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LAKE DOG TRAINING CLUB



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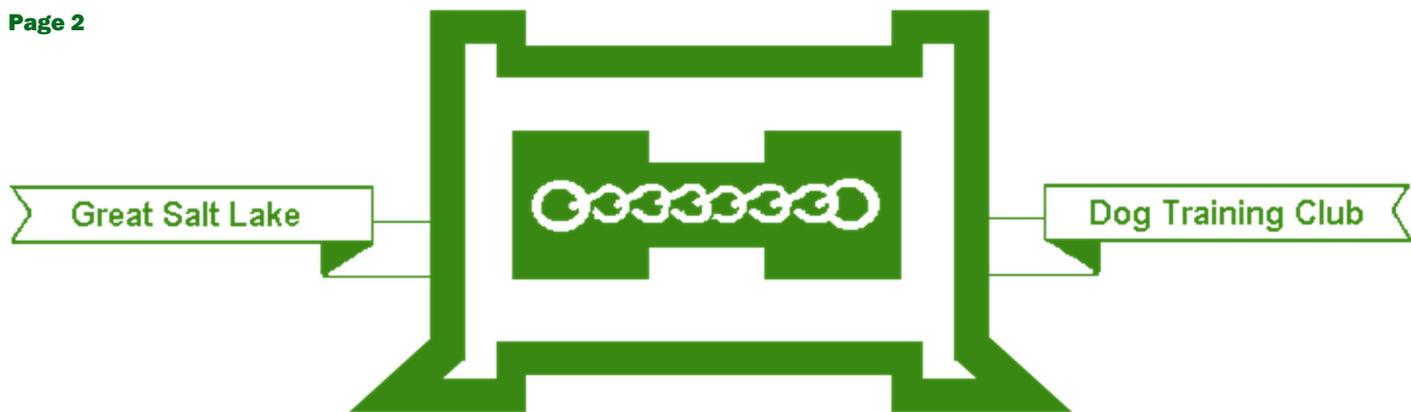
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Teaching dogs and their humans since 1962.

The Great Salt Lake Dog Training Club has lost another long time Lifetime Member.

Pegge joined the GSLDTC back in 1973 with her German Shepherd, then Bearded Collie and as she called them, her “pound puppies”.

The Club sends their sincerest condolences to Pegge’s family.



OBITUARIES



Pegge Irene Jay
April 20, 1926 ~ March 23, 2020

Pegge Irene Jay, 93, long-time resident of Rose Park in Salt Lake City, Utah, passed on March 23, 2020 at the University of Utah Hospital. Pegge was born on April 20, 1926 in Harvey, Illinois to Herbert M. and E. Irene Lundmark. She grew up in Illinois and later attended University of Arizona, Tucson. She married her beloved husband Clement Jay in spring of 1953, and in 1960, they moved with their five children to Utah. In addition to nurturing her family, Pegge pursued the arts – ballet, music (piano), drawing, and painting. She was a free spirit, bringing laughter and sunshine to others with songs and poems, sometimes at the accompaniment of her ukulele. She sang in the choir while Clement served as an usher during services at the First Presbyterian Church of Salt Lake City. She was also a member of Sweet Adelines. Pegge spent many years volunteering at the YMCA teaching swimming, lifeguarding, and managing pools. She was fond of all living things and she rescued, adopted, and cared for many types of animals. Her kindness and love for animals inspired the same in her children and those around her.

Pegge was preceded in death exactly 12 years earlier by her husband Clement. She is survived by her brother Stephen Lundmark, Wayne, PA, and her children Bambi Lyn Jay Hayden, Megge Jay Kisselburg, Roderick Jay, Chadwick Jay, and Krista Jay VanAntwerp. Arrangements have been entrusted to Premier Funeral Services, Salt Lake City, but no services are planned at this time. In a celebration to Pegge’s life, donations may be made to the Humane Society of Utah or Best Friends Animal Society.





Coronavirus Highlights Danger of Importing Pets from High-Risk Regions

Posted to Politics March 23, 2020 by Sheila Goffe
published in the AKC Taking Command March Newsletter

While canine coronavirus is not directly transmittable to humans, outbreaks of newly mutated infectious diseases in China such as the novel coronavirus strain, along with a devastating epidemic of swine flu, are stark reminders about the risk of importing pets from regions lacking transparency on public health issues.

