

# LEAD AND COLLAR



April/May 2010

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## Events to Note

- Apr. 7 Board Meeting
- Apr. 21 BDOC General Meeting
- May. 15 Newsletter Deadline for the June/July. Issue
- Show-n-Go's at Companion: April 18
- Agility Fun Matches: Apr 30, May 1, May 28 at NHS

### "Mortified in Memphis" !!!

Linda Puckett

As a British Citizen with a 'green card', I have travelled to many cities around the world, but not too often lately!! Recently I had the wonderful opportunity to meet my friend Lynn in Memphis and drive to Arkansas to spend the weekend with her daughter and family. We had a fabulous time but it was over all too soon. That is when the adventure began...I can find my way around any dog show...but airports are a different matter.....

Lets see where to start. Lynn and I were up at 4.30 a.m...as you know I'm NOT an early morning person....we drove the hour and a half to Memphis, dropped the rental car off and took the Hertz shuttle to the airport. We checked in and had to say goodbye as Lynn had a later flight and had to wait in a long line to check her bag.

I went through security....and should have know then.... as they frisked me! *Never* before have I been frisked! - I must have looked suspicious!!

I was in plenty of time for the plane....I learned my lesson thirty years ago when I missed my flight from England to the US...don't ask!!!!!!

Yes, the gates were next to each other. My boarding time was at 8.15 but they were running late - the plane was late getting in, with the snow up and around Chicago. I went to the bathroom and they started boarding when I came back, so I got in line. I went up to the ticket agent and she scanned my ticket and handed me the stub, then said "Oh, just a minute", looked closer at the computer then waived me on saying "oh okay". I commented on my number coming up because I had to be searched at security too and we both laughed!! I had to give my carry on case to be put into the hold and then got onboard the plane. I was in seat 12B and when I got there a couple was sitting there - it was a small plane with two seats on either side, twelve rows and the 13th was two seats on one side and the 'loo' on the other! I asked the guy if he was in the right seat :-} I had 12B!! He said he was and showed me his ticket stub. I commented that we both had the same one, but no problem, I'd go in the back seat....but that if someone came I'd have to sit on his lap all the way!!! We laughed :-}

Luckily no one came to that seat, so I relaxed but when the flight attendant came, I told her that the two of us had the same seat number. She wasn't concerned, and didn't even look at my stub with his. She just said that happens every now and then and put it down to a computer glitch. So, off we went from the gate, taxiing to the take off point. When we got out to the end of the runway, they stopped and the flight attendant came over the intercom saying that she was just checking that everyone on this flight was going to Milwaukee !!!.....ahhhhh.....I thought about cringing down and not making a fool out of myself.....Milwaukee didn't seem as bad as admitting that I got on the wrong plane!.....but then sighed and squeakily said "NO I'm going to Omaha"!! The people around me got the flight attendants attention and she came back and looked at my ticket stub, then told the pilot, who taxied the plane back to the nearest terminal, to dump me on the tarmac! Meanwhile, I walked the aisle of shame, the longest walk I've ever done.... from the back of the plane to the front with everyones eyes glaring and throwing daggers at me, I was sure. I mumbled all the way.... I'm sorry... I'm so sorry.... I'm sorry!!!

A ticket agent met me at the bottom of the steps along with a guy asking me for my luggage ticket, so he could get it from the hold.

The ticket agent took me around and up the stairs to the inside slope you walk down to the plane in. There we waited for my case...and of course they couldn't find it and asked what colour...navy blue...you know how many navy blue cases there are in the world? It took probably two minutes to find it but it seemed like two hours, as where she had me wait was even with the pilots and in full view of the people on that side of the plane!! I hid around the corner and up the slope a little, so they couldn't see me:-0 They finally found the case and the plane was on its way...without their intruder.....

The ticket agent and I went up to see when they could get rid of me. They actually were wonderful to me but the flights to Omaha were all booked. The supervisor came over and was a miracle worker, getting me on a late flight and even giving me a voucher for a meal on them.

Yes, it was my fault for not paying better attention, but they were at fault too, as I never should have been allowed to go that far. I *could* have been a terrorist! The supervisor said that heads are going to roll on this one!! I felt sorry for them, but have never been happier to get home in my whole life!!

