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A Very Happy Birthday To All!

Members are asked to bring a wrapped gift to the club meeting for the month of their Birthday. The gifts go to the winners of the Sunshine Drawings. Sunshine funds raised are used to purchase cards, flowers, or other expressions of care and concern for club members who need support and comfort. Please support Sunshine by bringing your gifts. If you missed the month of your birthday or there was no meeting that month, you may bring your gift in a following month! Remember you can always donate to the **Sunshine Fund** on the club's Website.



GENERAL MEETING May 19, 7 p.m.,
via Zoom. Watch for more information
from the Technology Committee.
donna@heishman.net

**THE CLUB IS CLOSED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO
COVID-19. PLEASE CHECK YOUR
EMAILS AND THE WEBSITE FOR
UPDATES.**

**If anyone needs assistance with
shopping, supplies, etc., please
contact a member of the Board.**

Sporting Group Issue

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A Word from Our President

I think of you, the members, and wonder how you are doing, how you are handling being restricted to your homes, wearing a mask when going to the store, and wondering if this will ever end. And when it does end, how will you feel about being out in public? At what point will you feel comfortable taking your dog to a trial or a show? I am sure each of us asks these questions of ourselves every day, and the answer, if there is one, probably changes, depending on the latest news bulletin.

How many of us had goals for 2020 that have been upended due to Covid? How do we deal with not being in control? Covid is not the only unexpected goal interrupter. What about the female that comes in heat right before a big show? Or a family or work obligation that coincides with a major dog show? Or your dog blows his/her coat before a big conformation trial?

It's all about being a good sport and not dwelling on the what-ifs. That is what each of us is going to be challenged to do: be a good sport. When this is all over and we have adapted to a new lifestyle, there is no need to dwell on all of the missed opportunities, but instead, embrace the opportunities in front of us.

I know you are asking: what is the Club going to do? How are we going to operate? And when are we going to open? I can assure you, much thought will go into the process and your input will be welcomed. For now, we will follow the Dallas County mandates. Stay safe.

Your President,
Shari Price



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*Happy
Dog Mom's
Day*



From the Training Director's Corner

Why train dogs?



My name is Tom Griggs for those who don't know me. I have been a member since 2006. At that time, I had been participating in obedience trials for a few years with a couple of dogs. I met Peggy Phelps at a trial, and she gave me some good advice, including the DTCCD. We both had Belgian sheepdogs doing obedience trials at the time.

Since being tasked with writing this the world has changed affecting us all in many ways. I hope that you and yours are all in good health.

Gas is approaching a dollar. Drive thru food is all the rage and men have long shaggy hair. For those not old enough to remember or not born yet welcome to the 1970s.

Like many I would take my dogs to an eight-week program and continue to work with them at home. Lots of neat dog tricks, heeling etc. I was totally smitten by my first Belgian sheepdog and when the time came, I went back to the breeder for another puppy she suggested that I look into doing obedience trials and the rest is history.

Rather than bore you with anymore about me I would like to take this opportunity to reach out to some of the newer members about the rewards of advanced training for both you and your dog. The mental, physical and emotional stimulation are great for your dog. I would encourage you to explore what is available to you. As a member you are welcome to observe any class being held at the club to gauge your interest level in advanced obedience trials, nose work or rally. Ask questions and you will get good honest answers. If you would like to learn more about advanced obedience volunteer to help at the monthly Show N Go. They will be happy to see you and it's a great place to learn more about dog training.

I urge you to take advantage of your club and be as active with your dog as possible. BE safe and happy training.

On a personal note we had to say goodbye to CH LIKET'S BOOT SCOOTIN BOOGIE CDX last month. She lost her 8-month battle with cancer. She would have been 12 in May. She was a sweet soul.



Information We Need to Know

1. **May General meeting** is scheduled for **May 19, 7 p.m.**, via Zoom. Watch for more information from the Technology Committee. Email: donna@heishman.net
2. The new **Roster and Committee Listing** are on the website. If you need to update the roster email Margaret Culbertson at: dogtrainingroster@gmail.com
3. All **Sunshine Committee**-related communications (birthday cards, etc) to our members will be delivered virtually until the COVID-19 situation has ended. This is being done in an effort to reduce potential exposure to our members. Email Laura at: bouvsgrl@aol.com
4. Upcoming **Show 'N Go** Schedule: Canceled until further notice.
5. **Most dog events (AKC, UKC, etc.) have been canceled**; check their websites before entering or trying to attend.
6. Some **grooming salons have reopened on a limited schedule** (PetSmart, for one). If you have an outside groomer, check with them to see if they are open. You might try a mobile groomer, they may still be accessible.
7. **Pet supply stores are changing their hours**; check websites. Also, on-line ordering may have delays, plan ahead to make sure you have plenty of pet food. (at least they don't use toilet paper!)
8. **Pet Furtographer** scheduled in July has been **postponed** due to uncertainty regarding Covid-19. We will consider a Fall 2020 date. Deposits will be refunded.
9. If you need to go to **your vet**, call or look on-line at their schedule and process. Some vets are having you stay in the parking lot while they take your dog inside.
10. The new 2020 **Eventbrite member registration code** is: **dog2020club**

All Classes and Training are Suspended Until Further Notice.
Thank you to all the instructors who planned and started Session 2. We hope for you to be able to share your knowledge and experience when classes start again.