China is one of several countries regularly exporting tens of thousands of dogs to U.S.-based rescues for adoption here, with insufficient health checks overseas or upon entry into the United States.

In short, we are importing dogs from a country whose government, as *Foreign Policy* magazine pointedly remarked about the outbreaks, defaults to “habits of opaqueness, concealment and distrust of the public.” The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns that of the estimated 1 million dogs imported annually into the United States, 113,000 originate from countries with “high risk” for rabies and other diseases, several of which can jump species and infect humans.

High-risk regions include China and countries in the Middle East, Africa, South America, Africa, Eastern Europe and Asia.

“Many dogs are bred irresponsibly in large numbers in ‘puppy mills’ overseas, where the risk of congenital abnormalities and disease is high,” said a CDC blog. “Importers then fly them as cargo in large batches, claiming them as ‘rescue’ dogs, valued at \$0 on their paperwork, [thereby] allowing the importers to evade entry and broker fees.”

Because of lax laws in the country of origin, some of the dogs will not have received necessary vaccinations and may harbor undetected illnesses such as rabies or dangers such as antibiotic-resistant MSRA, the bacteria-born disease Brucellosis or foreign parasites. Health certificates accompanying imported dogs from these regions are commonly invalid or forged.

U.S. rescues place these dogs into foster homes, onto adoption websites or include them in adoption events at local pet stores within days of their arrival. Numerous people may have contact with the dog before any symptoms appear.

As border officials and experts in animal disease have documented, the dangers are anything but theoretical.

In early 2019, for example, one of 26 so-called rescue dogs imported from Egypt to a rescue organization in Topeka, Kansas, had rabies. All the dog’s companions had already been placed in foster care or adopted before the illness emerged. U.S. officials suspect that the Egyptian vaccination certificates were forged.

By last May the concern was so great that the CDC announced a temporary ban on dogs from that Egypt, “citing multiple instances of dogs that contracted rabies in Egypt being brought to the U.S. in recent years.”



Imported dogs threaten the health of our domestic dog population, introducing viruses that are expensive to diagnose and treat. Scientists at Cornell University's Animal Health Diagnostic Center identified a strain of Asian canine distemper virus never before reported in North America, determining that the source was likely a dog "rescued" from a Korean livestock market.

Similarly, the American Veterinary Medical Association cautioned last November about the importation of foreign dogs from certain regions, including China. "Veterinarians with state governments are concerned that dogs and their carriers could bring with them pathogens, especially the African swine fever virus responsible for killing whole pig herds in China and Eastern Europe," the group said.

The pressure on rescues to import dogs has been fueled by "Adopt Don't Shop"-style campaigns, with as many as 44 percent of Americans choosing rescue-sourced dogs.

The problem has been intensified by misguided state legislation that foments a black market for "rescue" dogs from unregulated breeders in high-risk countries.

A California law forces pet stores to sell only rescue or shelter dogs, eliminating dogs sourced from regulated professional breeders. A similar law is on the books in Maryland, and anti-breed interest groups are pushing more in other states.

Congress could be getting involved in a big way, with lawmakers considering a measure that would ensure valid health certificates for all dogs coming into the United States and allow for specific, region-appropriate vaccination requirements for dogs. This is a start, but much more needs to be done.

Federal agencies tasked with checking for imported disease risks sorely need more resources to meet the challenges they face daily, and Congress and the Trump administration should work to address this worrisome deficit.

"A house is not a home until it has a dog," the British naturalist Gerald Durrell observed. That is a guiding principle for millions of Americans as they consider acquiring a dog. But let's ensure that dog is a healthy one.



Breaking news:



Dogs & Kids at Home?

The AKC has a page full of activities.
I have copied the link below and added some screen shots of the page.
Just copy and paste it into your browser

Coping With Coronavirus COVID-19

Resources, ideas, advice, and fun to help dog owners deal with the crisis
from the AKC link below

https://www.akc.org/dog-owners/coronavirus-covid19-outbreak-resources-dog-lovers/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=20200320-communicates&utm_content=news_p4

Can Dogs Get Coronavirus?

