her work as President the past few years, a gift certificate was presented to Gerianne Darnell. We thank her for her work in supporting BDOC for many years.

#### **New Business –**

1. Trailer – Gerianne thought that it was time to get rid of the Club's trailer/camper (it has been stored on her property for many years). It has not been used for a long time and is probably not worth much anymore. If any member would like to have it (they would need to come get it from her place) or know of someplace we could donate it to, please let her know. Sandy Crawford suggested that maybe some nonprofit could use it as needed for any possible flood relief work.

2. Audit – Gerianne brought up that the Club's books had not been audited in a while, and the Board decided we should do that again. Gerianne talked to someone who works at H & R Block who might be willing to do it after tax season is over. She was working to get a quote on how much that audit might cost.

**Old Business** – The next Board meeting will be April 14, 2020 at the Village Inn at 60th and L in Omaha. Our next General Meeting set for May 2, 2020 which will be a potluck around 4:00 that day (after the CPE Scent Work trial).

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**Awards** were presented after the meeting was concluded. Congratulations to everyone for all of your successes and achievements this past year with your dogs. And thank you to Gerianne Darnell, Linda Puckett, Sandy Crawford and Deb Selden for putting together such a wonderful Annual Awards Banquet.

#### **Banquet Door Prize**

Thank you BDOC and Sandy Crawford for the beautiful basket of dog goodies and wine!



won at the BDOC Awards Banquet February 21.

*Sherry Rife*



### **History**

By Donna Ashworth

History will remember when the world stopped  
And the flights stayed on the ground.  
And the cars parked in the street.  
And the trains didn't run.

History will remember when the schools  
closed  
And the children stayed indoors  
And the medical staff walked towards the fire  
And they didn't run.

History will remember when the people sang  
On their balconies, in isolation  
But so very much together  
In courage and song.

History will remember when the people fought  
For their old and their weak  
Protected the vulnerable  
By doing nothing at all.

History will remember when the virus left  
And the houses opened  
And the people came out  
And hugged and kissed  
And started again.

### **BRING ON THE PUPPY CUDDLES**

Your dog may be a better bedmate than any human being, according to a recent study. The researchers surveyed nearly 1,000 women and found that pups disturbed women's sleep less than a partner did. (The caveat: This is based on how women perceive their nightly z's; more research is needed to objectively measure sleep quality.)

Canine snooze  
pals were also linked to stronger feelings of security at night. But what if you're a cat person? Sorry.

Feline bedmates were associated with less comfort and security than both dogs and humans.

High fiber snacks like (dog-friendly) fruits and veggies can help your pooch feel full and often contain fewer calories than commercially produced treats. Consider rewarding your pup with a carrot or a bite of fresh apple the next time they do something good! Similarly, take a look at the ingredients in your dog's food...it should be low carb and high protein, with few or no artificial fillers.

"Got a dog that won't stop chewing on its tail, paw or fur? Paint the spot with myrrh oil, available at drug stores. The horrible taste will discourage chewing."



# STAY SAFE