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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Toha Hoang	8/1
Sandi Myers	8/1
Norma Harlin-Ray	8/5
David Yahraus	8/6
Carolyn Hopkins	8/7
Benjamin Linke	8/8
Marsha Dillon	8/9
Jan Hitchborn	8/11
Jeffery "Jeff" Ray	8/11
Kathryn Coffin	8/12
Mike Larson	8/15
Donna Ralph	8/18
Kay Scott	8/23
Horst Bungarz	8/23
William Hosey	8/24
Lisa Holt	8/26
Felicia Ruhter	8/26
Sherry Warren	8/27
Donna Eidelbach	8/28
Michelle Coffin	8/29
Don Hughes	8/31

## 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.



Since we aren't having in-person meetings, we will catch up when we can meet in-person and bring gifts for all the missed months.

## Sunshine Fund Report

	Jun-20	YTD 2020
Proceeds	\$20.00	\$390.00
Expenditures	\$-	\$(309.00)
Net	\$20.00	\$81.00

## GENERAL (ZOOM) MEETING

**AUGUST 11 @ 7 P.M.**

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**

**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.**

## Working Group Issue

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## A Word from Our President

An indirect victim of Covid, Gold N Things is going out of business. If you live in Duncanville, you most likely have seen this store and/or been a customer. It's on the north side of Camp Wisdom, just east of Duncanville Road. Gold N Things is a unique jewelry store owned by Phyllis Lambert which has outlasted many of the big-box jewelry chains. (Phyllis was named the Duncanville Woman of the Year in 2018.)

I started going there 15+ years ago, probably because I got a coupon for a watch battery. After being buzzed in through the locked door, you notice a fresh scent wafting in the air (they sell these really neat fragrance lamps). There are musical wall clocks with moving parts and many jewelry items. But what intrigued me the most was the dog – a beautiful Doberman that looks like Batman. This is a trained guard dog that can leap over the counter in a single bound and take out any predator. Don't lean over the counter, don't wear a hoodie or hat, these are threats. Phyllis was robbed years ago, the robber was caught and sent to prison, but he also told her he would get her whenever he got out. Consequently, she has a trained guard dog on site. When one starts getting old, she gets another to have ready when the older one can no longer perform the guard dog duties.

But the neat thing is they are also her pets. Sometimes when I am the only customer, she'll show me some of the tricks she has taught them. These have nothing to do with being a guard dog; it's about them being a much-loved pet whose owner recognizes the many talents her dog has. Other times I just watch from the customer side of the counter; it's such a joy to observe the dog playing with its stuffed animal, curled up in its bed, or walking around fussing because it wants more attention.

Like its human companion, dogs perform different roles. We are leaders and followers, parents and children, trainers and students. With our different roles, we have different responsibilities. Our dogs also function in their different roles: guard dog, companion, playmate, snuggle-buddy.

Did I mention the couch potato role? Definitely an important one. I bet the Gold N Things Doberman gets to go home and be a couch potato, and I am sure this will be one of its favorite roles. Thanks to Phyllis and John Lambert for being part of Duncanville's history; enjoy retirement with your pets.

Your President,

*Shari Price*



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### 2020 Officers & Directors

President – Shari Price  
Vice President – Pam White  
Training Director – Joe Warner  
Secretary – Terri Schurr  
Treasurer – Marilyn Hopkins  
Member at Large – Benita Zapata  
Member at Large – Linda Shearin  
Member at Large – Shannon Quinn  
Member at Large – Jana McBroom

### Corporate Directors:

Lynda Holman  
Mark Malone  
Maurine Pearson



# The Training Committee Corner

## How's Your Relationship

By Sally Browning

During First Night Without Dogs our students tell us about their dogs and what they would like to accomplish by the end of the session. We hear the same remarks each session.

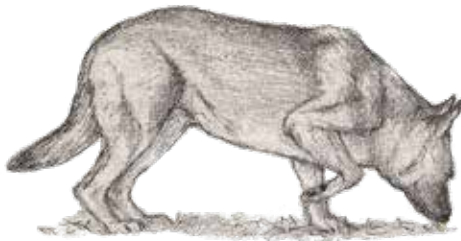
"I want him to listen to me." "He doesn't always mind me when I tell him what to do." "She will come when I call her unless something distracts her." "We went to obedience school at the mall last year, but he still will not pay attention to me."

A study reported in the Applied Animal Behavior Science Journal found that it is poor pet-owner relationship rather than poor obedience training that results in the majority of behavior problems. They surmise that the more a dog fits in to a family structure, and is attached to a person or persons, the more likely this relationship will result with the dog enhancing the lives of the family and the family enhancing the life of the dog.

Whether it is a game of fetch, find it or trick-training, engaging with your dog in a stimulating and mutually fun activity will strengthen your relationship and allow you to communicate more effectively with your dog. Now that we are sheltering in place, we can play some inside games and continue to strengthen the relationship. Hand Feeding – If your dog fails to pay attention and ignores your commands, this will teach him that you are the source of all good things.



### Smell It Find It –



1. Tell your dog to sit and stay. If his stay is not reliable yet, have a person standing by him to help. Remember, to release him before you are ready for him to move.
2. Show him a treat and ask him to smell it. Air scent it as you let him see you place it about 8 feet away in sight. Return to him, use your release word, then tell him to find it. Be sure to release him first. Lots of praise when he finds and eats it.
3. Take him back to where you started and repeat, except place the treat behind or on something.
4. This time have person turn the dog around. Now he will have to use his nose to tell where you are going. Go down the hall and place treat in another room. Be sure to air scent. Might want to use a smelly treat. Hide the treat under pillows, above bookcase. Be creative and make the game more challenging for the dog. About 5 hiding places per session.

For questions or information contact a member of the Training Committee.



## DTCDC NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTION

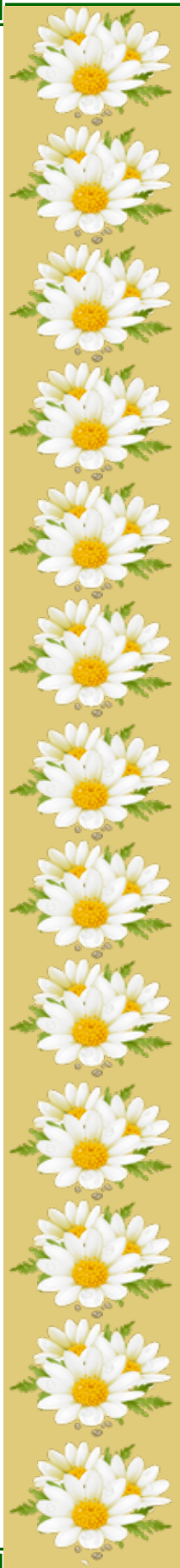
Election of the Nominating Committee (NC) will be during the August 11, 2020 General Meeting in accordance with the Club's Bylaws:

*Article VI, Section 4.A.*

*At the August regular meeting of the Club, a Nominating Committee shall be elected by ballot. Each Active Member in good standing and in attendance will be allowed to submit five (5) names on the elective written ballot. The five (5) members receiving the highest number of votes shall serve as the Nominating Committee, with the person receiving the greatest number of votes as chair. Any tie shall be decided by a run-off ballot. A Corporate Director will be on the Committee as a non-voting advisor.*

We must have a quorum to conduct this part of the meeting. Since we will be holding the meeting via Zoom, and the election will be via Survey Monkey, the process is outlined below:

1. As with our in-person meetings, only those in attendance (via Zoom) will be able to vote.
2. Eligible voters include Active Members in good standing, as defined in the Bylaws Article II. This does not include Associate Members and members under the age of 16.
3. The election will be through a link to SurveyMonkey provided in the Zoom Chat area during the meeting.
4. The SurveyMonkey ballot will include a list of all eligible members in alpha order by First Name with checkboxes on the left.
  - a. Associate members and those members under the age of 16 are not eligible to serve on the NC. Their names will not be included on the SurveyMonkey ballot.
  - b. If you do not want to be included on this ballot, email Shari Price at least 48 hours before the meeting ([dogpresident@dallasdogtraining.org](mailto:dogpresident@dallasdogtraining.org))
5. Once the link is provided during our meeting, you may choose up to 5 people to be on the NC. The NC is composed of 5 members plus a Corporate Director.
  - a. The voting will be anonymous; the results do NOT include who voted for whom.
  - b. You may choose less than 5, exactly 5, but NOT more than 5.
  - c. SurveyMonkey provides the total number of votes cast. You may only vote once.
  - d. If you have 2 or more members using one device, please contact Margaret Culbertson in advance of the meeting so that she may instruct you as to how to proceed so that you may each vote.
6. Once the votes are in, the results will go to two separate counters who will work together to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the votes.
7. If there are any ties, the counters will contact the Tech Committee Chair to set up a run-off and report such to the membership. Example: A gets 12 votes; B gets 10 votes; C, D, E and F get 9 votes; G gets 8 votes. A and B are on the NC; G is not. There will be a run-off between C, D, E and F – the 3 with the most votes are on the NC. A link will be provided through Zoom for the run-off vote. For this example run-off vote, you could vote for less than 3, exactly 3, but NOT more than 3.
8. The 5 elected members of the NC will be announced during this meeting. The member receiving the highest number of votes will be the Chair. The NC has 10 days from the meeting date to meet (also via Zoom) and select a slate of officers. They must secure the consent of each nominee. The candidates will be published in the September PawPrint and announced at the September general meeting.



