



Timber Ridge Newsletter

April 2023 Issue

The Barking Bulletin



NEXT MEETING

Annual Awards Dinner
Monday, April 10, 2023 at 6:00



upstairs at Bill's Pizza Shop, 1101 Main St., Stevens Point.

We will have food available shortly after 6:00 pm and start the meeting at 6:30 pm. As usual, members are responsible for their beverages and asked to contribute \$5.00 per person for the pizza. Please RSVP by Sat., April 8 to lhuber250@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events

**2023 Spring Scent Work
Trial: (April 22-23)**

**2023 Spring Agility Trial:
(April 28-30)**

**2023 Labor Day Agility
Trial: (September 2-4)**

**2023 Fall Scent Work Trial:
(September 9-10)**

**2023 Fall Obedience Trial:
(November 5-6)**

**2023 Fall Agility Trial #1:
(November 10-12)**

Consider Volunteering

Volunteers are always needed for all our events. It is a great way to meet people and learn how these events run. Plus, what could be more enjoyable than a day spent with dog people? As events are posted here in the newsletter, please consider helping the club. None of these activities can continue without your help!

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Timber Ridge is hosting its **FIRST** Scent Work Trial April 22-23, 2023 at the **Boys & Girls Club** of Portage County, 2401 Cedar Drive, Plover, WI. Volunteers are needed and would be greatly appreciated! It's a wonderful way to learn more about Scent Work, help your Club have a successful event, and maybe win a raffle! Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Lisa at lhuber250@hotmail.com to sign-up or with any questions re: duties and times.

Timber Ridge Swag Survey



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What you really, really want:
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FRENCH BULLDOG KNOCKS LABRADOR RETRIEVER OUT OF NUMBER ONE SPOT, ENDING 31-YEAR STAY AT THE TOP

By [Jessica Rice](#)

Mar 15, 2023

There's a new top dog in town! The American Kennel Club (AKC®), a not-for-profit organization, the world's largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, announced this morning that the ever-popular Labrador Retriever's record-breaking reign has ended. The playful and adaptable **French Bulldog** is America's most popular breed for the first time.

While it may come as a surprise to some that the loveable Lab's 31-year stay at the top has come to an end, the French Bulldog has been quietly climbing the charts for many years. Over the past decade, the Frenchie has gone from 14th in 2012 to number 1 in 2022, and registrations have increased over 1,000% in that time period.

"The French Bulldog has seen a surge in popularity over the years, and for good reason," said AKC Executive Secretary Gina DiNardo. "Frenchie's are playful, adaptable, loyal and outgoing. They make wonderful companions for a variety of people, but it's extremely important to do your research to not only find the right breed for your lifestyle, but to ensure that you're getting a well-bred dog from a responsible breeder."

Other breeds making moves in 2022 include the American Hairless Terrier, which jumped an impressive 15 spots year over year (#135 in 2021 to #120 in 2022), the Gordon Setter (#113 in 2021 and #99 in 2022), the Italian Greyhound (#73 in 2021 and #63 in 2022) and the Anatolian Shepherd Dog (#88 in 2021 and #79 in 2022). Making strides over the past decade are the Cane Corso (#60 in 2012 and #18 in 2022), the Belgian Malinois (#71 in 2012 and #32 in 2022), the Giant Schnauzer (#96 in 2012 and #58 in 2022) and the English Cocker Spaniel (#64 in 2012 and #40 in 2022).

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Enjoy dogs on Instagram? Here's where some of social media's favorites fall on the list: Pembroke Welsh Corgi (#11), Yorkshire Terrier (#13), Siberian Husky (#21) and Pug (#35).

See below for AKC's top 10 most popular breeds in 2022, along with the 2021 comparison:

2022 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S.

