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Bouviere and the Sport of Obedience

There is often a misconception that obedience is dull, boring and robs the dog of its natural instincts and

- Development of a strong bond and relationship with your dog. It gives you a good companion. Obs
- Obedience training is the basis for many performance sports. It is virtually impossible to compete in
- One of the great things about this sport is that with a little bit of training, a very enthusiastic dog can compete with
- Obedience is a good opportunity to put our breeds' working heritage to use. It keeps both young and
- It helps establish the pack leader. Bouviere are and are powerful dogs. Someone has to be in charge.
- It can reduce legal liability. Society is very litigious. It is an asset to have a well-trained dog and a c
- As far as equipment is concerned, obedience is a relatively inexpensive sport in which to participat
- Earn companion dog titles. The joy of earning that first qualifying leg, the first title or special wins la

Your Goals

As paraphrased from the AKC Obedience Regulations booklet "Obedience demonstrates the usefulness

There are three basic levels of obedience competition. The first level, Novice, leads to a CD (Companion

The AKC has recently added more optional levels of competition. Optional titles offered are Beginner No

The AKC also offers the titles of UDX (Utility Dog Excellent) and OTCH (Obedience Trial Champion). To

Rally is also another fun sport that you can introduce your Bouvier to. In Rally, dogs heel and jump along

How far you go depends on you and your dog. It depends on the amount of time and effort you want to p

Training a Bouvier

Obedience

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Always keep in mind that Bouviers are working dogs bred to think independently. They are large and po

A confident owner is essential for a successful obedience team. Be the pack leader. If you have this leve

Remember Bouviers are bright and learn quickly. As little as, 15 minutes a day of effective training will g

Accomplishments

The Bouviers' history in AKC obedience began with Astra-Yerta in 1954. This was the first of our breed t

Since 1954 August 30 2006, Rev. Dr. H. Verline O'Brien, DVM, has trained and placed hundreds of Bouviers in obedience titles. In 2006, Rev. Dr. H. Verline O'Brien, DVM, has trained and placed hundreds of Bouviers in obedience titles. In 2006, Rev. Dr. H. Verline O'Brien, DVM, has trained and placed hundreds of Bouviers in obedience titles.

All three of these dogs had amazing obedience careers which included multiple specialty and all-breed H

With the working background and intelligence of our breed, why not take up the challenge of obedience?