

# LEAD AND COLLAR



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## BDOC Obedience/Rally Trial

Gerianne and Erin, Trial co-chairs

BDOC had another successful and fun obedience/rally trial at Sunshine Obedience School on March 31, April 1-2, 2023. We were glad we weren't outside on those cold mornings! Thanks as always to our wonderful Trial Secretary Norine, who had everything ready for the weekend for us, and Jim who got the building ready and then vacuumed the mats every night. The festivities started with Erin, Devetta and Gerianne putting up the shower curtains over the mirrors the week before, then Linda, Dee, Erin, and Gerianne got the ribbons ready on Thursday night. There may have been wine involved! Devetta was our Chief Ring Steward, and as usual did her efficient job of scheduling the stewards for all three days. Club Members who helped steward were Kim, Erin, Gerianne, Devetta, Rhonda, Linda, and Shari. Non-club members who helped were Tish Cumper, Daniela Flores, Michelle Vidlak, and Bruce Coffman. Cleanup was provided by Jim, Erin,

Gerianne, Devetta, and Linda, and Kris took the judge back to the airport. Our judge was Bonnie Hornfisher from Knoxville, Tennessee. We really enjoyed her and will invite her back again. April is a busy month for our club, but our first April event was a success.

## Thank You

Devetta

I just wanted to recognize everyone that helped put on a wonderful weekend of obedience and rally trials! The club and ME appreciates everything you did. A huge thank you to: Rhonda Pratt, Bruce Coffman, Sherri Mueller, Kris Woodke, Erin Embry, Kim Embry, Tish Crumper, Jim Hogsett, Linda Puckett, Daniela Flores (who rocked the rally stewarding gig!), Norine Nieman, and Gerianne Darnell. I can't thank you all enough for taking time out of your lives so others could play the game. We were blessed with a wonderful judge who made it fun and appreciated how hard the steward's work. The weather might have given us some cold and windy mornings which made using the port-a-potties a bit dicey, but all in all, it was a great 3 days of obedience and rally. If I've forgotten anyone, please let me know and forgive me. I really want everyone to be recognized and get credit.

- **Bellevue Dog Obedience Club of Nebraska-Board Meeting April 9, 2023**

This meeting was held Via Zoom call in attendance were Gerianne, Erin, Joanne, Rhonda

**Call meeting to order:** at 5:05 pm.

The reading of the last board meeting on February 5th, and general meeting on February 24th, were waived as they were published in the newsletter by Rhonda second by Erin.

**The treasurer's report:** was presented by **Joanne**.

A discussion was given on the club's balances for BDOC. There was also a mention of the losses from both trials this year. There was a discussion of

possible changes to supplying food for judges and volunteers a motion by Rhonda, second by Erin to accept the Treasure's Report as given.

**Presidents Business:** Filling committee

**Old Business:** Next general meeting a zoom call on April 26, 2023 at 6:30 guest speaker Jennifer MacLeay, MBA, DVM, PhD, DACVIM

- Chief Scientific Officer
- AKC Canine Health Foundation

**New Business:** Looking at next year trials Board Meeting by zoom June 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 pm. Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm Pot Luck at Darnell's residents

We need to get these positions filled for out upcoming trials. Please reach out and. We need members to step up and fill some of the volunteer positions.

● **Report of committees:**

- AKC Herding, April 14-16, Gerianne and Erin chairs
  - AKC Scent Work, April 28-30, Sue chair, volunteer coordinator Rhonda Pratt
  - UKC Nosework/Obedience/Rally, June 9-11, Gerianne and Erin, chairs/volunteer coordinator for obedience, Sue chair for nosework, ? volunteer coordinator for nosework
  - CPE Scent Sports, June 24-25, Gerianne and Erin, chairs, ? volunteer coordinator
  - AKC Obedience/Rally, August 4-6, Gerianne and Erin chairs, ? volunteer coordinator
  - AKC Scent Work, August 17-20, need chairs and coordinator
  - AKC Herding, September 22-24, Gerianne and Erin chairs
  - AKC Obedience/Rally, October 28-29, Gerianne and Erin chairs, volunteer coordinator Rhonda Pratt
  - AKC Scent Work, November 2-5, need chair and volunteer coordinator
- Next board meeting:** Zoom June 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 p.m.  
**Next general meeting:** ZOOM April 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30.  
**Adjourn:** 6:30 accepted by Gerianne and second by Erin.