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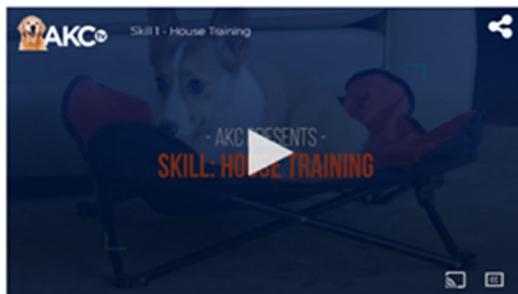
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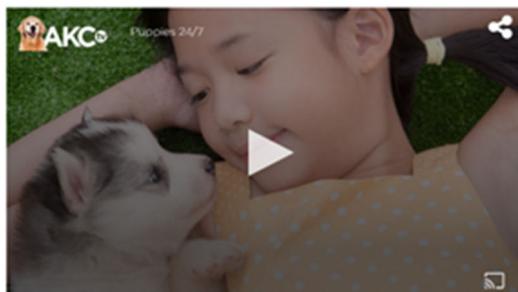
Train Your Dog at Home



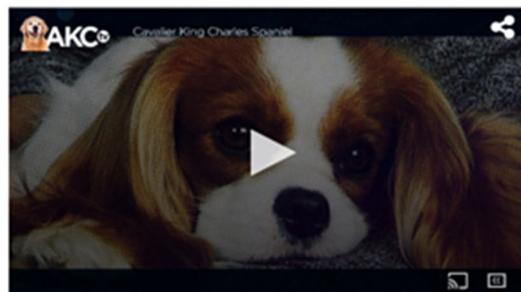
Beyond the Basics



Daily Dose of Puppies



Explore Every Breed



Protecting Your Pets in a Crisis



ALERT

[AKC Urges Officials to Allow Pet Food & Services to Stay Open](#)



ALERT

[Ask Your Elected Officials to Declare Pet Services Essential](#)



NEWS

[Disaster Preparedness Tips for Your Dog](#)



TRAVEL

[Create an Emergency Evacuation Plan for Your Dog](#)

Keep the Kids Busy



[Download the AKC Math Agility App](#)



[Do These At-Home Activities for Dogs and Kids](#)

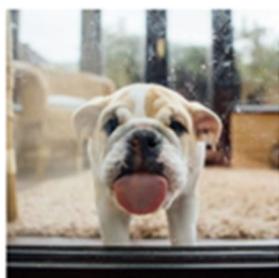


[Read Some Good Dog-Themed Books](#)



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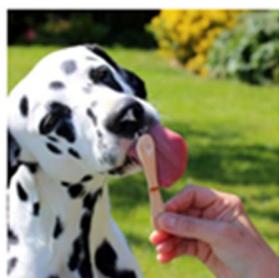
Indoor Fun and Games for Dogs



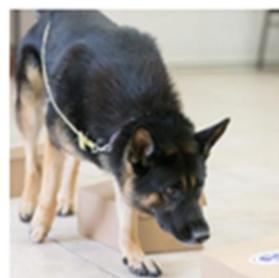
[How to Keep Your Dog Entertained Indoors](#)



[Easy Exercises for Canine Conditioning](#)



[Best DIY Frozen Dog Treats](#)



[Indoor Scent Games for Dogs](#)

AKC Temperament Test—POSTPONED

Tuesday, March 31, 2020 - 2 tests that night
National Guard Armory, West Jordan, Utah

Premium List is on our website under Upcoming Events

TDX Test (Tracking Dog Excellent) - CANCELLED

Sunday, April 19, 2020
Plot Saturday, April 18, 2020
Entries close Wednesday, April 8, 2020
Saratoga Springs, Utah

Premium List is on our website under Upcoming Events

Beehive Cluster/Intermountain KC & Utah Valley KC—CANCELLED

April 30, May 1, 2, 3, 2020
Equestrian Center
South Jordan, Utah

TD Test (Tracking Dog)

Sunday, May 10, 2020
Plot Saturday, May 9, 2020
Entries close Wednesday, April 29, 2020
Saratoga Springs, Utah

Premium List is on our website under Upcoming Events

Scent Work Trial

Summer 2020 Dates to be Announced
National Guard Armory
West Jordan, Utah

Agility/Obedience/Rally Trials

September 11, 12, and 13, 2020
Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Agility Trial x 3 days
Obedience Trial x 3 days
Rally Trial x 3 days
Held with Bonneville Basin KA
Farmington, Utah

Combined VST/TDU Test (Variable Surface/Tracking Dog Urban)

Sunday, October 2020
Date to be announced after the University of Utah football schedule is finalized

Obedience/Rally Trials

Friday, November 6, Saturday, November 7 and Sunday, November 8, 2020
Farmington, Utah

General Meetings Schedule: held at the Columbus Center. 2530 South 500 East—Salt Lake City at 7 pm Room 101 but occasionally moved to the gym.