1. [French Bulldog](#)
2. [Labrador Retriever](#)
3. [Golden Retriever](#)
4. [German Shepherd Dog](#)
5. [Poodle](#)
6. [Bulldog](#)
7. [Rottweiler](#)
8. [Beagle](#)
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Plants can be hazardous to your dog's health

Did you know that eating certain plants could make your dog sick or worse? Be aware of plants that are within reach of your dog. Listed below are some plants that can be harmful to your dog.

May cause vomiting and diarrhea:

Castor bean
Soap berry
Ground Cherry
Skunk Cabbage
Daffodil
Delphinium
Foxglove
Larkspur
Indian Tobacco
Indian Turnip
Poke weed
Bittersweet woody
Wisteria

May cause vomiting, abdominal pain
and/or diarrhea:

Almond
Apricot
Wild Cherry
Balsam Pear
Japanese Plum
Bird of Paradise bush
Horse Chestnut (Buckeye)
English Holly
Black Locust
Mock Orange
Privet
Rain Tree (Monkey Pod)
American Yew
English Yew
Western Yew

May cause varied reactions:

Azalea
Philodendron

Hydrangea
Kalanchoe
Lilies
Mescal bean
Mushrooms (if also toxic to humans)
Sunburned potatoes
Rhubarb
Spinach
Tomato vine
Buttercup
Dologeton
Poison Hemlock
Water Hemlock
Jasmine
Loco weed
Lupine
Matrimony Vine
May Apple
Moonseed
Nightshade
Angel's Trumpet

May act as hallucinogens:

Marijuana
Morning Glory
Nutmeg
Periwinkle
Peyote

May cause convulsions:

China berry
Coriaria
Moonweed
Nux vomica
Water Hemlock



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My Dog Ate a Toxic Plant — What Should I Do?

If you suspect your dog has eaten something toxic, follow these steps:

1. Contact your vet, [AKC Vetline](#), or the [Pet Poison Helpline](#) (855-764-7661) for accurate advice.
2. Try to identify the plant by taking a sample, a photo, or by collecting the dog's vomit in a plastic bag.
3. When you reach the vet or helpline, provide as much information as possible, including:
 - The suspected plant and the time of ingestion.
 - Your dog's weight.
 - Any symptoms your dog is showing.
4. *Under no circumstances should you induce vomiting unless instructed to do so by the vet.* Specific plant poisons require specific treatments, and vomiting can make some cases worse.
5. Don't fall for the myth that dogs instinctively avoid dangerous plants. While it is sometimes true of animals in the wild, dogs have no ability to distinguish between safe and unsafe plants.

According to American Kennel Club Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. Jerry Klein, the best cure is prevention. He recommends that you survey your yard regularly and identify any plants that may be dangerous. Then restrict your dog's access to them. You may need to consult a landscaper to remove particularly stubborn plants. And when in doubt on whether a plant your dog ate may be poisonous, seek professional help. "The most common mistake pet owners make is to wait to see if the dog becomes ill before contacting the veterinarian," says Dr. Klein.

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Checklist for Puppy-Proofing Indoors