## Information We Need to Know

1. **Upcoming Board Meetings:** August 4, September 8 at 7 p.m. via Zoom
2. **Upcoming General Meetings:** August 11, September 15 at 7 p.m. via Zoom
3. Also, please note that the **August 11 General Meeting is the election of the Nominating Committee** (NC) which is comprised of 5 members, elected by majority vote of those attending the meeting. The person with the most votes is the Chair. A Corporate Director joins the NC as advisor.
4. **Election to Nominating Committee** via SurveyMonkey coming soon!  
If you need assistance, please contact:  
Donna Heishman, Technology Chair  
[donna@heishman.net](mailto:donna@heishman.net)  
214-693-6689
5. The **PawPrint has a new email address**. If you want to submit something for the next newsletter send it to: [pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org](mailto:pawprint@dallasdogtraining.org)
6. The Club now has a **Zoom** account. Contact Donna Heishman ([donna@heishman.net](mailto:donna@heishman.net)) or Margaret Culbertson ([texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com](mailto:texasdaisy42002@yahoo.com)) if you need to have a committee meeting, training meeting, etc. and they can set you up. Once your meeting starts, they can sign off and leave it with you.
7. The new **Roster and Committee Listing** are on the website. If you need to update the roster email Margaret Culbertson at: [dogtrainingroster@gmail.com](mailto:dogtrainingroster@gmail.com)
8. Please remember that even though we aren't meeting in person, the **Sunshine Committee** (Laura Lipscomb) is still functioning. Please contact Laura if you know of a member who could use a smile or a thought from the Sunshine Committee. Email Laura at: [bouvsgrl@aol.com](mailto:bouvsgrl@aol.com)
9. Upcoming **Show 'N Go** Schedule: Canceled until further notice.
10. It is **hot and will only get hotter**. Remember to provide plenty of water and shade for your pets and don't leave them in a car unattended.
11. **Snakes are a natural part of the Texas landscape**; they also easily blend in with ground cover and rocks. Although many snakes are not harmful, a bite by a copperhead or rattle snake can make a dog (or human) very sick or worse. Watch for snakes!

**All Classes and Training are Suspended Until Further Notice.**  
**We hope for you to be able to share your knowledge and experience when classes start again soon.**

# Dog Training Club of Dallas County

Board Meeting  
July 7, 2020

## Agenda

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	Board Meeting
Facilitator	Shari Price
Note taker	Terri Schurr
Attendees	Attendance: Shari Price, Shannon Quinn, Pam White, Linda Shearin, Marilyn Hopkins, Terri Schurr, Jana McBroom, Benita Zapata, Lynda Holman, Mark Malone, Joe Warner Margaret Culbertson and Donna Heishman were there to assist with Zoom.
<b>CALLED TO ORDER BY Shari Price @ 7:05 pm</b>	

### SECRETARY'S REPORT – Terri Schurr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there any corrections or additions to the June 18 Board Meeting?</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linda Shearin moved to accept the minutes. Benita Zapata seconded. Motion passed.</li> </ul>

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Marilyn Hopkins

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial report</li> </ul>																		
Conclusion	<p><b>Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2020:</b></p> <p><b>Cash</b></p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Operating</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 5,569</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Savings</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 47,006</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PayPal</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Profit and Loss Statement</b></p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>June</u></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>YTD</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total Proceeds</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 101</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 11,401</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Expenditures</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ (428)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ (17,370)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Net Surplus</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ (327)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ (5,969)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Operating	\$ 5,569	Savings	\$ 47,006	PayPal	\$ -		<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>	Total Proceeds	\$ 101	\$ 11,401	Total Expenditures	\$ (428)	\$ (17,370)	Net Surplus	\$ (327)	\$ (5,969)
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**TRAINING COMMITTEE – Joe Warner**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not a lot to report.</li> <li>• Partial opening is being considered. Linda Shearin, Pam White and Carol Ford are looking into ways to maximize the space in the building while maintaining social distancing.</li> <li>• There has been zero interest in video training.</li> <li>• Members are frustrated that they can't use the building for personal training.</li> <li>• Jose' Rodriguez put a video on DTCCDC Facebook page on how to dremel dogs' toenails.</li> </ul>
Conclusion	

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Donna Heishman**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technology Committee is working with SurveyMonkey for electing the Nominating Committee. It will automatically tabulate the results of the survey. It will send results to the two counters. It will be anonymous. For families with more than one vote, they will need to be on more than one device. A practice survey will be sent by email after being announced at the July 14 general meeting.</li> <li>• A minimum of one and a maximum of five members may be selected by each eligible voting member. If a member does not want to be selected for the committee, they can email Shari Price to be omitted from the list. Shari will announce this at the general meeting. An email will also be sent out to members. Concerns:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How to sort names?</li> <li>2. First names First</li> <li>3. Last names First</li> <li>4. 36 members must be in attendance for a quorum</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
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**OLD BUSINESS – Shari Price**

Discussion	<p>When we open the club:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cleaning</li> <li>2. Limiting class size</li> <li>3. Social distancing</li> <li>4. Hand sanitizer</li> <li>5. Document to sign a waiver</li> <li>6. Print and sign name before entering building.</li> </ol>
Conclusion	

**NEW BUSINESS – Shari Price**

Discussion	None
Conclusion	

Benita moved to adjourn the meeting.

Lynda Holman seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Schurr

# Dog Training Club of Dallas County

General Meeting  
July 14, 2020

## Agenda

Meeting called by	President
Type of meeting	General Membership Meeting
Facilitator	Shari Price
Note taker	Terri Schurr
Attendees	See Attendance Roster
	<b>CALLED TO ORDER BY Shari Price @ 7:05 pm via Zoom</b>

### Zoom instructions:

1. Type to chat-Nicole is monitoring.
2. Raise hand-Donna H. is monitoring.
3. Votes - Polls are anonymous.  
Sample poll: New Hampshire State dog is the Chinook.
4. Contact the Tech Committee for Zoom meetings.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT – Terri Schurr

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asked if there were any corrections or additions to the June 23 General Meeting?</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jean Villa moved to accept. Judy Henry seconded to approve. Motion passed.</li> </ul>

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Shari Price for Marilyn Hopkins

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial report (see Board Minutes from July 7)</li> <li>• Income taxes for 2019 were \$3,167 on revenue of \$47,829 and taxable income of \$15,083. The remaining \$1,287 was paid this week.</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We normally pay quarterly estimated income taxes, but with a significant decrease in revenue in 2020 due to the club being closed, we are going to forego those but will review with the outside CPA before year end.</li> </ul>

### PAW PRINT COMMITTEE – Lana Shuman

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Paw Print material is due July 26. The Working Dogs Group will be featured.</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lana need photos of dogs. Wags and Brags. Jokes, photos, puzzles. Funniest thing ever seen in the show ring is an idea.</li> </ul>

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE – Kristal Hatcher

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer Social has been postponed/cancelled until the fall.</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No date has been set.</li> </ul>



**TRAINING COMMITTEE – Joe Warner**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joe asked for any questions from members.</li> <li>• Videos-No one responded. Members of the Training Committee are willing to help post videos on our public Facebook page.</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<p>We have two Facebook postals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Business page monitored by Glenn O’Gorman and Sandi Myers.</li> <li>2. Group/public page-anyone can join- “Dog Training Club of Dallas County”. It currently has 465 members.</li> </ol>

**COMMUNITY EVENTS/PUBLIC RELATIONS/ADVERTISING – Jose Rodriguez**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tri-City Animal Shelter Paws Gala event was postponed until April.</li> <li>• Air Hogs cancelled the season</li> <li>• Ellis County SPCA has been taken over by Dallas County SPCA. All of their events are cancelled.</li> <li>• Rescues are taking donations. To make a donation to a shelter, it would be best to call that facility to determine if they are accepting physical donations. Money might be more appreciated.</li> </ul>
Conclusion	

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Donna Heishman**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Method for voting for the Nominating Committee will be discussed. We will be using SurveyMonkey</li> <li>• 1. Vote results will be sent to two members of Shari’s choice for tallying the votes.</li> <li>• 2. Test vote: Favorite dog group. Herding Group won.</li> <li>• 3. Sample test will have 200 choices. You will have up to five choices.</li> <li>• 4. Nominating committee vote will be held at the first of the meeting in August.</li> </ul>
Conclusion	

**OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The protocol for re-opening and maintaining safety will be distributed closer to the time we are actually going to open.</li> </ul>
Conclusion	

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
Conclusion	

**Brags (and other):** Pam White reported protocols for Dog Events: Dock Diving

- No spectators.
- Social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer was available.
- Masks inside the building were required.

Nose work trial is being held in Alvarado July 31, August 1 & 2.

Mark Malone reported that therapy dog activities are at a standstill.

Motion to adjourn: Shannon Quinn. Seconded by Carol Ford. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Schurr, Secretary

**Karen Henry shares:**

As of July 9, AKC is offering the opportunity to earn the ACT 2 title as a virtual title. More information can be found on AKC's website. Course maps are provided for both levels. Once Journey's weaves are more reliable, she will try for her ACT 2!

<https://www.akc.org/sports/agility/act-program/act-virtual-program/>



**Here is an article you might be interested in shared by Michele Hosey:**



**Dogs Can Sniff Out Coronavirus Infections, German Study Shows**

Dogs with a few days of training are capable of identifying people infected with the coronavirus, according to a study by a German veterinary university.

Read in Bloomberg: <https://apple.news/AY-I7XSdMKRhGHXBdnZ3YO8Q>



# Working Group

Write up by David Elliott

Akita	Doberman Pinscher	Mastiff
Alaskan Malamute	Dogue de Bordeaux	Neapolitan Mastiff
Anatolian Shepherd Dog	German Pinscher	Newfoundland
Bernese Mountain Dog	Giant Schnauzer	Portuguese Water Dog
Black Russian Terrier	Great Dane	Rottweiler
Boerboel	Great Pyrenees	Samoyed
Boxer	Greater Swiss Mountain Dog	Siberian Husky
Bullmastiff	Komondor	Standard Schnauzer
Cane Corso	Kuvasz	Tibetan Mastiff
Chinook	Leonberger	St. Bernard

The AKC Working Group are quick to learn, intelligent, strong, watchful, and alert. Bred to assist man, they excel at jobs such as guarding property, pulling sleds and performing water rescues. Doberman Pinschers, Siberian Huskies and Great Danes are part of this Group, to name just a few. They make wonderful companions but because they are large, and naturally protective, prospective owners need to know how to properly train and socialize a dog. Some breeds in the Working Group may not be for the first-time dog owner.

