

LEAD AND COLLAR

February / March



I'd like to recognize Sherry Rife's hard work and dedication to the BDOC as Editor. I hope

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continue her work as the new Editor. My name is Gale Osborne and my contact info is above. Please let me know if there is an event or report you would like to publish. Thank-you, Gale Osborne

Presidents Report:

BDOC 2023 Annual Meeting President's Report
March 2, 2024

BDOC had another productive and fun year in 2023. Our first event of the year was a UKC Nosework trial held in February. It was a cold and snowy weekend. We lost money on this trial and due to the difficulty in getting volunteers for this particular weekend, we elected to not have this trial in 2024. That turned out to be a good decision as once again, it was cold and snowy for that weekend this year. By not holding this event, we now have five months between our last event of the year and our first event of the next year, giving our small and dedicated group of volunteers a nice long break. In early March BDOC sponsored an AKC Herding Rules seminar for judges and exhibitors. Although we did make a small profit, our main goal was to give our local judges the opportunity to earn the continuing education credits that they needed. Our next event was AKC Obedience and Rally the first weekend of April. This was a fun trial that was well attended. Obedience was followed two weeks later by our first herding trial of the year, featuring two ranch trials on Friday and four regular herding trials over the weekend. Although both of these events lost money, that loss was more than made up for by an AKC Scent Work trial the last weekend of April. April is a busy month for our club! Sadly, we lost long-time club member Alberta Gray in May, and she has been missed on so many levels throughout 2023. We will always honor and remember our wonderful friend Bert. June featured a UKC nosework/obedience/rally trial early in the month and a CPE Scent Sports trial later in the month. Both events showed a profit,

although we did elect to raise the entry fee for CPE Scent Sports in 2024 to more closely mirror our other nosework trials.

We then had a break until the next AKC Obedience/Rally weekend in early August. We had a nice, healthy entry, and again many titles and qualifying scores were earned, and we made a small profit. Two weeks later was our August AKC Scent Work trial. This year we experimented with a new format for our August and November AKC Scent Work trials, utilizing three judges and offering all of the regular elements plus Detective each day. This format was very well received by the exhibitors, and we made a large profit.

We held our second weekend of AKC Herding Trials in September, which included ranch trials on Friday. We had a large and enthusiastic entry, and we made a small profit, which is always nice for a herding trial!

In late October we had our fall two-ring AKC obedience and rally trial at the Companion Dog Club, which features two trials on Saturday and one on Sunday. Although it is a very long day for exhibitors and judges, this format is very popular with the exhibitors, as they only have to purchase two nights in a motel for three trials. In November we held our last event of the year, AKC Scent Work, and again the entry was large and enthusiastic, and we made a large profit.

The board attempted to connect a fun event or meal with every meeting in 2023, but we still struggled with attendance at general meetings, to the point that our summer picnic was cancelled. Our holiday party for 2022 was held in January of 2023 at Gerianne's house, followed by our Awards Banquet in February, and we also had a meal together at a Pizza place in September. In October we again enjoyed a hayrack ride, bonfire, and a visit to the haunted house at Bellevue Berry Farm. Our Christmas party in early December featured wonderful food and our annual stealing gift exchange at Caroline's home. Much fun was always had by all.

Our treasury remains healthy, and the club made an overall profit of \$4600 for the year. We will continue on with our events as long as our health and finances permit. Thanks to all of you for allowing me to be your president for so many

years. I consider all of you good friends, and I very much enjoy the fun we have putting on our events.

Minutes:

MARCH 2024

Annual Meeting, March 2, 2024

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Bellevue, Nebraska
The meeting was called to order by President, Gerianne Darnell at 7:15 pm with 18 members present.

It was moved by Ron Weaks and seconded by Sue Volkmer that the reading of the minutes of the December general meeting and the February board meeting be waived as both have been published. Motion carried.

The president's report was a complete review of the club events during 2023. Her one ongoing concern is lack of membership attendance at the general meeting.

