

Heel And Sit News

NEWSLETTER OF THE GREAT SALT LAKE DOG TRAINING CLUB



What's Happening.....

If you missed it in the last Newsletter, we had 2 entries for our annual Tracking Dog test and 2 PASSES!!! Wendy McCleery with her Beagle Monroe and Kathy Murray and Julia Kirchenbauer with their German Shepherd. Kathy Murray was the handler.

July 4th and Fireworks are right around the corner,

PLEASE REMEMBER....not all dogs and cats like Fireworks! Some who have never had an issue before, suddenly does. Be mindful, keep them indoors during the July 4th fireworks, in a safe area with TV or radio turned up. Keep them safe, don't let them be a statistic and end up lost, scared and lonely.

So what's next with the GSLDTC?

August will bring our **Summer Picnic/General Meeting**. Yep, in August our General Meeting is a Summer Picnic, so mark your calendars now, Monday, **August 24, 2015 at Germana Park. 7pm**

5243 S Murray Parkway Ave (1070 W)

The club supplies meat and drinks. Please bring something to share and table settings for your party.

September will bring the Obedience, Rally and Agility trials held in conjunction with the Bonnaville Basin Kennel Club shows. More information on this in an upcoming Newsletter.

To all the Dad's whether you are a Dad to 2 or 4 legged kids, we hope you have a VERY special day!!



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Say hello to the NEWEST STAR Puppy and CGC Graduates! HUGE Congratulations to one and all!
And THANK YOU to Christine Wright of Wright Side Up Photography for capturing our graduates!



STAR Puppy Graduates

CGC Graduates



Summer Paw Safety For Your Pets

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Protect the Paws this summer!

Almost everyone has experienced the unpleasant sensation of standing on a very hot road. How many of us realize the road can be just as dangerous and painful for our dogs? Hot pavement, debris and grasses can burn and injure a dog's paws.

Those of us who are dog lovers want to take our dogs along on outings; however, the summer months can be dangerous for dogs. Walking on HOT pavement, gravel, dirt, blacktop, driveways, streets and parking lots can get really hot and burn your dog's paw pads. This also includes the back of a pick-up truck (which we do not recommend you put your dog in the back of a truck, ever!), a boat dock, or any metal surface gets hot and the pads of your dog's feet need to be protected from burns and blisters.

The pads can also get injured from broken glass and other debris while you're out on walks. Also, watch out for foxtails this summer; these dried grasses can penetrate into a dog's paw and other areas. There are several great ways to keep your dog's feet protected from the scorching summer temperatures and still take your dog with you!

Other Facts about Paws

Paws not only get her from place to place, they also help regulate body temperature. Dogs breathe through their feet and cool themselves through the middle sections of their pads (and their tongue).

Extreme elements can cause severe injury on dog paws, such as hot pavement, hot sand, sharp bits of ice, or chemicals used to melt the frozen water, so it is essential to take care in protecting dog's paws. While winter cold and summer heat often mean extra care of dog paws, it is necessary to protect the animal's feet year-round. For example, dogs that frequently run around parks or in your backyard can pick up small pebbles between paw pads or cut their pads on sharp twigs or rocks.

How to Deal with Injuries

Signs of burned pads include:

- limping or refusing to walk
- licking or chewing at the feet
- pads darker in color
- missing part of pad
- blisters or redness
- whining and or heavy panting may be a sign of pain



In an emergency

If your dog experiences any of these symptoms, the best treatment is to immediately flush the injured paw with cool water, get the dog to a grassy area, and carry him/her if possible.

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It is important to keep the foot area cool and clean. As soon as you notice the problem, flush the pads with cool water or a cool compress if available. Get the dog to a grassy area, or if possible, carry him.

As soon as possible, the dog should be checked by a veterinarian. The veterinarian will determine if the dog needs pain medication and/or antibiotics.

HOW TO TREAT INJURED PAWS

Only if you cannot get the dog to a veterinarian right away, if a heat-related foot pad injury does occur, owners should take the following measures to prevent infection in the dog's injured paw:

Wash the dog's injured paw pad using antibacterial soap and rinse thoroughly. Pat the injured foot with a clean towel to dry the area.

Pour an antiseptic like beta dine (preferred) or hydrogen peroxide over the burned, blistered or cut paw pad and allow the liquid to air dry. (Note: Hydrogen peroxide can damage tissue and delay healing. After the initial cleaning, hydrogen peroxide must be used at half-strength, with 50% water added. This is why beta dine is preferred.) Do not use alcohol, it burns!