# UKC Group 1 Guardian Dog

By Mim Aiken

UKC breed group called “Group 1 Guardian Dog” is divided into two types: Flock Guards and Mastiffs.

## Flock Guards

One of the earliest tasks performed by domestic dogs was guarding the flocks for nomadic shepherds. The Flock Guards were selectively bred for natural protectiveness, hardiness, courage, and large size. As Neolithic tribes migrated from the high plateaus of Turkey and Iran to Africa, Europe and eastern Asia, their Flock Guards traveled with them. The Flock Guard dogs are characterized by heavy bone, a muscular build, ample and weather-resistant coat, and large size.

## Mastiffs

The Mastiff breeds were probably developed by selectively breeding the largest of the Flock Guard dogs for use as personal guard dogs and war dogs. Unlike the Flock Guards, most Mastiffs have smooth coats. Mastiffs are characterized by substantial bone growth and an overgrowth and thickening of the skin, resulting in wrinkled faces, dewlaps, and drop ears.

Aidi (Atlas Mountain Dog)	Dogo Argentino	Neapolitan Mastiff
Akbash Dog	Dogue De Bordeaux	Newfoundland
Alentejo Mastiff	Entlebucher	Olde English Bulldogge
American Bulldog	Estrela Mountain Dog	Owczarek Podhalanski
Anatolian Shepherd	Giant Schnauzer	Perro De Presa Canario
Appenzeller	Great Dane	Pyrenean Mastiff
Bernese Mountain Dog	Great Pyrenees	Rottweiler
Black Russian Terrier	Greater Swiss Mountain Dog	Saint Bernard
Boxer	Hovawart	Sarplaninac
Bullmastiff	Kangal Dog	Slovak Cuvac
Cane Corso Italiano	Karst Shepherd Dog	South African Boerboel
Cao de Castro Laboreiro	Komondor	Spanish Mastiff
Caucasian Ovcharka	Kuvasz	Standard Schnauzer
Central Asian Shepherd	Leonberger	Tibetan Mastiff
Cimarron Uruguayo	Majorca Mastiff	Tornjak
Danish Broholmer	Maremma Sheepdog	Tosa Ken
Doberman Pinscher	Mastiff	

# My experiences with Rottweilers

By Mim Aiken

When I married my husband, Richard we agreed we needed a dog as soon as we got a house. Once the house was bought and we moved in; dogs were the topic of conversation. I wanted a German Shepherd and hubby wanted a Rottweiler. I agreed to a Rottie if we each got one. It was 1991 and we did what many misinformed first-time breed owners do at that time opened the newspaper to the ads of dogs and started calling. One of those answering the phone in our search was a nice lady who said that she was charging \$100 but the puppies would not have papers of any kind.





Py and Alex

We worked them on obedience on our nightly walks. I took them to Petsmart at least once a week and we often took them on car trips around town.

Three years after our pups came, I read a book about Search and Rescue. In the back of the book there was a list of SAR groups. One was in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area and I called them. They were having a meet and greet at the REI.

My husband wasn't interested but I was and after the meet and greet I was offered to come and see if I wanted to train my dog

for SAR. I did want to commit to the time and effort to train Py for Search and Rescue. I joined the team and Py became my search partner.



One of the members of the team, Barbara, had Dobermans we became friends and soon she was showing me the world of show dogs. She explained about confirmation and Obedience. Me being me went to the library, Half Price Books, and books bought from magazines to read up about everything she told me about.

I was fascinated by all the different methods of Obedience training, but it seemed we needed a special collar called a prong and so Py got her first prong collar. I learned how to "check" her, give leash "corrections" and to be a "leader" of the pack.

After a couple of years on the team, another team member came back from a seminar with a "new" training method called Clicker Training. She showed us this mysterious box that when pushed made a sound

We looked at each other we didn't need papers but what we didn't know was that we were about to go down the rabbit hole into the world of dogs.

We went to the address the lady gave us she had had 11 puppies by the time we got there 5 males were there but only 2 of the girls were left. The bigger one loved balls and seemed to like me. The smaller female seemed to like my husband; we had our puppies. I named my girl Pygalgia De La Noche (Pygalgia a pain in the buttocks) (de la noche = of the night). My husband named his Alex.

Now I looked up the breed first thing get shots, then a vet visit and then socialize, socialize socialize. Rottweilers also need a job I read; I wondered what that would be.



Py goes over a jump.



Click-Click. She explained that we were “marking” the behavior we wanted repeated with this sound. It was all in the timing and anyone could do it if they put in the effort. She showed us how to “charge” the clicker and how it all worked doing a demonstration with her dog.

I was delighted! I knew this! I had taken several classes at University about behavior modification. I went home to see if I could find any of my old schoolbooks especially those that had to do with B.F. Skinner. I did some research and found out that there were two people that were applying this method to animals specifically dogs. A man with the last name of Wilkes and a lady named

Pryor. It was indeed based upon studies by Skinner and training methods in Zoos and Sea Parks.

When Py turned 7 the team said I needed to start looking for a new dog. I heard from a team member that one of his co-workers had an 8-month-old Rottweiler that was “out of control” and he wanted to get rid of it. He gave me a phone number.



We did Wet Dog and Py had her WetX. Py passed away in 2004.

I called it and the man asked when I could come get him. I said that I wanted to see him first and made an appointment for the next day after work. My husband and I went to the address a nice house with a driveway and parking right in front of the door. We knocked and a man came to the door and led us down the hall to a family room, kitchen area and told us to wait while he went out to get the dog. A woman with a baby just starting to stand came in. “Are you here to get the dog?” she asked. “Well, we would like to see him first” I replied. Just then a black blur went past circled the woman nearly knocking her down and disappeared thru the doorway. The man came back looked around turned to go thru the doorway and the blur was back. The man wrapped his arms around it and brought it to a halt.

“He’s a bit wild!” the man said. Richard touched me on the arm and whispered, “What’s wrong with him?” I was looking at a walking skeleton, you could see every bone in his body. His hip bones pro-



Tyler was very good at Tunnelers...

ran to the end of a 10-foot lead I had attached. He screamed. With treats I tried to coax him back to the sliding door of the van. He wanted nothing to do with the van. Finally, my husband picked him up and put him in the rear of the van. The people who had had him didn't offer his dishes or any of his things to us we just got the dog. In retrospect I'm not sure they had anything for him.

We went from his former house to Petsmart. He got out of the van no problem but then wouldn't go into the store, so Richard picked him up and put him in the basket. We got him a flat collar, a leash, something to sleep on, and more food for our growing pack of four dogs which had a very small Chow in it by this time. Then we went home. I had a crate that would fit him and that was where he spent the first night and many nights there after until he learned the rules of the house.



Tyler was great at wet dog he could swim fast enough to make a wake.

The problem was that he would never make a search dog. I wasn't even sure he would be able to walk much longer as his front even to my untrained eye was so bad. When Barbara saw him, she confirmed that I may have gotten a dog that would be going to the Bridge soon. We chose the name Tyler for him because he was born in Tyler, Texas.

I dropped out from the SAR team as I felt four dogs were enough. I got involved in a new sport that came from England call Dog Agility. In my reading I had

He also earned his WetX.



This is Tyler the day he earned his RAE.

(Below) Tyler was a dock diver.



read how a man who had started an organization call United States Dog Agility Association (USDAA) had seen this at a horse show in the UK and brought it over. I knew that Py would love it.

The beauty of having a SAR dog is that you can literally talk to each other and anticipate what needs to be done. Py was a natural at agility!

Obedience was another matter altogether.

Tyler couldn't do the jumping that Agility required at least the USDAA and AKC brands. But the ASCA Agility was the same as NADAC and they had a fun event called Tunnelers. Tunnelers had no jumps or contacts it was all tunnels. Tyler thought it was better than sliced bread.

And then AKC started Rally. He had to jump 16 but it wasn't as stressful as 24 inches that Agility required.

Tyler also herded and was a natural. He got his herding started and loved the sheep.

Tyler passed away in 2008. And for the first time in 17 years I had no Rottweilers. I had seven terriers but no Rottweiler the house was different and I didn't like it, so I put out that I wanted a Rottweiler should be a year

or younger, needed registration papers and I didn't care if it was a boy or girl.

The Universe answered I got a call from a rescue in Austin. They had boy a bit older than I wanted 22 months but a beautiful boy who had 4 broken bones in a hind foot. At the next Flyball tournament the lady with the rescue, Toni, brought Journey up and he was wonderful. We got him from the rescue in May for my birthday. His cast was off and there wasn't a limp. Journey was a goofy boy just like Tyler.

And in November just after Thanksgiving the rescue contacted me to check out a dog that was left in a yard when their person went into Assisted Living and couldn't take it. One of the caregivers was feeding and putting out water but the dog needed to get to a foster or a rescue.







T'Paul loved to run

(Below) Journey and T'Paul



T'Paul Jumping

The address was just blocks from work so I agreed to go check the dog out. When I got there sure enough it was a Rottweiler. I watched her run around the Mobile home and duck underneath. I called the rescue and told them it was a Rottie, but she looked like a handful and I would know more once Richard could come to help me round her up.

Richard came home and we went up to the mobile home and the Rottweiler. She was wild and mostly untrained. Richard gathered her up and put her in a crate in the van. She was huge and powerful. I called the care givers and they agreed to meet to give me the papers for her. I called the Rescue and told them that I would keep her. It takes someone who knows what they are doing with one who hasn't been out much. She could pull anyone down. We named her T'Paul after Spock's grandmother who was logical. Hoping that she would become calm.

