

Sherwood Dog Training Club

AKC License Club

October 2024 Newsletter



Sherwood Dog Training Club

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The Sherwood Dog Training Club (SDTC) was formed in 2003, with official status as a non-profit corporation established in 2006. We also have Tax Exempt status with the IRS as a 501(c)4. We received our notice that we have become an AKC Licensed Club in August of 2008.



We will have Zoom SDTC Meeting November 6th @ 7:00pm

Sherwood Dog Training Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84880584667?pwd=u1C3MB92QWOYN6uno3B0aSybXSGA5b.1>

Meeting ID: 848 8058 4667

Passcode: 345361

The agenda will be posted on the club website <https://www.sherwooddtc.org/>



As chair of the October obedience trial, I would like to thank the many members who helped make the trial a success. All of their work made it possible for so many people enjoy these trials!

Thanks to Darlene Brushwein who took on the very large job of trial secretary which demanded many hours before during and after the trial. Job well done!

Thanks to our Stewards, who all put in long days! Jan Lewis, Elizabeth Chalupsky, Susie McClain, Claudia Beville, Jan Staroski, and Nancy Crandell.

Thanks to our chief ring steward, Jill Faulmann, who wore several other hats as well. She shared her expertise from years of trial secretary to provide support for Darlene Brushwein as well as making wonderful gift bags for the judge and the stewards.

Thanks to Betty Rose and Salomeja Garolis for their work on hospitality. They saw to it that the judge, stewards and other committee members had all the food and drink that they needed to keep going through the day as well as having plenty of snacks for the exhibitors.

Thanks to Debbie Gibbons for awards and the ribbons and keeping track of ordering and organizing for the trials.

Thanks to Susie McClain for making the beautiful rose awards as well as driving to and from the airport for judge, Susie Osburn.

There were also those who volunteered for setup and cleanup - Darlene and Kurt, Jan and Ken Lewis, Debbie Gibbons, Jill Faulmann, Danielle Silverstein, Betty Rose, Salomeja Garolis, Nancy Seaman, and Helen Hamilton.

And of course a big thanks to Paula and Dwight Cash for allowing us to book time at their facility and be guests on their property.

It takes many volunteer hours to keep trials going, so we all owe our thanks to these members that have stepped up.

Thank you!
Sandy Loeb



December 1st Tracking (6 TD Tracks) Test, Carlton, OR
The tracking test is looking for a hospitality committee.
Hospitality on Saturday and Sunday of the tracking test weekend.

Please think about how you would like to help at these events



Sherwood Dog Training Club Membership dues are due January of each year.

Go to the Club's website on the **Membership Information page**
at <https://www.sherwooddtc.org/membership>

To see the various ways, you can pay your dues.

Contact the Treasurer, Jill Faulmann, cloudco@mac.com if you have questions,
or **do not plan staying a club member.**

For a complete Look at all AKC upcoming Events

Events: <https://webapps.akc.org/event-search/#/search>

Cancellations: <https://www.akc.org/sports/event-cancellations/>

Upcoming UKC Shows / www.ukcdogs.com

Colorado

November 22-24, 2024 High Plains KC, Kiowa, Obedience & Rally

Washington

November 1-3, 2024 United Nose work Tri-Cities, Richland, WA / Nose Work

November 1-3, 2024 Lilac City Dog Training Club, Spokane Valley / Obedience & Rally

Oregon

November 15-17, 2024 Canine Action Pack Cornelius, OR / Obedience & Rally

January 31 – February 2, 2025 Canine Action Pack Cornelius, OR / Obedience & Rally

May 2 -4, 2025 Canine Action Pack Cornelius, OR / Obedience & Rally

Details at [ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com)

United Kennel Club (UKC) is an international dog registry celebrating bonds, rewarding ability, and preserving the value of a pedigree. <http://www.ukcdogs.com/>

Upcoming Events:

PDOC tracking tests:

VST: Dec 29, 2024, U of Portland

TD/TDX: February 9, 2025, Johnston Dairy, Camas WA

TDU: March 30, 2025, WSU Vancouver



Offering Competition Classes in Rally and Obedience **Dog Days Dog Training**

We have openings. For more information www.dogdaysnw.com

BEGINNER NOVICE and NOVICE

instructor Beth Fabel - 360-989-4803 or EMAIL BETH

Tuition is \$150 for a 6-week session

6-week sessions, with continuing sessions building on the prior skills.

Prerequisite: Foundations for Performance or consent of instructor.

Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

BEGINNER NOVICE, NOVICE, OPEN, UTILITY

Instructor Dee Pigman - 503-807-1212
(phone or text) or EMAIL DEE

Tuition is \$150 for a 6-week session

6-week sessions, with continuing sessions building on the prior skills.

Prerequisite: Foundations for Performance or consent of instructor.

- **Beginner Novice and Novice: Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.**
- **Open/Utility: Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.**

