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"A well trained dog is a happy dog"

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- 6/4 meeting...

My New Puppy

By

Olivia Kovacevich

We really didn't know if Deska, Ronnie's Golden Retriever was pregnant or not. We had to wait a few weeks to find out. Ronnie called on a Sunday, she is our trainer and breeder. She helps people with their dogs. My mom and dad were shopping and I was watching TV. She said that Deska was going to have her puppies that day. When my mom and dad came back they heard the message and were surprised. We put the groceries away and had lunch. After that we cleaned up my room and got ready to go to Ronnie's house. When we got there we left our dogs in the truck so we could go see Deska for a few minutes. I could see Deska pushing. Nothing else was happening so we went to the training building to train our dogs.

First was Jello, my dog, she is in Utility. The first thing she worked on was heeling and then articles. She has to smell the metal and leather dumbbell articles to find hers. She is very good at that.

When you train a dog the first class is Novice. Novice includes on-lead heeling, doing a figure 8, off-lead heeling and a stand for exam, where the judge touches your dog while it just stands still. The last exercise is the recall, it is when you leave your dog on a sit

stay and you go across the room and call your dog.

The second class is called Open. You do an off-lead heeling and then a recall, but it is different than the Novice recall because you tell your dog to lay down halfway back and then call them the rest of the way. Next is the dumbbell retrieve, you throw it and the dog brings it back. Then is the high jump, you throw your dumbbell over the jump and the dog goes and gets it and brings it back to you. The last exercise is the broad jump. It is 4 boards laying flat on the ground and the dogs jumps over to the other side.

The third class is Utility. The dog does a heeling pattern first. Next it does articles. Articles is when you put your hands, which have smells, on the metal or leather dumbbells and the dog finds your smell on the article and brings it back. There is also a high jump and a bar jump which the dog is directed by hand signals to go over. The dogs are given treats for doing exercises correctly when training.

After we were done training all three dogs we went inside to see Deska. Dad went downstairs because nothing was happening but after a couple of minutes a puppy was born. It was a boy. The time was 7:11 p.m. He looked so cute. I went downstairs and told dad that the first puppy was born. He ran up and saw "Boomer". We had to clean him up and then weigh him.. He weighed 20 oz. Then

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we put him on a warm mat so he would not get cold. Deska was doing a lot of pushing and finally a girl puppy was born at 7:50 p.m. Ronnie put a red string around her neck so she could tell it apart from Boomer who wore a green string.

We waited but nothing else was happening. We wanted to see one more puppy born before we went home. Finally at 10:20 p.m. another girl was born, she wears a pink string.

After she was cleaned up and weighed we went home. My dad stayed very late but no more puppies came that night. The next morning we were told that another girl was born at 5:30 a.m. She wears a purple string to tell her apart from her sisters. We were also told that there was a fifth puppy, another girl, but she did not make it. Deska had to go to the veterinarian where she had an operation to find the last puppy which would have been blue girl. We were very sorry to hear about her.

We go and visit all the puppies every few days to take movies and pictures. Boomer will come home with us on the last day of February.

The end.

Editors Note: This was a book that Olivia wrote for her 6th grade Language Class at Kaneland Elementary Class. She has let me re-print it here. She tells me she got a "B" on the assignment.

From the Editor

We have had a very interesting month or so. First we had "spring break" visitors, six in all (not all at once!), mostly India's pups, who were here while their families were on vacation. The dogs had a blast, running and playing, getting into mud, "helping" me paint, etc....! Every dog had their "favorite" playmate. Baker absolutely loves Sophie. Echo loves everyone. Holli only likes dogs who understand the rules of her games. They are very simple - she runs, they chase. If they don't play by her rules, she gets a disgusted look on her face and goes in the house.

Then GoFer went into heat, which made Echo silly - he knew he was supposed to do something fun, but he wasn't sure what, so he would just leap and squirm, all excited, like a silly pup! Baker, on the other hand thought he was now "stud dog". He would shriek when he could see her from his kennel and run around the house when he was outside, peering into every window. He even got on the picnic table to look into one high window, which was a surprise to the dogs inside! He also learned to lift his leg, I suppose to mark every bush and fence post with his claim to GoFer. GoFer was very unimpressed by all of this, she would just lay there, (isolated from him) and chew a bone or sleep!