Clicker training came in so handy. We worked Obedience, Rally and Agility. T'Paul and Journey were so smart, and they quickly learned most of the exercises. Journey loved Obedience and Rally. T'Paul love Rally and was so good!

Then in 2012 family intruded into my dog world and going to any competitions became very hard. Debra a friend had some property and I would go there to get away from the world. She introduced us to Lure Coursing. Both dogs loved it.

T'Paul and Journey are the first Rottweilers to have the top Title in AKC.

Debra introduced us to Dock Diving and T'Paul loved it. Journey wasn't too sure but both dogs did very well.

Finally, family won out and I stopped showing and training. I got back into showing and training last year when I rejoined the club.

I lost Journey Aug 2018 and T'Paul July 2020. Again, I am Rottie-less. I will be getting another if I can find a breeder I like and if I like



(Above) Journey running a Course  
(Right) Journey Dock Diving



how the parents of the puppies look and what titles they have. Time will tell. Well, the truth is, I am anxious to get a Rottie. The house seems strange without one.

## Dog Rules for Humans

1. Don't come home smelling of other dogs.
2. You must feed me every goodie you eat.
3. Don't call me or lead me to a bath.
4. Let me outside even though I just came in, there was an area I forgot to sniff.
5. I can sleep anywhere I choose even if it means you trip over me.
6. Don't shhhh me from barking while you are on the phone, I heard the wind blowing the leaves.
7. Don't move me while sleeping sideways in the middle of the bed, you have enough room on the edge.
8. Don't think you can leave a room without me.
9. If it lands on the floor it's MINE!
10. You will never pee alone again



# The Great Dane -A Working Dog

By David Elliott

## History:



The Great Dane, is also known as a giant breed. The Dane is German in origin. The breed is thought to have been around for more than 400 years. Great Danes descend from mastiff-like dogs that were bred by German nobility to protect country estates and hunt wild boar.

In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Great Danes were prestigious guardians of estates and carriages. They were also popular with the upper class for sport, as few other dogs could bring down a wild boar. They would do this by running beside the boar and tripping them. (Mickey used to do this to Max when they were younger.) This would allow the hunter to be able to catch up and spear the hog.

They are a regal, intelligent and loyal dog with a warm temperament. Often called gentle giants. Great Danes are loved for their joyful spirits and loving companionship.

## Behavior:

Great Danes are extremely people oriented, and generally very calm creatures and tend not to bark. They will be playful and entertaining, elegant to watch, and highly devoted to their family. Their goal is to please you and are very good with children.

**Size:** Great Danes are classified as a Giant Breed. Like people, they vary in size based on breeding. Standards for the Breed, however, indicate a male will be approximately 30-32" and a female will be 28-30" at the shoulders. Weights also vary, from a small female of 110 lbs. to a large male 200+ but averages will be in the mid to upper 100's.



## Living With:

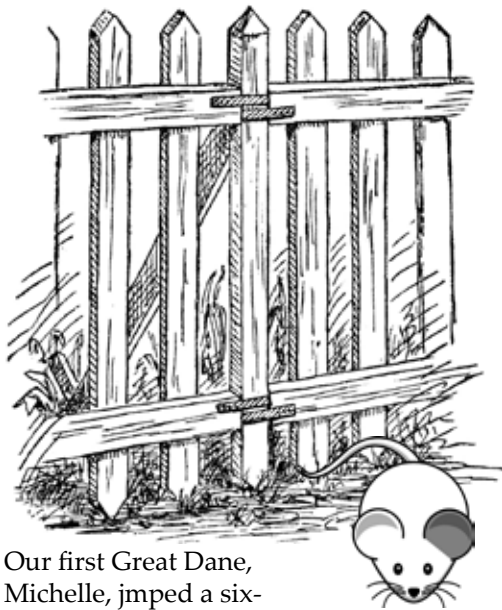


Anyone who wants a Great Dane must be willing to accommodate this dog's great size. A Great Dane will eat far larger quantities of food than a small dog, so feeding is going to cost a lot more for a Great Dane. Our current food bill with four Danes is about \$125 every two weeks. Great Danes must be obedience trained to assure they are manageable when fully grown. A Great Dane needs to have room to move around and exercise, especially when they are young. Anyone wanting to keep a Great Dane in the city must be prepared to take the dog out for daily walks. However, they do very well in apartments and houses as they normally will find them a place to call their own and settle into it comfortably.

# A Danes Tale as Told by David Elliott

Let me start by saying it has been a wonderful experience over the last 30 years of being a companion to many wonderful Great Danes. This is the story of our journey.

Barbara and I got our first Great Dane when we lived in Cedar Hill in the 80's. Her name was Michelle because when you let a 5-year-old name your dog it could be anything. To say the least, we were not prepared for the adventures of this wonderful black Great Dane who started us down our Dane journey. We look back on it with great joy.



Our first Great Dane, Michelle, jumped a six-foot fence to protect our son. She was also a great mouser.

When you hear that Danes are loyal and protective you think that is nice. Michelle, however, put an explanation mark at the end of protective. Michael, our son, was playing in the front yard and Michelle was in the backyard behind a 6-foot fence. A little dog came into the front yard and Michael squealed with excitement. That was all it took for Michelle to jump the 6-foot fence like it wasn't even there to protect her boy. She was also a great mouser. We had a high ceiling and somehow a mouse got into the light fixture and Michelle noticed it. Jokingly we called out good kitty and from that point forward anytime we would say "here Kitty-Kitty" Michelle would look to the ceiling looking for the mouse.

We had several others between then and the ones that we have now. A couple I would like to mention. First, there was Lady. She was a blue merle back when blue merle was not an acceptable color for a Great Dane. She was about three years old when we got a second Dane puppy. She looked like Lady, so we named her Lady's Little Shadow. They did everything together. Unfortunately, it was not to be a long relationship. In less than a year Shadow took sick and passed away. That is when we discovered how sensitive a Dane can be.

Within a couple of weeks Lady's muzzle turned white from mourning the passing of her Shadow. The second is Goliath. He was a rescue that had been living in a small backyard and his owners decided they wanted a pool and thus he needed a new home. I went and picked him up. He was under weight

and you could tell he was not well-loved. Goliath was that big dopey kid that you just couldn't help but like. He never got in a hurry but was always there the moment you wanted him. When he passed, he left a hole in my heart and I wasn't sure I wanted another Great Dane; it was just too hard to lose them. And thus, we were Dane-less for the next 3 years.



One fine Lady...



Great Danes make great family pets and are often called "Gentle Giants."



Benson Big Boy Day is now a registered therapy dog. He and David greet travelers at DFW International Airport.

Then came Max and then Mickey. I was working in Stephenville, Texas, when I heard about a lady that had a new litter of Grant Dane puppies and that a few were Brindle colored. I talked to Barbara and she was all for it. We made the journey out through the countryside down what seemed like an endless amount of turns and switching of roads especially since it was getting dark. Finally, we came to the farm where we met Nikki Lights and all her 13 puppies. Since they weren't old enough, we had to leave Max there that day, but we returned after what seemed an eternity (2 weeks) and retrieved our new bundle of joy. Now enters DTCCDC into our lives. Max was about a year old and Barbara was telling me she wanted to get Max trained and she had heard of a dog training club in Duncanville. About that time Nikki called and told us that her dame had another litter and wanted to know if we would be interested in a puppy. I talked to Barbara and she said, "Let's go look" (that's code for we're getting a new puppy.) A few weeks later Mickey came home with us. Then we had two dogs being trained at DTCCDC and membership was just the natural path for us.



### Fast forward 6 years...

Barbara and I now have 2 mature Great Danes and lived through the passing of our companions several times. Realizing that Danes have short life spans and the pain of losing them, we decided to get a puppy to buffer the passing. We also realized since Max has become Barbara's dog and Mickey is my dog, we might as well get two - one for each of us to train. (This was a slight mental lapse on our part.)

### Enter the Days...

The Days were AKC breeders who lived in Midlothian and had Great Dane puppies for sale. We looked at the pictures on the internet and I saw one I liked and so does Barbara (big surprise, right?) We decide to go see the puppies and it turns out the one



David and Barbara attend a Girl Scout Badge Program with two of their Great Danes, Benson and Bailey.

I liked is the brute of the litter. Being so, I named him Benson Big Boy Day. I think he took it as a challenge. He is now right at 180 lbs. Barbara named her puppy Bailey Little Girl Day because she is so sweet (AKA vain) and now we have four Great Danes.

As far as accolades go, we are so proud of the dogs and all they have accomplished through the training we have been able to do by bringing them to DTCCDC. Max has his CGC and Rally titles. Mickey has a Rally title, Star Puppy, CGC, CGCA, CGCU and Therapy dog title and won the club's Spirit Award. Benson has earned his Star Puppy and CGC as well as becoming a therapy dog and a registered Service dog. Bailey has earned her SPOT, CGC and CGCA and has done conformation, rally, Fast cat and is a registered service dog.

Best regards and thanks for to everyone who has helped us. Without this club we would just be owners of Danes instead of companions of wonderful Danes.



David and Mickey received the DTCCDC 2018 Spirit Award for their therapy work.



The Elliott's are active with their dogs in therapy work. Here are the cards each dog has for their work at DFW International Airport.



The boys are ready to go!

All four of the Elliott's dogs pose for a picture with the beautiful Texas blue-bonnets.



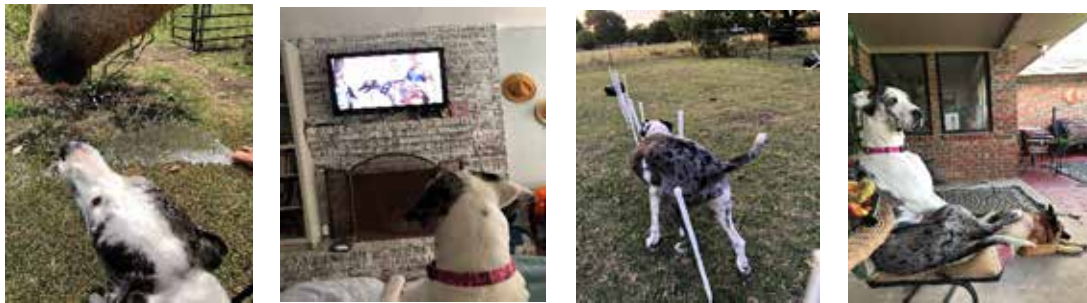
# A Working Dane!