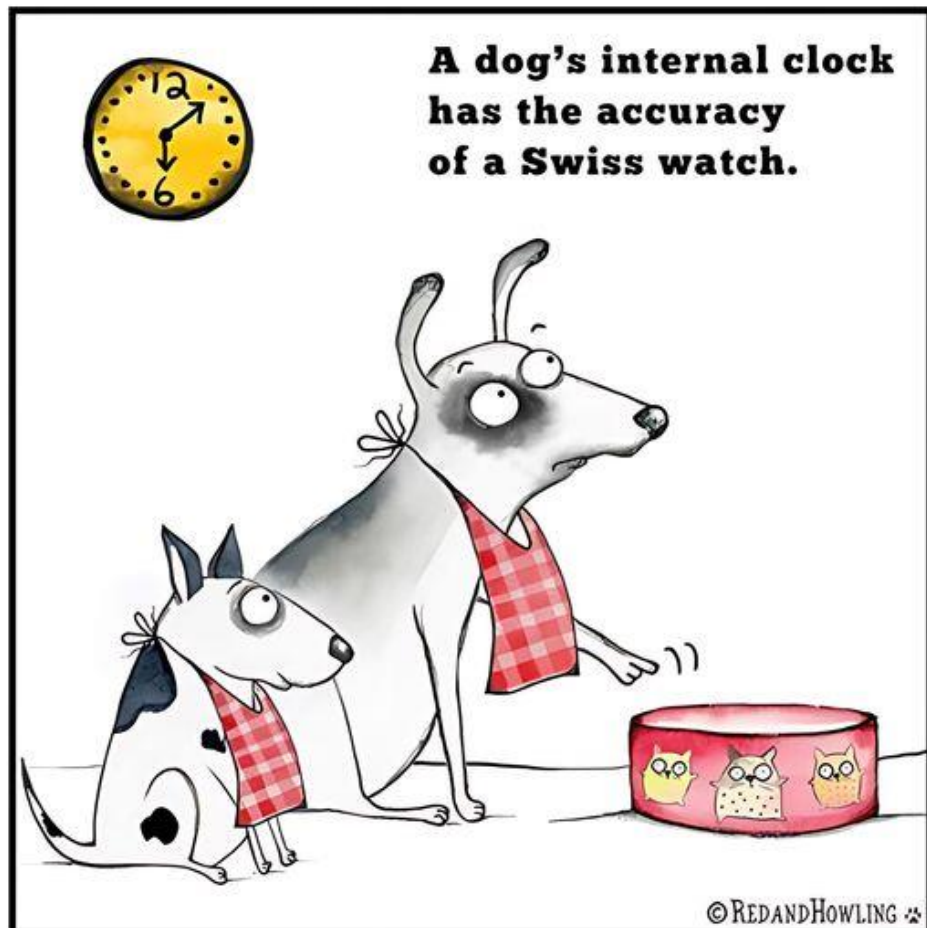
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Rally has openings



What is a heart dog?

A heart dog feels like home. The connection goes beyond the heart and takes residence in every fibre of your being. A heart dog isn't always a "perfect" dog... though you think they are. Some can be the most challenging 🤔, emotionally draining and difficult dogs you've experienced. Others train themselves, intuitive to your needs and wants before you even express them. All of them are the eternal best friend, the dog that creates anticipatory grief, and the reason our hearts will break a million times when they inevitably leave our world... and take a piece of us with them. They form us, enhance us and most importantly, they allow us to experience a pure, unfiltered, unabashed and all enduring love.



Obedience Run Through Class with Laurie Rubin

A monthly Obedience Run Through Class takes place at Penny Harvey's training building in Sandy, Oregon. Dog and handler teams run through the exercises offered at obedience trials. The time can be used for any level of obedience and/or for problem solving specific exercises. Handler choice whether to ask for feedback or simply have the exercises called as in a trial. This class is run by Laurie Rubin.

This month's class, Sunday, November 24, \$15 via PayPal for each slot of up to 15 minutes or \$16 via mailed check.

Time slots can be reserved by clicking on the following link to fill out your entry information on a Google Form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeW2xdg_zxsGEAGPMIqxI7Z69tItcyv2SbV6HzYhf-ZGq1UUA/viewform?usp=sf_link **AND** sending \$15/time slot via PayPal <https://www.paypal.com/> to Laurie Rubin. After logging in to PayPal and clicking "Send," search for Laurie Rubin or earthlaurie@sonic.net. My link has a photo of a red merle Aussie. In the box that asks "What's this For?," please type your name and "November 2024 Run Through Class." Zelle \$15 payments accepted, too. If you prefer to mail a check for \$16/time slot, be sure to also fill out your entry information on the Google Form linked above. Payments are non-refundable unless the class fills before I receive your entry. In that case, I will notify you and refund your payment.

Next class, Sunday, December 29.

Time slots can be reserved by clicking on the following link to fill out your entry information on a Google Form <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1r6GrNbyVSfRDG3qgeNFZBzdgZVST8WuRQB3BXeQA63I/edit> **AND** sending \$15/time slot via PayPal <https://www.paypal.com/> to Laurie Rubin. After logging in to PayPal and clicking "**Send**," search for Laurie Rubin or earthlaurie@sonic.net. My link has a photo of a red merle Aussie. In the box that asks "What's this For?," please type your name and "December 2024 Run Through Class." Zelle \$15 payments accepted, too. If you prefer to mail a check for \$16/time slot, be sure to also fill out your entry information on the Google Form linked above. Payments are non-refundable unless the class fills before I receive your entry. In that case, I will notify you and refund your payment.

These classes have been filling. Your payment must be received for your entry to count.

The Thursday before the class, the schedule and driving directions will be e-mailed to those who've reserved a slot.

Laurie Rubin
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Vancouver, WA 98664
earthlaurie@sonic.net



Docker earned his Junior Earthdog title.

Cydonia's Dock of the Bay AX OAJ AXF JE RATN CGC TKI V

Docker also has earned his Versatility title which is awarded by the Border Terrier Club of America.

Submitted By: Marti Park



We, at Trainers to the Rescue have been teaching online classes since 2020, and found many skills lend themselves to online learning. These skills can be taught in a very small space. Being required to video yourself also forces you to take a good look at exactly what you are teaching your dogs.

Our online classes are taught in two phases. Phase one is a Zoom meeting that you can attend live (we normally have 4 working students). If you are a working student, you will work during the live Zoom meeting, working on the skills or challenges presented that week. If you are an auditor, you may listen and ask questions during the live meeting.