Apply a generous amount of antibiotic ointment to the site of the dog's foot pad injury. Wrap the paw and ankle with rolled gauze. Roll the gauze in a "figure 8" pattern, looping around the paw and ankle to prevent the bandage from slipping off.

Cover the bandage with a sock, placing a bit of tape around the dog's leg at the sock's ankle to hold the sock in place. The sock will prevent soiling of the foot bandage.

Bring the dog to the veterinarian for an examination! Antibiotics are often prescribed for a paw pad cut, burn or sore due to the high risk of infection.

Typically, bandaging is not recommended for a dog's injury as the limited air flow can promote the growth of anaerobic bacteria. But paw pad injuries are an exception to this rule, as without a bandage, the injured paw pad will be contaminated with bacteria and irritated by debris.

Paw pad burns and cuts are very prone to infection, so visiting the veterinarian is very important. A more thorough cleaning may need to be performed under anesthesia; removal of dead tissue may also be necessary to allow for healing to occur. Antibiotics are often required for complete healing; a visit to the vet is even more vital when more than one paw is involved, which is often the case with foot pad burns.

Prevention is the Key

Dog owners can take many precautions to prevent burns and injury to a dog's paw pads. Some of these preventative measures designed to prevent pad injuries will also make the dog less vulnerable to other summertime pet dangers, like canine heat stroke and sunburn. Here are some ideas to protect your dog:

Walk the dog in the early morning or evening to avoid paw pad burns. Avoid walking the dog in the heat of the day, when the sun beats down, heating the pavement and sand.

Walk the dog on the grass. The grass remains cooler than the sidewalk, lessening a dog's chance of paw pad injuries in the summer. This makes a trip to a shady park a good option for an afternoon walk in the summertime.

Take frequent dog walks on the pavement during cool times of day. This will help toughen a dog's paw pads by promoting the formation of callus. This makes the skin of the dog's foot pads thicker and less prone to injuries like burns and cuts. Dogs that seldom walk on pavement will have more sensitive pads and they require more frequent nail clippings, as walking on pavement files the dog's nails.

Moisturize the dog's paws on a daily basis. Keep a dog's paws well moisturized with Vaseline® or a special paw pad balm or cream, like Musher's Secret®. Moisturizing the dog's paw pads will prevent cracking, peeling and minor pad cuts. These injuries will cause the dog's pads to become more sensitive once healing is complete, so preventing injury is the key.

A wet towel can also be useful for the dog to stand on while loading him/her into the car.

Feel the pavement before you take your dog for a walk. If the pavement is extremely hot to the touch, it will be extremely hot on your dog's paw pads.

Keep the hair trimmed around your dog's paws to prevent ice, snow, salt, de-icing chemicals, pebbles, sand, small twigs and other debris from attaching to longer hairs.

Brush the hair with a comb before trimming, and don't forget to get the hair between the toes, as well hair as between the toes and the main paw pad. Ice and other debris can easily become stuck in these areas.

Take your dog to your veterinarian or a professional groomer to have her nails trimmed regularly. Overgrown nails can interfere with your dog's gait and can split, causing pain and bleeding. Severe cases can curl under and grow into the pad of the paw.

Inspect your dog's paws daily after following any outdoor adventure; small pebbles and other items can become lodged between your dog's paw pads.



Do not put booties on your dog; dogs breathe through their feet and cool themselves through the in between of their pads and their tongue. If you put booties on them, you shut down more than half of their ability to cool themselves.

A dog that has been in the water for a while is more easily injured due to pads that have been softened.

Never take an animal to the beach unless you can provide a shaded spot and plenty of fresh water for her to drink. Rinse her off after she has been in salt water.

Always provide plenty of shade for an animal staying outside the house. A properly constructed dog house serves best. Bring your dog or cat inside during the heat of the day and let her rest in a cool part of your house. Always provide plenty of cool, clean water for your animal.

