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Saluting Ruth Harris

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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: November 15, 2017
Articles, Pictures, Brags Welcome!

***The next meeting
of the LSBTC
will be Saturday, October 21, 2017
at the Bell County Kennel Club
show,
in Belton, Texas***

***The meeting will be after
conformation judging***



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Devota Swenson

President, Lone Star Belgian Tervuren Club

As summer is closing and the fall show schedules are posting I have been trying to figure out what shows to attend before the end of the year. I went to the new Travis County Kennel Club show site in Dripping Springs, Texas. It is a new show barn and the site was easy to get to, had dirt, concrete and a few indoor rings. The show date next year is going to be on Thanksgiving weekend with a 4-day cluster, so keep that in mind for next year's holiday plans.

It was good to be out with people that love dogs. I had invited a few friends to the show, including one that also does rescue work for the local shelter here in Austin. She was amazed at the care and openness of the people she met at the show. I am not sure of her expectations of dog show people, but I can tell you she told me she was amazed with the beautiful dogs, the wonderful companionship and the whole atmosphere of the show. That's why I show my dog. Yes, the ribbons and titles are nice, but it is truly about the dogs.

As most of you know, the Board of Directors donated to the Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team on behalf of the Lone Star Belgian Tervuren Club. They are first responders for emergency medical treatment for animals, large and small. When Hurricane Harvey came in and devastated south Texas and the Houston Area there were a lot of organizations that were asking for donations. The AKC put out a challenge to the parent clubs.

The board decided on this group since they had boots in the mud, were dispatched to various areas in Texas: Rockport, Brazoria County, Jefferson County and the Houston area. There is an Animal Planet show "Surviving Harvey: Animals after the Storm" that documents some of their work.

I spoke to a couple of veterinarians at one of our dock diving events after we made the donation and they had very positive experiences with the A&M program. One of the veterinarians told me she learned a great deal on the disaster team when she was deployed as a student; it was a large part of her hands-on training.

I hope to see you all at Belton, Texas for our next club meeting.

**MESSAGE FROM HURRICANE HARVEY AFFECTED CLUB MEMBER
CAROL HOLMES
of Port Neches, Texas (near Beaumont/Port Arthur)**

Cynthia Parker kept some of us updated on Carol's status in the early days after the torrential rains following Hurricane Harvey's landfall in South Texas

Later, Carol updated us herself!

aww thank you so much for checking on me

my neighborhood streets were flooded but my house didn't get the flood waters. Was able to get to work mid Monday morning and I had to stay at the hospital for the first three nights to cover call for other co-workers. In the meantime my parents did get a foot of water in their house and now they are staying with me. I feel for the them they lost everything; even their cars.

Sure you can share my story.

I am so glad to have everyone's support; you just don't know how uplifting it is to me knowing you all are there for me.

Will let you know more real soon.

hugs and kisses

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SHOW RESULTS, TEXAS SHOWS

AUSTIN KENNEL CLUB, September 23, 2017, Judge: Mr John F. Booth

Open Dogs

1/W/OS/BOBOH BEAU SHADO ALO DAYO DSA CGC HT, Devota M Swenson

Open Bitches

1/W/BW TACARA'S KASTANIA KORFU, Georgia Xydes & Linda Newsome

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AUSTIN KENNEL CLUB, September 24, 2017, Judge: Ms Laurie King Telfair

Open Dogs

1/W/BW/OS/BOBOH BEAU SHADO ALO DAYO DSA CGC HT, Devota M Swenson

Open Bitches

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SALUTING RUTH HARRIS on "RUTH HARRIS DAY"

by Susan Hervey

Saturday, August 19 was designated "Ruth Harris Day" by dedicated trackers and friends at a gathering at Jane Wittstock's training building near Tulsa, Oklahoma! Sarah Helber joined the celebration, and spent the night at Ruth's place afterwards.

Ruth has supported the Lone Star Belgian Tervuren Club's raffles for many years with her wonderful "dog beds"--quilts made for our dogs.

In addition to a wonderful visit, Sarah reports that Ruth gave a talk on her experiences in tracking throughout the years.

In a column titled "Unsung Heroes" in Front and Finish magazine from December 2003, Ruth wrote: "I have learned from everyone and every dog I have worked with. My present dog has taught me new things about Variable Surface Tracking.

"At 79 years of age, I have never lost the wonder of seeing a dog use his nose on a track . . . !

"I hope to continue working with my present dog, Gemstone Onyx de Encore, and a VST title would be icing on the cake for me. My goals are the same as they have always been, to enjoy my family and friends, and to be of service to anyone who has discovered the joys of a good dog companion."



"Onyx"

Ruth and Onyx, of course, went on to earn their VST/Champion Tracker titles.

(Page 1 quilt photos by Mickey Schufman, Ruth's photo and probably Onyx's by Sarah Helber)

LONE STAR BELGIAN TERVUREN CLUB SUPPORTED SHOW
TEXAS KENNEL CLUB
JULY 7, 2017

BEST OF BREED

BEST OF WINNERS, WINNERS BITCH



**HAWKEYE'S SURFER GIRL, Patricia Thomas & Gerard Bermel
"Nikki"**

(Nikki's show photo was not available for the last newsletter, so I'm pleased to present her official winning picture! Congratulations again! Ed.)