Phase two is watching/posting videos via a Private Facebook group. One of the class TAs takes the zoom meeting and edits them into practical chunks. This way you can watch the material on your own schedule. Our TAs also create supplemental materials to more clearly demo techniques or concepts that might have happened during the live class. The group is also a place to ask questions between meetings to make sure you are on the right track. Yes, we can even help you set up your software and hardware.

Online Advanced Retrieve Class

I thought I could tidily fit each class into a 6-week format, but in order to accomplish the level of detail that I believe you'll need to be self-sufficient and successful in the long-term, the Retrieve outline is for 14 weeks, with the possibility -- if there is interest -- of another few weeks of more material. I'm really excited about making the time to train both you, the handler, and your dog through fun proofing games, how to prepare for problems before they occur, how to work through problems as they are happening to give your dog the best information and continue to move the team forward. We will address the retrieve in both the context of competition obedience (Open and Utility) and the retriever field. I admit I don't know much about the AKC Fetch program, but I am confident that the skills you'll learn in this class will make earning those titles a breeze.

The live Zoom meeting will be Tuesdays 6-7 pm.

I would love to have four working teams, and if anyone is interested in working in-person with me for the Zoom meeting, I would LOVE LOVE LOVE to have you join me in the Studio room. It doesn't have to be the same person every week, so keep that in mind.

The dates for the live Zoom meetings are:

November: 5, 12, 19, 26

December: 3, 17

January: 7, 14, 21, 28

February: 4, 11, 18, 25

As always, there will be ongoing support and additional material posted in the Facebook group. I'll be setting up a new Facebook group for this new class/cohort.

For 14 weeks of class, this will be \$360 for a working spot, which is less than the cost of two, in-person classes. Audit spots are \$180. I am **happy to set up a payment plan** with you; absolutely ask!

The pre-requisites for this class are:

- Completion of Intro to Retrieve online (available to audit for \$180), or
- A Retrieve on the Flat (Stay while item is thrown, Grab when sent to retrieve a stationary item, Hold and Return to handler, and Present and Hold until told to Release item). It doesn't have to be perfect as long as you are committed to progressing on all of those components alongside the new material we will be covering.

Having a reliable retrieve opens so many opportunities in obedience, field, tricks, service work, and home life. I'm looking forward to teaching this class!

To join the class for a working or audit spot, please e-mail

Cindy: trainerstotherescue@gmail.com

Online Advanced Heeling Class

I thought I could tidily fit this class into a 6-week format, but in order to accomplish the level of detail that I believe you'll need to be self-sufficient and successful in the long-term, the Heeling outline is for 18 weeks, with the possibility -- if there is interest -- of another few weeks of more material. I'm really excited about making the time to train both you, the handler, and your dog through fun proofing games, how to prepare for problems before they occur, how to work through problems as they are happening to give your dog the best information and continue to move the team forward. You'll learn what you need to have confident, reliable off-leash heeling in challenging environments, and how to be the best handler and teammate for your dog. This is really detailed stuff; I'm basically doing a brain dump of everything I've learned about heeling. My goal is that you'll have almost everything you need to analyze problems and create solutions for the career of your dog. I write "almost everything" because we are always learning and acquiring new tools!

The live Zoom meeting will be Thursdays 6-7 pm.

Again, I'm aiming to have four working teams, and if anyone is interested in working in-person with me for the Zoom meeting, I would LOVE LOVE LOVE to have you join me at the training center. It doesn't have to be the same person every week, so keep that in mind.

The dates for the live Zoom meetings are:

November: 7, 14, 21

December: 19

January: 2, 9, 16, 30

February: 6, 13, 20, 27

March: 6, 13, 20, 27

April: 10, 17

There are some gaps because of my travel schedule and the holidays; they will be great opportunities for you to catch up, post video and questions, and for your admin team to create supplemental material for the group. As always, there will be ongoing support and additional material posted in the Facebook group.

For 18 weeks of class, this will be \$500 for a working spot, which is less than the cost of three, in-person, six-week sessions. An audit spot will be \$300. I am happy to set up a payment plan with you; absolutely ask!

The pre-requisites for this class are:

- Completion of Foundation for Heeling online (available to audit for \$300), or
- Team has some competency with basic heeling skills: Heel Position, Attention/Engagement, Start, Halt, Right/Left/About Turns, Changes of Pace, Left/Right Circles. You can still be using lots of rewards, but you cannot be using a lure to keep your dog in heel position. Your heeling doesn't have to be perfect as long as you are committed to progressing on all of those components alongside the new material we will be covering.

In this class we are doing the assembly needed for reliable teamwork, which leads to confident, successful heeling. It's really exciting when you suddenly realize YOU ARE HEELING, when the week before it didn't seem possible. I really want you all to have that experience, when it all comes together.