The treasurer distributed and discussed a complete profit and loss statement for the year 2023. Additionally, expense and income statements for each of the trials held during the year were separately reported. The club is on healthy financial footing.

As part of the secretary's report, the president announced that Rhonda Pratt and Caroline Rice are switching positions and Rhonda will be a board member at large and Caroline will be secretary. The secretary reviewed the difficulties with email systems and spam and requested that if you send an email and do not get a response within 24 hours, you please text or call.

The trial dates for 2024 were presented and some members stepped up to fill in empty spots. There are still some vacant positions.

New Business:

The application for membership from Gale Osborne was presented. She is sponsored by Gerianne Darnell and Erin Embrey. Gale has recently moved into our area and brings several years of dog related activities from former clubs.

With the passing of Sherry Rife there is need for a newsletter editor. Since no one volunteered, the responsibility for the roster has been assigned to the office of secretary.

Before the business portion of the April general meeting Rhonda Pratt will present about the new AKC Fetch program. There will be explanations about the program and some demonstrations.

A sign-up sheet for the October Obedience Trial Trophy Fund was circulated and several members are contributing.

The next board meeting is April 3 at 6:15pm via ZOOM. The next general club meeting is April 9 at 6 pm at Gerianne's facility.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Braggs followed, and then the annual awards were presented.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Rice, Secy

FEBRUARY 2024 Board Minutes, February 5, 2024

The Zoom meeting was called to order by president Gerianne Darnell at 6:26. Board members in attendance were Gerianne, Erin, Joanne, Rhonda, and Caroline.

Joanne moved and Erin seconded that the reading of the previous board and general meeting be suspended. Motion passed.

There was no report of the president, vice-president, or secretary.

The treasurer, Joanne, presented the profit and loss statement for the calendar year 2023 and for January 2024. These will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting on March 2, along with individual reports for all the 2023 trials. Joanne reported that the current CD will come due this week. She will re-invest the money in another CD with the best rate available at this time. In keeping with current practices of other clubs and requirements of the IRS, the club will be issuing 1099s to our judges beginning in 2024.

New Business:

The following is a list of the trials for 2024.

AKC Obedience March 29-31, GA and Erin chairs,
Rhonda volunteer coordinator, need food plan
AKC Herding April 12-14, GA and Erin chairs
AKC Scent Work April 26-28, Sue chair, Shelly volunteer coordinator, food Caroline
UKC Nose Work June 7-9, Shelly chair, Sue vol coordinator, Obedience GA and Erin chairs
CPE Scent Sports June 22-23, Need chair and volunteer coordinator, food Caroline
AKC Obedience/Rally August 2-4, GA and Erin chairs, Ron volunteer coordinator
AKC Scent Work August 16-18, Need chair and volunteer coordinator
AKC Herding September 20-22, GA and Erin chairs
AKC Obedience October 26-27, GA and Erin chairs, Devetta volunteer coordinator, food Caroline

AKC Scent Work November 1-3, Need chair and volunteer coordinator

Rhonda and Caroline are going to switch positions on the board for the remainder of their terms (one year). Rhonda will be member-at-large and Caroline will be secretary.

The application for membership for Gale Osborne was presented for first vote of approval. Gayle is sponsored by Gerianne and Erin. She has a great amount of experience in obedience, rally, agility, and conformation. Acceptance was unanimously approved. Her application will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting.

There is concern about the small number of members at regular meetings. The group thought brainstormed ways to increase attendance. Our next regular meeting (after the Awards Banquet) is April 9. It will be at Gerianne's facility. Rhonda will present a program and give experience with the AKC *FETCH* category.

Some members of BDOC attended the memorial for Patty Grabow. The club contributed \$50 to the rescue of her choice in her memory.

All the ribbons for the 10 events in 2024 have been ordered. The cost was nearly \$6400.

Old Business:

The Awards Banquet will be held on March 2, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bellevue. The meal will be catered from Hy-Vee. Erin will supply 2 door prizes. Cost will be \$20 a person. Awards have been ordered. Caroline will get out the announcement.