Proposed Board Meeting Minutes of May 2015



Great Salt Lake Dog Training Club May 18, 2015 Board Meeting

Attendance:

Board Members: Wendy & Jeff McCleery, Michelle Larsen, George & Dorathy Hart, Donna Smith, Stephanie Evans, Christine Wright

Excused: Bob Elder, Judy Campbell, Penny Morrison, Catherine Beattie, Jeanne Rankin, Darlana Quinn, Tom McLelland

Guests:

Meeting brought to order @ 7:48 pm

Minutes of April 2015 Board meeting approved as posted in the Newsletter.
Michelle 1st Donna 2nd

President's Report:

Nothing at this time

Executive Secretary's Report:

Nothing at this time - Thinking about judges

Home Secretary Report:

Nothing at this time

Treasurer's Report

Everything is paid to date

Vice President's Report:

Nothing at this time, there is not May General Meeting

If anyone has ANY suggestions, topics or persons they would like to see speak/present at any of our General Meetings, Please contact Penny@ pennlcm@yahoo.com.

Show Report:

Talked about sheep fencing for the agility rings. Motion made to purchase the sheep fencing and build gates. Michelle 1st, Christine 2nd, No opposed, motion passed.

Training Report:

Next sign up is June 3, 2015 with classes starting June 10, 2015.
June/July 7pm Beginning Class - Christine - 8pm Puppy Class - Donna & Linda, CGC test will be May 27th 8:30pm

Hospitality:

Thanks for the TD hospitality

Trophy Report:

Looking for trophies for the Sept shows. Have idea, just need to find them.

Committees:

Advertising – Website updated

Agility – Nothing at this time

Obedience – Beehive Cluster went great, Thanks to the volunteers



Rally –Ditto on above.

Tracking –TD test held Sunday May 10th. 2 entries, 2 passes!! Wendy McCleery with Monroe and Kathy Murray with German Shepherd

Old Business: None

New Business: None

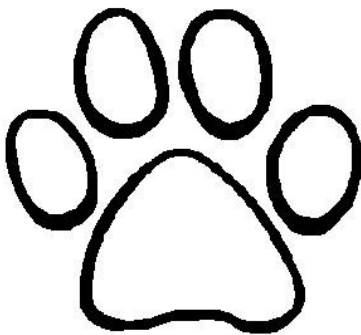
Next Board Meeting: June 15, 2015 @ Murray Park Pavilion #1 – 6:30 pm

Next General Meeting: June 22, 2015 @ Columbus Center (in the Gym) – 7:00pm

Motion made to adjourn Christine 1st – Michelle 2nd

Meeting ended at 8:49 pm

Minutes taken by Wendy McCleery



Frosty Paws Dog Treats

Warmer weather is around the corner. Not only are you thinking about the refreshing cool treats for you and the family but what about your four legged friend? I am a sucker for dog products and when I saw FROSTY PAWS in the freezer dessert section at my grocery store, I bought them all last summer. Buying store-bought treats can get expensive, and you can't control the ingredients. Try this homemade frozen Dog treats recipe you dogs will go crazy over. Making homemade dog treats are super easy. This frozen treat is sure to make your pup lick their lips. Don't worry if the kids think they are treats in the freezer, there is nothing they can't eat in these dog treats. Looks like a smoothie

you make for yourself. I used only one 32 oz carton of yogurt and made half of the base with berries in the mini muffin tins that I sprayed with non-stick spray. The other half I made with Peanut Butter and used paper cups for a larger treat!

Which homemade dog treat recipe would your pup like the most?

Recipe adapted from The Daily Puppy

Ingredients:

- 1 banana
- 32 ozs plain no fat yogurt (greek, regular or organic)
- 2 tsp of peanut butter
- 2 tsp honey

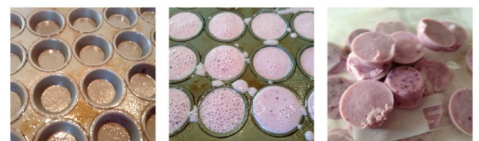
or:

- 1 banana
- 32 oz plain yogurt
- 1/4 cup of blueberries or strawberries

Place the banana in a blender or food processor. Add 32 ounces plain yogurt. Scoop 2 tsp. of peanut butter and 2 tsp. of honey into the mix. or the berry recipes. Alternatively, try goat's milk yogurt for a treat containing much less lactose. Mix ingredients until well blended

Use kids size bathroom paper cups, small plastic containers, ice cube trays or muffin tins to use as molds for the mixture. Pour small amounts into the cups, muffin tins or plastic containers. Aim for a hockey puck shape and thickness to resemble the original Frosty Paws size. I used mini

muffin tins for a smaller version. Freeze the treats, then put them in a freezer bag for easy storage. Be sure to label the bags:



Here's a great story: Submitted by Linda Benton from the Associated Press:

Service dog throws himself in front of bus to protect blind owner



BREWSTER, N.Y. — A service dog threw himself in front of a mini school bus to try to protect his blind owner and stayed by her side as emergency responders tended to the injured pair, authorities said.