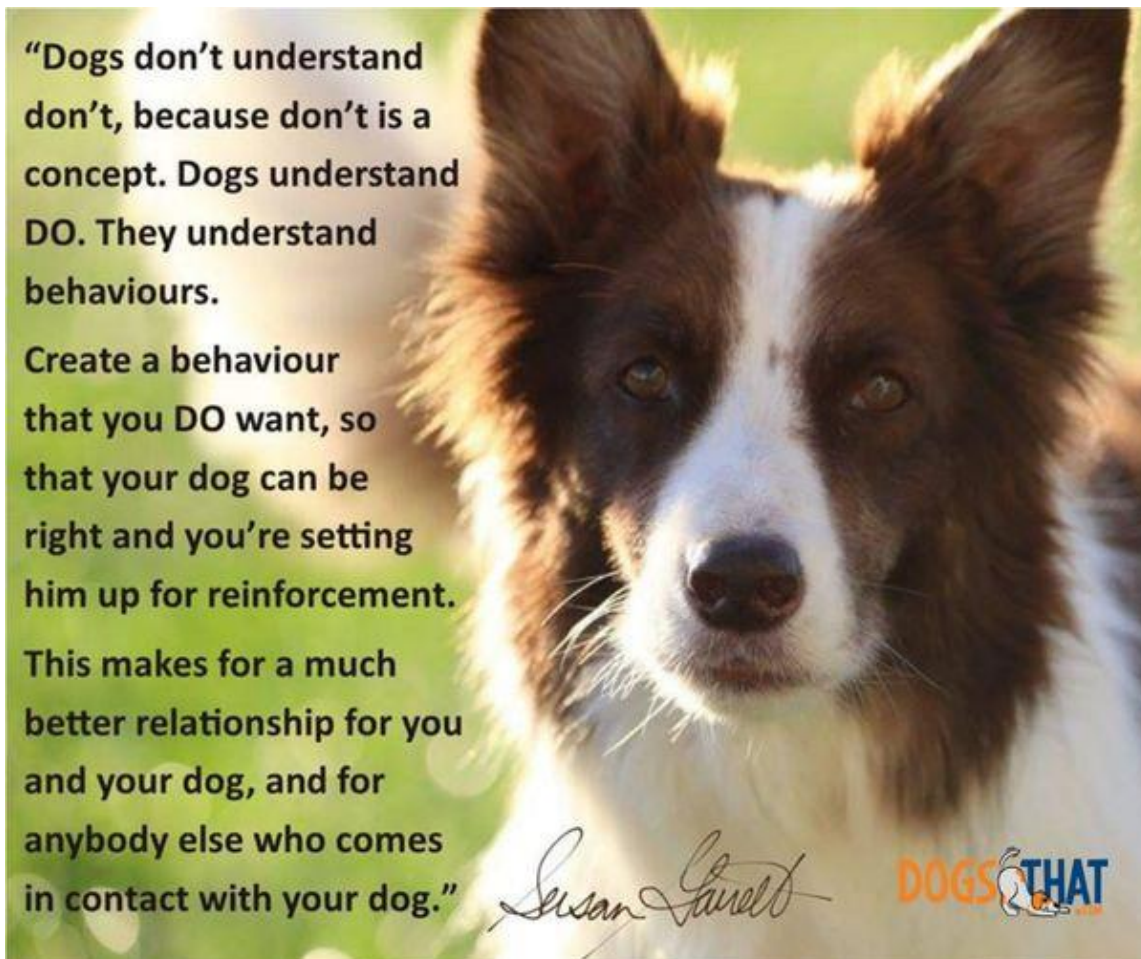
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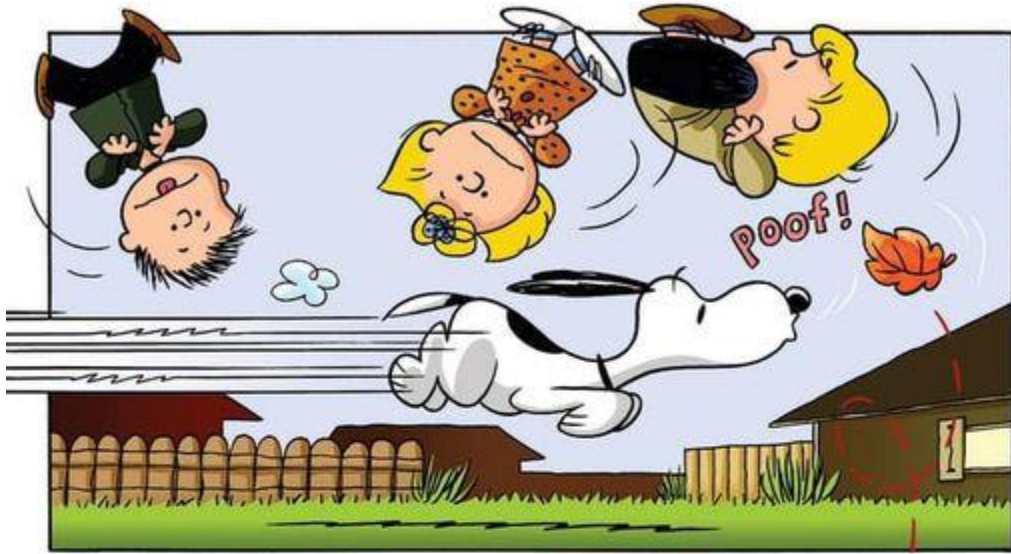
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Other Online Class Currently Available For Audit

1. **Tiger Puppy (performance puppy skills)**
2. **Intro to Retrieve**
3. **Intro to Heeling**

Please contact Cindy Leung for additional information: trainerstotherescue@gmail.com.







Sally Wells Training Opportunity

Sally has room in her 11:30-1pm Tuesday **Ring Prep class** at Trainers to the Rescue in Cornelius, Oregon.

You taught the dog the skills, this class helps with the in between and the before and after parts of a trial. We may also do some distraction work, but that is not the core of the class. Class has a rolling enrollment (start whenever) with \$220 for a 6-week block or \$50 to drop in (need to check with me first to make sure there is room).

For more information contact Sally Wells: sallyw61@yahoo.com

Nancy Seaman Training Opportunity

Utility Class starting January 2, 2025

Thursdays 1:00 – 2:00pm

The Month of January is 5 weeks for \$150.00

This class will have a max of 4 students and for dogs who have at least a start on Utility exercises.

For more information email Nancy: searis10@gmail.com

DON'T FORCE ME TO BE SOCIAL !