By Carol Ford

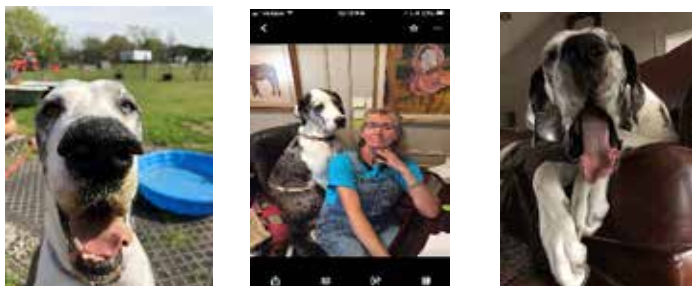
Meet Charli Horse! What Charli didn't get in size, she got in personality! She didn't come moderately playful, she came full speed, loving people, animals and takes her jobs quite seriously! She came sitting on the sofa looking pretty, helping a friend, herding horses, aint scared! I'm a Horse too, RIGHT?



She shares her Water, Studies Agility Video, Practice Weaves, & with Best Friend, watches Sun go down!



She brings me "Green" Kisses, makes my work day fun & makes me Laugh!



Simply She's ~ My Best Friend!

# A Working Dog: The Boxer



Here is a picture of my boxers on Sunday, July 26. We were out tracking. ~ Pam Joyce

According to the AKC:

A well-made Boxer in peak condition is an awesome sight. A male can stand as high as 25 inches at the shoulder; females run smaller. Their muscles ripple beneath a short, tight-fitting coat. The dark brown eyes and wrinkled forehead give the face an alert, curious look. The coat can be fawn or brindle, with white markings. Boxers move like the athletes they are named for: smooth and graceful, with a powerful forward thrust.

Boxers are upbeat and playful. Their patience and protective nature have earned them a reputation as a great dog with children. They take the jobs of watchdog and family guardian seriously and will meet threats fearlessly. Boxers do best when exposed to a lot of people and other animals in early puppyhood.





# The Standard Schnauzer

*A versatile working dog*

By Lana Shuman



The Standard Schnauzer is the oldest (and original) of the three Schnauzer breeds. Since the Middle Ages, dogs very like today's Standard Schnauzer performed household and farm duties in Germany: guarding the family and livestock, ridding the farmyard of vermin, and protecting their owners as they traveled to market. These rough-haired, medium-sized dogs were descended from early European herding and guardian breeds and were not related to the superficially similar terriers of Britain. They are the dog farmers got if they could only have one dog and wanted it to do everything. Many used their schnauzer as their "kinderwacher" when they were working in the fields, leaving the children under the protection of their schnauzer. The dogs love children and are very protective of them.

In the mid-19th century, German dog fanciers began to take an interest in this useful native breed. Crosses were made with gray Wolfspitz and black German Poodle to produce the distinctive pepper and salt and black colors. At this time, the medium-sized dogs were also being crossed with other breeds to develop the Miniature and, later, the Giant Schnauzer.

Wire-haired Pinschers, as the breed was originally known, were first exhibited in Germany in the 1870s. The official German breed standard of that era describes a dog remarkably like the Standard Schnauzer of today.

By the turn of the century, the breed was becoming

universally known as the Schnauzer, a reference to the breed's hallmark a muzzle (German: schnauze) sporting a bristly beard and moustache, as well as to an early show winner of that name.



The Standard Schnauzer came to the United States around 1900, but it was not until after World War I that the breed was brought into the U.S. in any significant number. The Standard Schnauzer has never been one of the popular breeds here, which is one reason why most puppies are bred by serious fanciers whose primary goal is the preservation and improvement of the breed.

Today's Standard Schnauzer is a medium-sized working breed in the schnauzer/pinscher canine family. It is not a terrier and was not developed to "go to ground." They are characterized by a robust, square, athletic build, a dense, wiry, harsh coat of black



The Standard Schnauzer has a long history in his homeland of Germany. Based on paintings by Renaissance artists Rembrandt and Albrecht Durer, as well as a tapestry created in 1501 by Lucas Cranach the Elder, it's evident dogs of this type have existed for several centuries.

or pepper and salt and an energetic, intelligent temperament. Standard Schnauzers are sociable, alert, affectionate, protective and reliable in nature, with a good sense of humor. They are generally healthy, sturdy and long-lived with few hereditary illnesses.

The Standard Schnauzer is not the breed for those who want a slow, placid dog or one that can be “fed and forgotten” for they insist on being part of the family activities and develop best when treated in this manner. They are outstanding companions known for their devotion and love of their family and are not “one person dogs” but instead become a true family member. They are particularly good with children, being playful and tolerant. At the same time, they are alert to any intruder which might threaten their home and family.



Standards are very intelligent and can be strong-willed. They are called “the dog with the human brain.”

Many Standards participate in conformation and performance events (obedience, agility) where their trainability, alertness and enthusiasm serve them well. One growing area of interest among Standard owners is herding, for which most Standards show real talent. A number of Standards now serve as Therapy Dogs, as Service Dogs for the physically challenged, Search-and Rescue Dogs or as drug or bomb-detection dogs.

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## Committed to Standard Schnauzers...

**B**ill and Donna Heishman own three Standard Schnauzers. Their first is Sparky.

- IABCA - IntCH NatCh HnrCH Korppret's Freedom Sparks
- AKC - GCHB Korppret's Freedom Sparks RN TKI CGCA CGCU
- He also has a herding instincts certificate.

Sparky is a natural herding dog. He was tested at the Glen Rose show a few years ago. Many of the people there were astonished that he could be a herding dog. The judge said he was working the sheep like he had been working with them for 10 years. He didn't know everything, but he wasn't intimidated and wouldn't let the sheep get away with trying to push him around.

Sparky also has a beautiful head, classically beautiful for a Standard Schnauzer. He is high drive and loves to run the show. He is also a great swimmer. No fear in this champion.





Donna and Bill also have two rescue standard schnauzers: Kati and Cali. Sparky has claimed Donna as his very own, and Bill decided he wanted his own standard. After speaking with the Standard Schnauzer Club of America's Rescue Chairman they adopted Kati. She loves to sit on Bill's lap and watch TV. Since Donna is a member of the rescue committee, she often gets rescued standards that need a little extra loving care before they can be adopted. Cali came to them needing that extra care. Donna's Mom Barbara decided Cali was her dog. Cali loves to sit on Barbara's lap and give her kisses.

At left, Donna is very brave. She is walking all three schnauzers on one lead during a recent "get out of the house" trip to Glen Rose. The three dogs loved having the opportunity to get some exercise and enjoy the sun.  
(left to right) Donna, Katie, Cali and Sparky.



At left, on a second trip they all got the opportunity to swim. Cali and Sparky loved swimming, Katie not so much. Donna and her grandson Joshua wade in the water with Sparky and Cali.



At right, Barbara and Cali enjoy some cuddle time...

# Standard Schnauzers: The right dogs for us

By Lana Shuman



Fiona and I right after we brought her home. Such a beautiful girl and she immediately claimed her mama as her own.

ly morning, got a couple of hours of sleep and met the breeder, Leann Shanks, and her husband for breakfast before going to meet Fiona.

The desire to have Standard Schnauzers came from months of research on Craig's part. He had had several dogs in the past and knew we needed a medium sized dog. He spent hours researching different breeds online and decided he liked everything he read. The only misleading thing he read at the time was the comments about grooming that said they only needed to be groomed twice a year. That is a whole different subject.

The next March we again drove to South Carolina, this time to Greenville, where we met Leanne and her fellow kennel owner who were showing some of the dogs. She

Craig with Champ when he was about four months old. Craig called him is Gremlin dog. Look at that grin!

In October 2012 Craig and I drove to Aiken, South Carolina, to pick up our first Standard Schnauzer. She wasn't the first one we chose, though. Craig had been in contact with her breeder and had committed to purchasing a male puppy out of one of her future litters. That puppy was expected in November, but Craig watched her website just to read more about the breed and about how her dogs were doing. One night he saw where she had a bitch who she had been showing that didn't like the show ring and they were going to sell her to someone as a pet. The description of her was exactly what I was looking for. He was the first one to call about her and we were soon on the way to get Fiona. Part of the fun was her registered name. She was part of a litter whose theme was the animated movie Shrek.



IM A Princess UR Not was soon on her way to Texas.

The trip to South Caroline was long, we drove through the night into the ear-



suggested we meet them there, see some of her dogs in the ring, and pick up the puppy. She was very smart how she did things. She introduced Craig and I at the show ring and answered many questions. Craig proceeded to carry the puppy all over the show that day. The puppy chewed on his watch band and watched everything with big puppy eyes. That night she suggested we take the puppy to our room for the night and meet her at the show the next day and pay her then.

Craig had asked for a dog with “a little more drive” than Fiona. Well, the puppy had a lot more drive and was the stubbornest thing I had ever seen. We spent a good part of the evening trying to keep him from destroying the puppy pads and chewing up the towels we placed under it. It was



Fiona and Champ playing “Wrestle Mania.”



Champ expresses his Standard Schnauzer attitude: “I will rule the world one day...”

