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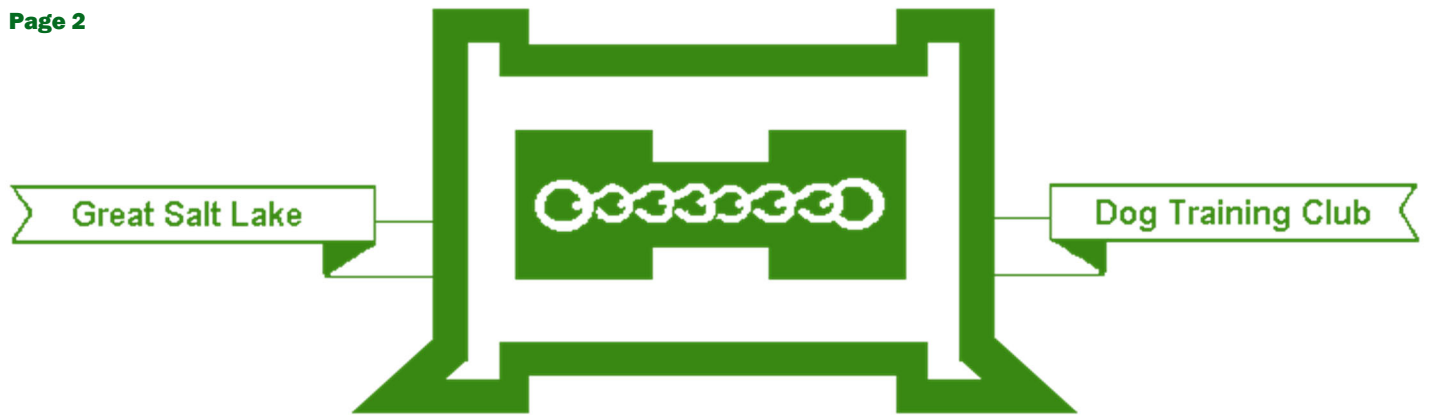
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Teaching dogs and their humans since 1962.

After months of cancelled events, the GSLDTC decided to “try” to hold our annual TD (Tracking Dog) Test. It was held Sunday, May 10, 2020 and so glad they did. We had 3 entries and 2 PASSES!!!

The weather was perfect and everyone practiced their social distancing. HUGE **Congrats** to club member Jann Redding and Aria (Wire Fox Terrier) on their TD2 PASS and Bridget Honan and Grazie (German Shepherd) on their TD PASS all the way from Klamath Falls, OR!. Thank you to our local judges Wendy McCleery & Kristie Rasmussen, Chief Tracklayer, Doraine Clark, our hospitality, Michelle Larsen for keeping us fed and in line, and of course our tracklayers, Edie Schoepp, Crystal Gail, Debbie Hatt . Where would tracking clubs be without our tracklayers? And I want to thank the club and judges for allowing me to apprentice at this test.



HUGE CONGRATS!!!

Some pictures from our Tracking Test. All pictures taken by April Bruce.



Our Awesome Tracklayers! Edie Schoepp,
Crystal Gail & Debbie Hatt



Jann Redding with Aria (Wire Fox Terrier)

Tracklayer Crystal Gail

Judges Wendy McCleery & Kristie Rasmussen

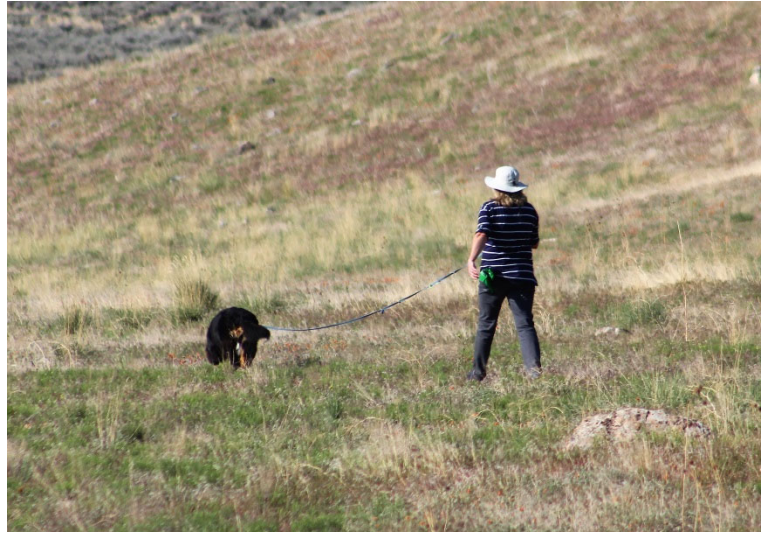


Bridget Honan with Grazie (German Shepherd)

Tracklayer Debbie Hatt

Judges Wendy McCleery & Kristie Rasmussen





Suzanne Lusk with her Bernese Mountain Dog. They started out well, but couldn't get past the 1st corner.