Mar 23rd—Presentation will be **Wendy & Penny speaking on the AKC Temperament Test—CANCELLED**

April 27th—Presentation will be **Joe the Vet Tech speaking on Seasonal Allergies—CANCELLED**

NO General Meeting in May due to the Memorial Day Holiday

June 22nd—Presentation will be TBD

July 27th—Presentation will be TBD

Aug 24th—**Annual Picnic held at Murray Park Pavilion #4**

Sept 28th—Presentation will be TBD

Oct 26th—Presentation will be TBD

Nov 23rd—Presentation will be Train the Trainer by Wendy McCleery

NO General Meeting in Dec due to the Holidays

NO CLASS SIGN UPS OR CLASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

THANK YOU so much for all our dedicated instructors and support members!!

Once Classes resume we will pick up where we left off, all continuing classes will resume and sign up will be for the “new” classes.

Tuesday Classes:

7:00 pm—Rally with Deb & Jessica

7:00 pm & 8:00 pm— Competition Classes with April

7:45 pm—No Tricks until May with Lisa

7:45 pm—Beginning Scent Work with Darlana & Toni

8:00 pm—8:30 pm—Conformation Class held as a 4 week class cost of class is \$40.00 for the 4 weeks

8:30 pm—Advanced Scent Work

8:30 pm—Advanced Class with Michelle

Wednesday Classes:

7:00 pm— New Puppy Class with Jani & Jessica

New Puppy Class with Crystal & ?

New Beginning Class with Tony & Donna

New Beginning Class with Lance & Tonya

7:45 pm— Con’t Beginning Class with Michelle & Brandy

Con’t Beginning Class with Penny & Mary

8:00 pm— Con’t Puppy Class with Jen & Jo

8:30 pm— New Intermediate Class with Tony

New Intermediate with Steve

9:15 pm- New Intermediate with Wendy & Jo



Proposed Board Meeting Minutes of March 2020

Great Salt Lake Dog Training Club
March 16, 2020 Board Meeting

Attendance:

Board Members: Wendy & Jeff McCleery, Judy Campbell, Penny Morrison, Tom McLelland, Michelle Larsen, Mark Kuhn present - Catherine Beattie, Lisa Quibell, Darlana Quinn on phone

Excused: Stephanie Evans, Brandy Childs, Lexi Hancock, Donna Smith, George & Dorathy Hart

Guests:

Meeting brought to order @ 7:10 pm

Minutes of Feb 2020 Board Meeting, Michelle 1st, Lisa 2nd, no opposed Minutes approved as written.

President's Report:

Nothing at this time

Vice President's Report:

Sent several cards out

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

Executive Secretary's Report:

Excused –recovering from surgery

Home Secretary Report:

Started the directories sent 1st pass to board members

Treasurer's Report

Everything paid to date.

Show Report:

All good for now

Training Report:

Cancelled the next 2 weeks. We will reevaluate around March 28. Received a call from Jackie at the Armory, it will be closed to all activities not military related until further notice. March 31st Temperament test is postponed until a later date. May need to cancel the April sign ups. There will be no General Meeting in March.



Hospitality:

Absent

Trophy Report:

I got the last of the trophies mailed out. Will start gathering sponsorships for trophies for the Sept & Nov trials in April.



Committees:

- Advertising – Website updated.
- Agility – Nothing @ this time
- Obedience – Nothing @ this time
- Rally – Nothing @ this time
- Tracking – Pia & Sally will be our TDX judges in April, Wendy & Kristie will judge the TD in May
- Scent Work – Trial June 27 & 28 and Seminar in Aug
- Trick Dog – No new trick class until May
- Volunteer – Nothing @ this time
- ATT - AKC Temperament Test



Old Business: None



New Business: None

Next Board Meeting: April 20, 2020 Hosted by Brandy Childs– Columbus Center 7 pm
Next General Meeting: Possibly April 27, 2020 – Columbus Center 7 pm

Michelle motioned, Penny 2nd
 Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Proposed General Meeting Minutes of March 2020

The General Meeting of March was cancelled due to the Columbus Center closing on orders to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus by limiting gatherings of 10 or more people.