### Solid Gold Eye of the Storm CD RAE NA NAJ NAP OJP

Linda Puckett



Stormy finished his Rally RAE title in Des Moines with a third place and score of 98 in Excellent and a 97 in Advanced on Friday 12th February 2010. I am over the moon with his performance and attitude in Rally - he earned many placements and quite a few perfect scores in the 10 shows he needed to complete his title.

Many, many thanks to Gerianne, Bert, Peggy and Dick for all your help and encouragement to get us this far. We couldn't have done it without each one of you!

Lastly, thanks to my sweet Storm, who tries to do his best for me whatever I ask of him. He has always been a 'worrier' and not sure of himself, but seemed to excel in Rally and would prance beside me, very happy that he knew what we were doing! He *loves* Rally :-)

### Dates on the April/May Calendar

- April 1<sup>st</sup> April Fools Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday
- 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Earth Day
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> Memorial Day

### Year End Report of the President Michelle Foutch, President (2008-2009)

Well another very fun, eventful, and rewarding year

comes to a close for the club. Members have worked together as a team to ensure that all of our trials have been very successful. I applaud all our Volunteers!

We started 2009 out in April with our fourth annual herding trial April 18 and 19. A very special Thank You to Gerianne Darnell for ensuring a successful herding trial as Trial Chair. Polly Mumma again did a very nice job as trial secretary. The weather was cold and rainy, but the sun did finally come out by Sunday afternoon. Thanks so much to the members that filled holes and tarped on Thursday before the trial. Thanks also to all the other members that helped wrangle the ducks and sheep, run sheets, time and scribe, etc. The trials were dedicated to the memory of Marge Danielson, and a beautiful High in Trial trophy was donated each day by the Danielson family. We had a terrific entry of 40 sheep and duck runs each day.

The Spring Agility Trial was held May 1-3. A continued Thanks to Gerianne Darnell for all of her hard work as Trial Chair. The trials were, of course, very successful and fun. The agility trials were dedicated to the memory of Marge Danielson and we certainly missed her smiling face. This year was the Best weather that Gerianne ever remembered for any BDOC event. It was sunny and warm, with no wind or rain. Another great addition to this year's agility trial was the Veterans Parade. This was for dogs seven years or older who held a previously awarded AKC agility title. There were 14 veterans that participated, each of whom received a beautiful rosette and certificate. With Dale Smith as the MC reading the dogs bios, these veterans enjoyed a run in the agility ring one more time. Our club members that participated with their team mates: Gerianne with Ray, Gerianne with Riva, Linda Puckett with Stormy, Cheryl Dikeman with Sparky, Rosemary Strasser with Tia and Alberta Gray with Hairy. Thank you Alberta Gray for getting the Veterans Parade added and approved by AKC for all of our Spring Trials. Thank you Cheryl Dikeman, chief ring steward, Linda Puckett awards manager, Randy Frady, Mark Larson, and Dave Landon course builders, and Michelle Foutch and Larry and Mary Max, Canteen Team. A Great Big Thank You to all other members that volunteered and helped with the trials.

In April BDOC donated a Certificate for one dog training class to be included in the Silent Auction for a benefit to the Omaha Dog Park. The silent auction

was to raise funds to improve the landscaping; purchase lots of trees, mulch for the entrance areas and many other landscaping activities. Our BDOC member Sue Volkmer, is very involved with this project each year.

Our Fifth annual CPE/UKC agility/obedience trials were a huge success. Alberta Gray was Trial Chair for this exciting event and Rosemary Strasser our event Secretary. On Friday we had awesome weather, then it rained about an inch Friday evening, but then on Saturday evening it rained three more inches. The rain created a lake on the agility field. Gerianne's agility building flooded all the way through and the tent we borrowed from Connie Byrnes was a twisted mess. The agility portion of the trial was going to be cancelled, but Alberta Gray found a little dryer patch of ground next to the obedience building to have the game classes on. By the time the games classes were done, we were able to fit the standard course around the (now smaller) lake on the field. We had 494 agility runs for the weekend. The UKC obedience/rally ended up with an entry of 33 rally and 18 obedience entries each day. A Special Thank You to the UKC Obedience/rally Trial Chair Gerianne Darnell, Secretary Kathy Novak, UKC Chief Ring Steward Peggy Battig, Agility Chief Ring Steward Nora Boyd with lots of help from Cheryl Dikeman, Chief Course Builders Randy Frady and John Wilson, Ribbon Manager Linda Puckett, and food people extraordinaire Darwin and Christie Baker. Thanks also to other club members who helped set up, move equipment, steward, sweep floors, tote trash, and all of the other jobs that needed to be done. As usual Gerianne Darnell heard comments like "What a friendly club you have" and "Wow, I can't believe how much help you have".