SOCIAL

Generally likes any dog even ones that are irritating or rude
Usually a young dog or a very social adult

Sociability is not a fixed trait - often changes with age / health / negative or positive experiences

DO YOU WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH EVERYONE YOU MEET ?
NO ?.... NEITHER DOES YOUR DOG

JUST LIKE US - DOGS HAVE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF SOCIABILITY & TOLERANCE

TOLERANT

Gets along with most dogs

Tolerates rude behaviour

Usually calm / relaxed / confident

SELECTIVE

Only likes some dogs

Cautious / suspicious of unknown dogs

Intolerant of certain play styles / breeds

SOLO

Just not into other dogs
Happier alone

May be highly sensitive

Prefers to be with a person

Needs space

Despite all the appropriate socialization at the right time, not every dog will be sociable

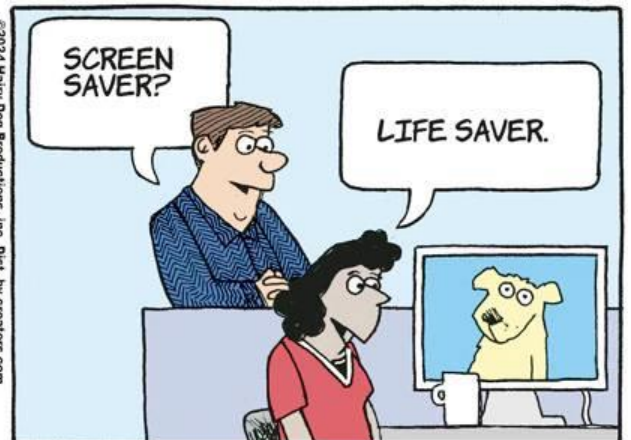
Dogs are individuals - never force a dog to be what you believe they should be *Dogs Disclosed*



Sparkle earned the last two legs of her Novice title at Cash's Arena, taking first place with a 198 both Days.
Many thanks to Sherwood Dog training Club for this show.

Two weeks later Sparkle earned two of her Open legs earning first place both days at the Vancouver Kennel Club.

Submitted By: Penny Harvey





Clean Run Training Tip of the Month 🖋️
October 18, 2024

tip of the month

When I come off the field at the end of the run, I start the mental preparation for my next run by thinking of three great things about our run. There are always some good things that happen, and focusing on them helps keep my dog and myself happy, motivated, and confident for the next run. Did my dog hold their start line? Did they catch that hard weave entry? Did they run faster than they have recently? Did they do a fantastic teeter? Were they able to ignore the judge and bar setters? Finding the little triumphs helps me see the progress and feel more positive. I will sit down later to look at the mistakes and what we need to work on. 🐾



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By Kathy Mocharnuk



**TRAINERS TO THE RESCUE IS HOSTING A DOG SWAP MEET!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, FROM 9AM TO 2 PM
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT BONNIE HAYES ANIMAL SHELTER**

For \$10 you can bring a table buy/sell/trade your dog stuff that you no longer use.

We will also have ring space available for open training

If you have a table, there will be no extra charge for Open Training!

Otherwise normal fees apply (\$10 student/ \$20 for others).

Please contact Sally sallyw6@yahoo.com to reserve a space.



Facebook Post on The Naughty Dogge January 20th

Feel and Timing:

A tool is a tool. It doesn't matter the quality of a hammer or drill; it matters the quality of the craftsman. I can pick up that drill, and do a fairly disastrous job of making kitchen cupboards. But hand that drill over to a skilled craftsman, and they will look great. Is it the drill that was flawed? Should I buy a different brand? No. We must improve the craftsman.

Dog training tools are the same. It doesn't matter if you use a halti, no pull harness, buckle collar, pinch collar, clicker, or whatever you want to use to teach your dog to walk nicely on a leash. If your skills are lacking, so will the end behaviour be.

This is the fascinating part of dog training. All come to me needing skills, but many are unwilling to work on themselves. They expect the dog to change, transform, while they stay the same. It doesn't work that way. Your relationship with your dog is just that; a relationship. What you do will affect what he does. But change is difficult for us. It is stressful. It requires us admitting flaws, and being vulnerable. If we rise to the occasion in training our partners, we will end up better people. However, it really is much easier to either a) stuff more food in the dog's face, or b) pound on the dog some more. Have some people lost the ability to dig deep, to improve themselves?

Some days when I look around, I feel that the art of dogmanship is becoming a lost art. I see my peers, who are veterans in dogs, and they all possess what I speak of. They might all be different from each other in the tools that they use, but they are craftsmen. They can take the equivalent of an old, rotten piece of wood and with love, and pride, turn it into something beautiful. Please remember, it isn't the tool, it is you.

Can you calm your mind? Can you loosen and control your muscles, and control your breath? Do you have the right feel on the leash, for each dog that you work with? Is your boundary clear and consistent? Are you more reactive than they are? If not, it is time to work on your dogmanship.

Monique Anstee

Author of As a Dog Thinketh. Victoria, BC





**Suzanne
Clothier**
Relationship Centered Training™

<https://suzanneclothier.com/training-equals-conversation/>

Training Equals Conversation

In an online discussion about mixing play sessions with training, there were some strong opinions about how and why things should be kept strictly separate. One trainer wrote this defending her position that play was just pure fun and training had no place in play: "You generally don't try to teach math on the playground, it tends to take all the fun out of kickball."

This struck me as odd. Did the trainer mean that they equated "training" with not fun? Or as the equivalent of math? (Math teachers of the world would like to know: And exactly why is math synonymous with *not fun*?)