I had India spayed in early April, which for some reason was much harder than for any of my previous dogs. Of course, she played that up and sulked around the house for weeks afterward, depressed and mad at me. I also had a PennHip done at that time, since I want to track the "family" history. I had an OFA done when she was 2 so I knew she was ok, but I was not prepared. Her hips are better than 80% & Dr. Charlier said they were one

of the best set of hips she'd seen! Add that to the heap of guilt!

I was at a dog show just before Easter, one of the longest I've ever been at. I got there at 8 am for check in at didn't finish until 5 pm. Anyway, as usual, I started to talk to two of the ladies who were sitting next to me. They were both from Madison (Badger Kennel Club and Madison Retriever Club). One lady was named Carrie and had Flat Coats, the other named Lynn had Standard Poodles. They knew most of our Flat Coat and Poodle members, but what was interesting was that Lynn was doing field work with her Poodle. We also talked about our particular breeds and their traits and our own dogs personalities. Lynn had some very interesting history with her two Poodles. Lynn has a female, who hit her head a few years ago. Shortly after that, the poodle began having seizures. The seizures were becoming more frequent as years passed and Lynn was worried about the long term effects as well whether they would still be able to control the seizures. Then Lynn heard about the ketogenic diet which has been successful in controlling seizures in people. It has been so successful that not only does it reduce the frequency of seizures, but often individuals can eventually return to a normal diet and remain totally seizure free. There was recently a TV movie about this diet, based on a true story, starring Meryl Streep. Lynn put her poodle on this diet and so far it has been successful - with no drugs. The only time her dog has had seizures since being on the diet was when she was temporarily off it a couple times. If you are interested in corresponding with Lynn or want to know more about this diet, I have included some information she has sent me. I have more detailed information as well.

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Remember, Lynn is not a vet and you should consult your vet before trying any alternative treatments. If you do try this diet and have success, please let Lynn know (let me know too, so I can publish the good news in Waggin' Tales!)

When her male, now 8 1/2 yrs., was a puppy he wanted to (in her words) "eat children". Lynn called Dr. Patricia McConnell a certified animal behaviorist in the Madison area who teaches animal behavior at the Vet School there. Dr. McConnell came to her house and evaluated the dog and gave her a "lesson plan". She also made one follow up visit. Now, Lynn tells me that all the kids in the neighborhood love to come and play with her dog, and he loves to play with them!

I went to two day seminar that Dr. McConnell put on in Milwaukee. Now I know why people came from 6 states to hear her! She is amazing. She had several dogs there (Baker was one of them). A couple she had seen once and the rest she had never seen. One dog would try to kill anyone who tried to touch his food or toys. After an evaluation and a few weeks of treatment, this dog practically begged anyone to touch or take his food and toys. Another dog would try to bite any stranger who touched her. Again, after an evaluation and some homework, this dog was letting people touch her. Of course not all cases are simple and some need more work, but her success is amazing. Dr. McConnell spent the first day talking about behavior and why dogs do what they do. There are several components to behavior and each dog falls somewhere on a scale for each of these behaviors - making for an infinite number of combinations. She then began talking about how dogs learn and how to shape behavior. She uses "operant conditioning" and it's

very much like the old Pavlov technique. You teach the dog to associate something once unpleasant or frightening with something enjoyable. She also stressed the importance of a proper diagnosis since while there are many factors that go into an individual dog's behavior, also there are several things that can motivate a dog. You are able to literally alter the brain connections by repeating a behavior - which is why dogs can learn and why the proper treatment can be successful and the wrong treatment can make a dog worse. What really impressed me is that Dr. McConnell, who breeds Border Collies has one female who *hates* other dogs and would like to kill one of her dogs in particular, and yet they all live *together* in her house - she showed videos of all the dogs together. She doesn't leave them alone together and she calls it 'management' not a cure, but her Mist is an extreme case. I am planning to try and publish Waggin' Tales every month. Check the calendar in this issue for deadlines, they will usually be the Mon. after the match. We had gone to less frequently in order to save money and because some issues were sparse. The last issue cost more than 2 issues to mail and I have been getting lots of good "stuff" to include - please keep it up! Thanks for sending the stuff and please be patient if it takes a couple issues to get it in, I always have dated material to publish and then try to fill with what I am sent, but I am trying to keep it to one stamp! I really enjoy hearing from everyone - it's really nice to hear from members out of state and long time members. Thanks for the nice words! If for some reason you do not want to get Waggin' Tales anymore, please remember to check the box on your membership renewal form.