American Kennel Club Updates on COVID-19 Pandemic

Please see the following message from the AKC Board of Directors and AKC Staff:

COVID-19: Participating in Dog Sports



The American Kennel Club continues to encourage each of its 5,000 clubs to adhere to federal, state and local restrictions pertaining to minimizing the spread of COVID-19. As states gradually begin to reopen, we strongly urge clubs to follow every regulation for large gatherings. We support each club's informed decision to reschedule, postpone or cancel their respective events, as well as support clubs ready to hold events in municipalities that are open and permit gatherings. In an ongoing effort to assist event chairs and organizers, the Sports and Events Department has been working on suggested guidelines for best health practices to be used when the resumption of our

sports is possible, as well as assisting events with date checks, Judges assignments, conflicts, etc. The guidelines will be made available in the coming weeks.

For accurate and timely information, please visit:

- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

We will continue to monitor the situation and any developments.

Judy Henry shared the following news story:

<https://abc11.com/pets-animals/researchers-training-dogs-in-uk-to-sniff-out-covid-19-virus-in-humans/6114833/>

Coronavirus crisis: UK researchers training dogs to sniff out COVID-19 virus in humans

By CNN

Sunday, April 19, 2020

LONDON -- Canines have been used for decades to sniff out drugs, bombs, corpses and even cancer.

Now, a team of British researchers are hoping dogs' keen sense of smell can help detect COVID-19, CNN reports.

The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine is working with specially trained dogs to develop a new kind of coronavirus test, one that doesn't require a swab, but just a sniff.

The organization recently discovered canines can detect Malaria infections in humans and they are investigating whether the same is true for COVID-19.

The training began in March and researchers are eyeing six weeks as enough to determine if the dogs are up to snuff.

If the tests go well, these "super sniffers" could be deployed to screen up to 250 people per hour for the virus.

According to researchers, the dog tests won't replace traditional coronavirus testing but will be used as a supplement since COVID-19 tests are in short supply and results can take hours, if not days to come back.

Researchers said the dogs could be used at airports and other public areas in the future to help prevent another outbreak once the current pandemic declines.



- American Water Spaniel
- Boykin Spaniel
- Brittany
- Chesapeake Bay Retriever
- Clumber Spaniel
- Cocker Spaniel
- Curly-Coated Retriever
- English Cocker Spaniel
- English Setter
- English Springer Spaniel
- Field Spaniel
- Flat-Coated Retriever
- German Shorthaired Pointer
- German Wirehaired Pointer
- Golden Retriever
- Gordon Setter
- Irish Red and White Setter
- Irish Setter
- Irish Water Spaniel
- Labrador Retriever
- Lagotto Romagnolo
- Nederlandse Kooikerhondje
- Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever
- Pointer
- Spinone Italiano
- Sussex Spaniel
- Vizsla
- Weimaraner
- Welsh Springer Spaniel
- Wirehaired Pointing Griffon
- Wirehaired Vizsla

By Jan Hitchborn

The AKC website gives the following definition:

Naturally active and alert, Sporting dogs make likable, well-rounded companions. First developed to work closely with hunters to locate and/or retrieve quarry. There are four basic types of Sporting dogs; spaniels, pointers, retrievers and setters. Known for their superior instincts in water and woods, many of these breeds enjoy hunting and other field activities. Many of them, especially the water-retrieving breeds, have well-insulated water repellent coats, which are quite resilient to the elements. Thinking of getting one? Just realize that most require regular, invigorating exercise.

Two representatives of this group with which I have been blessed to have over the years are the Golden Retriever (have had eight of them) and the Labrador Retriever (have had two, one of those is Logan).

Definition says Labs are famously friendly. Their eyes glimmer with kindness, and the thick, tapering "otter tail" seems to be forever signaling the breed's innate eagerness. They are companionable housemates who bond with the whole family, and they socialize well with neighbor dogs and humans alike. But don't mistake the easygoing personality for low energy: The Lab is an enthusiastic athlete that requires lots of exercise, like swimming and marathon games of fetch, to keep physically and mentally fit.

