

# *The Bella Vista Times: 2019 Edition*

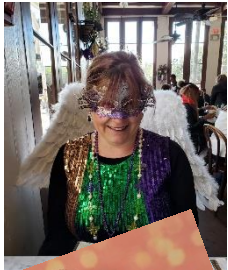


As 2019 winds down, we want to end the year with a grateful expression of our thanks to our instructors, students and friends for another successful year at Bella Vista.

2019 was the 19<sup>th</sup> year that Terry Rowe has had the patience and skill to photograph the Bella Vista's holiday family portrait. This year's theme is "walking in a winter wonderland" and life at Bella Vista is wonderful! In the picture this year, in the pink jacket is Can-Ya?!, Detour is in Green and BlackJack is in red, Olivia is between Steph & Rob, Lucy is out front next to Logan and then there is Ethel and Violet on the end.

**Bella Vista Updates:** At the end of 2019, we finally got our new website—there may still be a few bugs in the system. If you find any issues, please let us know. We have also added more agility trials for both AKC and UKI, plus Rocky Creek will be hosting 2 additional weekends of CPE Agility at BVTC.

**Events & Trial Secretary Services:** BVTC continues to offer a wide variety of classes, seminars, workshops, and events. Plans for 2020 include AKC, CPE, UKI & USDAA Agility Trials, CDSP Obedience Trials, WCRL and AKC Rally Obedience Trials, & Barn Hunt Trials. Licensed trial secretary services are available for all types of events. Also coming next year will be a wide variety of workshops, practice sessions, and agility seminars, including the AKC Judges Re-Education Workshop on July 18 & 19, 2020.



### The Adventures of Steph & Rob:

This year began with a trip to New Orleans for Mardi Gras. Parades, beads, many alcoholic beverages and amazing food (including many beignets) made for a wonderful vacation!

In March, Rob and Steph competed in the Arthur Murray Showcase and won the award for “Best Newcomer Couple”. No worries, they are not going to give up the dog addiction for dancing. However, there is a disco cruise planned for 2020!

This year, their vacation travel included trips to Bermuda and Las Vegas. Steph also flew out to Montana to pick up her new puppy, Lucille. Together, Steph & Rob judged agility in Arizona (yes-a real outdoor trial!) and in Colorado.



### The Dog Report:

**Detour:** Detour spent the early part of 2019 rehabbing a shoulder injury. His favorite therapy was the underwater treadmill. In the late summer, he was able to return to competing in a variety of dog sports. His titles this year included: AKC Premier Agility Dog Preferred, AKC Premier Jumpers Dog Silver Preferred, AKC Rally Novice, AKC Novice Trick Dog, the CPE Extraordinaire FullHouse Title and the following Barn Hunt Titles: RATCH3, RATCH4, CZ8P and CZ8PB. Detour also passed the AKC Good Citizen Test which is no surprise considering he is such a good boy!





**Logan:** 2019 was another busy year for Logan. In February, he earned his WCRL Rally Championship and the Rally Level 1 Championship. AKC agility titles included Master Gold JWW, Master Silver FAST, Premier Agility Dog, Time 2 Beat 5, Premier Jumpers Dog, MACH2, Master Gold Agility, and Triple Q Excellent. Logan has become an excellent Barn Hunt dog! His sport include RATCHX, CR8PB and CR8PS.



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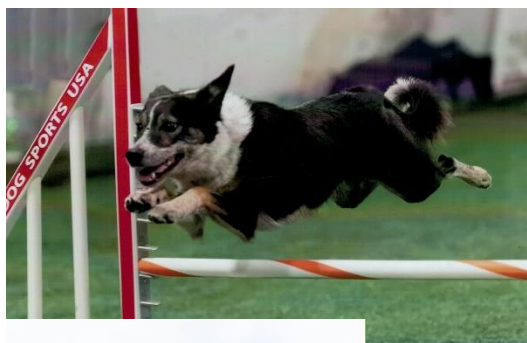
**Violet:** Violet earned the following AKC



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**Titles:** Junior Earthdog, Novice Agility Jumpers; Novice Trick Dog. In CPE Agility she earned the Level 1 Strategy Title, the Level 2 Handler & Level 2 Standard Titles. In Barn Hunt she earned her Master Title (RATM) and the Crazy 8 Bronze Title. In October, she was awarded the Versatile Dog Award from the West Highland White Terrier Club of America.



**Can-Ya?!:** 2019 titles for Can-Ya?! included AKC Agility MXJ, AX, AKC Rally Novice, and the FAST CAT BCAT Title. Can-Ya?! has also become a very serious rat hunter and earned her RATM, CR8B & CZ8S Titles.



**BlackJack:** Jack earned his first AKC Agility Titles in 2019. These included: Novice Agility, Novice Jumpers, Open Jumpers and Novice & Open FAST. In Barn Hunt, he has a somewhat unique style of marking the rat tube since first he asks for permission and then pounces on the tube! This year he earned the RATS and CZ8B Titles in this sport. He also achieved the FAST CAT BCAT Title and is currently listed as the #6 fastest border collie competing in this AKC sport. Needless to say, this boy is fast, very fast!

**Ethel:** Ethel earned her WCRL Rally Intro Title with an Award of Excellence. She earned the AKC Trick Dog Intermediate Title and the Agility Course Test 1. In Barn Hunt, Ethel finished her Crazy 8 Bronze and Open Title (RATO). Prior to getting bred, she also started in agility and has earned qualifying scores in all AKC Novice Level Classes.



**Olivia:** Titles for Olivia included AKC Rally Novice, AKC Canine Good Citizen, FAST CAT BCAT, and the Barn Hunt Senior Title



(RATS). She has also started training in agility and will return to all sports once she is finished with raising her first litter of puppies.



**Lucille:** Bella Vista welcomes Lucille (Lucy or Lu Lu) into the pack in September. She is Cesky Terrier puppy (same breed as Logan) and she is has already begun foundations training for agility, bar hunt and rally.

**Rainbow Bridge:** Sadly in 2019, we had to say good-bye to Lena, our rescued Sealyham terrier. Lena taught us many life lessons, but the most important is that it is never too late to learn how to play & love. Our 10 years with this special girl were just not enough.

**MACH Castle!** Congratulations to Lisa Tibbals and her Bella Vista Westie: “MACH Bella Vista's The Trouble With Widgets RN MXB MJB XF SE CA CGC TKI” Castle is the first Bella Vista Westie to earn a MACH and we are very proud of their accomplishments. Many of our other Westies have competed in Barn Hunt, Lure Coursing, Freestyle, Rally, Obedience Tricks, Scent Work, Agility, Flyball and other sports. We encourage all of you to do try new things and have fun with your dog!



**The Puppy Report:** Although we waited until late in the year to bring more Westies into the world, the girls sure did it well! On Halloween, Olivia gave birth to 5 puppies, 4 girls and one boy. Then on November 5<sup>th</sup> Ethel had 5 girls and one boy. She was soon followed by Violet giving birth on November 6<sup>th</sup> to 2 girls and 2 boys. Yes, 15 Westie puppies and they all have wonderful homes waiting!

**WISHING YOU AND YOUR CANINE COMPANIONS  
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW  
YEAR!**

*Please join us at BVTC in 2020 for more dog fun!*

Steph, Rob, Detour, Logan, Can-Ya?!, BlackJack, Olivia, Violet, Lucy & Ethel

“The 2019 Bella Vista Gang”