OLD BONES

Sally Compton
from *Waggin' Tales*
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Doris Kniep & Darlene Wiggins
become members.

Meg Graham -

Samoyed - Percy

Wheaton K.C. - open dog, 3 pt
major

Milwaukee Samoyed Fancier
Specialty - open dog, 5 pt major

Ed Kniep -

Golden Retriever - Casey

Muncie, In. 4/4/87

Open B - 198 - 1st place

Hi Golden

Utility - 188 1/2

Anderson, In. 4/5/87

Open B - 199 1/2 - 1st

Hi Golden

Utility - 197

HIT, Hi combined

Ingrid Hamburger -

Giant Schnauzer - Shari

N.W. O. C. - 5/16/87

Novice A - 177 C.D.!!

North Shore DTC - 5/17/87

Novice A - 185

("After all a dog needs 4 legs
right?" - Ingrid)

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OLD BONES (con't)

Darlene Wiggins -

Golden Retriever - Cassie

Beloit-Janesville K.C. - 5/2/87

Open A - 194 1/2 - 2nd

N.W.O.C - 5/16/87

Open A - 192

North Shore DTC - 5/17/87

Open A - 195 - 4th

C.D.X!!

Alice Larson -

Standard Poodle - Hoagy

N.W.O.C. - 5/16/87

Novice B - 193

North Shore DTC - 5/17/87

Novice B - 192 1/2

Freeport K.C. - 6/5/87

Novice B - 190 C.D.!!

N.W.O.C. -

Tracking test - passed

Hoagy completed the 499 yd.
track that was crossed by 2 men
and 2 dogs in 5 mins!!

New Paws

Mal and Georgia Sledden recently introduced their "fluffy gray balls of fur", Pocket and Ruffy. For you new members, Mal and Gerogia los their 2 elkhounds a month or so ago when they escaped from a fenced yard and were killed by a train.

Ellen Sidwell was beginning to get all excited about the first canine carnival she was organizing!

WHO'S NEWS? LEGS

Do you remember Elie, who's featured on the cover this month? Elie was trained and cared for by Michelle Cufu. Michelle trains guide dogs and Elie was one of the many guide dogs Michelle has made a home for over the last several years. Right now you probably see Michelle working with Harper, her current guide dog. Harper will be with Michelle until June when she gets her new guide dog puppy. I think it takes a very special person to love and care for a puppy and then in a year or so give it up. I'm sure the guide dog people are grateful to have Michelle in their program. You can read more about Michelle in this month's Member Profile.

From Helen Castellano:

In four shows, earning three second place finishes, Jena completed her Novice Agility title on March 16th. This is title number 6 for Jena. We started Agility training last fall with Cathy Fleury. This title was obtained very quickly through Cathy's excellent guidance. Thank you Cathy. On to Open Agility and back to Utility training.

From Sue Render:

Sue's Visla Ch. Vizion's Country Charm (Kate) got her first C.D. leg her first time out at Steel City. Kate's score was 188 1/2 which was third place in Novice A.

From Trudi Kimm:

Splash (one of Trudi's Aussies) took first place at the IKC on March 30 in 9-12 mo. bitches. She also got Winners Bitch (3 pts), Best of Show and Best of Breed Puppy.

AND BRAGSFrom Barb Erskine:

Starr's Rhapsody N Blue (Nissan) got his C.D. at the Interlocking Shetland Sheepdog Club on April 5th. His score was 186. He also got a fourth leg at Steel City on April 12th. His score was 186 and he got a fourth place. Congratulations!