The next board meeting will be April 3 at 6:15 via Zoom.

It was moved by Joanne and seconded by Erin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:14.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Rice

2023 BDOC Member of The Year

From Gerianne:

When the Board discussed who the 2023 Member of the Year should be, one person's name was brought up,

and we all agreed it was a perfect choice. Because this person had been a board member including treasurer for so many years, she had never been eligible for this honor before, so we are so pleased to now recognize all of her commitment to the club over her many years of membership. This person joined BDOC in 1989, and she is a Life Member. I first met this person almost 35 years ago when she brought her daughter to obedience class, and I now call her "dear friend."

This person has helped with every kind of trial BDOC has ever had: Obedience Trials, Rally Trials, Agility Trials, Nosework Trials, and Herding Trials. I can hardly think of a trial weekend that this person does not help at least one day, and often more than one. This person has helped load and unload agility equipment, hauled stuff to and from the storage shed, sat out in the cold rain scribing at herding trials, been an assistant secretary for agility, chaired agility trials, stewarded at every type of event, ordered, hauled and stored ribbons and prizes, well, the list goes on and on. She has always been available to do whatever needs to be done. This person attends all of our meetings and fun days, and is always a fun, smiling presence at our events.

Although now a U.S. citizen, this person started out as a London transplant, and the language barrier remains. She refuses to learn how to spell, instead insisting there is always an extra "u" in many words. One year she gave us all an "English to English Dictionary" for Christmas so we could continue to learn how to communicate. The journey continues... This person has always been a fierce competitor with her Toy Poodles. At first, she was just transportation for her daughter, Jenny, but she then began to train and compete with her own dogs. We enjoyed Penny, Breezy, Stormy, Icy, and Misty through the years as they successfully competed in conformation, obedience, rally, barn hunt, Fast Cat, agility, tricks, and nosework. This person has shown us what perseverance is as she continues to show her Toy Poodle Misty, who competes from a doggie wheelchair. On a personal note, this person is one of my dearest friends. This past year this person lost her beloved Toy Poodle, Icy, and we sadly lost one of our main partners in crime, Alberta Gray. Together we have grieved for and will always remember Bert. Yet, on this person goes, with determination and good humor, spelled with an "our". May we have many more years together.

From Erin:

This person has served on the BDOC Board in many capacities, including a stint as treasurer. Along with

chairing some of the agility trials, she was a great help to Rose in the scoring camper during our many CPE Agility trials.

She purchased ribbons and toys for our trials for many years, and she has also stored many of our ribbons and awards over the years. This person is the Queen Bee of the October Obedience Trial awards table, and we always have fun every year trying to figure out what group a certain breed is in.

This person and her dear friend Bert would always scribe and time together at the herding trials. They were always bundled up in the Gator or sitting in their chairs with the judge, while watching our dogs do their best to move the sheep or ducks around the course. I have known this person for many years, meeting her when I was a youngster doing 4-H. We went to the same church for a few years, and our families were very active in the same 4-H Dog Training Club. Both her daughter Jenny and I were very good at showing our beautiful dogs, her Toy Poodle, Penny, and my ASCOB Cocker Spaniel, Buffy. People always said oh, here comes the Toy Poodle girl or the girl with the Cocker Spaniel! It was fun.

When I got older and joined BDOC with my Mom I learned a lot about this person. What I think we can all say is that she has a joyous laugh and personality. We are honored to call her our friend, you cheeky little devil!