My first Lab was Riley and I pulled him from a shelter at around 18 months of age and he was heart worm positive. He was a tall leggy white/yellow golden male. He bonded at the hip with my husband who had always said no to getting a Lab. Tragically, after just 18 short months and a swim season longer than any before or after it,



Riley woke us with a grand mal seizure followed by testing, a week of tias and an MRI leaving many questions and no answers as it showed his brain and chest areas all looking fuzzy and blurry like out of focus. We were waiting for blood tests to come back on whether he might have a bacterial infection many hunting dogs get from waters where their owners take them. Not knowing his past and always having a suspicion he had been trained as a hunting dog, we gave it a try. The day before the tests came back, he had another grand mal seizure and never came out of it. In reality he had “disappeared” days before and was just functioning on auto pilot. Blood tests were negative and the neurologist continued to send off to various University Veterinarian research sites and a diagnosis was confirmed. It was diffuse lymphoma of the central nervous system. There would have been no cure as it was.



I have been fortunate that Logan was on the lower end of the scale for youthful wildness. Oh, I can spin him up in a second, but he has always from day one at six weeks of age had a flip switch that immediately takes him to calm. I rescued Logan a month after Riley passed away. My husband was terminally ill and grieving harder over Riley’s death than I had ever remembered him doing in the past. Logan took his afternoon naps in Jim’s lap as Jim dosed in his chair. They had a year of day to day together before I retired, but as one can never guess who the dog will bond with most, it turns out I was Logan’s person. Our Golden Retriever Chance taught Logan to swim, but we had to put the screws to



Logan as he was a wild child once I taught him to swim and thought racing to get the toy in the pool meant jumping right on top of Chance who was 11. Luckily, Chance was the golden who constantly dove to bottom of the pool for deflated toys and had the uncanny ability to blow bubbles out as he went down and back up. Summer of 2015, Logan and I learned about nosework and the mental thinking required of the dog was, and continues

to be, a great energy reliever. Logan has gone on to excell in nosework and true to his breed’s charac-



Chance and Logan

teristics he is an enthusiastic dock diver and because of that flip switch I noticed early on, he became a certified therapy dog just after his fourth birthday. As for me, I have found Labs to be everything I ever thought and so much more.

About the Golden Retriever

The Golden Retriever is a sturdy, muscular dog of medium size, famous for the dense, lustrous coat of gold that gives the breed its name. The broad head, with its friendly and intelligent eyes, short ears, and straight muzzle, is a breed hallmark. In motion, Goldens move with a smooth, powerful gait, and the feathery tail is carried, as breed fanciers say, with a “merry action.”

Goldens are outgoing, trustworthy, and eager-to-please family dogs, and relatively easy to train. They take a joyous and playful approach to life and maintain this puppyish behavior into adulthood. These energetic, powerful gundogs enjoy outdoor play. For a breed built to retrieve waterfowl for hours on end, swimming and fetching are natural pastimes. The most complete records of the development of the Golden Retriever are included in the record books that were kept from 1835 until about 1890s.

Our first Golden was Sadie (#1) in Boston. I moved to Boston to marry Jim in 1982 arriving with two children and a Pomeranian. My folks had only had small dogs and I continued that. Almost immediately my husband started talking about a young medical tech he had met who was soon off to med school who had a seven month Golden and his mom had put her foot down on taking the dog. I will say, my husband bided his time and with the willing begging from two children, I finally agreed to meet Sadie. Well the 50 pound girl had me at hello. We often took her and the kids to a friend’s large farm in New Hampshire where she and kids had a ball with the peoples’ kids who started begging for a dog like Sadie. As circumstances had it, we could not take Sadie to DC with us and so she lived out her days in joyful bliss on the farm. We cried forever and I vowed never to be in that position in the future.



Sadie (#2) came along in January 1986 shortly





after our move to Texas and into our own home. She was a love and I had just learned about crating from a co worker and we did it and never looked back. Jim took her to obedience classes with a young Helen Cariotis who was branching out on her own. We soon got a lake house at Cedar Creek and Sadie loved laying on the bank watching the minnows. She was my first food and trash sneaker. Some of her misadventures were funny – she could inhale lunch meat or a hamburger pattie out of a sandwich leaving the lettuce, tomatoes and pickles totally undisturbed until one took a bite (kids and future daughter-in-law learned not to set a sandwich down on a coffee table). Sadie learned not to eat an entire box of warm Grandy cinnamon

buns out of the package on the way to the lake as the results of her gluttonous glory came back to haunt her and me about 3am! Jim learned not to put even sealed food bags back where dogs were. She ate a knee high hose once and after having it have to be pulled out and my catching her looking like a chipmunk with paper in her cheeks, I had the ah ha moment and all trash cans went inside cabinets or had lids. It is that way to this day at home. Remember we were just pet owners “learning on the job”. Sadie lived until 14 and was a spleen tumor that got her and knowing what we now know was most likely cancerous.



