

Sherwood Dog Training Club

AKC License Club

May 2025 Newsletter



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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 May 7th @ 7:00pm

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2517890074?pwd=VGdKeGhtM3l0T3FOdnJoVEUxRjZoQT09&omn=84593649613>

Meeting ID: 251 789 0074

Passcode: 0Avc7r

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



Thank you

As chair of the April 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!

Special thank you to our Judge, Michele (Illes) Dembowski.

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 chief ring steward, Helen Hamilton

Thanks to our Stewards, who all put in long days! Jill Faulmann, Bob Dembowski, Gary Dolezal, Susie McClain, Sheryl Bartel.

Thanks to Salomeja Garolis for her work on hospitality. She 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 Jill Faulmann for making wonderful First Place Bags and the wonderful bag for the Judge.

Thanks to Susie McClain for making the beautiful rose awards.

Thanks to those who volunteered for setup and cleanup - Darlene and Kurt Brushwein, Debbie Gibbons, Salomeja Garolis, Jill Faulmann, Jan Lentz, Linda Ruedy, Laurie Rueben, Nancy Crandell, and Bob and Michele Dombowski.

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!
Jan Lentz, Trial Chair

Link to unofficial catalog

https://www.sherwooddtc.org/_files/ugd/4b8b5f_22f2a5537b5d42e5a4a865ee3b518b95.pdf



Dates to Mark for 2025 at Cash Arena in Sherwood, OR

Match Date: Sunday, May 25, 2025

Rally Trial Dates: Saturday, May 31, 2025, and Sunday, June 1, 2025

Match Date: Sunday, October 5, 2025

Obedience Trial Dates: Saturday, October 11, 2025, and Sunday, October 12, 2025

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/>



For the May 25 match which is one week prior to the rally trials, obedience will be offered in one ring in the morning and both rings in the afternoon.

Obedience runs are \$10 each run for 10 min (\$11 if using PayPal). Maximum of 2 runs per membership.

Rally runs are \$5 for 5. min (\$6 if using PayPal). Maximum of 3 runs per membership.

Rally classes offered are Novice, Advanced, Excellent and Master. If there is no interest or only one person wanting a particular class, it will not be offered. All four courses will be completely different and will be posted ringside.

Bring your phone or iPad if you want a copy of the course. There will be a 5 min walk through at the beginning of each class. You will have 5 min in the ring for your run and you can use it any way you want: do a couple of run-throughs, stop and train at certain signs, whatever your dog needs.

Send checks along with the obedience and/or rally entry form
to Betty Rose, 2015 SW 204th Ave, Beaverton OR 97003.

May 31st and June 1st Rally Trials

**We will be offering Teams and Pairs on
Saturday, May 31st**

**Sherwood, OR / Cash Arena
One Ring / Packed Dirt**

Closes May 14th at noon

We are currently accepting entries

<https://form.jotform.com/250465075752156>

**Please add this email to your safe email
list sherwooddogtc@gmail.com**

Your confirmations will use this email address



Sunday May 25 2025 Obedience Intra-Club Match Entry Form

Match is at the Cash arena, 17720 SW Elsner Rd, Sherwood, OR 97140

Obed runs \$10 (\$11 if using paypal) for 10 minutes. Maximum of 2 obed runs per member.

Please see end of this form for additional information about this match

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

e-mail: _____ phone(s) _____

First obed class requested _____ Dog name _____

Dog breed _____ jump height _____

Second obed class requested _____ Dog name _____

Dog breed _____ jump height _____

Amount enclosed _____ or Amount paid Paypal _____

By signing this entry form, the exhibitor agrees to the following. Unsigned forms will be returned along with all fees.

I hereby release the Sherwood Dog Training Club, Inc., the Owners of Cash Arena other animal owners, property owners, instructors, spectators, and/or any other participants from any and all liability for accidents, injuries and/or damages to me, my dog or property caused by participation in any activities including the period of time immediately prior to and/or immediately after the conclusion thereof so long as the animals are located on the premises designated for the activity. I understand that by participation, I am a joint venture participant and assume all liability for injury to my dog, my property or myself occasioned by this participation. This waiver shall be effective from the date of signing.