It was a beautiful sunny day when we enjoyed our Annual Picnic on June 28th at Hayworth Park in Bellevue. Thank goodness the weather was nothing like last year when we had the tornado come through the same day as our picnic. Approximately 16 members attended, we had lots of delicious foods, and a good meeting. I think at that time of the year members had lots of other events going on or they were probably on vacation. We discussed how to raise funds for our annual obedience and rally shows trophy fund and Gerianne Darnell suggested holding a fun match. Thank you Erin Embrey for all your time spent in researching and finding a great location for our picnic.

On July 30th we held that FUN MATCH to raise funds for trophy awards. Gerianne Darnell donated her training site as the location for our fun match. We had Obedience, Rally and Agility that was offered. Entry fees were \$6.00 with all proceeds going to the trophy fund. AND yours truly provided chair massages to all those that were in the mood for some nice relaxation. Members provided baked goods for our bake sale to help raise even more money. Approximately \$312.75 was raised to contribute to the trophy funds.

At our August general membership meeting held at Valentino's we voted on and approved the revisions to the BDOC By-laws. Thank You to our By-laws committee: Deb Landon, Caroline Rice, and John Wilson.

On Sept 4-7, at the request of club members, Friends of BDOC took advantage of a free Labor Day Weekend to hold a CPE trial. There is usually a NADAC trial held at NHS, but this year the NADAC trial was held in October. The Labor Day weekend trial will not be an ongoing CPE weekend for Friends of BDOC. Alberta Gray was Trial Chair, Gerianne Darnell was the Site Host, Rosemary Strasser Trial Secretary with some assistance by Kim Embrey. Eventually Rose may become a CPE judge and is looking for a new trial secretary to take over CPE events. Kim Embrey may just be that person! Nora was our Chief Ring Steward and Randy Frady, Chief Course Builder. Thank you to all the other volunteers as well. The trial turned out as a big success, with the judge loving the trial site and making the comment that he expected to see former Agility Stars coming out of the corn field as in the movie Field of Dreams.

The September 11-13, 2009, AKC agility trial was also very successful. Held in the NHS Bonjour meadow. Thanks goes to Gerianne for again having a fun and profitable trial and being our Trial Chair. Thanks also to Cheryl Dikeman, Chief Ring Steward and assistant Nora Boyd, Randy Frady and Mark Larson, Course Builders and the Hospitality team, Michelle Foutch, Larry and Mary Max. The club always receives high rated comments from dog handlers. Thanks to all the other members that helped out in the agility rings for three full days. This was Dawn Antioch-Mitchell's last trial as Trial Secretary. She will really be missed. The club gave her a Thank You card and vouchers because of all her help with our agility trials.

Our annual Halloween Party, Oct 21st, rolled around before you could blink an eye. We had our party and membership meeting at the New Cassel Retirement home. Fun was had by all that attended. The dogs were all in costume and Dee Nelson, was the chief ring leader (MC) for some fine demonstrations of dog tricks, obedience, and pet therapy. Everyone brought refreshments for the retirement residents and the residents seemed to thoroughly enjoy our visit.

Our last competition event of the year were the Obedience & Rally Trials on October 23-25, 2009. These trials were extremely successful because I was the assigned Trial Chair!! Just joking!! Polly Mumma, for the second year in a row, did a wonderful job with secretarial duties. We did make a profit of approximately \$378.29. The obedience trials were quite successful because of our dedicated hard working members. A Special Thanks to the Trial Committee: Gerianne Darnell, Event Coordinator, Linda Puckett, Deb Landon, and Dee Nelson for doing such a wonderful job with the Awards; Nora Boyd and Marlene Lee for ensuring that the ring steward positions were covered at all times; Eric and Caroline Rice for providing such great meals; and Alberta Gray for being Hospitality Chair. Erin Embrey was great at juggling a variety of jobs! She was in charge of the silent auction, a ring steward throughout the trials, and acting Treasurer during Kathy Novak's absence. And let's not forget to Thank Deb Landon for taking all the award photographs in between showing her dog and working at the awards table. Deb was not an assigned photographer, she was just being nice. Thank you to all the other volunteers; this was some very long days because of the new classes being added. Without the member volunteers we could not have held these trials.