There are two special ladies from the club who have made a huge impact on our lives and our dogs. The first is Mona O’Gorman. Craig met her at physical therapy. They found out they both loved dogs and Craig told her about our two standard schnauzers. She said she knew just the person we needed to know and put him in contact with Donna Heishman. It wasn’t too long after he contacted Donna that he was taking Champ to Donna’s house where he met Groomer and Han-

Sparky is at the far right in this line of Standard Schnauzers, to his left is Champ. They were getting ready to enter the breed competition in a few minutes. The others were a couple of their competitors at the Houston World Series of Dog Shows in 2014.

a battle of wills. Craig was smitten. The next day we paid for him and Champ was in the car ready to head to Texas. Fiona wasn’t too sure about him, though. Craig tried to get her to entertain him in the Xpen, but she would have none of it.

Champ put both Craig and I through our paces. I went to and continue to go through Schnauzer school to this day. I found if I used the techniques I learned as I worked with my kindergarten classes I would do okay.

As Champ was growing Fiona’s mothering side kicked in. I don’t know what we would have done without her. She used to spend hours playing with him and teaching him how to fight and defend himself. She also taught him he wasn’t the king of the world.



handler Chris Williams who was grooming and handling Sparky at AKC shows. Sometimes it is a small world.

It wasn't too long before I met Donna, too. Chris started showing Champ, too, when he was about 10 months. I remember driving Champ to Donna's house where she was getting ready to go see Sparky show and took Champ to Chris. Conformation folk have their own language and we were in for a whole new world and culture. It was just the beginning.

During the next few months Champ competed against the untitled dogs and Sparky against the champions. Donna and Craig and I alternated taking the dogs and picking them up from shows.

In July of 2014, Champ completed his championship at the World Series of Dog Shows in Houston. Now, Sparky and Champ would be competing against each other. We all agreed that we didn't want our dogs out on the road all the time and we didn't want them competing directly against each other. We agreed to alternate our dogs with the handler. He would always have a

"special" Standard Schnauzer to show and we would be able to have our dogs home six weeks at a time. We had fun cheering each others' dogs on their goals.

Ultimately, Sparky completed his Bronze Grand Championship and Champ went on to complete his Bronze and Silver Grand Championships.

Champ is now GCHS Shana's Silver Streak. Because of our work schedules, we haven't done a whole lot of other things with him. But,



GCHS Shana's Silver Streak, Champ, competed in the Houston World Series of Dog Shows in 2017. He took Best of Breed against the number one and number three ranked Standard Schnauzers in the nation that year.

we are retiring this month, so trick dog titles and nosework titles here we come...

Three years ago we were blessed with our third Standard Schnauzer. In February of 2017 we received a call from our handler that we would be getting our puppy in a couple of months. She had just been born. He was co-owner of a stud dog and the puppies were born on January 28.

LoneStar's Bountiful Beauty, BeBe, is also the "little yellow girl"...



Champ won Best of Winners every day at the Houston World Series of Dog Shows in 2014. He completed his championship and was well on to his grand championship.



At the end of March we became the proud owners of our “it-ty-bit of doggie,” BeBe. She has been a joy. Originally, she was to be the founding bitch of our kennel. We found out she has some health issues and has subsequently been spayed. Sometimes things don’t turn out the way your think they will. By the time we found out what was wrong we had fallen in love with the little girl and couldn’t give her up. She is so much younger than the other two she livens up our lives.

Standard Schnauzers are “jet propelled” for the first three years. BeBe has that boundless energy and sparkle that makes her so fun to be around, much to the dismay of Fiona.

Fiona decided BeBe needed her mothering when she was little. One day Fiona decided to get into the Xpen with BeBe. Fiona jumped up and balanced all four paws on the Xpen wall and then jumped in and started playing with her - so athletic and agile.



Fiona playing with BeBe. She jumped in by balancing on the wall with all four paws and then jumped down into the Xpen. She waited for me to let her out.



We love our dogs and can’t imagine being without them.

(Left) Fiona and I worked together to get her CGC, CGCA and CGCU. So many at the club helped us, especially Pam Chrystal as our intermediate instructor.



BeBe decided she wanted to play with Papa. She didn’t want to let go!



Waiting for Papa to come home...  
(Left to right) Fiona, Champ and BeBe



The pack that plays together, stays together.

# Eyes to the skies - watch your pets

(The following are words to the wise and, while rare, can happen and has...)

By Kristal Hatcher

Years ago, when I lived in Pearland, a city south of Houston, I'd always take my then Whippets, Shelbie and Shane, to different neighborhoods and area parks to explore and socialize. The place we frequented the most was Frankie Carter Randolph Park, a pretty county park in Friendswood, a small town 'next door' to Pearland. It's a nice park with plenty of amenities like lighted ball fields and tennis courts, huge playgrounds, pavilions, cement walking trails and over two miles of nature trails that meandered along Clear Creek, all carved out of a forest of tall pine trees and huge oaks dripping with Spanish moss.

The dogs and I were pretty much regulars at this park. We knew it inside and out. Practically every evening, I could be found jogging with the dogs along the walking trails, playing a fast game of Chunk It with Shane or Frisbee with Shelbie if one of the ball fields were empty, but mostly, we'd go exploring on the nature trails. Peaceful and shady, there was always something see. We'd check out the Knight Heron rookery every spring. Listen to the owls hoot at each other among the tree tops every fall. Watch fat armadillos root around the leaf litter. Observed families of beautiful Wood Ducks cruise along the creek. Watched a pair of Red-Tailed Hawks raise their young in a huge nest atop of pine tree. And, yes, came across quite of few snakes (many on purpose as I was a member of the Texas Herpetological Society Venomous Snake census, but that's another story). Bunnies, Box tortoises, squirrels (by the millions- a Whippet's delight!), skunks (from a distance!), a true nature trail. The dogs always loved the adventure!



Shelbie pauses to look back at the camera while Shane is impatient to keep going.

On the nature trails Frankie Carter Park 2005

in shock as the owl, with its talons straight out, dipped right above Shelbie's shoulders and, just as quickly and silently, flew back up into the trees and disappeared. Its wingspan was huge! It never touched her, and she never knew it was there but, Shane did. He tugged at the leash, barking sharply

One late August evening in 2006, I decided to take a short jog inside the park on the walking trails. It was dark out but, the ball field lights were on illuminating the park like daylight. We were about the only ones left in the park except for a young boy and his father playing catch near the backstop. To my left was a wall of huge trees and thicket, part of the nature trails and to my right, the manicured ball fields. Shelbie was off leash, as she often was, trotting about 40 feet in front of me, with her head down, sniffing the ground as she went along. Shane was keeping pace beside me, on leash, watching Shelbie.

As I rounded the turn, I caught a flash of movement from out of the trees. A huge owl! And it was aiming right for Shelbie!

It happened so fast, I could only watch





Shelbie, 14 years, Shane, 8 years. waiting for me on the nature trails at Frankie Carter Park 2009

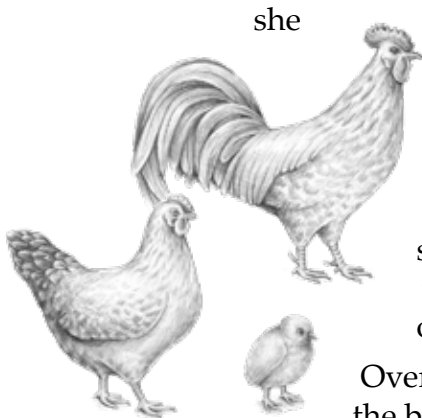
Too big. Or maybe protecting a nest, although it was the wrong time of year for that. I never saw the bird in that area before or since, but from that night on, Shane would always look up into the trees and I kept Shelbie closer to me.

### Fast forward....

My Mom lives in Houston, near Hobby Airport for point of reference, with her four little dogs- Sugar Booger, a Chihuahua/ Min Pin mix; Benji, a Pug/ terrier mix; Mutt, a tiny smooth coat Chihuahua; and Jeff, plump, tri-colored Toy Rat Terrier. All are foundlings. Dogs that were strays, dumped on her street and she took them in. She has a special affinity to Sugar Booger and Mutt. My dad, who passed away two years ago, had adored these two dogs as well. Along with her four dogs, my brother and his wife, who live next door, have two little dogs that come over every day to 'visit,' too - BoBo, a Maltipoo and Punkin, a terrier mix.



A Great Horned Owl. They do not have horns but, tufts of feathers that look like horns.



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Along with all these dogs, she has three cats and a small flock of chickens. My brother has a bigger flock of chickens in his yard as well. With all these chickens comes chicken feed and that attracts mice and rats, songbirds and doves. In the backyard are also huge pecan trees and other trees that make homes for squirrels, possums and a few snakes. Chickens, squirrels, other birds, possums... and little dogs make a nice buffet for birds of prey.

Over the years, I'd watch the comings and goings of Mom's little dogs out in the backyard with the chickens. I often told the story of Shelbie and owl. "The

hawks may go after the chickens but can also go after your little dogs, too. Especially Booger and Mutt as they are the smallest." Up in the skies above I'd occasionally see a hawk fly the treetops, scattering the birds and causing the hens to duck for cover. Eventually, a hawk took my brother's bantam chickens, one by one (easy pickings) and another went flying into the chicken coop with the door open, only to get turned around and fly back out. The hawks are getting more brazened.



Best friends. Sugar Booger, left and Mutt, right. 2019

On June 26, 2020, Mom let the dogs out for their morning potty break as usual around 5:30 a.m. It was still mostly dark out. She heard a commotion around the backside of the chicken coop, the dogs barking and yipping frantically. "They must be after that possum again," she surmised and went back to get the flashlight. She couldn't find it, so she went to the backdoor where she was met by Punkin with a look of panic. She'd run to Mom and run out to end of the patio and back to Mom as if something was wrong. Mom called the dogs back in. They all quickly ran back inside, which was very unusual... all except Mutt.