Jann Redding trusting her girl Aria.
Now known as
Squire Garcia Aria DA CAPO VCD1 RI CAA DCAT RATCHX2 TKA TD2



Bridget Honan trusting her girl Grazie all the way to the end! Bridget traveled to our test from Klamath Falls, OR. Now known as Echo Hills All Things Wise and Wonderful TD

What a special Mother's Day gift for both these ladies!!



AKC Rally® Novice Virtual Pilot Program

Pilot ends at Midnight, December 31, 2020



During this time of necessary social distancing, we want to give our beginner AKC Rally® exhibitors a reason to continue training their dogs and to stay engaged with the sport of Rally. The AKC Rally Novice Virtual pilot program will provide these exhibitors an opportunity to stay-at-home and enter an AKC Rally® event.

The pilot program is designed to have a Rally Novice competitor set up a pre-designed AKC Rally® course in the safety of their own yard, record the performance and submit it to AKC. In turn, AKC will assign a pre-selected AKC Rally Judge to virtually review and score the team's Rally performance.

AKC will have five pre-designed official rally courses published on the AKC website for the exhibitor to choose from. The exhibitor will follow the setup instructions provided, video the performance, upload the video to YouTube, set the required YouTube viewing options, and submit the video link with the entry form and fee to AKC.

Once the required information is received, and the dog's records are verified for class eligibility, the video link will be assigned to a judge for review. The judge will score the team's performance and will provide a report to AKC. All qualifying scores will be recorded on the dog's AKC record and applied toward the Rally Novice title requirements. AKC will notify exhibitors of the results of their submission.

This pilot program will end at midnight **December 31, 2020** and all video submissions must be received by that date and time. We are excited to offer this virtual option to our Rally Novice exhibitors!

If you have questions after reviewing the information, please write to Rally@akc.org.

Sincerely,
AKC Companion Events Team

Copy & paste this link for the instructions to the AKC Rally Novice Virtual Program.

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GSLDTC 2020 Schedule of Events & Trials

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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

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

Premium List is on our website under Upcoming Events

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

Both the GSLDTC Board & General Meetings for April were cancelled so there are no meeting minutes.

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

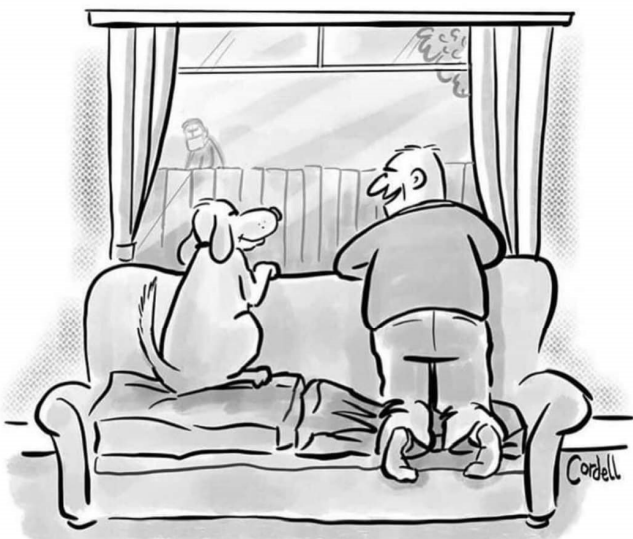
Con't Beginning Class with Penny & Mary

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



“Until now, I never understood why you got so excited when someone walked past the house.”



All the humans with muzzles!! Who did they bite????!!!!



Can Dogs Get Coronavirus?

In early March 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the COVID-19 novel coronavirus is a global pandemic. In the panic over the spread of the virus, people are worried not only about their own health but the health of their dogs, cats, and other pets. According to the Centers for Disease Control, “there is no evidence that pets play a role in spreading the virus in the United States. Therefore, there is no justification in taking measures against companion animals that may compromise their welfare.”