**Rhonda Pratt**  
**Secretary BDOC**

**Spring 2023 AKC Herding Trial Report**

Gerianne and Erin, co-chairs

BDOC had another successful herding trial weekend on April 14-16. Our judge for the ranch trials on Friday and the two regular trials on Saturday was Dan DeLegge from Illinois. Everybody

really liked him, and he will be invited back again for sure. On Sunday our judge for the two trials was Terry Workman from Lincoln, who also did a fine job. Our wonderful secretary Norine Nieman, assisted by the Papillon girls, did her usual awesome job of organizing all of the paperwork and keeping us on task. The work for the trial started with Jim and Gerianne putting up the A Course Duck arena the weekend before, and Gerianne put the Masters on pause to run out and do this □ □ then the tarping of the various areas was done by Erin, Kim, Gerianne, Shari, Jim, and Lisa Daughtrey on Tuesday night. Scott laid out all of the B Course Sheep areas and brought over his nice big cones. Sharon again took care of the ribbons, and we appreciate her keeping an inventory on all of our ribbons and storing most of them. The ranch course had a small entry on Friday, Gerianne scribed and Jim did sheep set out with Gus, with Erin helping wrangle sheep. The weather was WARM on Friday, and that was the end of that! It rained all night Friday, but we were lucky to be on the edge of bad storms and didn't have any damage. Saturday morning dawned cold and windy! Did I mention it was cold? But the forecast rain held off for the most part. Devetta scribed all day Saturday; she was a trooper in spite of her very cold hands. Jim, Gerianne, Sue, and Darrell wrangled ducks and sheep. Set out dogs were Jamie Evans and 11-year-old Huck and Jean Moline and 12-year-old Cap. Jim and Gus were on standby to help where needed. Jamie brought her brother Janssen to help on Saturday and her son Emery to help on Sunday. Erin scribed on Sunday (on Saturday Erin took Reign, Rayna, and Robert to a CPE nosework trial in Lincoln, where Reign finished a Championship!). We were done by 11 AM on Sunday. A new Herding Championship was earned by Jamie Evans on her Border Collie "Reuben Raymond", also known as Ben. I am Ben's proud co-breeder, and he is the third HC for his sire, Raymond. Exhibitors from out of town raved about the sheep, ducks, and facility, and Norine told them to tell all of their friends to come in the fall! We are looking forward to our fall herding trial on September 22-24..

- **Bellevue Dog Obedience Club of NE**  
**General Meeting April 26, 2023**  
Rhonda Pratt, Secretary BDOC

This meeting was held via Zoom call. The Guest Speaker (Jennifer MacLeay from AKC) was not able to attend..

**Call meeting to order:** 6:37 p.m.

Because the minutes of the last board meeting were not yet published in the newsletter, the minutes were read by Erin and approved.

**Presidents Report:** Filling committees for the remainder of the year is a priority.

**The Treasurer's report:** was presented by Joanne. A discussion was had on the club's financial situation. There was a loss on both trials held so far this year. There was a discussion of possible changes to supplying food for judges and volunteers and other cost saving measures. A motion by Rhonda, second by Erin to accept the Treasurer's Report as given. 2022 ending with a loss of \$4,200.00

• **Report of committees:**

- UKC Nosework/Obedience/Rally, June 9-11, Gerianne and Erin, chairs/volunteer coordinator for obedience, Sue chair for nosework, Teresa volunteer coordinator for nosework
- CPE Scent Sports, June 24-25, Gerianne, Joanne and Erin, chairs and volunteer coordinator
- AKC Obedience/Rally, August 4-6, Gerianne and Erin chairs, Devetta volunteer coordinator
- AKC Scent Work, August 18-20, Gerianne, Joanne and Erin, chairs, volunteer coordinator Polly
- AKC Herding, September 22-24, Gerianne and Erin chairs
- AKC Obedience/Rally, October 28-29, Gerianne and Erin chairs, volunteer coordinator Rhonda Pratt  
AKC Scent Work, November 3-5, Gerianne and Erin chairs, need volunteer coordinator

**Old Business:** We need to eliminate the February UKC nosework trial. Despite being almost full the past few years, the event lost money. The weather is an issue. If we eliminate this trial, we would have a five-month break between the last trial of 2023 and the first trial of 2024.