This year's 2023 Club Member of the Year is Linda Puckett



Committee Reports:
March 29-31, 2024

AKC Obedience/Rally Trial Report

BDOC held our first successful event of the year this past weekend. The festivities started with Erin hanging the shower curtains over the mirrors a couple weeks ago so that people participating in the fun match could have show-like conditions. On the Monday night before the trial Dee & Linda got the first day's ribbons ready. Gerianne and Jim continued to prep for the trial through the week, and on Thursday the 28th Gerianne picked up the judge at the airport and got her squared away with her lodging & transportation. There were two large fun matches and one small one over the three evenings of the trial which helped with the income for the trial, and it also helped the exhibitors to acclimate themselves & their dogs to the ring. Jim vacuumed the mats & cleaned the obedience room every night. The trials started in earnest on Friday with beautiful weather. We had around 60 entries each day. As usual, Norine did her wonderful and efficient job as secretary. Rhonda was the chief ring steward, and she did a bang-up job of scheduling the workers. Club members who helped steward over the three days were Erin, Kim, Rhonda, Devetta, Gerianne, Polly, Gale, Sharon D., Linda, Alicia, and Sandy C. Pam F. got the ribbons ready for the weekend while she was here for the match on Thursday night, and Joanne came to write checks on Sunday. Linda and Dee kept the ribbons organized through the weekend. Gerianne made dinner for the judge both Friday and Saturday nights, and Erin, Gerianne, and Rhonda provided lunches each day for the workers. Those who helped clean up after Sunday's trial were Erin, Gerianne, Jim, Dee, Rhonda, and Sharon, and then Rhonda took the judge to the airport after the trial ended on Sunday. Our Club members did very well, with Gerianne's Rayna finishing her Obedience Trial Championship on Sunday morning.

Gerianne and Erin, co-chairs

Coming Up...

The ink is barely dry on the obedience trial results, and we are planning our next 2 events, AKC Herding April 12-14 and AKC Scent Work April 26-28! April is the busiest month of the year for our club.

I am working on the herding trial this week!

We need people willing to be timers and scribes (no experience necessary!) and to help wrangle ducks

Calendar: BDOC events are in Red.

and sheep (no experience necessary!) We will have several experienced stock handlers and dogs in attendance, but we need folks that can help pen and shut gates, etc. It's fun! (says Tom Sawyer). We also need a "sheet runner" who will take results up to Norine in the obedience kitchen. I will drive the gator up the field to bring the results in batches, and then that person will take them on to Norine. Lunch will be provided, probably Subway sandwiches. Speaking of which, I need someone who can pick the sandwiches up on Sunday, Dee is going to pick them up on Saturday.

Anyway, I'd love to hear from you if you can help!
Gerianne

Brag:

Tonic, owned and loved by Rhonda Pratt earned her first leg in Beginner Novice with a 195.5 on Friday March 29, 2024 at the BDOC AKC Trial March 29-31, 2024.

Crossroads Man In Black, "Cash", owned and loved by Gale Osborne earned his Companion Dog Title at the DMOTC Trial February 10, 2024. In addition, Cash earned his Advanced Rally Title at the DMOTC Rally Trial March 1st, 2024.

D'Artagnan's Shadow, "Shadow", owned and loved by Gale Osborne earned his Preferred Companion Dog Title at the DMOTC Trial February 10, 2024 and his Advanced Rally Title at the DMOTC Rally Trial March 1st, 2024. In addition, Shadow earned his 1st qualifying leg in Rally Excellent with a score of 93 and 3rd place and his 1st qualifying leg in Novice B with a score of 192 and a 1st place at the BDOC AKC Trial March 29-31, 2024.

Raven, owned and loved by Teresa Carlile, had a perfect day and earned High In Trial Level 2 a few weeks ago playing CPE scent sports.

Reign and Emma, owned and loved by Erin Embrey had a good time at the BDOC Obedience and Rally Trial Friday March 29, 2024.

Linda Puckett has 3 10 week old Miniature Poodle

Puppies. They are such Fun!!!!



April 5, 2024 Long Dog, LLC (MySheShed) Berwick, Iowa Heeling 7 pm \$10.00

April 6, 2024 Long Dog, LLC (MySheShed) Berwick, Iowa UKC Rally Match 1 pm \$10.00

April 6-7, 2024 CPE Scent Sports Lincoln, NE hosted by GLOC

April 5-7, 2024 AKC Breed Show Amana, Iowa hosted by the Iowa City Dog Obedience Club.