April General Meeting is also cancelled.



Our Next Scheduled Event is the TD Test.

Who is ready or getting ready for this Test??

Our judges are local, so they do not need to travel and we CAN maintain our social distancing. The BLM has given Wendy the OK to still be on their land.

The Directories have been finalized and will be sent to the printer soon.

Several of our Board Members have put together some idea's to help keep your dog/s in training mode until we can get back to training classes.

There are also a few idea's for kids you will find on the following pages.





Nose Target

HOW TO:

1. Hold your hand out, as your dog comes towards your hand reward in the same hand, Make sure to move the location of your hand, don't keep it in the same spot.
2. Add the actual touch to your hand, can be just a gentle tap, continue to reward in the same hand.
3. Begin rewarding for pressure, if your dog is not pressing into your hand do not reward for it. You can also reward with lower value food for softer touches and high value for more pressure.

INTENSIFY:

- Gently restrain your dog, either by holding the collar or at the chest. Release with your hand out so they drive into it. You can also add arousal when they are still restrained by talking up the release - "ready, steady", etc.
- Continue feeding into the hand. This creates a dog that drives over and over into the hand as long as it is offered.
- Add touch as a "permission game", such as hand touch then release to food,

GENERALIZE:

Once you have a solid touch you can use almost anything as a target. A disc, stick, or bottle are just a few examples.

Submitted by Lisa Quibell



Paw Target

HOW TO:

1. Have a piece of food in your hand and hold it out, closed, to your dog. It should be positioned on the ground. As your dog lifts their paw towards your hand open it and reward.
2. Add the actual touch to your hand, can be just a gentle tap, continue to reward in the same hand.
3. Start offering your hand upwards in the "shake" position. Reward after targeting.

TROUBLESHOOTING:

For some dogs this can be a difficult trick. You can also shape it using a small disc instead of your hand. A second option is to tickle the back of their foot gently to encourage them to lift it.

GENERALIZE:

A paw target is one of the most versatile of tricks. There are several versions that don't require any props at all: Shake, High Five, and Wave.

Once your dog has "paw" on a verbal cue the possibilities are endless, they can play the piano or drums, push a sound button, or go to a target. Don't be afraid to add some shaping in with objects if your dog is having difficulties transitioning from your hand to them.

Submitted by Penny Morrison:

Try to incorporate training & fun. You'll have to get creative.

Example: Put your dog on sit or down stay, go out of site & call your dog. When he finds you, "have a party"!

Have one person stay with the dog & one of the kids go out of site & then call the dog, go find the hiding person together.

Whenever your dog is successful in anything you work on, "have a big party"!

If you have multiple dogs, as I do, have some group training. Example: Have everybody sit. As soon as they are all sitting handout the cookies.

Also, you can change it up so the first one to sit gets the cookie. This can also be done with down & stand commands.

Once they catch on, they have fun & it's interesting.

My setters love being silly so we have "silly time". I get them going by flapping my arms & chasing them, this also gets them playing with each other.

Throwing multiple tennis balls or toys, more balls & toys than dogs. They love it! Make sure all toys & balls are accounted for when you're done.

To all, I hope we stay healthy until this is over & gone.

Happy Training!

Penny



Links of fun submitted by Michelle Larsen: - Just copy and paste link into your browser

How to make Playdough with JELLO | No Cook! Playdoh Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGrpsQ57w5Y&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR02wRX8sPjxZrnDX6KqUXxq3fPUwkM0mQoDMoEETKoBmE4cWiXMxE2Y_xQ

Montreal's Museum Of Fine Arts Has Free Online Art Therapy That You Can Do From Your Couch - Click on "Things to Do" if the page doesn't come up automatically.