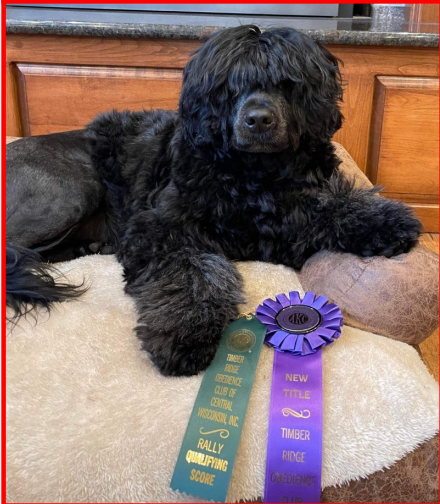
- **Unplug electrical cords, move them out of reach, or string them through cord concealers.** These chewing hazards can cause burns to the mouth or electrical shock.
- **Avoid feeding food from the table.** Pups may look adorable as they [beg for food](#), but many human [foods are not good for them](#). Pay special attention to sugarless gum with [xylitol](#), [chocolate](#), [raisins](#), and other foods that are especially poisonous to dogs.
- **Keep cleaning supplies in high cabinets or secured behind doors with childproof latches.** When using them, make sure that the puppy is kept out of the area, so they won't be affected by the vapors given off by chemicals.
- **Put all medications away.** Avoid keeping medications, even in pill bottles or dispensers, on low tables, bathroom counters, or night tables, where the puppy can easily get to them.
- **Keep toilet lids closed,** so the puppy won't drink out of the toilet or fall in.
- **Keep doors and windows closed at all times,** so the puppy can't escape or fall out, and secure the cords that raise blinds, so they won't get caught around the puppy's neck.
- **Put away small items that are choking hazards** — such as coins, paper clips, rubber bands, and jewelry — to prevent the puppy from choking on them.
- **Keep all sharp objects out of your dog's reach.** This includes knives, scissors, razors, and tools.
- **Secure trashcans.** Puppies are attracted to the smells coming from garbage, which can upset their stomachs or even be poisonous.
- **Move [poisonous houseplants](#),** so the puppy can't eat them.

Checklist for Puppy-Proofing Outdoors

- **Fence the yard, if possible.** It's best to have a [fence](#) that is high enough to prevent the puppy from jumping over it, with no holes to crawl through.
- **Remove [toxic plants in your yard](#)** to prevent your pup from mistaking them for a snack.
- **Put a fence around in-ground pools.** Pools are a big hazard for puppies. A fence surrounding the pool will prevent the puppy from accidentally falling in. You or a [dog trainer](#) can teach your pup [pool safety](#), as well.
- **Designate a puppy area.** Set aside a portion of the yard for the puppy to use as their bathroom area.
- **Keep the lawn trimmed and brush under control.** [Ticks](#) are more likely to hide in tall grasses and latch onto your pup.
- **Keep your dog away from the yard if it has recently been treated with fertilizers, pesticides, or insecticides.** Try to avoid using insecticides, because the chemicals can be very harmful to your puppy.
- **[Be wary of heat](#).** Avoid keeping your dog outside when it is hot, and always have shade and cool water available.
- **Clean up** after your puppy to be sure they won't try to [eat their own feces](#).
- **Supervise your puppy.** Young puppies should not be left outside alone. This is the time to play with them and train them, as well as to protect them from predators, [heatstroke](#), and other hazards.

That's my dog!

Wags & Brags



My three girls were at the Saturday Timber Ridge Obedience trial at the beginning of February. All of them earned a Q! **Maura** got another leg to the ever-elusive **RAE** and **Millie** got her first leg in **Advanced** and **Mesa** earned her **Rally Intermediate** title! Good girls!

Afortunado Thoroughly Magnificent Millie BN RI SBN CGCA TKI FDC JWD , "Millie"

Ascent to Afortunado Unexpected Mountain Blessing RI FDC BCAT TKN AWD , "Mesa"

GrCH Afortunado Expects More and I Deliver VCD1 BN RM TD FDC CA BCAT SWN SCA CGCA TKA WWDX BROM, "Maura"



A trip to Madison to the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Chicagoland's Combined Specialties for **Maura** in the **Veteran's** class. What fun she had! Truly the entertainment of the afternoon but she got to leave with ribbons, treats and gifts from the club. She also received her **HIT** Specialty ribbon from the summer when she got high score in **Rally Masters**. So fun to be back at dog shows!

- Barb Crowther



Reese (Reese De Hemert) passed the AKC Advanced Canine Good Citizen test!

Reese waits for me as I walk 20 feet away, pick up a bag, and return.



Reese ignores the distraction bag and comes to me!

Submitted by Sarah Krueger



REESE EARNED HER URO1 TITLE!

At the recent UKC Rally event, Reese qualified in all Rally Obedience 1 trials, placing in three of the four trials.