It’s important to clarify the facts currently known about the coronavirus, and the big question on dog owners’ minds: can dogs get coronavirus?

Can dogs contract COVID-19?

Dogs can contract coronaviruses, most commonly the canine respiratory coronavirus. This specific novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is not believed to be a health threat to dogs, but dogs can test positive for the virus.

A Pug named Winston in Chapel Hill, North Carolina is the first known case of a dog testing positive for COVID-19 in the United States. Three family members who lived in the home, two of whom are front-line health care workers, had tested positive for COVID-19. As part of a study at Duke University, the family and pets were tested, with only Winston testing positive out of two dogs, a cat, and a lizard in the household. The dog experienced mild symptoms and is recovering well. “(The dog) licks all of our dinner plates and sleeps in my mom’s bed, and we’re the ones who put our faces into his face,” one family member tells NBC News affiliate WRAL.

Two pet dogs in Hong Kong tested positive for COVID-19, and both dogs lived in homes with COVID-19 positive owners. Local health officials characterize the cases of the two dogs in Hong Kong as “likely to be a case of human-to-animal transmission,” and neither dog showed any signs of illness from the virus.

Hong Kong health officials have continued to test dogs and cats owned by people infected with the coronavirus. Officials there have stated that cases of infection in dogs appear to be infrequent. As of March 25, Hong Kong’s Agriculture, Fisheries, and Conservation Department “conducted tests on 17 dogs and eight cats from households with confirmed COVID-19 cases or persons in close contact with confirmed patients, and only two dogs had tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.”

Hong Kong officials stress that “these findings indicate that dogs and cats are not infected easily with this virus, and there is no evidence that they play a role in the spread of the virus.”

Can other animals contract COVID-19?

Two pet cats in New York have tested positive for the coronavirus. One cat displayed mild respiratory symptoms, and lived with an owner who had previously tested positive for COVID-19. The other cat also showed mild respiratory signs, and according to the CDC, “no individuals in the household were confirmed to be ill with COVID-19. The virus may have been transmitted to this cat by mildly ill or asymptomatic household members or through contact with an infected person outside its home.” Globally, two pet cats, one in Hong Kong and one in Belgium, tested positive for COVID-19. Both of these cats lived in homes with COVID-19 positive owners.

A four-year-old female Malayan tiger named Nadia at New York’s Bronx Zoo was the first known case of COVID-19 in an animal in the United States. A total of eight big cats are confirmed by the Wildlife Conservation Society that operates the Bronx Zoo to have been infected with the coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2. “All eight cats continue to do well. They are behaving normally, eating well, and their coughing is greatly reduced,” according to WCS. Nadia was tested under anesthesia in order to obtain nose, throat, and respiratory tract samples. The other cats were tested through fecal samples.

All of these big cats are believed to have been infected by a zoo staff person who was not showing symptoms of COVID-19, or before that person developed symptoms. Dr. Jane Rooney, a veterinarian and USDA official, tells the Associated Press, “There doesn’t appear to be, at this time, any evidence that suggests that the animals can spread the virus to people or that they can be a source of infection in the United States.”

The American Veterinary Medical Association also reports on preliminary results of “experimental infection” of domestic cats, ferrets, hamsters, and dogs in China, but cautions that these results don’t represent real-world circumstances and should not be overly interpreted.

Can dogs spread COVID-19?

The World Health Organization states, “There is no evidence that a dog, cat or any pet can transmit COVID-19. COVID-19 is mainly spread through droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or speaks. To protect yourself, clean your hands frequently and thoroughly.” Covering your face with a cloth face covering can also help reduce the possibility of spreading droplets.

The CDC says that “while this virus seems to have emerged from an animal source, it is now spreading from person-to-person.” Because of this type of spread, “there is no reason to think that any animals or pets in the United States might be a source of infection with this novel coronavirus.”

In households where a person has tested positive for the virus, the CDC recommends avoiding contact with pets and other animals.

How can dog owners protect dogs from COVID-19?

Healthy pet owners in the U.S. should follow basic hygienic precautions such as washing their hands with soap and water before and after contact with any animal, including dogs and cats. If you test positive for COVID-19 or believe you have been exposed to the virus, the CDC has provided guidelines for pet care:

- When possible, have another member of your household care for your pets while you are sick
- Avoid contact with your pet, including petting, snuggling, being kissed or licked, and sharing food or bedding
- If you must care for your pet or be around animals while you are sick, wear a cloth face covering and wash your hands before and after you interact with them

To help reduce the spread of all germs, you may also consider wiping your pet’s fur and feet when they come in and out of the house with grooming wipes. Dogs do not need a face mask to protect against COVID-19.