To the best of my knowledge, I attest that I do not have or have symptoms of COVID-19 at the time of attending this event. I will not have knowingly been in contact with or exposed to any known carrier of COVID-19 within the past 14 days. I agree that I am attending this event entirely at my own risk and take full responsibility for my own health and safety during this event. I will not hold SDTC or any other person affiliated with the event in any way liable for any present or future COVID-19 exposure or illness incurred during or after this event. I agree to follow all SDTC, county, state and CDC rules and requirements to reduce spread and possible exposure to this virus.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

**SEND ENTRY/WAIVER FORM WITH FEES TO:
Betty Rose, 2015 SW 204th Ave, Beaverton OR 97003**

MAKE CHECK OUT TO SDTC

**If paying by paypal, you can send electronic copy of entry form to
bettyrose97070@yahoo.com**

Obed will be offered in one ring in the morning and both rings in the afternoon. Please plan to help run through other dogs by calling the exercises or stewarding and setting up the jumps. We need help at the end of the match packing up and sweeping up please!

Run order and other information will be emailed out to entrants by 5-20-2025

Sunday May 25 2025 Rally SDTC Intra-Club Match Entry Form

Match is at the Cash arena, 17720 SW Elsnor Rd, Sherwood, OR 97140

Rally runs are \$5 ea (\$6 if using paypal on SDTC website) for 5 min. minutes. Maximum of 3 rally run runs per member.

Please see end of this form for additional information about this match

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

e-mail: _____ phone(s) _____

Rally classes offered are Novice Advanced Excellent Master (no Intermediate or Choice)

First rally class requested _____ Dog name _____

Dog breed _____ jump height _____

Second rally class requested _____ Dog name _____

Dog breed _____ jump height _____

Third rally class requested _____ Dog name _____

Dog breed _____ jump height _____

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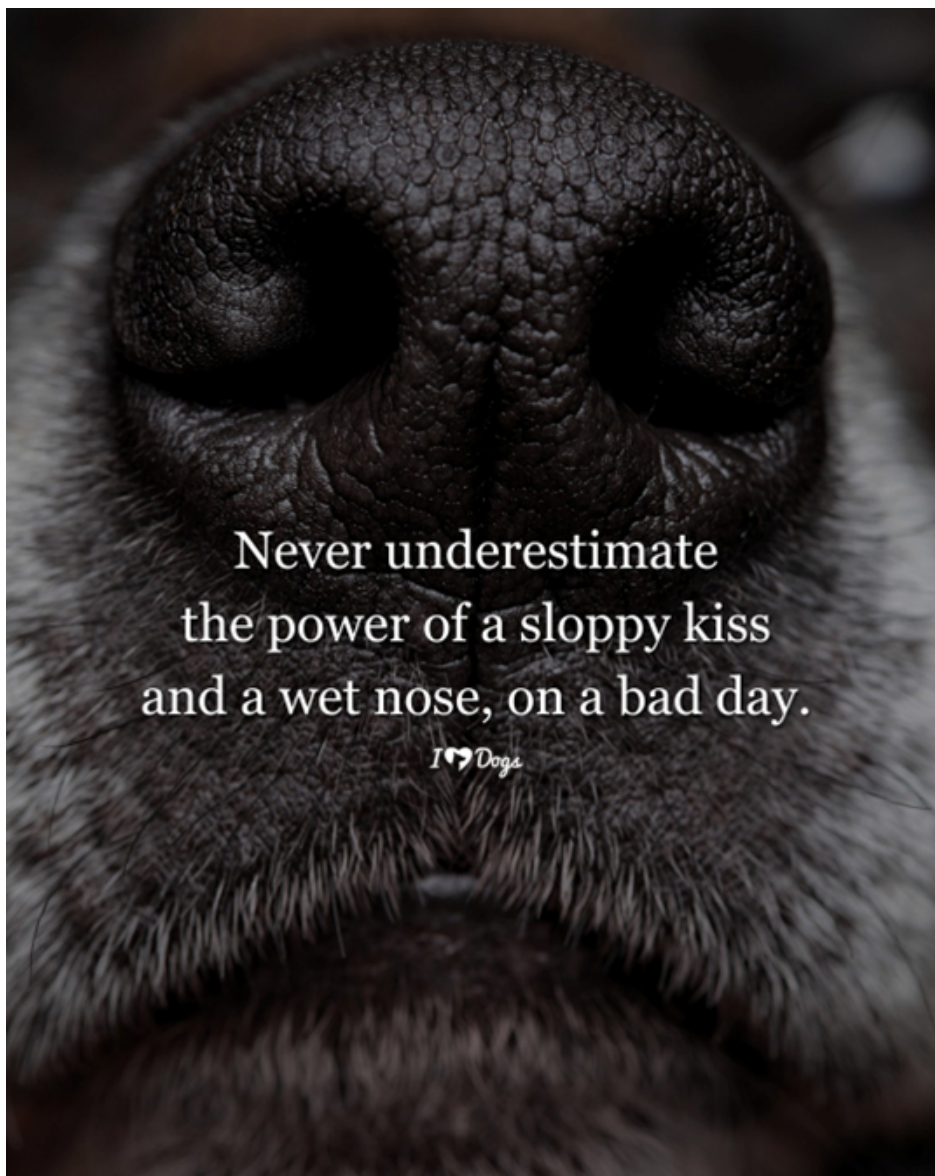
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Upcoming UKC Shows / www.ukcdogs.com