Meanwhile, my brother was walking over from next door to see what was going on. Mom said "I called the dogs, and everyone came back except Mutt. He must have gone under the fence." So my brother and Mom called and called, searching by the chicken coop, the fence line (no holes or broken fence boards), the backyard, under outbuildings, the front yard, the empty lot next door, all the streets, the ditches, went door to door asking if they had seen a fawn colored Chihuahua. Nothing. They spent all that day calling and searching again. My brother riding around the neighborhood on his motorcycle, looking and calling. Nothing. Not a trace.

I called later that afternoon as I always did, and Mom was in tears. "We can't find Mutt. We've looked everywhere, over and over. All day. I'm exhausted." My heart sank upon hearing this. This was not like Mutt at all. He was a teeny, somewhat shy little dog that prefers to stick close to Mom. He'd run out with the pack but never get involved in the hunt. After hearing what happened, the time of day, where they looked and how the dogs reacted (would not go near the back of the chicken coop, Punkin and Jeff looking up into the trees), it sounded like an owl may have taken him. Hoots of owls could be heard in the neighborhood every evening. Over time, after days and weeks of searching, calling his name, it's the only thing that makes sense. In less than 3 minutes, he was gone. His little body was never found. My Mom is completely heart broken.

Hawks, eagles, owls, falcons, vultures are all birds of prey, also called raptors, and are common. Their diet is varied from insects, rodents, other birds, to rabbits, fish, carrion, skunks, and other small mammals. A bird of prey will not distinguish between a wild creature and your beloved pet. So, yes, small dogs, puppies, kittens and some cats are at risk. Large birds of prey such as Red-Tail Hawks or Great Horned Owls routinely hunt animals up to 15 pounds or more. These birds do not hunt for 'sport' or to terrorize other animals for 'fun.' They hunt to eat and feed their young and will protect their nest if need be. As good a predator that they are, they are risk, too, from taking prey that could fight back leaving them injured, unable to fly or even be killed. They use their weapons- razor sharp talons and strong curved bill for quick dispatch, even in flight.

## Tips to protect your little pet:

- **Supervise.** Always go out with your dog on potty breaks. Keep on a leash even in fenced yard. Never leave your little dog unattended in a yard or unprotected. Be mindful of your little dog while in parks with tall trees.
- **Tidy up the yard.** Tall grasses, weeds, plies of lumber, etc. attract rodents which birds of prey love to eat.
- **Implement pest control to keep rodents at bay.** Important- NEVER use rat bait around dogs or cats.
- **Remove bird feeders, especially ground feeders.** Hawks love songbirds and doves. If you like bird feeders and see a hawk or owl hanging around, remove the feeder for a few days until the hawk moves on.
- **Use deterrents.** Tie wide, reflective silver tape, old CDs, or aluminum pie pans from lower tree branches.
- **Make a scarecrow with metal fence post and a wooden dowel.** Use old clothes and a hat to 'dress' it up. Or buy a plastic owl decoy. Birds of prey are less likely to linger if a 'human' or another bird of prey is nearby. The downside is you have to move the scarecrows every few days to keep it realistic.
- **Consider a raptor-proof vest.** Found online, Raptor Shield or Spike Bite are a few such items that can stop a hawk or owl from taking your pet. Just remember to put it on every time your pup goes outdoors.

In the rare chance a bird of prey does make contact with your pet or gets picked up and dropped and survived, take him to a vet immediately to rule out any injuries.

Owning a toy dog carries some common inherent risks from slipping through tiny cracks in the fence, falling from a high bed or even getting stepped on but, they can also become easy pickings for wildlife. Having a little dog get taken by a bird of prey is rare but not impossible. It's happened to me twice- one was missed, one was taken. And I have heard a few tales of it happening to others. So, when you are out with your furry little friend, enjoy nature but, remember, to keep an eye to the skies.



# Need a new trick to teach your dog?

## Try this one: Teach Your Dog to Jump Over a Person

Time for a new trick! This suggestion is from [doggiebuddy.com](http://doggiebuddy.com). For smaller dogs, you may crouch, flatter to the floor. This trick is on the AKC Advanced list.

Have fun!

*Michele Hosey*

## Teach Your Dog to Jump Over a Person



**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Prerequisite:** Leap

**Items Needed:** Clicker, Treats, Touchstick, Helper

Now that your dog can jump over sticks and through hoops, let's give him a bigger challenge. Get down on all fours and have your dog jump over your back. This is not only fun for your dog, but for the whole family. Involving people adds a lot of excitement to a simple jumping trick, and children think it is funny to see people get on their hands and knees so a dog can jump over them. This is a great trick for social events and is a staple for show dogs.

**Step 1:** If your dog can comfortably jump over a stick elevated about 25 inches from the ground then you can begin to teach him to jump over people who are on their hands and knees in the crawl position.

**Step 2:** Have your dog jump over the stick. Click & treat. (repeat a few times).

**Step 3:** Have a helper kneel on their hands and knees.

**Step 4:** Hold the stick just over him. Have your dog jump over the stick. Click and Jackpot. (If your dog won't jump over the stick with the person under it, try having the person lie down on the ground).

**Step 5:** After a few repetitions have your dog jump without using the stick. Click and treat.

**Step 6:** Try adding people spaced about 10 feet apart for a nice show at your next barbecue.

### OUR EXPERIENCE

Caspian was hesitant to jump over a person, and we had to work with him to help him overcome his doubt. Both Caspian and I knew that he could complete the jump, but the idea of a person being there instead of a hoop or a stick was foreign to him. We started out by placing the jumping stick on top of the person's back and saying "leap." He wouldn't jump, so we had to start by laying on the floor first just to get him used to the idea of crossing the jump stick with a person there as well. Once he got this concept, he was good to go.

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# Funny things you have seen at dog shows...



## **David and Barbara Elliott...**

About 6 years ago Barbara and I were taking Max and Mickey to a Rally in Azle it was a two day show and I had a commitment on the second day. So, Barbara agreed to going back the second day and run Mickey since he needed just one more leg to get his first Rally title. During this time, I was also training Mickey to do a specialty trick for his therapy visit. So, Barbara ran Mickey and it was going well until the very last when she went to down Mickey. He downed just fine but what happened next was crazy because Mickey did his trick. Mickey rolled over and stuck all 4 legs straight up.

## **Kelly Browning Henager:**

I have never been more embarrassed in my life! It was at the huge TKC show in Market Hall in Dallas. I was 12 or 13 years old. Junior, my Sheltie and I were performing the figure eight off-leash exercise. As we rounded the post and started across to the other post, I heard a loud roar of laughter I looked down I saw Junior scooting on his fanny with his ankles up above his ears and in perfect heel position I slapped my leg and he popped up never missing a step. When I came out of the ring, I gave him to my mom, Sally, and told her that I would never be seen in public again with that dog. Then, I went to the other side of the hall to watch a breed group. A few minutes later, Mom came running up with Junior and said, "Hurry, they are going in for sits and downs." As I lined up in the ring, I remembered what I had said and gave Mom a dirty look.

## **Craig and Lana Shuman:**

A few years ago, Craig and I took a vacation and followed our dog Champ and his handler to the dog show in Tucson, Arizona, in November. Champ had had a very successful showing there the year before and we had just purchased a travel trailer. While we were at the show, we heard there were classes being offered to people training to become AKC judges. On the next to the last day we were watching Champ showing in a beautiful outdoor ring. When it was Champ's turn to be judged, his handler started running him around the ring. On the first straightaway Champ jumped straight up in the air, shoulder high and came back down and continued around the ring. We noticed the judge said something to the handler. When Champ jumped Craig walked away, shaking his head. We were all sort of laughing and thought so much for getting any points today... We were amazed when Champ got Best of Opposite Sex for 5-points. When the handler came out of the ring following judging, we asked him what happened. He said that the judge told him to move farther out towards to edge of the ring to avoid the hole. What hole? Apparently, the night before the judges had been training on how to handle different kinds of incidents that can happen in the ring. One of the scenarios was how to handle a situation where there was a hole in the ground in the grass ring. To this day we don't know what made Champ do that. There wasn't a hole in the ground, but the judge thought there had been. Champ received Best of Opposite Sex three days of the show that year, despite his athletic jump in the air.

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## Funny things you have seen at dog shows...



### Laura Lipscomb:

Many years ago I was at Conroe at an obedience trial. The obedience trial was held at an outdoor covered arena. During a long sit (can't remember which obedience class it was) an Australian Cattle dog broke his sit, jumped the arena fence and jumped again into the back of a pickup parked near the fence. He'd had enough :)

Everyone laughed so much. It was the highlight of the trial (probably not for the owner). Anyway, I think we would get many funny stories!

### Sheryll Barker:

Daniel was in the Utility Ring. He had been having some trouble with the Bar Jump, and I thought that we had worked through it. When I gave him the command for the Bar Jump, he ran to it as though he was going to take it, pulled up short just in front of it. I gave him a second command and he took his paw and knocked the bar off of the frame, then jumped over it on the ground! It was as if he said: "It's too high, here, let me lower it!"



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### TEACHING TROUBLE

My dog won't jump over me!

Although it was easy to teach Caspian to jump over a stick, he would balk at jumping humans. Having the person lay down and lowering the stick helped. After Caspian got used to jumping with the volunteer flat on the floor, he was ready to jump over the stick with the volunteer beneath it on hands and knees. Soon we didn't need to use the stick at all.