Eleven months later, on a Friday after Thanksgiving, I saw an ad in DMN on a Golden puppy and grabbed my son and our Yorkie and off we went to return with Sadie #3. This Sadie was raised by a Yorkie and she in turned mothered and trained a Yorkie when her first buddy passed away. This girl was very fastidious and had a hard time going to bathroom outside of our yard. She hated messy outdoor locations and was about as stubborn as a dog can be to learn to walk on a leash. She also went to classes held by Helen in various locations. She earned her CGC and that was about it for her training. Sadie was a tennis ball fanatic and our only retriever to this day who small as she was, could get at times three tennis balls in her mouth while swimming. She suffered a fibril cartilage embolism in her lower back at age seven. Her fastidious nature and natural stubbornness were main drivers to her fast recovery. She hated the special sling we used when taking her out to potty and showed us she could balance and handle all that by herself, thank you very much. From then on when she ran she switched into a three legged dog and if you watched her back legs when she was swimming, you notice odd movements in the bad leg. But nothing slowed her down and she was back on walks in about two months. She lived to almost 15.



Two years after getting Sadie #3, later in November 2003, we became involved with DFW Metro Golden Retriever Rescue and Abbie, followed rapidly by Hunter, Chance and Major joined our ranks. All went to classes held by Helen and Jim was even her assistant teacher for about a year. Sadie and Abbie bonded at the shoulder so to speak and walked together as a unit and when they sat on a walk looked like one two-headed dog. They even turned their heads in unison to look at things. Abbie was our athlete soaring into the air for tennis balls that we bounced off the garage roof. If you stopped playing with her too

soon to her liking, she would gently take the front of your shirt in her teeth and hold until you started tossing again. Hunter was a Golden Pointer mix who was a hugger and never barked outside during pool time until four years later after we took care of our daughter's dog who barked at the pool



sweep. Suddenly Hunter woke up and noticed the sweep and barked and never stopped! Hunter was our "softest" Golden who would melt and take all the blame if needed.



Above Hunter, Sadie and Abbie

buddies around. Chance had been chained on a patio most of his short life and adjusted to indoor life immediately and was an avid pool diver and retriever. His toy of choice for the pool was a Dead Duck – life size hard rubber decoy. Abbie was a huge fan of the ducks as well and we had many races to get them. Chance lived to be 13 almost 14 and it was a back end loss of stability that claimed him.



Until that last day, he was my copilot at my side always and he still was uncomfortable being outside on his own. He never wanted to be left out alone.



October of

2004, yes, it was still 2004, Jim pulled a large red male Golden from our local shelter who was terrified and at 80 pounds and was heart worm positive and "glued to the floor." Jim had to pick him up and carry him out of the shelter. This was the first rescue Jim fell for (Riley was to follow in that category) and Jim moved him, Major, into the house from the garage quarantine area too soon and we soon had kennel cough spread-





Above is The Gate Gang-Abbie, a friend's dog, Chance, Sadie back left, Major back right, Hunter by table along with our Yorkie Tigger.



At right: Major

ing through the pack. Not all got it. Hunter did and thought he was dying and would go under crate pad with only tip of tail showing and limply wag if you talked to him. Chance the SAS dog got it and he was put on meds due to his heart condition. Major was very ill and received meds as well. We believed Major to be a failed hunting dog. Any sound like a shot panicked him and he would try to bolt. Nail guns in neighborhood with lots of construction terrified him and if you raised your voice in trying to calm him, he would panic and try to cover his head. So we also decided he had been kicked some as well. His nerves slowly settled, he was a calm swimmer and did love to retrieve a squeaky toy of choice. No tennis balls, water kongs or dead ducks for him. One year almost to the day from getting him, he shocked me as I bent over one morning to give him his body stroke as he lay at my feet and he rolled over for a tummy rub. This was the very first time he offered his belly to either of us. I cried. At age eight he dropped dead in my arms at home in the family room on a cold Dallas Super Bowl Sunday. We did an autopsy and it was a hemangiosarcoma on the heart.

We had no plans to get another dog after Major passed, but I saw a boy on our Rescue website that had a resemblance to Major and Jim had been grieving as Major had been his boy. Bogie came as a foster and never left. He was a soft gentle soul. When he stood in a doorway I always said he had the look of a little boy in pjs standing with a teddy bear. He was our gentle giant. He raised Maggie and then Logan. His one quirk was he seemed unable to stand on a low grooming table for long and so we would roll him around or Jim would come support him. He also was not a jumper and we put it down to his size a slender 90 pounds. He was called horsey by one granddaughter when she was very little. When I would go to Rescue events with him the other volunteers use to chuckle and say the largest Golden was there with the smallest human. Bogie too was not a retrieving retriever, but did opt for the same toys in pool favored by Major. Later in life it was determined Bogie had been hit by a car or savagely kicked prior to Rescue and the breaks in spine had been left to heal on their own however they could. His hips were beautiful. This back issue would be his main problem as he aged until the back end just gave out.