Our Christmas party/membership meeting was held on December 18th, 2009, at Caroline Rice's home. Unfortunately Caroline Rice spent the night in the hospital, but Harold and Eric Rice were wonderful hosts in Caroline's absence. The Christmas party was a big success with lots of wonderful food prepared by club members and of course, the gift exchange being the highlight of the evening. Hopefully Caroline Rice is well on the road to a complete recovery. Thank You to the Rice family.

We have had a successful year of training classes

because of the following members that volunteered to teach classes: Connie Byrnes, Erin Embrey, Deb Frady, Randy Frady, Alberta Gray, Dave Landon, Deb Landon, Bridgett Miller, Cheryl Morris, Staci Miller, Linda Puckett and Rose Sharp. Thank You Deb Frady, Training Director, and Caroline Rice, Training Coordinator, for your continued support to the BDOC Training Program.

I look forward to all our upcoming events in 2010. It will be very exciting to see the Veteran's Parade for the second year at our Spring agility trials and to seeing the addition of the mixed breed entries in our AKC titling competitions.

### President's Notes

Erin Embrey

Good Day fellow Dog Lovers! I would like to thank everyone for making this last year a great year for BDOC and to end it with our Annual Awards Banquet at Anthony's Steakhouse was YUMMO! I am glad that we had such a fantastic turnout this year, my only failure was not having the bar ahead of time, sorry!

Your BDOC Board voted last month on the Member of The Year and that went very deservedly to Sherry Rife. Congratulations and Thank You for ALL your hard work on the Newsletter as well as everything you do for your club and the dog community. You surely deserve the award!

A huge Thank You to Gerianne Darnell, Linda Puckett and Alberta Gray for getting such fabulous Plaques with "little hanging things" and setting up! Every handler and dog that earned a title this year received a plaque with the BDOC name and emblem engraved along with their dogs registered name. The "little hanging things" had the engraved title or titles earned this year. I can't wait to start my collection!

We voted in some new Board Members at this awards banquet: Erin Embrey as the new President, Dee Nelson as the new Vice President (one year term), Connie Byrnes as the new Treasurer, Lucy Hulse as the new Training Director and Staci Miller as a new board member at large! WELCOME ABOARD! With these new members, we said THANK YOU to: Michelle Foutch (President), Kathy Novak (Treasurer), Deb Frady (Training Director) and Deb Landon (Board Member at Large). Michelle was presented a plant with card and small token of appreciation inside. Outgoing

members were also presented with cards and small tokens of appreciation.

**The first Board Meeting will be on April 7<sup>th</sup> , 2010 at Summer Kitchen in Bellevue.**

**The first General Meeting will be on April 21<sup>st</sup> at New Cassel Retirement Community.** We thought that it would be a great idea to get back there to show a few more tricks that our dogs can do. Hopefully it will not rain! The following evening, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we need some help at Gerianne's pasture for the first trial of the year, Herding! We need to fill holes that some lovely creatures have dug up for the safety of the sheep, ducks, dogs, handlers and judges.

We will need volunteers for the following trials and an email will go out before each one:

**April Herding Trial**-Contact Gerianne Darnell at [Gerianedarnell@aol.com](mailto:Gerianedarnell@aol.com) (list went around at the Banquet)

**May AKC Agility Trial**-contact (Cheryl Diekman-Morris) at this point we don't know this for sure!

**June CPE/UKC Trial**-contact Alberta Gray at [hairyd@cox.net](mailto:hairyd@cox.net) and I will be your Chief Ring Steward and you can email me at [nusoccer18@hotmail.com](mailto:nusoccer18@hotmail.com) to put your name on the Volunteer List!

Again, Thank You for a wonderful 2009 and I'm looking forward to 2010!