And the most important protection of all for your dog is this: ***Under no circumstances should owners abandon their dogs, cats, or other pets because of COVID-19 fears.***

Is it safe to pet my dog?

According to the AVMA, petting a dog’s fur is a low risk. The AVMA’s Chief Veterinary Officer Gail Golab says, “We’re not overly concerned about people contracting COVID-19 through contact with dogs and cats.” And there’s science behind that: “The virus survives best on smooth surfaces, such as countertops and doorknobs,” Golab says. “Porous materials, such as pet fur, tend to absorb and trap pathogens, making it harder to contract them through touch.”

Dr. Jerry Klein, Chief Veterinary Officer for the AKC, urges common sense best practices when it comes to our pets: “If you have children, you wouldn’t have them touch a puppy and put their fingers in their mouth, because they can have fecal contamination,” he says. “The general practice of washing our hands after touching a puppy or a dog—that’s normal hygiene.”

Additionally, the CDC has provided guidelines on interactions with pets (your own and those belonging to other people) during the pandemic:

- Do not let pets interact with people or other animals outside the household
- Keep cats indoors when possible to prevent them from interacting with other animals or people

Can I walk my dog?

The CDC’s guidelines also include recommendations for walking your dog:

- Walk dogs on a leash, maintaining at least six feet from other people and animals
- Avoid dog parks or public places where a large number of people and dogs gather

Physical and mental exercise are extremely important for dogs and dog owners alike. Before taking a walk, check your local regulations and abide by any stay-home orders. If your area allows it, dog owners who feel healthy and well should plan to continue walking their dogs daily, albeit in accordance with CDC guidelines for maintaining social distancing and wearing a cloth face covering over the nose and mouth. Observe any local ordinances concerning curfews, even if that means adjusting your dog walking schedule.



Practice social distancing measures by walking your dog in uncrowded areas, and maintaining a minimum of six feet between other people and other animals. Fortunately, the average leash is six feet long, so you've got a built in measure to help you stay a safe distance from others. Don't allow anyone to pet or touch your dog while you're out on your walk.

If you live in a large city or heavily populated area, opt to take your dog down less-heavily-trafficked blocks, or try adjusting walks to less busy times of day and night. Even if dog parks in your area remain open to the public, the CDC's revised guidelines recommend avoiding them.

Owners should always wash their hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds before and after each walk. Consider carrying around a pocket-sized bottle of hand sanitizer during your walks.

Should my dog be tested for coronavirus?

You do not need to have your dog tested for COVID-19. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, "at this time, routine testing of animals is not recommended. Should other animals be confirmed positive for SARS-CoV-2 in the United States, USDA will post the findings." Any tests done on animals do not reduce the availability of testing for people.

If you are still concerned or notice a change in your dog's or cat's health, speak to your veterinarian so he or she can advise you.

The AKC is here to help dog owners adapt to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Find answers to all your coronavirus concerns, plus at-home activity ideas, training tips, educational resources, and more at our 'Coping With Coronavirus COVID-19' hub.



Magic Micah Again

By Lynn Conger

Tracking

We were trying to get ready for a tracking test in Utah. We start to train starting in November and our tracking test is in May. It's a good thing we start so soon because it's too cold or it's too wet. Or we just can't go. This year we had stay home stay safe. We started back up just before the test since we could get out but be careful. What better place than a field.

It was very interesting. By the field are new Townhouse. People walk their dogs around the field. They walked around the field so much they made a path.



In the field a Fox has a home. We tracked around it and people walked around the field didn't bother Fox.



Here's pictures of Micah running her tracks.



The wallet was so small I couldn't see it and thought she found something else. :)



Micah must be having fun. Look at that smile. Micah coming back for her treat for finding her article you can see it by her head.



We needed to certify first before we enter the Tracking Test.