Interestingly, at times I get asked if I would have said this Golden or another was my one in a lifetime dog or same about my two Labs. But, the truth of the matter is, I was so very fortunate to have eight Golden Retrievers of





a life time. True one of a kind each and every-one. And to date I have had two Labs of a lifetime, my second one still with me I hope for a very long time. One thing of all those things the Golden pack taught Logan to do that

has meant so much was how to take Chance's place as my co pilot and Logan in turn has taught that to Skye. I think back over each and every Golden and see what I know now and have learned to teach and train, what more adventures we might have had. I feel I was truly blessed to have had a husband who kept pestering about meeting a Golden and how she would not be a problem. It opened up this wonderful world of sporting dogs to me. Something I would never have experienced and I cannot imagine how empty my life in the long run would have been without them.

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Carolyn Oldham shared a picture of Timber, her Welsh Springer, her sporting dog!

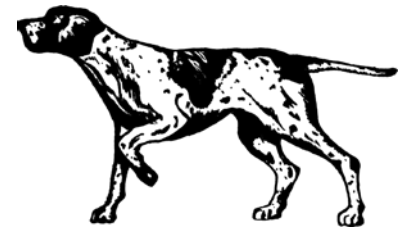


Second photo: Timber is learning new skills while Caroline works from home: delivering what comes off the printer from one room to another. Third photo: Timber "helps" her husband during a zoom meeting workout!

During the Stay Home Order, Timber has earned her Trick Dog Advanced Title by video submission and her Level 1 Specialist International Dog Parkour Association title by video submission! We are working on our C-WAGS Obedience Level 1 Title next!

A training tip I have seen at work to a greater extent lately is realizing that my dogs are emotional beings, and that even though I use clicker training, classic conditioning, my emotion during reward is very important. For instance, I could have clicked when she brought me the basket of paper the first time from way across the house, but instead I made a really big deal about it verbally and physically, no clicker, no food. That behavior is super solid now.

Jennie Dunaway suggested the monthly theme should be changed to Sporting/Gun Dogs.



Many Gun Dog breeds were already in use by hunters before the advent of hunting with firearms. Originally used to hunt a variety of game types, today's Gun Dogs are primarily used to hunt birds. UKC has defined the dogs in this Group that can be roughly subdivided into four often overlapping categories, based on their primary usage: Retrievers, Pointers, Setters and Flushing Spaniels.

For UKC Conformation, I have had the privilege to Hold the Number One Spot in German Shorthaired Pointers from 2009 until today in some Capacity. My Crew has won Top Ten Finals, #1 in GSP Breed standings and Altered Class as well, Total Dog Qualifiers, UKC Dock Diving Premier #1 Finalist 2011, Gun Dog Specialty BIS Winners and Honored as the Very First **Gun Dog Hall of Fame** Receptient. (See first photo above, left.)



I am rare in the fact that a GSP is the only breed I have ever had. If you look at the Flyball Pictures on the Wall, you will see me and my first Shorthair on the Team. That is how I came to the club. I am totally committed to this wonderful breed of dog. "The practical German hunter wanted a single dog who could scent the wind for birds and trail furred game on the ground; who was fierce with predators yet friendly with the family." Versatility is in the Breed Standard for a reason. High Energy and Ready for Action.



Sheryl Archer has three golden retrievers

Party is 11 and retired. Our newest one Tango is 8 months old. And Flyer can go to a field Trial one weekend and turn around and go to an Obedience Trial the next weekend and get a perfect "200" and High in Trial. Here are some pictures of goldens doing what that love.



Jan Bruner shares photos of Beau, Labrador Retriever



"He is your Friend, your Partner, Your Dog.

You are his Life, his Love, his Leader.

He will be Yours, Faithful and True, to the last Beat of his Heart"



KenKaye's Born To Fly MLD BN RE CGCA TKN RLI RL1 12/25/2002 - 03/09/2020

By Karen Henry

For the first time since February 1998, my home is without at least one dapple dachshund. My little Tulsa left this world on March 9th at the remarkable age of 17 years, 2 months, and 13 days. She came into my life when she was 5 months old. She was determined to rule my household from the day she arrived, but she had to wait until her Aunt Scarlett passed away in 2010. Once Tulsa seized control, she never gave it up!