Washington

June 6-8, 2025

Lilac City Dog Training Club, Spokane / Obedience & Rally

August 1 – 3, 2025

UKC Western Classic, Longview, WA / Obedience, Rally, Agility

October 18-19, 2025

Lilac City Dog Training Club, Spokane Valley / Nose Work

Oregon

May 2 -4, 2025

Canine Action Pack Cornelius, OR / Obedience & Rally

November 14-16, 2025

Canine Action Pack Cornelius, OR / Obedience & Rally

Wyoming

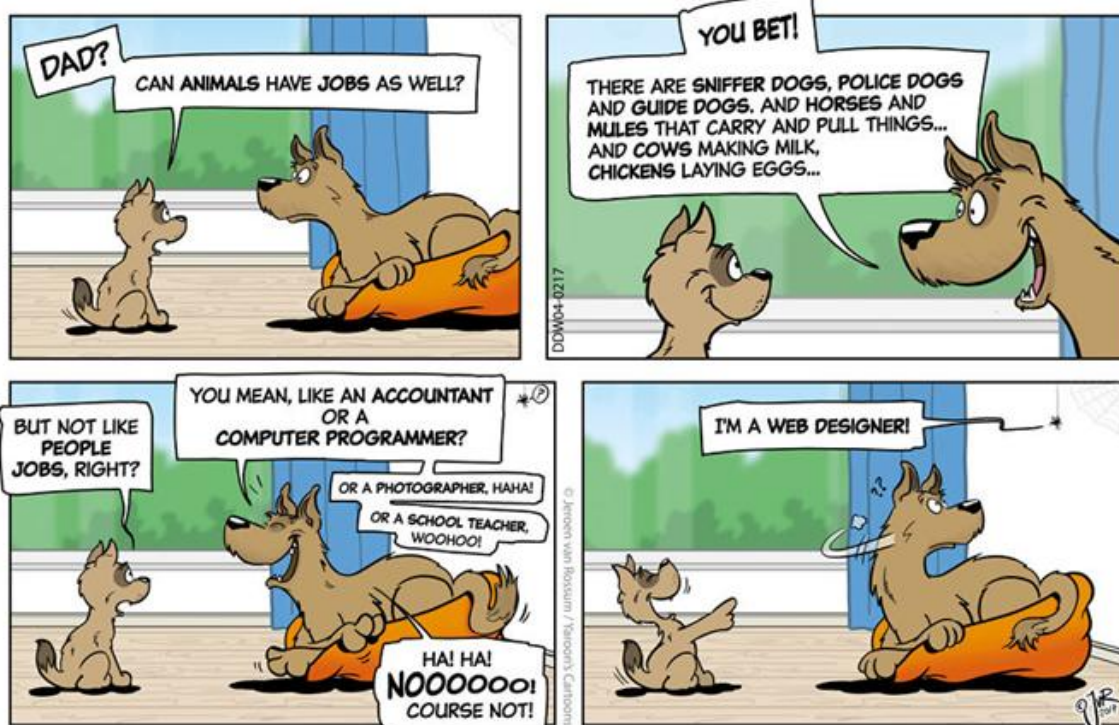
May 17-18, 2025

Rocky Mountain Dog Stars, Sheridan, WY, Nose Work

Details at 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/>

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www.dogsdontwhisper.com

8 Dog Nose Facts You Probably Didn't Know

By: PetMD Editorial Reviewed by Jennifer Coates, DVM

Video Link: <https://www.petmd.com/dog/behavior/5-dog-nose-facts-you-probably-didnt-know>



Your pup's nose is a powerful device that guides him through his days in some pretty impressive ways.