<https://www.mtlblog.com/things-to-do/canada/qc/montreal/montreals-museum-of-fine-arts-has-free-online-art-therapy-that-you-can-do-from-your-couch?fbclid=IwAR3i8TTZbCN7OVC8AsTI3iLulH7eIG2nDTRSzzgF0OJ0CFs6g3ddyEEDyc>

Stuck at Home? These 12 Famous Museums Offer Virtual Tours You Can Take on Your Couch

https://www.parents.com/syndication/museums-with-virtual-tours/?utm_campaign=parents_parentsmagazine&utm_content=internalsyndication_travelandleisure&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_term=FD51F848-6550-11EA-9FBA-CF782FEB5590&utm_medium=social&fbclid=IwAR2oY_m8Sm5yX_qWgOEeyy6FgdRXGSiLKxXfA4p-iNKxOj5uSQbVBUwJ_TU

A list of free, online, boredom-busting resources!

https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/list-of-online-resources-for-anyone-who-is-isolated-at-home?fbclid=IwAR0IKC--ZW7I6KeoEvv3BCShYPIRezZ7WLv_8RPL3Sq3Vmm4mD-ONNC01Q

SCENT GAMES

Educating Your Dog's Nose

by John Rice—Submitted by Wendy McCleery from the Suzanne Clothier website

Long before you pull out the tracking flags, dust off the utility articles or decide that your dog needs to learn how to use his nose, he's busy using his nose to explore his world. The sense of smell is functional at birth, and from the moment he's born, your dog lives in a world rich with scents. All you need to do is teach the dog specifically how you want him to use his astonishing olfactory powers. The easiest way to accomplish this is through games. The Scent Work Games presented below are suitable for any breed at any age from 6 weeks on, but we recommend strongly that these games be a regular part of your puppy's development. All of these games stress reliance on his nose, not his eyesight.

To avoid confusing your dog, we recommend you choose one word which indicates food or dog toys (we use "SEEK"), and a completely different word for objects with human scent or people themselves (we use "FIND IT"). In this fashion, the dog is always clear about WHAT he's looking for with his nose and will not confuse food scents with human scent. One of the most common problems with using food to teach scent discrimination or tracking is that you must ultimately teach the dog that the food is not what you really meant at all!

WHICH HAND? This is the simplest of all games. With food or a toy in only one hand, present both closed hands to the dog. Ask him, "Which one?" You may improve upon this game by insisting he touch with a paw or scratch lightly at the correct hand before receiving his treat, or simply have his nose bump your hand. If he gets it wrong, show him the correct hand but **DO NOT** give the treat! Just try again. Add lots of dramatic flair to this - dogs love a good show.

LIGHTS OUT This one is great fun for the dog. Show your dog a treat (preferably crunchy) or his favorite toy, and then place it out of his sight but easily accessible in a dark room. Tell him to SEEK - follow him in to listen for his success which you will praise enthusiastically. Obviously, the rewards for the dog are multiple - he gets a treat or finds his toy plus a very happy handler. If using a toy, be sure to reward his find with some play before starting again.

When multiple treats or toys are used, this particular game helps to build persistence and trust in the handler. The dog may initially find only 2 out of 3 treats, but he quickly discovers that persistence in searching when you give the SEEK command pays off. He learns to believe you - there really is another one there!

HIDE & SEEK This is a doggy favorite best played at night or in a darkened house initially. Partially open closets are great (closed closets may not allow sufficient scent to escape), as are shower stalls/tubs with the curtain drawn, standing behind an open door, crouching behind a bush, standing very still near a tree (dogs, like all predators, distinguish movement much better than stationary objects) or sitting on a picnic table or laying across your car's trunk, or wherever!

To add to the dog's eagerness (or in the event that you are unable to sneak away or can't leave the dog), have someone hold the dog. They should be verbally exciting to the dog, asking, "Where did she go? What if she gets lost? Can you FIND her?" and release the dog with a FIND IT command.

Give the dog a chance to work it out, but if he passes you more than twice, give him a "clue" by making a noise AFTER he's passed you the third time. A good clue is a distinctive but brief sound, such as clearing your throat or a short whistle that does not allow the dog to find you by using his hearing, but helps him target the general area you are in for further investigation with his nose. However the dog finds you, tons of praise is to be heaped upon his head, and of course a treat or two never hurts. Toy motivated dogs will delight in a game of fetch or tugging as a reward.

As the dog gets more skilled at HIDE & SEEK, you can increase the difficulty of the game by throwing a blanket or tarp over yourself, not moving until the dog actually touches you, or even hiding in an area that the dog can smell you, see you (or part of you) but cannot get to you. This is useful for teaching a scratch or bark alert if desired (commonly used in drug work/search and rescue training). ALWAYS praise the dog generously for his brilliance.