Tulsa acted like she was a tough little girl - all 8 pounds of her in her prime - but she was actually quite shy in the ring, especially if we were working off lead. It took YEARS to earn the third and final leg to complete her Rally Excellent title, but we did it. She completed her Beginner Novice title the same day. Her final title was her CGCA, earned at the age of 15 years and 8 months.

Tulsa mellowed in her later years, and excelled as an unofficial therapy dog, visiting my parents in their respective nursing homes, and spreading joy to any other residents who wanted to pet her. She would even go up to people to see if they wanted to love on her.

Tulsa picked my mother, who was living with me at the time, to be her person from the day that I brought her home. I have no doubt that my mother was waiting to greet her with open arms, and that Tulsa is once again happily sitting on her grandmother's lap.



Crossing the Rainbow Bridge





COPING WITH QUARANTINE



The president of the Standard Schnauzer Club of America saw similar shirts with other breeds. She told the creator she knew a lot of people would buy one if she made one with a standard schnauzer.

Guess who bought one?

Craig and Lana Shuman did. If only it really worked. LOL

I bet my Champ would love to have this power. He definitely has the attitude!!!

Craig is enjoying some quarantine time with Champ at top and Fiona laying beside him. We think Champ likes the shirt his papa is wearing. "I can do it, papa!"

Mary Ann Magness says they are getting a lot of yard work done at her house!





Shannon Quinn shared these photos of Bear:

Left: Here is a picture of Bear during our quarantine saying all he wants to do is play frisbee!

Right: Bear says "if I gotta stay home might as well catch up on my ZZZs!"



Michelle Hosey says, "Sawyer has been taking advantage of our time together! He has learned to roll this "barrel" around the living room, as well as do a hand-stand!"



Jan Bruner and Beau celebrated his birthday! Happy birthday, Beau!!!



Unscheduled Spring Breakor Shelter in Splace vacation

By Sally Browning



How 'bout that! Instructors forced to stay home with no classes to instruct or attend. Puppies have such a small window of opportunity. Then I heard that Krystal Hatcher continued to communicate with the students in her 6 p.m. Thursday class. She coached them using texting, videos, Fido's Extra Reading Material, etc.

Carol Ford left her weave poles up while taking a break. Just as she got settled in her recliner on the deck, Charlie and Gauge stood at the bottom of the steps and kept staring at her. "Classes or not, stay with the routine" was the look they gave her. Charlie and

Gauge ran back toward the poles. Wonder if she followed them?

Dogs just wanna have fun. Toben did something he had never done before. He brought his leash to Linda and dropped it in her lap. Was probably thinking about going for his CDX as soon as Onofrio is in business again ... need to work on that muscle memory!.

...And Tom Griggs stayed home and practiced his dumbbell throwing skills.

Club website had posted info regarding no classes until further notice, but someone contacted the Training Committee anyway for advice on puppy house and crate training. Pam White stepped up to help.



Above: Benita Zapata and Raiden took the opportunity for some training in the back yard.



Above: Benita said, "Raiden is letting out some frustration during her stay at home orders."

Right: After her morning training session Raiden likes to lay down and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine.





This is how Jan Hitchborn's crew enjoy down time during the quarantine...



This is Jan's granddaughter taking a nap with Cuddles.



The following three tricks were provided by Michele Hosey. They are part of a series by PETCO.

Tricks to Teach Your Dog: Push-Up



Shaping Approach to Teaching Your Dog

Push-ups

1. Start with your dog in the down position.
2. Verbally praise and reward any lifting of their head or body toward a sit.
3. Continue shaping the behavior until your dog lifts into a full sitting position. Verbally praise them and offer a high-value treat.
4. Return your dog to down.
5. Repeat the steps until your dog lifts into sit almost immediately.
6. To reinforce the trick, move to a different area and repeat steps 1-5.
7. Continue shaping sit from down and down from sit until your dog is reliably moving from one to the other almost continuously.
8. Add the verbal cue "push-up" to mark the desired behavior.
9. When finished, release your dog with "go play" or their release cue.

Capturing Approach to Teaching Your Dog Push-ups

1. Cue your dog to go to their down position.
2. Verbally praise and reward when it's performed.
3. Wait. Most dogs will eventually pop up into a sit from the down position. When they do, verbally mark the behavior and reward.
4. Cue for down again, mark and reward when performed.
5. Wait again, mark and reward when your dog pops back into a sit.
6. Once your dog is reliably completing the down and then popping up into a sit, stop cueing the down and wait to see if the dog offers it. If they do, mark and reward, then wait for them to pop up into a sit. Mark and reward the sit.
7. Once your dog is reliably downing then sitting, begin phasing out the reward for down.
8. When your dog continues to go into down and sit for a single reward, move a few steps away.
9. If your dog follows and sits in front of you, mark and reward.
10. Wait. If your dog offers down and sit, mark and give a reward.
11. Repeat steps 8-10 until your dog reliably performs the behavior.
12. Move a few feet away.
13. When your dog moves to you and sits, withhold the mark and wait for a full sit-down-sit movement. When this occurs, mark and reward.
14. Continue to practice withholding the verbal mark after the first sit-down-sit to see if your dog will offer another down-sit repetition. When they do, mark and reward.
15. Once the behavior is given continually, add the verbal cue "push-up."
16. When finished, release your dog with "go play" or their release cue.