"Dogs noses are specifically adapted to function much better than ours," explains Dr. Michael T. Nappier, DVM, DABVP, of the Virginia Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine.

"They have up to 300 million *olfactory* receptors in their noses, versus only about 6 million for us. And the part of their brain dedicated to interpreting these is about 40 times larger than ours," says Dr. Nappier.

Facts About Your Dog's Nose and Amazing Sense of Smell

Here are eight more interesting facts about your dog's sense of smell that prove that canines have superior noses.

1. A dog's nose has two functions—smelling and breathing.

According to Dr. Nappier, a canine's nose has the ability to separate air. A portion goes directly to the olfactory sensing area (which distinguishes scents), while the other portion is dedicated to breathing.

2. Dogs have the ability to breathe in and out at the same time.

"When sniffing, dogs' noses are designed so that air can move in and out at the same time, creating a continuous circulation of air, unlike humans who have to either breathe in or out only," says Dr. Nappier.

3. Dogs have a special organ that gives them a "second" sense of smell.

According to Dr. Nappier, a dog's vomeronasal organ helps them detect pheromones, which are chemicals that animals release that affect other members of the same species. This organ plays an important role in reproduction and other aspects of canine *physiology* and behavior.

4. Dogs smell in 3-D.

Dogs can smell separately with each nostril. Just as our eyes compile two slightly different views of the world, and our brain combines them to form a 3-D picture, a dog's brain uses the different odor profiles from each nostril to determine exactly where smelly objects are located.

5. Dogs can smell the passage of time.

Dogs can detect the tiny reductions in the concentrations of odor molecules that occur over short periods of time. This allows tracking dogs to quickly determine which direction a person or animal has gone in by sniffing the ground.

6. Dogs' noses have evolved to help them survive.

According to Dr. David C. Dorman, DVM, PhD, DABVT, DABT, professor of toxicology at North Carolina State College of Veterinary Medicine, dogs have used their noses to assist with major life events since the beginning of time.

"Evolutionarily, a dog's sense of smell helps them find a mate, *offspring*, and food, and avoid predators," he says.

7. Dogs can smell up to 100,000 times better than humans.

Dr. Nappier puts this tidbit into perspective with an awe-inspiring analogy. "A dog's sense of smell is its most powerful sense," he says. "It is so sensitive that [dogs can] detect the equivalent of a 1/2 a teaspoon of sugar in an Olympic-sized swimming pool."

8. Some breeds have a better sense of smell than others.

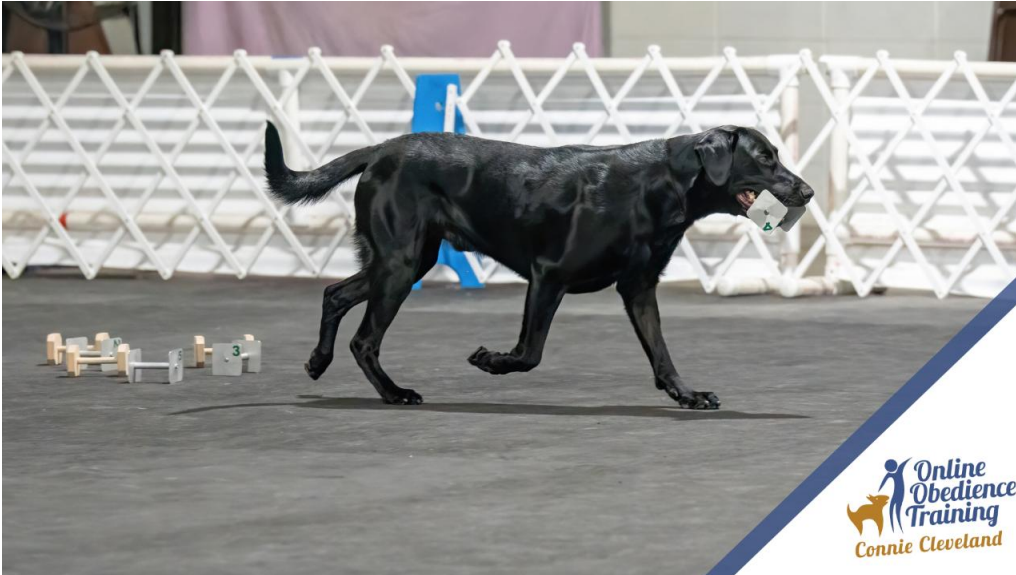
While all dogs have strong sniffers, Dr. Nappier says, "hound breed dogs have the best sense of smell." Dr. Dorman points out that sturdy working dogs like German Shepherds and Labradors also rank high in their smelling abilities.