The judge watched as Reese did the Call Front, Finish Left, Forward sign. Luckily Reese decided NOT to try to go say, "hi" to her...



DUNCAN & REESE ARE SILVER AKC FIT DOGS!



Duncan and Reese added another level to their AKC Fit Dog titles after taking a 6 week class and submitting additional proof of fitness activities. Fitness is fun for old and young!

Submitted by Sarah Krueger

Braggs
are due APRIL
30th
for the
May
Newsletter!

TIMBER RIDGE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN, INC.

MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2023

Stevens Point Public library– Prairie Room

Meeting was called to order: at 6:35 pm by President Dana Nelson.

Members in attendance: Lisa Huber, Phyllis Christensen, Rose Gottung, Karen Lemke, Kathy Schuh, Ann Hanson, Sarah Krueger, Dana Nelson, Chris Jarvis, Janet Smith, Jona Decker, Karen Lee, Donna Levitt, and Serena Menge,

Minutes of the last meeting: Motion made by Kathy Schuh to dispense with the reading, seconded by Karen Lemke, and the motion was carried.

Board Report: Dana shared that a decision was made to not include items for sale in the Newsletter but to remain solely a source of information related to dogs & TR. Ann stated that the Membership List is not public information at this time, but it is available from her, for members, by request. Lastly, the Officers and Board are continuing to update and expand upon the Roles and Expectations for TR members, such as the duties of a Trial Chair for Obedience, Agility and Scent work trials.

Treasurer's Report: provided by Ann. Assets are increasing. Approved, subject to audit.

Committee Reports:

1. **Website:** Karen and Jona – Working on security issues & updating the layout.
2. **Awards Committee:** To be held at Bill's Pizza at 6:00 pm on Monday, April 10. Wausau Awards is creating the awards, and Sherry asks that those who haven't submitted payment to please do so as soon as possible. This is also Sherry's last year as the Awards Banquet Chair - we are now looking for someone interested in stepping in to fill the role effective April 11, 2023.
3. **2023 Spring Scent Work Trial:** (April 22-23) Chair Sherry Salzman-Scott, Judges Bonnie Gutzwiler & Robin Taylor. Site: Boys & Girls Club in Plover. Trial Secretary Rose reports that the Trial is full with 535 entries. Supplies, ribbons, volunteer sign-up, gating, Judges' hospitality, etc. is all coming along.
4. **2023 Spring Agility Trial:** (April 28-30) **Cancelled**. Deposits will be forfeited. A Chair & Judge will need to be secured as soon as possible for 2024 if the Club intends to retain the trial date.
5. **2023 May Agility Trial:** (May 5-7) **Cancelled**. A Chair and Judge will need to be secured as soon as possible for 2024 if the Club intends to retain the trial date.
6. **2023 Fast CAT:** Rose has asked Operators to keep us in mind if any openings become available in 2023, and she will start to look for a date in 2024.
7. **Labor Day Agility Trial:** (Sept. 1-3, 2023) Chair Lisa Huber, Judge Karl Blakely. Application is completed, Chief Course builder is Chris Heckle.
8. **Fall Scent Work Trial:** (Sept. 9-10) at the Lion's Camp in Rosholt. Chairperson Sherry Salzman-Scott, Judges Robin Taylor, Trish Nienow, Cindy Anguilo.
9. **2023 Fall Obedience Trial:** (Nov. 5-6) Chair Jennifer Kressin, Judges Fred Buroff and Dr. Hallie Ray.

10. **2023 Fall Agility Trial #1:** (Nov. 10-12) Chair Linda Redfield Judge TBD
11. **2023 Fall Agility Trial #2:** (Nov. 24-27) Shared with WRKC, Chair needed for Friday.
12. **2024 February Obedience Trial:** Co-Chairs Cindy Bohnert & Kathy Schuh, Judges TBD

Old Business:

13. Logo Wear – Jona has a survey on logos, please vote at <https://bit.ly/trswag>
2. Non-profit Status: Chris Jarvis researched this and TR does not appear to qualify. Suse mentioned that another option to research would be WI Statute 181 re: being a tax-exempt as a no-stock corporation.