Luring Approach to Teaching Your Dog Push-ups

1. Use your lure (or treat) to have your dog sit.
2. Lure them to the down position.
3. Praise and reward the behavior.
4. Give your dog their down cue and lure them to a sit.
5. Mark and reward when they lift up into a sit.
6. Continue practicing steps 1-5.
7. Add verbal cue "push-up" to mark the desired behavior.
8. When finished, release your dog with "go play" or their release cue.

How to teach your dog to crawl

Note: This trick can be uncomfortable or difficult for dogs with leg or joint issues. If your dog consistently refuses to do this trick, they may be experiencing discomfort and you should schedule a checkup with their veterinarian.



Method 1: Shape the crawl behavior

1. Cue your dog to lie down.
2. Place your hand (without a treat) low to the ground directly in front of your dog.
3. Create a visual cue by opening your hand so your palm is up and your fingers and thumb are together and pointing at your dog. Close your hand into a fist, then repeat the motion, indicating movement toward you.
4. Verbally mark and use your free hand to reward any forward stretching of the neck or inching forward of their body.
5. Move your cueing hand farther and farther away and reward any forward movement that occurs as your dog's body remains in a down position.
6. If your dog stands, remove your hand and ignore their action. Reset your dog in down position and start over while rewarding even smaller movements.
7. As your dog progresses, your hand movement will become the visual cue and should be accompanied with the verbal cue "crawl."

Method 2: Capture the crawl behavior

1. With your dog in the down position, hold a high-value treat on the floor in front of your dog.
2. Mark and reward any forward stretch toward the treat hand.
3. Once your dog is consistently reaching for the treat hand, slowly move your treat hand along the floor away from your dog.
4. Mark and reward any forward stretching. Continue to perform this action and reward your dog as they make forward motion with their body while down.
5. If your dog gets up from the down position, remove your treat hand, ignore their misstep and reset them in down.
6. Repeat until your dog crawls forward freely without popping up.
7. Add the verbal cue "crawl."

Method 3: Luring the crawl behavior

1. Begin with your dog in the down position.
2. Place a bridge (your arm or leg) directly in front of your dog, slightly higher than their shoulders.
3. Hold a treat in the hand opposite your bridge and your dog (i.e. if your dog is on your left, hold the treat in your right hand).
4. Reach under the bridge and let your dog sniff the treat.
5. Slowly bring the treat under the bridge, luring your dog to follow.
6. Mark and reward any forward movement from the down position, including simply stretching their neck out and moving their head under the bridge.
7. Repeat steps 1-6, marking and rewarding further movement under the bridge.
8. Continue repeating steps until your dog crawls completely under the bridge, then reward them with the treat.
9. Move the bridge farther and farther away from your dog, repeating your lure.
10. If your dog gets up from the down position, remove the lure, reset them in down and start over at step 1.
11. Once your dog is crawling a few feet before the bridge, begin removing the bridge during practice.
12. Include the verbal cue crawl.

Tricks to Teach Your Dog: Touch

Shaping approach to teaching your dog to touch:

1. Place a flattened hand an inch or two from your dog's nose with your thumb pointing up and your palm facing your dog.
2. If your dog performs any motion toward to your hand, verbally mark and reward them with your other hand.
3. Their mouth should remain closed. Do not mark any mouthing of your hand.
4. Begin to only reward touches to your hand.
5. Continue until your dog consistently touches their nose to your hand.
6. Begin curbing rewards and verbal marks until you are only marking and rewarding closed-mouth nose touches to the center of your palm.
7. Slowly move your palm farther and farther away from your dog's nose until they are moving a step or two to reach the target.
8. Begin presenting your outstretched palm at various positions, requiring your dog to reach up, reach down and turn to reach your palm
9. When your dog is consistently responding correctly, add the verbal cue "touch."