WHAT A KLUTZ This game allows you to show the dog how important his nose is to you. Dogs like to feel useful, and this particular game helps boost a dog's confidence and self importance. As you are walking, discreetly drop an object you have been carrying or held in your pocket. Continue walking for 10-15 steps, then stop as if mildly concerned, patting your pockets and looking around. Here's your chance to really put on a performance! Ask the dog, "Where is it? Can you help? Can you FIND IT?"

Begin walking back towards the spot where you dropped the article, encouraging the dog to sniff the ground by pointing and telling him to FIND IT. As you get closer to the object, give the dog a little room so that he can find it all by himself. If he needs help, try a subtle kick of the object (after all, you are the klutz who dropped it - why not go ahead and trip over it too?) to bring it to his attention while you pretend not to notice. Once the dog indicates the article, make a huge fuss over this genius who has saved you from dropping an old glove!

Vary the type of article you use, and be sure to include metal objects such as car keys, a crumpled soda can, even a ring or bracelet you have worn. Obviously, be careful when you drop these and be sure you can find them again! Don't use valuable items - just facsimiles. Your dog's ability and willingness to work on metal objects will be helpful in the Utility ring, but more importantly, this skill could come in very handy some day should you lose your car keys. NOTE: Metal/hard objects do not hold scent as well as fabric or leather. This does not mean that your dog can't find them, just that his reaction may be different and he will probably have to work closer to the object before locating it.

The difficulty of WHAT A KLUTZ can be increased by: longer periods of time between the drop and the search, having the object thrown to the side or even off the path you are traveling, and multiple object drops. Especially fun are surprise set-ups where you plant an object along a path before taking the dog that way. You may point out the object to the dog with a question of "What's that?" and praise him for investigating, or walk past it and then send him back with a FIND IT command. This is a great preparation for tracking dogs who must learn to indicate on found items. A final twist for tracking prospects is the addition of objects dropped by people other than yourself. Be warned - this can be so much fun for the dog that he'll gladly show you all the neat trash dropped by other folks along the street, in the rest areas, etc.! John had been shown some unusual objects by his dogs while simply out walking.

3-2-1-FIND IT Use a favorite toy or even just a stick that you come across in the woods. After a few moments of playing with object, hold the dog as you throw the object into grass, brush, woods thick enough to lightly disguise the object. The dog may see and "mark" the fall of the object, but as the difficulty of the game increases, this will only help him define the area he needs to search. Once the object has landed and stopped moving, count to 3 before releasing the dog to "FIND IT." You may gradually increase the time before releasing the dog, and of course, the heaviness of the cover (one good reason to avoid mowing your lawn regularly!)

THINGS THAT GET LOST IN THE NIGHT Using the same rules as 3-2-1-Find It, this game relies on the natural cover of darkness to encourage the dog to use his nose. Instead of marking the fall with his eyes, your dog may listen carefully. Once again, this only helps the dog narrow the area he will have to search. This can be played inside (throwing the object into a dark closet, corner or room) or outside. When beginning this game, don't get too enthusiastic and throw the toy very far. The point of all these games is success, not frustration for the dog. Also, be sure YOU know where the heck it landed in case the dog needs some help.

ONE & ONLY This is a more advanced scent game, but extremely useful to teach the dog the concept that only one object is desired from a group of similar objects. I normally start this with tennis balls (my dogs' favorites). Play with the dog for several minutes with the One & Only object you'll want the dog to find. This allows your scent (as well as lots of good dog spit) to thoroughly cover the object. Then move off to an area where you have planted several similar objects. Throw the One & Only into that area, using a 3-2-1-Find It technique. If the dog picks up an incorrect object, say nothing as you take it and put it down or pocket it, but with enthusiasm, give the FIND IT command again, leading the dog back to the general area to be searched if needed. Obviously, when the dog gets it right, reward this with a minute or two of play before repeating ONE & ONLY again. This can be combined with the more difficult levels of 3-2-1-FIND IT for really advanced discrimination by the dog.

Once your dog has mastered these games, any formal scent discrimination exercise becomes a snap for that educated nose. Furthermore, you have learned to understand just how powerfully discriminating a dog's nose can be, and to trust that when it comes to working in a world of scent, your best bet is to follow the guy who knows what he's doing - your dog.