Let's look a bit more closely at the false dichotomy of playground fun vs. math. There is an implication here if you're not suffering in math class, you're able to run wild, free and unfettered. In reality, teachers supervising the kickball game do more than just stand there and watch the kids play. They make sure that the kids are actually playing kickball, not beating the heck out of each other or terrorizing the third graders, following the rules of the game so it actually is kickball and not something unstructured. Good teachers are also keeping all involved safe by monitoring arousal levels and handling disputes, and in short, providing a safe environment for play to occur. And really good teachers use that setting to really teach a lot about cooperation, focus, self control, skill building, sportsmanship, rules, fair play, etc. Important things for kids to learn, and dogs too!

The joy of a well-run activity for dogs is precisely that they learn and have fun, all at the same time, which is, to my way of thinking, the best teaching situation possible. Separating joy and play from learning is what sucks the life out of it for all involved. Pioneers like Ian Dunbar and Terry Ryan were banging on this drum for a long, long time – training can be fun, and "play" can be educational. I have it on good advice from some folks who love math that it is possible to teach math in a fun way. Wish my math teachers had known that.

To me, training is simply a conversation between me and a dog. Not that conversation is a simple thing. Like any conversation, it can be casual, fun, serious, difficult, silly, meaningful or meaningless, boring, dry, exciting, stimulating, etc. It all depends on what's being discussed, how it's discussed, where it's discussed, who's talking and who's listening.

Conversations are information. When both are interested in receiving and imparting information, when it's a two way street, things are great. When I get my end right, the information I provide to a dog in a conversation is interesting and enjoyable to the dog. If I can't make it interesting and enjoyable to the dog, I've failed my end of the conversation.

I can also fail by not listening to the dog's end of the conversation. I am really interested in what animals have to say, so I bring my full attention to them to the best of my ability.

When you view life with dogs as an ongoing conversation that by turns is serious or silly, intense or casual, full of intent or simply light chit chat, training becomes just another way to communicate and share.

Become a great conversationalist with your dogs, whatever the topic of the moment.



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<https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/R02999.pdf>
Obedience Regulations Amended to April 1, 2023

**OBEDIENCE JUDGES' GUIDELINES
CHAPTER 3 PROCEDURES IN THE RING**

Signal Exercise. Judges should note that heeling is considered a principal part of this exercise; all penalties listed under the heeling exercises apply. A dog may non-qualify in the heeling portion using the same standards as in the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight. In the Utility classes, a judge should bear in mind that only during the stand, stay, drop, sit, and come parts of this exercise is it required to non-qualify (NQ) a dog for receiving a command or audible signal. Although penalized substantially, it is possible for the dog to receive a passing score if given a command or audible signal during other parts of the exercise. The Obedience Regulations Chapter 5, Section 6, requires the judge to have the handler leave the dog at one end of the ring on the stand and then proceed on the judge's order to the other end of the ring. This should place the handler about 3 to 4 feet from the opposite end of the ring. An excellent position for judging the stand, drop, sit, and come parts of this exercise is at an adequate distance to the side and slightly to the rear of the dog when the dog is in the stand-stay position. This exercise is composed of three principal parts: a heeling portion, the signal portion, and a recall portion.

Scent Discrimination. The judge should be certain that the handler and dog are in position to observe the placement of the articles should they choose to do so. The judge must take the necessary precautions to ensure the articles to be used by the handler are not fouled by the judge or any other scent.

Directed Jumping. In the Directed Jumping exercise, the dog is not required to go to the other end of the ring, only to a point about 20 feet beyond the jumps and in the approximate center. If the dog stops on command and remains at this point, it should not be penalized for not having gone out far enough. An excellent position for judging this exercise is on the side of the ring of the designated jump, parallel to and slightly to the rear of the handler and dog. There are several key points that require your attention:

- The dog must move at a brisk trot or gallop until commanded to sit.
- The dog must go out about 20 feet beyond the jumps.
- The handler should give the command to sit when the dog is about 20 feet beyond the jumps.
- The dog must stop and sit promptly on command.

The judge should not place a mark 20 feet beyond the jumps.

The reference to 20 feet beyond the jumps is to require the sit command be given prior to the dog reaching the ring barrier so that the dog may be evaluated on its ability to stop and sit on command.

Grid for Scoring Directed Jumping. When scoring the Directed Jumping exercise, large variations in performance may occur and there is not a great deal of time to consider how far from perfect each variation is. As an aid to maintaining some consistency in the manner in which all dogs in the class are scored, there should be no question that some type of system needs to be adopted in advance of the class. Although the following suggestion may not fit your particular method of scoring, it may serve as an aid in developing your own individual style. A grid is based on the premise that the closer to perfection, the smaller the deduction.

Should the dog go out about 20 feet beyond the jumps, stop on command by the handler and sit in the approximate center of the ring, there is no deduction. (This is represented by an imaginary circle of about 3 feet in the center of the ring at about a distance of 20 feet beyond the jumps.) Keep in mind that the handler should stop and sit the dog about 20 feet beyond the jump, not precisely 20 feet beyond the jump. If the dog stops and sits on the handler's command at 21 feet or 19 feet beyond the jumps (this is about 20 feet beyond the jumps), no points should be deducted. The key is that the dog stops and sits on command. The dog should not stop and sit without a command from the handler or stop and/or sit when it arrives at the ring barrier simply because it can go no further.

If the dog does either of these, points are deducted because the handler's command did not cause the dog to stop and sit. If the dog stops and sits on the handler's command but the handler has stopped the dog at about the 12-foot distance, a deduction is in order as the handler did not stop and sit the dog at about 20 feet beyond the jumps. Again, the requirement is to stop and sit the dog at about 20 feet beyond the jumps, not precisely 20 feet beyond the jumps. If the dog goes out about 20 feet beyond the jumps, stops and sits on the handler's command but its final position is in one of the corners of the ring, a three point deduction should be made. If the dog goes out only 10 feet beyond the jumps, stops and sits on command but the final position is in the center of the ring, a three point deduction should be made. If the dog goes out about 10 feet, stops and sits on command but the final position is next to the side of the ring, a five or six point deduction is in order.