From Linda Campbell:

Scores for Linda and Tango
1st CD leg - Badger Golden Retriever Specialty on March 1. His score was 197 and first place. (It was also Linda's birthday and a great birthday present.)
2nd CD leg - Anderson Indiana, April 5th - 196 and fourth place.
3rd CD leg - Muncie, Indiana, April 6th - 196 1/2. C.D. and Dog World! Congratulations!

From Nancy Gillum:

Nancy sent me a letter telling us about her latest dog. Sunburst Lock Vale Heather got her C.D. in three shows on March 1, 1997 in Mesa, Az. Heather also got her CGC on April 6. Nancy and Bob now live near Phoenix and belong to Phoenix Field and Obedience Club. Nancy had the Heather that the "Heather Memorial Award" is for. The original Heather was their Novice A dog, who they began training in 1969. Nancy and Bob have had six other dogs since then, including one dog who got a utility and tracking title. Nancy says this new Heather is very active and friendly and can be troublesome during training. Nancy wonders if she might have ADD! Nancy and Bob hope to stop in to training this summer, to see some "old timers" (her words!). They send a special hello to Alice Larson, Sandy Kiley and Sally Compton!

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I had never seen an Obedience Trial. I had never been to a training class, but I had two Cocker Spaniels who, I said were "obedient", so I entered both of them in an Obedience Trial. This was September 1947.

My commands were a little unusual (to say the least) such as "no, you can't go" (for stay), "com'ere Lady (for come), "lie down now", etc.

But one dog passed and I was hooked on Obedience. When I discovered (at the trial) that there was a book that explained the rules and that there were clubs to teach dog training, I decided to start such a club. With the wonderful help and enthusiasm of a few friends and a paid trainer, I organized a training class. Within a few months indeed after the first three-month class, we took five dogs to the North Shore Obedience Trial and came home with 5 legs! We quickly became the Fox Valley Dog Training Club. (1948)

That was 35 years ago and I am still very proud to belong to such a great club, which often has the largest Obedience Trial in the United States. You might say I feel like a bitch who whelped a Champion because you present members and all the hard-working members over the years have made a CHAMPION CLUB of Fox Valley. I am very happy to finish my judging "career" at Fox Valley's 32nd Trial. Thank you for asking me and please come by and introduce yourself to me at the trial. I'll be judging Open A. - Aldythe Comstock

This is reprinted from the 11/83 issue of Waggin' Tales. Aldythe Comstock became an Obedience judge in 1950, judging all obedience classes and tracking tests. Aldythe died in Oct. 1987.

Bait Bag

(bāt bag) n. A collection of tidbits.

E-mail addresses

Here are some E-mail addresses I received:

Rick Cox:

:rick_cox@armin-ind.com

Gerry Eskine:

Gerald642@Pop.Prodigy.net.

Taffy Wille:

Taffy@elnet.com

Chiropractic Schedule

Dr. Hansen will be at training on the following days. If you need an appointment you should call Dr. Hansen directly at (847) 551-1279.

5/1, 6/5, 7/3, 7/31, 8/28

New Arrivals!

Trudy Kimm has a new litter of pups. There are two females, one blue merle and one black-tri. The proud parents are Blaze and Cloudy.

May Membership Meeting

Do you need a way to motivate your dog, warm up for the obedience ring, increase the agility and conditioning of your canine partner and improve attention and heeling? Join us for the May 7th membership meeting. Cindy Pakenas will present a short (Cindy underlined this twice!) introduction to canine musical freestyle at 7:30 p.m. in the agricultural extension building on Randall Rd.

Tracking News

The MTA is having a Tracklayer Workshop and Picnic on July 19, 1997 at Burnidge Forest Preserve. There will also be 4 certification tracks. Anyone may attend as well as enter the draw to get your dog certified. The day will start with a continental breakfast at 7:30 am, followed the laying of the certification tracks at 8:00 am. Dogs will be drawn to run the certification tracks. The workshop will begin after the certifications, at 9:15 am. Lunch will be served at 12:30 followed by the MTA meeting. If you wish to attend any of these events, call Darlene Ceretto at (630) 495-1564. Lunch and the meeting is \$10. The seminar, including the certification as well as lunch and the meeting is \$15. This is a good chance for those who are interested in learning about tracking to see what it's all about. There will be several AKC Tracking judges attending as well.