New Business:

1. Discussion re: the color scheme to be used on TR logo wear based on whether embroidery or print is used, gray scale vs. color, color blindness, & political neutrality.

Guests: Asa Plonsky and Jessa Michie attended their first meeting. Evette Danielak, Kathy Fox, Linda Johnson, Karyn Kopecko, and Suse Riddle attended their second meeting and were all voted into Membership.

Adjournment at 7:40 pm

Next Membership Meeting: **Monday, April 10, 2023 at Bill's Pizza** for the combined Awards Banquet and Membership meeting. We will start at 6:00 pm, with the meeting at 6:30 pm. As before, members buy their own beverage and contribute \$5.00 per person for the pizza.

Hospitality: none needed in April

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Lisa Huber.

March 2023 Treasurer's Report

Opening balance checking		5,795.01	
	Wisconsin Department of Revenue	-225.10	2022 taxes
	Deposit	160.00	dues
	Deposit	40.00	dues
	Deposit	340.00	fun runs
	Camp Bandy	-160.00	fun runs
	Sherry Scott	-88.59	awards
	Sherry Scott	-1,876.33	scentwork supplies
	Deposit	60.00	dues
	Deposit	30.00	dues
	AKC	-300.00	April 2024 agility apps
	Lisa Huber	-300.00	AKC apps Sept. agility
	Deposit	30.00	dues
	Ann Hanson	-12.60	stamps
	Sherry Scott	-191.42	awards
		-2,494.04	
	TOTAL	3,300.97	
	Savings Balance	17779.41	
	Balance CDs	8,584.27	
	Total Assets	29,664.65	
	Pineries – CDs	2,758.16	
		2,809.46	
		3,016.65	
		8,584.27	

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Camp Bandy Members Only Training Times

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

11:00-12:30 Obedience, Rally, Individual Skills

12:30-2:00 Agility Full Course

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

11:00-12:30 Agility Full Course

12:30-2:00 Obedience, Rally, Individual Skills

Members set up rings and courses.

GUIDELINES

1. Please gate off the section you are working on during separate skills.
2. Please ask if the person is done using the equipment before you start working your dog.
3. Please have gating across the front while running full course agility.
4. Please have dogs on leash while entering and exiting the building.

A REMINDER FROM THE PRESIDENT!

Because we have recently added many new members (YAY!!) here are a couple of reminders about training time:

1. Members set up the rings and courses. If you aren't able to help or arrive later, please don't jump in and start using things that others have spent the time setting up before they have had a chance to use the ring/course. We have Camp Bandy for this time frame only. Many hands make work light.
2. Crate your dog(s) unless you are working them in the ring/course or in a spot in the arena. Be mindful of other people and dogs.
3. Agility time is for a full course. Agility time is set aside so people can run full courses. If there are a lot of people, work together to change jump heights, etc. Gate off the area by the door.
4. Obedience rings should be used to work your dog either on a 'run thru' or a set of exercises for a reasonable amount of time. Everyone should have time in the ring. If you wish to work on an individual skill for agility, great. It means one piece of equipment (so no multiple pieces of agility equipment during obedience time).
5. Communicate with each other. If someone is taking too much time, tell them. If you need to leave in 20 minutes - ASK if you can go next. If someone sets up a course or a ring say thanks. If you need help with something, ASK. This is a great group who is more than willing to help out.
6. If you put food on the walls to mark the go-out (or for any other reason) please clean up the spot, remove the food, etc.
7. If you are there alone or just a few people, work it out, if you don't need a ring, great. You don't have to set it up. You can be there for the full 3 hours or only 15 minutes.
8. Training time is meant to be used by any/all members. Keep in mind people use these times in different ways. Whatever way you use the time...enjoy training your dog!

Many great friendships have been made during this time!