Both Figo, the golden retriever, and his owner, Audrey Stone, were on the mend Tuesday, a day after the collision with the mini school bus in Brewster.

Police photos of Monday's crash showed fur stuck to the bus' front wheel, according to the Journal News (<http://lohud.us/1drjcn>).

"The dog took a lot of the blow," Brewster Police Chief John Del Gardo said. "And he did not want to leave her side. He stood right with her. He was there to save her."

The driver said he didn't see the pair crossing the road. He was given a summons for failing to yield to a pedestrian. The two kindergarteners on the bus weren't injured.

Paul Schwartz, who manages a gas station at the intersection, ran over to help.

"The dog didn't want to leave her side," Schwartz said. "He was flopping over to her, and she didn't want him to get away from her, either. She kept screaming" Figo's name, said Schwartz. "We kept telling her he was fine."

"He let us wrap up his leg without any problem. He wasn't barking or crying or yelping. But he kept pulling toward her," Schwartz said.

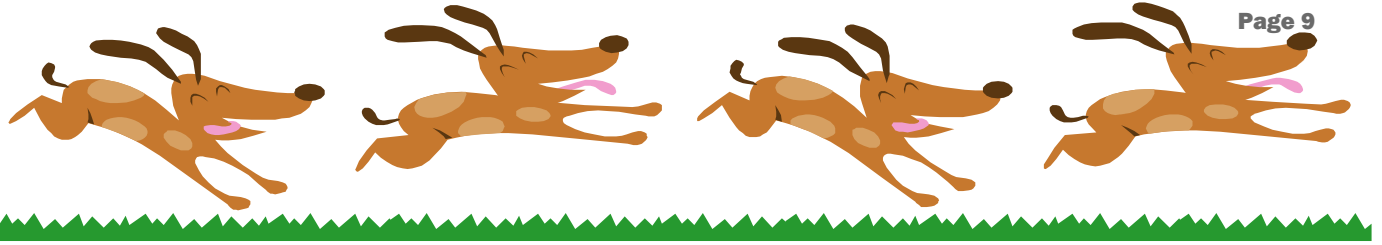
The dog wasn't allowed in the ambulance; he was taken to the veterinarian in a fire vehicle. Figo and Stone were both visibly upset by the separation, Schwartz said.

Stone, 62, suffered a broken ankle, elbow and ribs and a head wound and was still hospitalized Tuesday in Danbury, Connecticut, the police chief said.

Figo underwent surgery and has a leg splint. Schwartz said Figo's leg was cut down to the bone. He'll remain at a veterinary hospital until Stone is able to care for him.

The driver was taken off duty while an investigation is conducted. The review will include dashboard cameras in the minibus and another bus that was in the area at the time, according to Steven Moskowitz, Brewster's assistant superintendent for human resources and technology.





Member's Page

Our class sign ups were June 3rd with classes starting June 10th. If you missed sign up, contact Wendy McCleery at info@gsldtc.com to see if there is an opening for you.

From Donna Smith: Quincy, our West Highland White Terrier, got his novice Barn Hunt title RATN in Logan. The dogs love this event & it's so much fun to watch them hunt!! Quincy belongs to Jack & Donna Smith.

From Wendy McCleery: Monroe our Beagle puppy earned his TD (Tracking Dog) title at our test on May 10th. And then at the Mt Ogden Kennel show in Logan, UT he earned his 1st MAJOR! Today in Blackfoot, ID he earned a 5 PT MAJOR! He's on a roll!! Monroe is loved by Wendy & Jeff McCleery



From Lacey Goforth: Seeker, my Vizsla earned her 2nd MAJOR (a HUGE 5 Pointer!) at the Vallejo, CA Vizsla Specialty June 5th. Just a few singles to go now for her Championship!

I see on Facebook that several of our members have earned titles, awards, placements and certificates over the last month. Wendy's Harrier, Walker keeps racking up the group placements, Kristie Rasmussen's Golden, Seti earning High in Trial, seems like each time he's entered. Sheryl Hohle's Vizsla kids, Zeta & Higgs tackling on agility titles.

It's a HUGE endeavor to do all the training, make all the entries, do all the travel, but the bond we build with our 4 legged companion is the real reward in the end.

A HUGE CONGRAULATIONS to everyone!

If you would like to see your brag here, please send it to me at the following address board@glstdc.com

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