### Bellevue Dog Obedience Club of Nebraska 2009 Outstanding Club Member - Sherry Rife

By Michelle Foutch

This year's Outstanding Club Member as selected by the BDOC Board is a long-time member who has helped tremendously in the growth and progress of the club. This member actively pursues outstanding canine performances in the obedience, rally, and conformation show rings and is very active in the community with pet therapy and 4-H venues.

This member has more than 25 very active years with the Club. This member started training dogs at a very young age with a 4-H Club. Being a member of the 4-H Club, this member has shown dogs in conformation and obedience trials at a variety of venues, be it county fairs or 4-H activities.

This member is very active in the community, sharing her dogs with the elderly, handicapped adults and children, and with disability groups through the Pet Therapy Program. This member brings much joy and happiness to those less fortunate by sharing the non-

requiring love of canines through Pet Therapy and these actions will long be remembered by many, many people.

This member has also assisted others with training their dogs, including family members, 4-H members, and club members. This member has bred and titled Champions in the breed ring and has earned many titles on her dogs at obedience and rally trials. In 2008 this member and her dogs earned an AKC RN title, an AKC RA title, and two AKC RE titles. In 2009, this member earned an RA and RE title.

This member has volunteered lots of time, computer skills, and editing capabilities to the Club for many, many years by getting all the latest news gathered and distributed to all the members. She is the member solely responsible for getting our bi-monthly newsletter published and distributed. Her dedication and attention to detail is unsurpassed; she is always sending reminders to club members to get articles to her by a deadline and she also ensures that the latest AKC regulation and policy changes are published.

This member also volunteered her time and expertise to become one of the club's CGC evaluators. She has conducted the CGC tests for several years for our club and has done a superb job in conducting these evaluations.

This member, as you may have already guessed, is Sherry Rife. Sherry has 10 dogs: Ch. Missy, CD, RE, CGC; Ch. Weaver, CD, RE, CGC; Belle, RE; Ch. Jerry, RE; Summer; Elvira; Rosie; Fancy, CD, RE, CGC; Ch. Wager, RE; and Sadie, their foster. Sherry has been with BDOC since 1984 and is a lifetime member. Thank You Sherry for all that you have done and for all your continued support and dedication to the Bellevue Dog Obedience Club.

#### **Thank you**

There have been many club members who have been honored with this award. I was very surprised when I was chosen for 2009. It is a privilege to work with BDOC members who care about their dogs and educating others. The newsletter is the one way I can do my part to support the club. Thank you for all your friendship.  
**Sherry Rife**

#### **BDOC Board Meeting February 17, 2009**

Location: Summer Kitchen, Bellevue, NE

The meeting was called to order on Wed., Feb. 17 at 6:41 p.m. by President Michelle Foutch at the Summer Kitchen in Bellevue, NE. Michelle Foutch, Deb Landon, Dean Lee, Marlene Lee, John Wilson, Erin Embrey and Nora Boyd were present.

John W. moved to waive the reading of the last meeting's minutes as they were published in the last newsletter.

#### **Reports**

1. Read Angie Henderson's application
2. No treasurer's report
3. Report of the **Training Director** by Michelle Foutch.
  - a. Classes graduate March 2nd
  - b. Advanced class starts Mar. 16 - taught by Nora Boyd and Lucy Hulse
  - c. Beginner instructors will be Rose and Stacy Miller
  - d. No puppy class
  - e. Classes will still held at Social Center - 370 & Fort Crook by Post Office.

#### **New Business**

1. Member of the Year
  - a. Members discussed and voted on the 2010 member of the year
2. Yahoo Group List
  - a. Nora has it all cleaned up!
3. Erin will resolve finding a trial photographer for October Obedience trial.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Annual Awards Banquet - Erin
  - a. Anthony's - March 6<sup>th</sup>
  - b. finishing the last organizing details with money and reservations
  - c. will send another reservation reminder
  - d. dessert by Erin
2. Nominating Committee status by John Wilson & Randy Frady
  - a. Has found nominees for all positions
  - b. Board positions open: President, Potential one year V.P., Training Director, Treasurer, one board member.

#### **Braggs**

The next board meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at the Summer Kitchen.

The next general meeting will be March 6<sup>th</sup> at Anthony's.

The following general meeting April 21<sup>th</sup> at New Cassel Retirement home.