**New Business:** Looking at next year's trials

**Next board meeting:** Zoom June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Next general meeting:** Pot Luck picnic at the Darnell's, Saturday, July 8 at 4 p.m.

**Adjourn:** 7:20 p.m.

**Memories of a special friend Alberta Gray - Bert**

Linda Puckett

It has taken me a few days to wrap my mind around losing a best friend! Bert was the best!!!! My emotions have been all over the place since the phone call last Sunday afternoon while visiting my family in Texas for my Granddaughters college Graduation! My whole world fell apart for a while that day. It is so hard to imagine life after losing a close friend. So many memories..... I'm very

thankful for over twenty-five years of knowing Bert, who I loved as an "adopted" older sister, a sweet understanding friend, my rock and support.

Thanks so much for all the emails, messages, Facebook posts and outpouring of love from everyone. It has helped tremendously. I'm still numb over the news, as I'm sure most of you reading this are. She was a friend to everyone!! I find myself going to my phone to text her or call her with some silly thing or another. It is unbearable to not hear her voice anymore!

However, I am very thankful to have known her and have had many years of wonderful memories. It was a gift for her to tell us that she would love to see us when she was in the hospital the Sunday before she died. Gerianne, Erin and I had planned a long time ago to take her out to eat at Texas Roadhouse for her birthday that day. She said she'd love us to take a meal to the room and we could eat it there. We did just that and chatted a little, sadly interrupted by nurses and doctors coming in to do one thing or another to her. She was great and rallied to have a little cheesecake for dessert before we left. Each of us thought as we were leaving that it might have been the last time, we would see her and it was...sad to say.... but I wouldn't change that day for the world!!! She sent a note to me the next day to say how much she enjoyed seeing us. She was always so appreciative of all we did.

Bert and I were the same age and I were always kidding her that she was the older sister that I never had.... we were just six weeks apart!! Bert was my rock when things went wrong, and they did go wrong a lot.... especially with me and computers or phones or driving in lots of traffic around a city I didn't know! She would sit by me and calmly talk me through it all with a cool, calm, steady voice and things always worked out. The English and Americans speak the same language but often my British meanings were very different than American and Bert would "get" me!! She understood me better than anyone and would talk me down when I was frustrated about something or someone in life! We had many great conversations. I'll miss them.

I sponsored Bert when she joined the Bellevue Dog Obedience Club. Soon after she joined, we had elections and it was hard to get people to run for the board. I asked Bert if she would run for Vice President. I told her it was an easy office as there was nothing to do except take over if the President couldn't finish her year. Well, that did happen sad to say and Bert did take over and did a great job for the club. However, she didn't forgive me for getting her in so deep with this and often reminded me... good naturedly. She introduced the Veterans class Run during the agility trial and we spent many hours making the bars that were given out to the veteran dogs, who thoroughly enjoyed their time to run

again! Bert had many wonderful ideas that made the club really fun and contributed so much to help make it what it is today! I have to admit I got her into so much trouble like our later agility trials and co-chairing. It was quite a job but we loved it and it was fun so it made it very worthwhile. Together we could do anything!

Oh, the adventures we had over the years!!... especially with our dogs and dog shows! Bert and I met at our first agility class in 1997 I think, at Gerianne's.....Bert with her ShihTzu HairyD in tow and me with my Toy Poodle Breezy! We became fast friends straight away. When we had learned a little agility, Bert, Gerianne and I started travelling to agility trials, CPE Nationals, Obedience trials and other places. We had so much fun together the three musketeers!(a few years ago Erin was added as a fourth musketeer!!) Bert would drive her van everywhere, completely loaded with us, dogs and "stuff" for the shows. One particular trip was to Canada to pick up baby Darby, her first border collie! It was a very long two days but Darby was so worth it! On the way back, we stopped at the border to have our paperwork checked. The guard asked if we had anything to declare and the two innocent Americans in the front seats said, "No"!!! They hadn't remembered the new Canadian puppy in the crate in the back seat.... let alone the alien Brit who was not a citizen yet!! They nearly got me thrown out on the side of the road!! Luckily, I reminded them we were in the back seat and he came around to look at my paperwork, check the cute puppy out and send us on our way!! I never let them live that down :-)

Bert's dogs were her life. She adored each one that came into her home and even loved to spoil all our dogs too. She always had treats in her pockets and my dogs especially were obnoxious about begging for them whenever they saw their "Auntie Bert". We spent many wonderful hours on the back porch at my house chatting or walking in the backyard and pasture while the dogs all ran around checking for bunnies or other wonderful smells. Mine loved it when she would bring one of her ShihTzu over to be groomed.....they were so happy to see her and knew that there would always be a treat or two for each of them :-). They'll miss her too.