*Tip: "People can be even more unpredictable than dogs. So be sure that each of your volunteers understand that they should keep quiet and not move or stand up while the trick is in progress. Another great idea for this trick is to get dogs to jump over each other!"*



# DTDCDC Bulletin Board



## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15 @ 7:30 p.m.  
via Zoom



## SEPTEMBER PAW PRINT

**THEME: ALL-AMERICAN DOGS**

*If your dog is an All-American Dog, 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., AUG. 22 (or earlier)**

**UPCOMING MONTHLY THEMES:**

OCTOBER	RESCUE DOGS
NOVEMBER	PUPPIES
DECEMBER	HOLIDAY PHOTOS



## AUGUST DOG CALENDAR:

- Rawgust. Celebration of raw feeding for pets for the month of August
- Aug. 1: DOGust Universal Birthday for Shelter Dogs
- Aug. 2-8: International Assistance Dog Week
- Aug. 2-8: Give a Dog a Bone Week. Hosted by Pets of the Homeless, the event features more than 400 Pets of the Homeless donation sites nationwide asking their community to bring donations of pet food and supplies to assist the pets of the homeless
- Aug. 5: Work Like a Dog Day
- Aug. 10: Spoil Your Dog Day
- Aug. 10: National Lazy Day
- Aug. 15: National Check the Chip Day AVMA and the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) joined together to create "Check the Chip Day"
- Aug. 16: Saint Roch's Day. Patron saint of dogs
- Aug. 16: International Homeless Animals' Day
- Aug. 26: National Dog Day. One of the most popular pet holidays of the year
- Aug. 28: Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day
- Aug. 30: National Holistic Pet Day

**T**here 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](mailto:grquintana@sbcglobal.net).





**Pam Chrystal brags:**

I found out that Clover is the FIRST BELGIAN TERVUREN in the US to earn a Rally Championship title. This news was very unexpected and humbling. Thank you also to all of my friends old and new who supported us on our way to this title. I hope all rally enthusiasts will be able to compete in December at the Rally National. If it is held Clover will be competing at the Champion level.



**Karen Henry brags:**

On Tuesday, July 7, Karen Henry and Journey recorded two agility courses to earn Journey's ACT 1. Despite the rumble of thunder in

the background, they earned 100s on both courses!

These two action shots are from the second course.



**Sandi Myers & Ken Hagmueller brag:**

They want to brag that Ken was lucky enough to get Sammy entered into "The Learning Cluster", 4 conformation shows in Guthrie, OK in June. Sammy came home with 1 Best of Variety, 1 Select, 3 BOVariety Owner Handled (NOHS), 2 - First Place in the NOHS Hound Group, and a 2nd Place in the NOHS Hound Group.

People that might not follow Sandi on Facebook may not have heard. Miss Moon, 9 1/2 years old, was diagnosed in June with malignant melanoma in her mouth. It was biopsied and came back without clean margins. Our vet then had to remove half of her lower jaw bone during a 2nd surgery to try to get all of the cancer. Right now she is doing fine, though her tongue hangs out of her mouth now. But her pathology came back clean for now. She will have monthly rechecked to make sure it doesn't spread to her lungs or lymph nodes. The vet is hoping this buys Miss Moon a year, otherwise it would have only been weeks as the tumor was already starting to re-grow within a week of the first biopsy.

## Paw Print Photo Album



Jan Hitchborn shared these photos of Logan and his little buddy, Rookie.



Miriam Inglehart shared these photos:  
Above is a photo of Stephen and Miram with Tris masks. They feel that if they have to wear a mask, they might as well look like Tris!  
Photo at right is Tris and her seven week old pups. Miriam is working on manding.





Sally Browning shared these two photos:  
(Above) CH Solo and CH Kelbro's Chelsea  
CD playing King of the Hill in the snow.

(Right) "You Called?"

This is Kelbro's White Tornado (Ajax). Ajax could not drink from the water bowl without putting his paws in it. He heard me call, stepped out of the water bowl, ran across the flower bed and stopped and said, "You called?"



Nicole and Stephane Desproges shared that Zedd turned three on July 20. They celebrated with a special birthday cookie. Neo was glad to help eat it!



Robin Vogel shared this cute summer picture of her Shelties, Dori and Gabe.

Shari Price shared this sign.



# Dog Humor



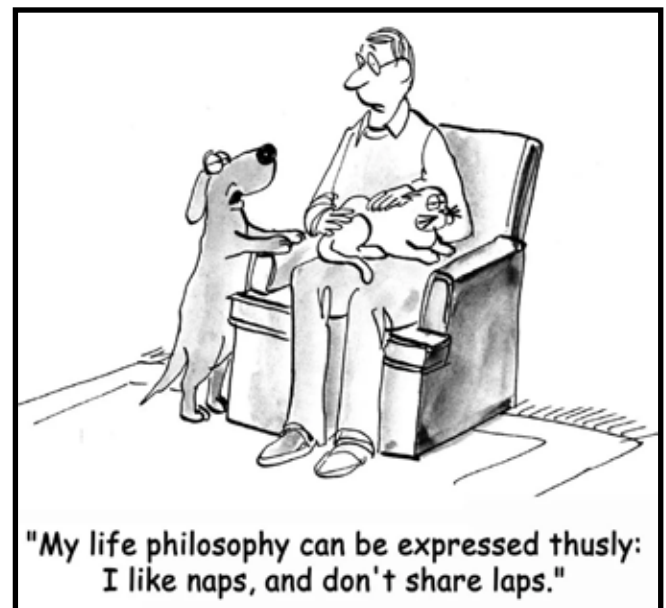
Judy Henry shared these:



Also from Judy Henry



Shared by  
Lynda Holman



## Dog Detective

Across

- 1. Bro's counterpart
- 4. Prepare for surgery
- 9. Deed
- 10. Still in the game
- 11. Court
- 12. Burdened
- 13. Hoity-toity
- 15. @
- 16. Tag
- 18. Fashionable
- 20. Entrance areas
- 23. Alternative version of a song
- 25. Cry from Homer Simpson
- 26. Came up
- 27. Gloppy stuff
- 28. Hebrew letters
- 29. Nigerian language

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Down

- 1. Cuts wood
- 2. Clickable image
- 3. Bar seat
- 4. Early New England houses
- 5. Like a just-used potter's wheel

- 6. Free (of)
- 7. Iris holder
- 8. Crooked
- 14. Clumsy
- 17. Pigeon's perch
- 18. Mideast hot spot
- 19. Detective Wolfe
- 21. Cross
- 22. "Begone!"
- 24. Floor cleaner

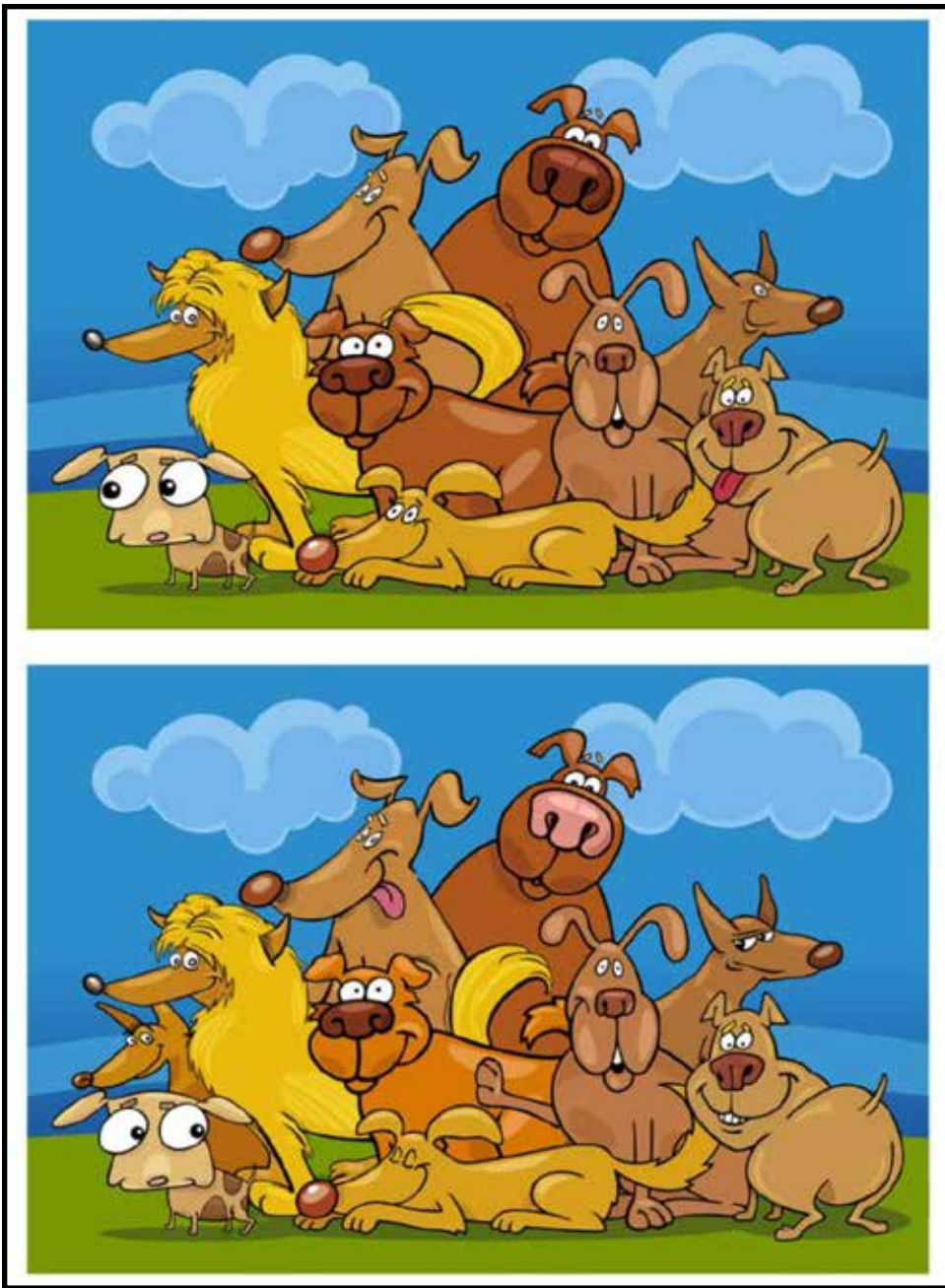


[Answers on page 48](#)



*The headline is a clue to the answer in the diagonal.*





Compare these two drawings.  
How are they alike.  
How are they different?



[Answers to puzzle on page 47](#)

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