I am thankful for....

Pawprints on my floor

Slobbery kisses on my face

Nose prints on my windows

Dog hair on my clothes

No room in my bed

**For there will come a day when these
things will be missed**

<https://pawsafe.com/blogs/dog-healthcare/how-to-help-a-choking-dog>

Visit this site for video

Heimlich Maneuver for Dogs



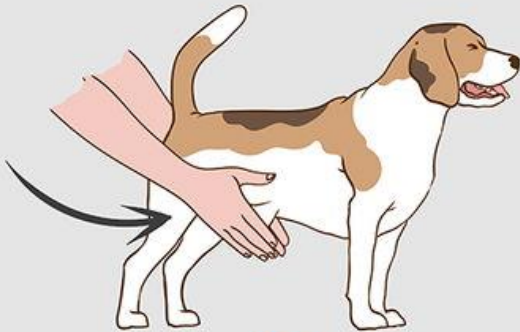
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Position the dog facing downward, similar to a wheelbarrow.



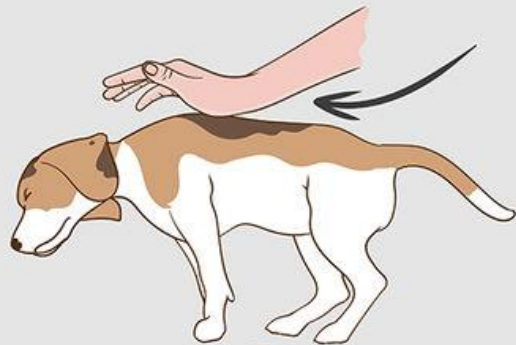
2

Sweep from left to right to check if you can remove the object.



3

Apply pressure to the abdomen by pushing upward with your clenched fist.



4

A "firm strike" between your dog's shoulder blades might do the trick.

The BCs and I had fun at SDTC trials.
Thanks to the trial committee and volunteers for their super efforts.
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Finding the Right Shampoo for Your Dog *By AKC Staff Updated: May 17, 2024*

Wavy, curly, silky, short, double, dense, wooly, corded – dog coats are definitely not all the same. There's a wide variation from breed to breed and among individual dogs. Not all dog shampoos are good for every dog, but how do you choose which is the best for your pet?

Finding a shampoo that is tailored to your dog's coat type will enhance the grooming process, maintain the beauty of the fur, and contribute to your dog's overall health. You just need to know what to look for.

When Should You Shampoo Your Dog?

Dog owners know that dogs don't mind being smelly and dirty. In fact, many dogs love to rolling around in stinky things, like brush, mud puddles, and dirt, making a deep clean necessary.

Regularly bathing your dog removes dead hair and skin cells, reduces shedding, and helps keep your dog's skin and coat free of dirt and allergens that can irritate and cause itching and infections.

Aside from being a necessary part of grooming, bathing your dog can be a bonding and trust-building experience. The right shampoo, if it feels refreshing, gentle, and is easy to rinse out of the coat, will help make the bathing process a positive experience.

Why Different Dogs Need Different Shampoos

Of course, different dogs require different bathing regimens. Single-coated dogs, such as Greyhounds, Dalmatians, and Boxers, may not require baths as frequently as other breeds with thicker coats. But when they do, a shampoo that is gentle on their skin and coat while repelling dust and dirt is the best choice.

Double-coated dogs, for example Golden Retrievers, Border Collies, and German Shepherd Dogs, have a shorter undercoat and a dense, longer outer coat. They require a shampoo that penetrates through to the undercoat and skin.

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What to Look for in Dog Shampoos

Selecting the right dog shampoo for your dog can depend on many different factors. But no matter what type of coat your dog has, you should always look for naturally-derived ingredients. Some common ones in dog shampoo include:

- Aloe vera: Both antiseptic and moisturizing, aloe is a popular ingredient that can aid in cleansing, moisturizing, and protecting against future irritations.
- Vitamin E: Also moisturizing, vitamin E can nourish skin and detangle coats.
- Vitamin B: Common in oats or oatmeal, vitamin B penetrates deeply to deliver moisture.
- Coconut oil: Coconut oil cleanses and moisturizes skin and coats.
- Charcoal: This can be a powerful and natural cleansing agent for the skin.

Choose soap-free options that soothe and hydrate rather than drying out skin and coat. Use “made in USA” products for quality of manufacturing and ingredients.

Don't use human shampoo on your dog: the pH level won't be right, and it can cause skin irritation. Artificial fragrances can be tempting, but try to avoid them. They are usually derived from chemicals that can cause allergic reactions. You should also stay away from dog shampoos that include paraben and dyes. Both can cause serious health problems such as skin irritation and certain cancers.

Types of Dog Shampoos

There are many different types of dog shampoos, so try to find the one that's specific for your dog. If you're not sure which dog shampoo would be best for your dog, talk to your veterinarian. They'll also be able to help you leverage any health concerns that your dog may have in order to choose the best shampoo for your dog.

Medicated Dog Shampoo

Vets may recommend medicated dog shampoo to your dog for a variety of reasons. Common medicated shampoos include anti-itch, anti-fungal, hot spot relief, antibacterial, antiseptic, hypoallergenic, and allergy relief dog shampoos.