Some dogs, like Pugs, that have short faces (also known as *brachycephalic* dogs), may "have some airway compromise that could affect their sense of smell," explains Dr. Nappier.



Scent Articles: What is Your Dog Really Looking For?

Jan 22, 2025



Let's discuss some scenarios that force the dog to look for the handler's odor, not the most heavily scented article in the pile.

When performing Scent Articles, you want your dog looking for the article with *your* scent. However, for a dog sharing your home, your scent is ubiquitous which makes it very difficult for the dog to understand that your odor is important on this exercise.

To identify your odor as the target, carefully clean and handle the articles so all of the articles do not have your scent on them. In Scent Discrimination, articles in the pile with residual odor force the dog to look for the most odor, not the handler's odor. This can cause problems because it requires the dog to check every article several times before he can confidently make a decision.

Can you imagine a detection trainer having 9 containers, and putting the explosive odor in one container on day one, and then not washing that container, but putting the explosive odor in a different container the next day? We know dogs have incredible noses, and a good detection dog would alert on the container from day one because of residual odor. We would be impressed at his "nose," and ability to find a "trace" amount.

It is certainly possible to teach a dog to look for the most odor, or the "hot scent." I do not choose to teach the exercise that way because it leads to more problems than necessary.

Watch the video for some scenarios that force the dog to look for the handler's odor, not the most heavily scented article in the pile.

Video available here: <https://www.obedienceroad.com/blog/scent-articles-handlers-odor>



Ground Sniffing is a **DISPLACEMENT BEHAVIOR**

Displacement behaviors are normal behaviors displayed out of context. They indicate conflict and anxiety.

The dog wants to do something, but he is suppressing the urge to do it. He displaces the suppressed behavior with something else such as a lick or a yawn. The uncertainty of the situation causes conflict for the dog and the displacement behaviors are a manifestation of that conflict. The dog may want to bite a child who takes his bone, but instead he bites furiously at his own foot.

Source: <http://www.petprofessionalguild.com/dogbodylanguage>

WHAT TO DO:

Dogs do not learn well when they are stressed. Give them **MORE SPACE** away from the trigger so they can relax. Use food, games, or play to create positive associations, and to help them feel safe or unanxious. If you have a reactive or predatory dog, whenever your dog chooses to **DISENGAGE** from the trigger by **SNIFFING THE GROUND**, he should be **REWARDED** heavily.

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USEFUL REFERENCES: www.doggiedrawings.net/educational



MORE THAN A NAP: THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF SLEEP IN CANINE HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

As a cynologist, I can't emphasize enough how vital sleep is for dogs, playing a role as crucial to their well-being as it does for humans. Sleep serves as a cornerstone for a dog's physical health, emotional stability, and cognitive functioning. Yet, in my experience, many pet owners often overlook the importance of quality sleep for their canine companions, unknowingly fostering environments that disrupt their dog's rest. Just as we need adequate sleep to process daily experiences and maintain balance, so do our dogs. However, unlike humans, dogs don't typically experience extended, uninterrupted periods of sleep; instead, they rely on frequent, shorter cycles of rest throughout the day and night to stay in equilibrium. When this delicate balance is disrupted, a host of behavioral issues can arise, from mild irritability to severe anxiety.

Often, when I see behavioral issues in dogs, they're attributed to things like a lack of exercise, insufficient training, or stress in the environment. What goes unnoticed, however, is how frequently sleep deprivation is an underlying factor. A dog that appears hyperactive, reactive, or even destructive may, in fact, be sleep-deprived and simply unable to regulate its emotions and impulses. This connection between sleep and behavior becomes especially crucial with high-energy breeds and working dogs, who need significant time to mentally and physically recover. When these dogs don't get enough rest, their overstimulated minds and bodies fail to reset, leading to impulsive and problematic behaviors that only escalate over time.

Editor Note: This article is about 25 pages. It is worth the read. I found it very good. I learned a lot.

Here is the link: <https://www.canineevolutions.com/news/more-than-a-nap-the-essential-role-of-sleep-in-canine-health-and-happiness>



SOME POOCHES DON'T LIKE SMOOCHES !