Deb adjourned the meeting at 7:40. Erin & John seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted, *Nora Boyd*

### **BDOC Annual Awards Banquet, March 6, 2009**

Location: Anthony's Steakhouse, Omaha, NE

The meeting was called to order on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 p.m. by President Michelle Foutch at Anthony's Steakhouse in Omaha, NE.

Nora read the minutes from the December general meeting. Randy Frady moved to accept the minutes as read and Eric Rice seconded the motion.

Nora also read the minutes from the February board meeting. John Wilson moved to accept the minutes as read and Erin Embrey and Randy Frady seconded the motion.

### **Reports**

4. Read Angie Henderson's application for the second time. Caroline Rice & Michelle Foutch offered to be sponsors
5. Report of the **President** - Michelle Foutch
  - a. Outgoing President Michelle Foutch gave a summary of the year's events.
6. **Treasurer's** Report - Kathy Novak
  - a. Total income for the year: \$45,266.93
  - b. Total expenses for the year: \$39,233.04
  - c. Total profit from events for the year: \$6033.89
  - d. Current balance of CDs: \$34,188.57
  - e. Caroline Rice moved to accept the treasurer's report as read and Randy seconded the motion.
7. Report of the **Training Director** by Randy Frady
  - a. Basic Obedience class graduated March 2, 2009, taught by Rose and Stacey Miller
  - b. Puppy class graduated March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 taught by Randy Frady.
  - c. Contract with Bellevue Social Center has not been continued.
  - d. Currently looking for a new location
  - e. No classes until a new location is found.
8. **Report from Committees**
  - a. AKC Herding Trial - Gerianne Darnell
    1. April 24 & 25, 2010

2. Tarping/hole filling party will be April 22 - 5:30 (or later) at Gerianne's

3. Sharon Johnson - secretary, potential new member

4. same judges as last year

5. need volunteers

- b. AKC Agility Trial - Gerianne Darnell

1. May 7 - 9, 2010

2. Karen Nenou - new secretary

3. Need table helper each day - Linda (Friday), Amanda Mohler

4. Ordered ribbons

5. NHS changing policy - a lot of change in logistics

6. Discussed holding trial in Wahoo in September instead

7. See how May trial goes before making a commitment

- c. UKC Obedience/CPE Agility Trial - Gerianne Darnell & Alberta Gray

1. June 11 - 13, 2010

2. Judges hired - same as last year

3. Rose has Premium done

4. Rose needs help in morning - Kim Embrey, potentially

- d. AKC Obedience Trial - Erin Embrey

1. October 29 - 31, 2010

2. Have judges

3. Extra classes Friday - veterans

4. Needs help with hospitality

5. Chief ring steward will be Caroline Rice, Eric Rice will organize the canteen and Dee Nelson and Nora Boyd will organize the silent auction.

6. Charge less for "non-titling" (wildcard, brace, classes to encourage more entries? (No toys for placements) Club approved to change the price to \$20

### **Recognition of Outgoing Officers and Board Members**

Kathy Novak - Treasurer

Deb Landon - Board Member

Deb Frady - Training Director

Michelle Foutch - President

### **Election of Officers and Board Members**

No members were nominated from the floor

Rose moved to accept the ballot by acclamation and Alberta Gray seconded the motion.. The club voted and all approved.

### **New officers are:**

President: Erin Embrey

Treasurer: Connie Byrnes  
Training Director: Lucy Hulse  
At large board member: Staci Miller  
Vacancy: V.P. (one year appointment): Dee Nelson  
Eric Rice moved to accept the one year appointment,  
Michelle seconded it and all approved.

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

To honor Geraldine Forrestal the club discussed naming the Parade of Veterans at the AKC trial the Geraldine Forrestal Parade of Veterans Award. Alberta Gray moved to accept, Connie Byrnes seconded the motion and all approved.

#### Presentation of Instructors - Michelle Foutch

Randy Frady presented certificates to the members who taught classes this year.

Linda Puckett  
Erin Embrey  
Cheryl Morris  
Bridgett Miller  
Connie Byrnes

Those who taught two or more classes were also presented with personalized keychains.

Alberta Gray  
Deb Frady  
Randy Frady  
Deb Landon  
Dave Landon  
Staci Miller  
Rose Sharp

#### Braggs

Linda Puckett - Stormy finished his RAE in February  
Rose Strasser - Satori finished Novice FAST and Novice JWW titles.