Dry Dog Shampoo

Washing your dog completely with water isn't always an option. Dry dog shampoo can be good fix when your dog needs to freshen up between baths. Dog dry shampoo doesn't require water,

Dog Flea and Tick Shampoo

Flea and tick season is something that dog owners need to prepare for, in some places year-round. Dog flea and tick shampoo is cannot only help prevent fleas and ticks, but it can also be recommended for dogs that have fleas.

If your dog is on topical flea and tick treatment, you'll want to bathe them with a specific soap that doesn't reduce the effectiveness of the flea-and-tick preventative. This could mean a soap-free dog shampoo, or a specific flea and tick shampoo that was made with this in mind.



Puppy Shampoo

Puppies are still growing into themselves, so it's good to use puppy shampoo specifically when you're washing them. Puppy shampoo will help nourish and hydrate puppy's sensitive skin.

Dog Shampoo for Sensitive Skin

Dogs with dry or sensitive skin need to get clean too! Dog shampoo for sensitive skin is specifically made for these dogs. Sensitive skin shampoos wash your dog without stripping moisture or worsening existing skin conditions. Sensitive skin can happen in dogs for many reasons, so talk to your vet about which kind of shampoo would be best for your dog's specific needs.

Dog Shampoo for Shedding

If your dog is a breed that frequently sheds, you may consider dog shampoos for shedding. While these shampoos don't stop your dog from shedding, they can help reduce how much your dog sheds. Many of these shampoos contain ingredients that are known to reduce excess shedding, like omega-3 or omega-6 fatty acids.

Skunk Shampoo for Dogs

When your dog gets sprayed by a skunk, you'll likely want to bathe them immediately to get rid of the stench. Skunk shampoo for dogs can help get the smell off of their coat, while giving them a good thorough bath at the same time.

If you can avoid it, don't bring your dog in the house if they've been sprayed by a skunk. As long as the skunk oil is on your dog's coat, the smell will linger everywhere. Homemade dog shampoos can help mask the skunk odor, but they don't eliminate it like skunk shampoos do. Just make sure that you're extremely careful using shampoos with potent formulas around your dog's eyes.

Scented Dog Shampoo

While artificial fragrances should be avoided in dog shampoos, there are safe scented dog shampoos that can leave your dog smelling fresh and clean after their bath. After all, you don't want that stinky smell or the wet dog smell to linger after they're clean. Look for natural scents like kiwi or coconut.

Some shampoos that target different things, like sensitive skin, also have pleasant scent due to their ingredients. Some plant-derived dog shampoos smell fresh and clean because of the ingredients. Oatmeal in dog shampoo is a common ingredient for sensitive skin. Dog shampoos for sensitive skin will often have a lingering, yummy oatmeal smell as a result.



Tips for Enjoying Bath Time

Once you find the shampoo that works best for your dog, you can teach your dog to enjoy the attention and time in the bath. Professional groomers stress the importance of getting your dog accustomed to bath time. First, make sure you're relaxed and calm. If you're bathing your puppy, let them get used to standing in an empty tub first, reward them with praise or treats.

When you're ready to shampoo your dog, take them for a walk first to get some of the energy out. You're going to get wet, so dress accordingly. Brush your dog before shampooing to remove loose hair, dirt, and debris. Before getting your dog wet, check the water temperature to be sure it's slightly warm but never hot. Get started by using a soft stream of water to wet your dog's coat thoroughly. Once your dog is wet down to their skin, lather in the shampoo. Make sure to avoid getting shampoo in the dog's eyes, nose, mouth, and ears. Adding a nice massage over the suds will help your dog stay relaxed, as well as make sure the shampoo is applied evenly throughout their coat.

Once that's done, rinse the shampoo out with warm water. Some of the suds can be hard to get out, so even when you think you've rinsed out all of the suds, rinse again.

To dry your dog, use a few thick, absorbent towels and blot out, not rub, as much of the water as you can. When you take your clean dog out of the tub, give them some treats, and stand back – because all dogs will shake off vigorously, and many wet dogs get the zoomies.

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Sunday, October 27th at the SDTC TDX/TD test in Sprague, Wash. Team Dori passed her TDX test under judges Jan Wesen and Suzanne Schwab.

My tracklayer was Michael.
Many thanks to all the hard work this club did to make this possible!!

She had rocky outcroppings, tall dry prairie grass, short dry weeds, gulleys and also braved 20 MPH winds. After one short heart stopping moment when she got interested in some critter holes towards the latter part of her track she got back to work and made it to her glove!!

Yahoo!! It was a wonderful birthday gift for her 4th birthday on 10/22!
I am surely blessed!!

Presenting:
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Submitted by: Sheryl Evans

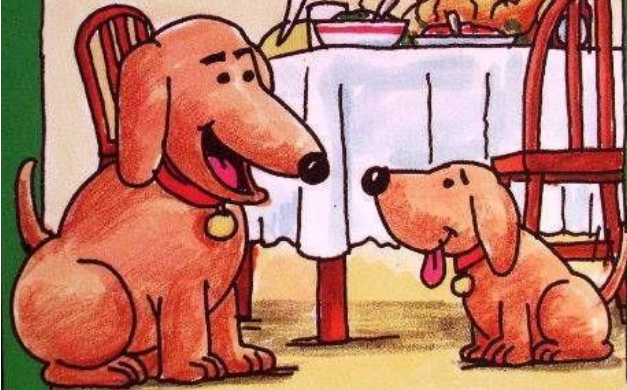
ATTENTION!

We want everyone to know that xylitol is now being labeled as "Birch Sugar"

This is a sweetener used in food. Most common peanut butter and candy. It is VERY toxic to dogs. Keep your pups safe.

The Trickledown Theory of Thanksgiving.

It's gonna rain turkey, son! Stuffing falls, things happen! People drop rolls, peas roll off plates!... Stay alert!...





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