Submitted by Darlana Quinn

Scent Work

Week 1

New to Scent Work

How to prepare odor for a new dog

Odor will be stronger for a new dog. Start out with 12 Q-tips. Cut these Q-tips in half. Place all the Q-tips in a small jar. Put 4-5 drops of oil on the lid of the jar. Place lid on the jar and close tightly. Shake the jar. Swabs will be ready to use in 24 hours.

Use less oil for dogs sensitive to odor.

Reduce to 1 drop or less for advance dogs.

You can always add more swabs to your tin if you feel the odor is too weak.

Handling Odor

Keep in mind you do not want to spread odor to other objects. A dog's nose is very sensitive and you could be spreading odor without even knowing it.

Recommendations-

Use gloves to handle oil, tins and swabs.

Use tweezers or forceps to handle scented swabs.

Keep hot objects (tins, boxes, containers) away from cold objects.

Vinegar, hot water and sunlight have been recommended to use to remove odor from objects.

You Tube Video

Nosework it's your choice video by K Star Positive Training

It's Your Choice

Place tin in one hand and treats in another. Hold your hands 12 to 18 inches apart with treat hand closed. Your dog will be interested in the treat hand. Let this behavior extinguish. Be patient. When your dog checks the tin hand immediately mark with a click or yes. Treat your dog. If your dog stays and/or returns to the tin hand keep marking the behavior with a click or yes. Keep treating your dog.

Remember to switch your treat hand with your tin hand.

Spread your hands wider apart. Put the closer together to vary to game.

Play this game for a few minutes then stop. You can play again later in the day if you wish.

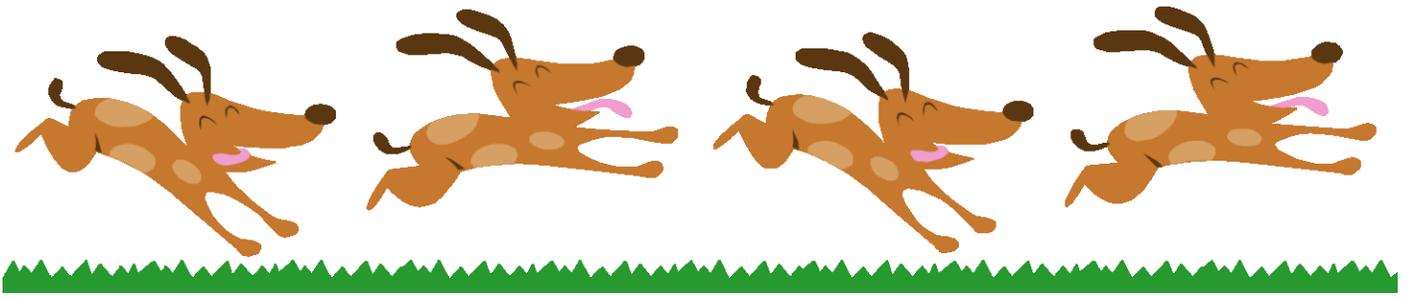
By the end of the week you can put the tin in an open box. Make this box your “hot” box. Try to only use the “hot” box for odor.

Any size box will do. Shoe boxes, small shipping boxes anything works. Add two to three “blank” boxes. Move the boxes around so your dog has to find the correct box in different locations. Think of the shell game. Reward only comes from odor. When your dog puts their head in the correct box mark the behavior with a click or yes and reward your dog. When you and your dog are comfortable with three boxes add more boxes.

Lastly, always reward your dog at odor. This means you will treat at the “hot” box no more than an inch or two away. This is the first step to train your dog to stay with odor until you release them.







Member's Page

Since there hasn't been any events going on, so no brags and with the anxiety of uncertainty adding to the stress I'm sure many of you are experiencing, I thought I would post some humorous pictures throughout this newsletter that I have found on Facebook in hopes one, if not all will bring a smile or two.

This will pass and one day we will go back to our "normal", we need to stay strong, stay safe, stay HOME and stay healthy! We have many people and pets in our lives counting on us!

If anyone is in need of assistance, shopping, dog walking, just someone to talk to, PLEASE reach out, you don't have to feel alone, we are in this together and here for you. I'm healthy, I have a car and am willing to help in anyway that I can.



All this covid-19 talk is annoying. Here are some better lab results.



Came across this poem written in 1869, reprinted during 1919 Pandemic.

It was written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Mara:

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed.
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.



Reprinted during Spanish flu Pandemic, 1919

Photo taken during Spanish flu



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