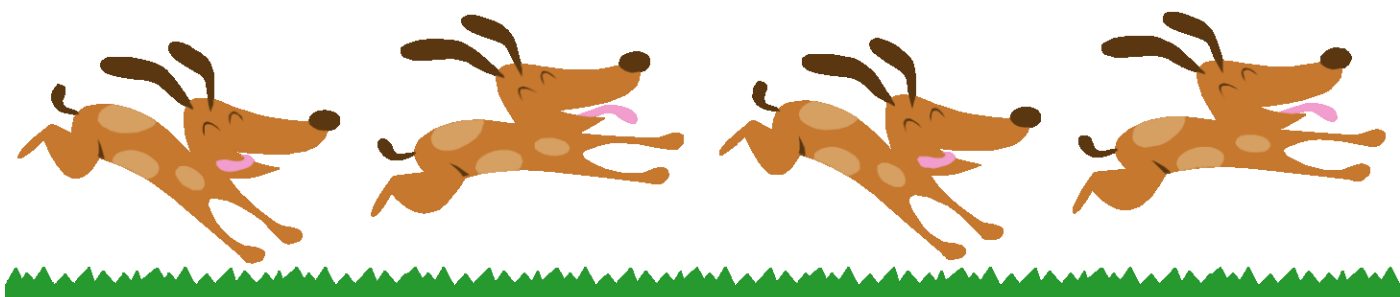
The judge took us to another field that was full of critter holes. Usually Micah smells around the holes then moves on but this time she was having to much fun with all the holes.

Train don't complain :)

We didn't make the test this year but we will keep training. We're going to train in the field where the critter holes are. Maybe next time we will past the Certification.

It's just to much fun!





Member's Page

With the lack of dog events happening, this months Member's Page is dedicated to Jessica and her Graduation Story



After six years I'm excited to say I'm done with this B.S. As of April 30th, 2020 I have graduated from the University of Utah David Eccles School of Business with my Bachelor's in Business Administration. This journey through college has been one I will remember and cherish for a lifetime. I decided after high school that I didn't really know what it was that I wanted to do, so I took a year off. During that year I learned the power of education and started my first year at Salt Lake Community College gaining two associates degrees in Business and General studies. Not having a clue what was next I transferred to the University of Utah's business school. Another three years and I had completed a goal I didn't really know was possible. All of the hardship, tears and happy memories were well worth it. I made friendships that will last a lifetime. But I truly couldn't have done this without my sweet family's support. They have not only helped me complete my goal, stood by my side, but also cheered me on when I didn't have the strength myself. I will forever be grateful for their love and dedication to my goals!

This year was supposed to go different for all of us in a lot of ways. My last semester wasn't impacted because my classes were only offered online, but what was impacted was the fact that I wouldn't get to walk with the friends who I was so excited to share this with, and that I wouldn't get to have that "pictured" moment after all of this hard work. I guess if I can put it into words the things you least expect are better than the ones you were expecting. In so many ways people all over have made my graduation special. Whether it being the lady at the grocery store wishing congratulations, someone honking at my well decorated car, or even the staff as we pick up our contactless food orders. I never expected to see my extended family ("dog friends") waiving and honking their horns for a drive by graduation day!

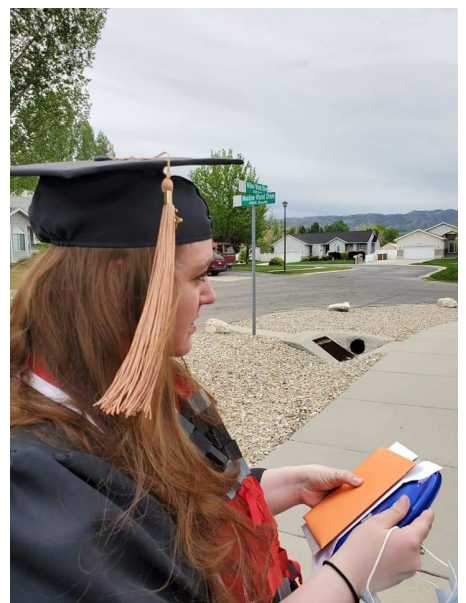
In total there were 17 cars and a motorcycle. All holding some of my very favorite people and their dogs, of course! It was so kind of Kristie and Cris Rasmussen to share their home and neighborhood for this beautiful parade. Everyone surprised me! I had no idea and the kindness and generosity of all these people who I haven't seen in months or longer brought tears of happiness to my eyes!

I don't believe that it is just me in today's time that needs a little light in their life. So here is a beautiful quote I found that I'd like to share. "Truly, it is in the darkness that one finds the light, so when we are in sorrow, then this light is nearest of all to us." -- Meister Eckhart

Be safe my friends! Hoping to see everyone soon!









So Proud of all you have accomplished!!

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