HUGS & KISSES MAY BE A PERSON'S WAY OF SHOWING LOVE / AFFECTION / COMFORT BUT DOGS MAY FIND THIS UNPLEASANT / STRESSFUL

ALTHOUGH MANY DOGS ARE TOLERANT - BODY LANGUAGE OFTEN SHOWS SIGNS OF STRESS

BODY LANGUAGE OF STRESS

- Turning head away / leaning away
- Closing the eyes / Lip licking
- Licking the person - "a kiss to dismiss"
- Flattened ears / Yawning / Panting
- Stiffness / freezing
- Tense body / furrowed brow
- Showing the whites of the eye

Watch for signs of stressed body language - focus on consent / choice / respect personal space

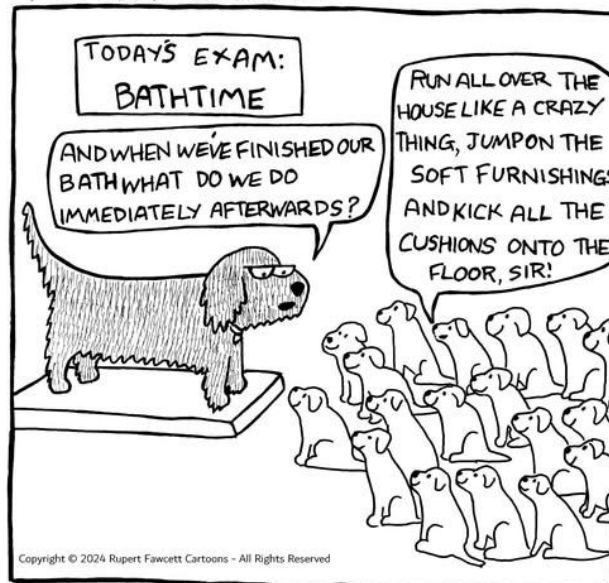
Dogs Disclosed

Dogs may feel stressed / anxious / trapped / immobilised / helpless when their personal space is invaded - choice / escape is taken away

OTHER WAYS TO SHOW AFFECTION

- stroke / rub / massage
- sitting close by
- interactive play / games

AT PUPPY SCHOOL



ARE YOU WORTH COMING BACK TO ?



COMING BACK WHEN CALLED IS FAR MORE LIKELY WHEN IT'S REWARDING

COMMON REASONS DOGS DON'T COME BACK

ANGRY TONE

Would you want to go back to someone calling you with an angry voice?

Use a happy, excited, upbeat tone of voice to call your dog

SCOLDING / PUNISHMENT

Shouting / punishing dogs when they do come back creates fear / anxiety

COMING BACK = BAD THINGS HAPPEN

Always praise/reward even if it takes longer than it should

FUN IS ENDING

Avoid calling **only** when the fun is ending

Call your dog back to you **during** an activity praise /reward then continue

INTERRUPTING

If a dog has just found a really interesting smell - a response is less likely

Why not wait a bit ?

Set dogs up to be successful / get it right

LOCATION, LOCATION !

1st practise in low distraction areas - play hide & seek inside then try outside - reward with praise / treats / toys / games when your dog finds you

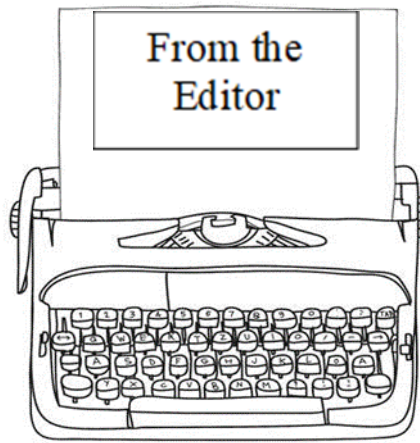
REPEATING

Repeated calling = loss of interest / white noise
Call once or twice, whistle / clap / run in the opposite direction, give lots of encouragement

Always reward dogs for coming back & keep on practicing
Make sure you are worth coming back to !

Dogs Disclosed





SDTC Newsletter Advertising Policy

- **Advertisements for rehoming k9 equipment, etc. are always welcome.**
- **Training programs and classes offered by members will be posted with a link to a website for members only [possibly under a column specifically designated for that purpose].**
- **Advertising of puppies/litters will not be accepted**

We are looking for articles from our membership.

- **Do you have a brag or accomplishment?**
- **Have you written an article that the membership could benefit from?**
- **Know of an upcoming event? Example: Obedience trial, Scent trial, Specialty, Health clinic..... etc.**



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Check where emails come from.**

Never open links from emails you do not recognize or seem weird.