John Wilson - Indy - specialty major, specialty win & Porter - DCA ranked in the top 3 or higher in many agility events

Alberta Gray - Darby - 1<sup>st</sup> leg towards RE

Gerianne Darnell - Rick - MX /MXF/Double Q

Amy Vohs - Belle finished her CD title in February  
The following general meeting April 21<sup>th</sup> at New Cassel Retirement home.

Michelle adjourned the meeting at 9:40. Erin Embry and John Wilson seconded the motion.

#### Presentation of Awards - Gerianne Darnell and

Linda Puckett

#### Presentation of Outstanding Club Member

Sherry Rife

Respectfully submitted, *Nora Boyd*

### **BDOC Training Classes**

Caroline Rice

At least for the near future, we will be doing our BDOC training at the Plattsmouth Eagles club. I am sending you directions and addressing possible questions as well.

#### Directions to the Plattsmouth Eagles club from Bellevue.

Go south on the Kennedy Freeway. South of the air force base the freeway ends and it becomes just plain Highway 75. The Eagles club is actually located on a frontage road off Highway 75 which is **NOT IN THE TOWN OF PLATTSMOUTH**. You will continue to head south on Highway 75. There is one traffic light that you will come to in Sarpy County. There is a Lucky's gas station at the intersection. You are on the right path. Soon after the traffic light, you will drive across the Platte River (it is wide and you are obviously on a bridge). You will need to continue just a bit more than 3 miles on Highway 75. At that point you will come to a traffic light. There is a big sign for the Keno parlor on the right hand side of the road and also a gas station on the corner. On the left side of the road you will see the big Pamida sign. You will turn LEFT and then quickly right onto a frontage road. The Eagles club is right there on the frontage road. You cannot miss it because there are big speed bumps that will certainly get your attention if you don't watch out. Please pass in front of the building then turn right and go down around to the back of the building. You will see the basement door. That is where we should enter.

You can walk your dog around in the back area before coming into the training room. Please remember that we will need to be very careful about keeping the room free from any kind of odor. Trainers will have spray bottles and paper towels, but cleanup is the responsibility of the owner.

There are restroom facilities on the basement level of the building.

### **5 Reasons to Earn the CGC Award**

From the Internet

We get this question nearly every day here at AKC..."Other than the certificate and beautiful gold

Canine Good Citizen medal I can get, what are the benefits to training for CGC?

1. We know you're a responsible owner.

Earning the CGC award marks you as a responsible owner who cares enough about your dog to have completed a basic training class. CGC is becoming recognized as the gold standard of behavior for dogs in our communities and you'll have earned a recognizable distinction.

2. Trained dogs are happy dogs.

When dogs are participating in the training process through classes and daily training activities, they have something to wrap their minds around. We see these dogs as having fewer behavior problems, even when training is at a basic level.

3. Training opens up the lines of communication between you and your dog.

In CGC classes, you'll learn to give commands to your dog in a clear and consistent fashion. You'll also learn how to reinforce only the behaviors you want to see. You'll also learn how to not inadvertently reward behaviors that you don't like such as fearfulness.

4. Well-behaved dogs have a better life.

If you have a dog that is a pleasure to take on outings, this will be a dog you're likely to take to the park or for a walk in the neighborhood. A dog that lunges at other dogs or tears hotel rooms apart is often sentenced to a lonely life in his own house and backyard. This makes the world a very small place for the dog and actually results in behavioral issues such as inappropriate reactions to strangers and other dogs (Items 1, 2, 5 and 8 on the CGC test).

5. CGC Training provides foundation for all training.

Sit, down, come, and stay along with all of the other basics taught in CGC classes lay the groundwork for any future training you'll do with your dog. Canine Good

Citizen training is just the beginning. There is a world of fun you can have after CGC in rally, obedience, agility, and tracking.

**Porter**  
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- # 2. Top Spot Jumpers, Excellent B Standard, Excellent B Jumpers & Open Obedience Title
- # 3. Top Spot Standard & Top Spot Jumpers

Porter congratulates her Brother Indie, Snowwood Spirited Double IF-A (L), (gambler x Leica) on his Specialty Major going 'Winners Dog' at the 'ChicagoLand' Specialty and his going 'Winners Dog' at the Greater Phoenix Specialty.

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