I have groomed many of her dogs over the years.... Ling was the first one for me. She was a sweetheart. She also had Gretchen who I never met, then there was HairyD Mason, who Bert and I picked up from Mason City, Iowa after a show up there, Bungee, my love who came from England to Florida and then didn't work out as a breeding dog so Bert went down to pick him up!! He was my favorite Brit! Then I'm not sure in what order they came but there was Amber, Izzy then Grayson, Darby, Mia, Marta. I'm sure Bert had a lot of

excitement up there at the rainbow bridge when she arrived.

When I'm sad she's no longer with us, I just have to remember she certainly isn't alone. She had a great welcoming committee, especially her heart dog Darby!! She had such a hard time when she lost him and it warms the heart to think of those two together again. :-).

She's in no more pain, no more stupid ports for dialysis, pokes for transfusions or draining the lungs for the pneumonia! Just peace and dogs in her lap, plus a Scooters coffee!! Bert there HAS to be a Scooters up there or I'm NOT coming!!!! I know she has to be in heaven!

Tat ta for now my friend. I'm happy that you are at peace and are with all who have gone before. You certainly aren't alone. I will promise to keep an eye on your kids here and you already know they are well taken care of in the best possible homes you could have ever wished for.... I'll see Grayson and Marta for grooming and Mia will be around too I'm sure.

As for me, I'll miss you every day but will keep going for you, my friend. It has helped to write this down and see all the memories come flooding back along with the tears! I'll always remember you and love you!







### Summer Solstice 2023

The Longest Day (Summer Solstice) is observed on either June 20, 21, or 22, but this year, it falls on June 21. The timing shifts because it depends on when the Sun reaches its northernmost point from the celestial equator.

As the sun creeps up over the hills and into your town on June 21, you'll know it's here. That blessed time of year when barbecues and beach trips reign, when work slows and summer holidays mean getting together with friends and family. Just thinking about it likely brings up the smell of fresh cut grass and the taste of cold lemonade. Summer Solstice — also known as the first day of summer — has arrived.

It signals the start of astronomical summer. As a result, the days get shorter as summer progresses, first gradually but then at increasingly larger daily intervals as the September equinox approaches and ushers in the beginning of fall. Because the Sun travels across the sky in its most elongated path during the summer solstice, that day has the most daylight hours.

(We interrupt this poetic paragraph to remind you that this applies only to those living north of the equator.)

Now then — people have celebrated this day for thousands of years. Some of the earliest party animals were the ancient Mesopotamians, Celtic Druids, Chinese, and Egyptians, and all of these cultures had their own ways of celebrating that make even our craziest backyard barbecues look tame. When was the last time you had a multi-story bonfire and danced around it naked? That's what we thought. But cultures have had good reason to celebrate since ancient times right up until today. It's the longest day of the year.

### What foods are best cooked on a grill?

Some fruits and vegetables, like zucchini squash, onions, and eggplant, do especially well on the grill. Eggplant, zucchini, squash, and onions grill particularly well. When cooking vegetables, just make sure you infuse them with flavor before putting them on the grill.

### What Can You Cook on A Grill Besides Hamburgers

1. Avocado. Say hello to your new way to enjoy avocado – grilled to perfection. ...
2. Grilled Cheese. Let's say you're craving a grilled cheese sandwich. ...
3. Fajitas. ...
4. Tomatoes. ...
5. Scallops. ...
6. Watermelon. ...
7. Clams

### What is the difference between BBQ pit and grill?

“When you barbecue you are cooking with a slow circumvented unit of hot air with the lid closed. Grilling is done with the lid up and you're cooking with direct heat on the bottom, instead of all around the source.



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