Luring approach to teaching your dog to touch:

1. Put a small amount of peanut butter on the back of your hand or place a small, stinky treat between the middle and ring fingers of your target hand (firmly enough that your dog can smell it but not take it).
2. Present your hand, with palm facing your dog and thumb pointing up, an inch or two from your dog's nose.
3. If your dog touches your hand with their nose, verbally mark the behavior and let them lick the peanut butter or eat the treat.
4. Remove your hand.
5. Repeat steps 1-4 until your dog is clearly touching your hand and expecting to receive the peanut butter or treat.
6. When your dog is consistently nosing your hand expecting the treat or peanut butter, repeat steps 2-4 but without the peanut butter or treat. If your dog freely touches your palm, mark it and treat them.
7. Once consistent, add the verbal cue "touch".
8. Continuing your training journey with your dog helps establish and strengthen the bond you share. If you have any questions throughout your training journey, our team of Petco positive dog trainers is here to help.



Happy Puppy Mom's Day!

DTCDC Bulletin Board



MAY DOG CALENDAR:

- National Pet Month. (US)
- National Foster Care Month.
- Responsible Animal Guardian Month.
- Lyme Disease Prevention Month.
- Pet Cancer Awareness Month.
- Chip Your Pet Month.
- National Service Animal Eye Exam. The American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists hosts this annual event when over 300 veterinary ophthalmologists donate their services to provide eye exams to service dogs in the US and Canada during the month of May.
- May 1: National Purebred Dog Day.
- May 3: National Specially-Abled Pets Day.
- May 3: Mayday for Mutts.
- May 3-9: American Humane's Be Kind to Animals Week. This week-long event has been celebrated since 1915.
- May 3-9: Dog Anxiety Awareness Week. Founded by Assisi Animal Health.
- May 3-9: National Pet Week. By the American Veterinary Medical Association.
- May 4-10: Puppy Mill Action Week.
- May 9: National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day.
- May 10: National Dog Mom's Day.
- May 14: International Chihuahua Appreciation Day.
- May 20: National Rescue Dog Day.

JUNE PAW PRINT

THEME: TERRIER GROUP

If your dog is a member of the terrier group, this is your month to highlight your dog's accomplishments and talents. What things does your dog like to do that clearly shows you he/she is awesome.

DUE DATE: SAT., MAY 23 (or earlier)

UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES:

JULY	TOY GROUP
AUGUST	WORKING GROUP
SEPTEMBER	ALL-AMERICAN DOGS
OCTOBER	RESCUE DOGS

There are two scholarships currently available by the club. If you know a worthy recipient for the Terri Clary scholarship, please contact a DTDCDC Board member or Training Committee member. For the Greg Quintana Memorial Fund, please contact Robin Quintana.



TERRI CLARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In keeping with the club's mission and in recognition of the hard work of both dog and handler, the Terri Clary Memorial Scholarship is awarded to the canine/handler pair that has made the most progress overcoming significant training challenges. This Scholarship allows dog and handler to come back to the next session of beginner obedience classes, free of charge, to allow them both to meet their goals.

The Greg Quintana Memorial Fund



Greg started with his first dog McKenzie in puppy class in 2005. McKenzie and Greg went on to compete in obedience and rally. He and Jax once again started in puppy classes in 2009 and competed in obedience, rally and



conformation. Greg also shared his six dogs in therapy work. Dog training opened many doors for him to pursue many adventures. He would be proud to see the juniors carry on his love of dog training and showing.



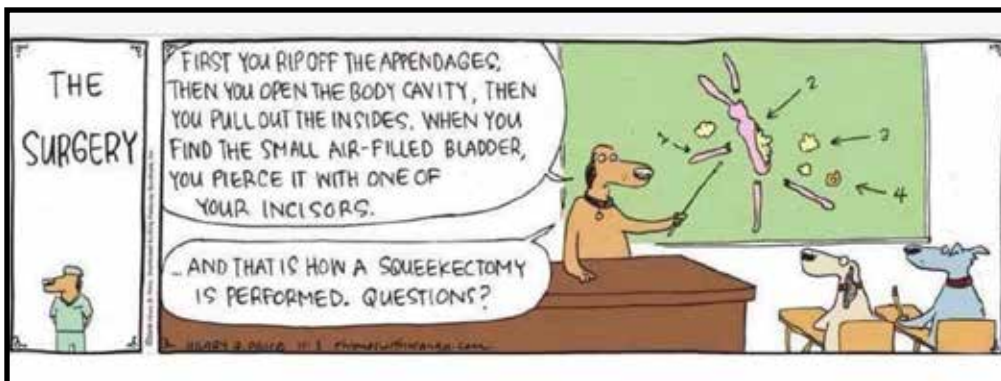
The Greg Quintana Memorial Fund will offer scholarships to Juniors for training classes and entry fees for any venue in conformation or performance event. Juniors can apply up to three times a year. A request for an application can be sent to grquintana@sbcglobal.net.

Dog Humor



Provided by Carol Ford...





Above and to left were provided by Karen Henry.

“I thought the extraction of the squeaky toy was especially funny. We take bets on how fast our dog will get a squeaker out of a toy.”