April 10, 2024 FETCH Seminar at the CDC Bldg. Omaha, NE

April 12-14, 2024 AKC Herding Trials, HT, PT, BDOC at Sunshine Farms Council Bluffs, Iowa

April 13-14, 2024 Upper Iowa Training Club Decorah, Iowa will have an AKC Obedience and Rally Trial.

April 13-14, 2024 UKC Breed Show at the Companion Dog Club, hosted by the Companion Dog Club Partners.

April 18, 2024 Canine Performance Events Speedway Mini Trial at the Companion Dog Club of Omaha, NE

April 20-21, 2024 AKC Obedience, Rally, and Breed hosted by Mason City Iowa Kennel Club, Mason City, Iowa

April 19-21, 2024 UKC Spring Obedience and Rally Trial hosted by K9-Sports Club

April 21, 2024 AKC Agility Jester Park Granger Iowa hosted by the Des Moines Golden Retriever Club

April 26-28, 2024 Scent Work BDOC Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa

April 28, 2024 AKC Obedience Match hosted by the Companion Dog Club, Omaha, NE doors open at 9 am and sign up at 9:15 am

May 5, 2024 AKC Agility Jester Park Granger Iowa hosted by the Des Moines Obedience Training Club

May 4-5, 2024 AKC Seward Obedience Trial, Seward, NE

May 11-12, 2024 AKC Mason City Obedience Rally Trial, Mason City, Iowa

May 11-12, 2024 AKC Grand Island Nebraska Obedience and Rally and Breed Show, Grand Island Nebraska

May 11-12, 2024 AKC Herding Trials Central Plains, Brian Moline Farm, Ashland, NE

May 12, 2024 AKC Obedience Match hosted by the Companion Dog Club, Omaha, NE doors open at 9 am and sign up at 9:15 am

May 18-19, 2024 AKC Nebraska Kennel Club, Obedience, Rally and Breed Show, Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE

May 26-28, 2024 AKC Agility Trial ISU Hanson Agriculture Building, Ames, Iowa hosted by the Cyclone Country Kennel Club

May 26, 2024 AKC Obedience Match hosted by the Companion Dog Club, Omaha, NE doors open at 9am and sign up at 9:15 am

May 30-June 2, 2024 Patrick Shanahan Herding Clinic at Sunshine Farm, Council Bluffs, Iowa

June 2, 2024 DMOTC Match Sign up on

June 7-9, 2024 UKC Obedience Trial Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa

June 7-9, 2024 UKC Nosework Trial Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa

June 15-16, 2024 AKC Fort Dodge Kennel Club, Fair Grounds in Fort Dodge Iowa, Obedience, Rally and Breed Show

June 14-16, 2024 AKC Agility Trial Greater Lincoln Obedience Club, Lincoln, NE

June 22-23, 2024 Bellevue Dog Obedience Club CPE Scent Sports at Sunshine Obedience Club, Council Bluffs, Iowa

June 30, 2024 AKC Obedience Match hosted by the Companion Dog Club, Omaha, NE doors open at 9am and sign up at 9:15 am

July 6-7, 2024 WCRL Rally Trial Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa

July 13-14, 2024 AKC Obedience Trial hosted by the Central Iowa Dachshund Club held at the DMOTC Building, Des Moines, Iowa

July 13-14, 2024 AKC Scent Work hosted by the NKC at the Iowa Western Campus, Council Bluffs, Iowa

July 20-21, 2024 UKC Obedience Trial held at the Companion Dog Club Building, Omaha, NE

July 27-28, 2024 AKC Obedience Trial hosted by the Des Moines Obedience Dog Club, Des Moines, Iowa

July 28, 2024 AKC Detective Trial hosted by the NKC Omaha, Nebraska

August 2-4, 2024 Bellevue Dog Obedience Club host an Obedience and Rally Trial held at the Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa

August 11, 2024 AKC Obedience Match hosted by the Companion Dog Club, Omaha, NE doors open at 9am and sign up is at 9:15 am

August 16-18, 2024 AKC Scent Work hosted by the Bellevue Dog Obedience Club at Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa

August 22, 2024 AKC Obedience Match hosted by the Companion Dog Club, Omaha, NE doors open at 9am and sign up at 9:15 am

August 23, 2024 AKC Certified Farm Dog Test at the Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa

August 21, 22, 24, 2024 WCRL Trials at the Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa

August 21-25, 2024 Small Dog Camp hosted by Gerianne Darnell at the Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, Iowa

September 1-2, 2024 Cedar Rapids Kennel Club Amana, Iowa AKC Obedience, Rally, and Breed show.

September 6, 2024 Combined Specialty Club at the Iowa State Fair Grounds Varied Industries Building, Des Moines, Iowa Sheltie judge is Lisa Brodsky. Other breeds in the Combined Specialty Club are Goldens, Poms, Great Danes, Boston Terrier. Check on AKC Events calendar for others.

September 7-8 2024 UKC Nosework Trials, CDCP, CDC Building, Omaha, NE

September 7-8, 2024 DMGRC Obedience and Rally Trial at the Iowa State Fair Grounds Farwell Building across from the Varied Industries Building, Des Moines, Iowa

September 7-8, 2024 DMOTC/DMKC Breed Show, at the Iowa State Fair Grounds Varied Industries Building, Des Moines, Iowa

September 15, 2024 AKC Obedience Match hosted by the Companion Dog Club, Omaha, NE doors open at 9am and sign up at 9:15 am

September 20-22, 2024 AKC Herding Trial hosted by the Bellevue Dog Obedience Club, Sunshine Farm Council Bluffs, Iowa

October 4-6, 2024 UKC Fall Obedience and Rally Trial at Long Dog LLC (MySheShed) hosted by the K9 Dog Club

October 12-13, 2024 AKC Obedience and Rally Trial hosted by the Heart of Iowa Kennel Club Marshalltown, Iowa.

October 13, 2024 AKC Obedience Match hosted by the Companion Dog Club, Omaha, NE doors open at 9am and sign up at 9:15 am

October 26-27, 2024 AKC Obedience and Rally Trial at the Companion Dog Club, Omaha, NE hosted by Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs.

November 1-3, 2024 AKC Scent Work, hosted by Bellevue Dog Obedience Club, sunshine Obedience school, Council Bluffs, Iowa

November 2-3, 2024 Des Moines Obedience Training Club will host a Marion Crain seminar "Making the Connection. Contacts are Julie Perkins. Email: perkinsj1948@yahoo.com or Polly Mumma. Email: springertigger@gmail.com

November 9-10, 2024 AKC Obedience Trial hosted by the Central Iowa Dachshund Club at the DMOTC Building in Des Moines, Iowa. This is an all-breed show.

November 10, 2024 AKC Obedience Match hosted by the Companion Dog Club, Omaha, NE doors open at 9am and sign up at 9:15 am

November 15-17, 2024 Patrick Shanahan Herding Clinic, Sunshine Farm, Council Bluffs, Iowa

November 23-24, 2024 AKC Obedience and Rally Trial at the DMOTC Building in Des Moines, Iowa

November 16-17, 2024 Nosework Trial at Long Dog LLC (MySheShed) hosted by the K9 Dog Club

December 6-8, 2024 AKC Scent Work at NKC in Omaha, NE

December 14-15, 2024 WCRL Trial December at the Sunshine Obedience School Council Bluffs, Iowa

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January ?2025 CCKC Obedience and Rally Trial at the DMOTC Building, Des Moines, Iowa. More info to follow.

February ? 2025 CCKC Bred Show, Iowa State Fair Grounds Varied Industries Building. The Obedience Trial will possibly be put on by the Greater Des Moines Golden Retriever Club. More info to follow.

August 2025 Sunshine Obedience School will host a Connie Cleveland Seminar.