Thorn Creek Tracking Club is also holding a certification match on July 26. There will be 5 tracks, entry fee is \$15. Call Merrie at (708) 758-1456 for more information.

Thorn Creek is also holding a "hands on" tracking seminar on June 28-29. It will be given by AKC tracking judge Ted Hoesel. Cost is \$60 for one day or \$80 for both days. Call Merrie at the above number for more information.

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3 1/2 oz jar liver or beef baby food

1/3 c. wheat germ

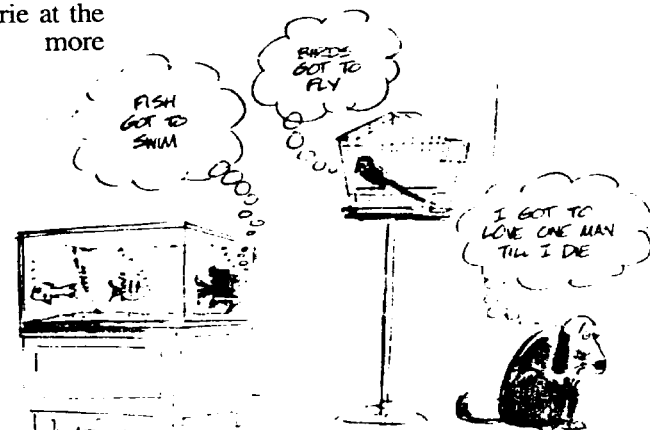
2/3 c. powdered skim milk

Mix and drop by tablespoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 for 12-14 minutes. Let cool.

Horoscope**The Taurus Dog**

21 April - 21 May

The Taurus Dog is loving and cuddly. Taurus dogs are patient and reliable, always putting up with their owner's foibles and habits. They love to lay in front of a fire or curled on a blanket. The Taurus dog relishes time with his owner and is a little jealous of others who interrupt that special time. Taurus dogs are quiet and peaceful and are most comfortable when all is well and secure in their world, especially if there's a bone nearby.





Dogs have always played an important part in my life. Even as a two-year old, I was the only one capable of removing objects from our nasty cocker's mouth. After our cocker died, our family added a collie mix, and two labs. Seeing we grew up in the country, the dogs provided entertainment for my sister and me. I remember endless hours of having the dogs chase us and then either hiding behind a corner and watching them run by or jumping in the bed, burying ourselves under the covers, and laughing to death as the dogs searched for us. This would continue until my mother had enough. The labs were shown in conformation, and I even tried my hand at Junior Showmanship. If you ever witnessed me in the ring, you'll know why I didn't pursue a career as a professional handler. One of the things I missed in college was the dogs. However, I was fortunate enough to meet a wonderful man named Scott. Scott and I dated for four years. May 27, 1989, two weeks after I graduated from Trinity College,

Scott and I were married. After we were married for two years, we bought a house in Crystal Lake. Of course, with a house we could finally buy a dog. That was when we acquired Heath, our Golden Retriever. I took puppy and beginner classes with Bonnie Barry. When they were over I wanted to continue training. I had the bug! I just earned my CD when Bonnie moved to Colorado. I actually quit training for awhile, and I toyed with giving it up altogether. This was when others steered me to Fox Valley.

I enjoy working with dogs, and I wanted to find a way to combine this enjoyment with a way to help others. That is how I became involved with Leader Dogs for the Blind from Rochester, Michigan. People ask if it is difficult to give the dogs up after raising them for year. YES! It is one of the hardest things to do. Each dog has its own personality and can never be replaced. Although, picking up a puppy when we drop off our older dog does help. We receive a graduation picture of each dog

with their new owner. Knowing I made a difference in that person's life makes all the tears worth it. Jordan, a black lab, lives in Louisiana with Larry Srnith. B.J. was our "gifted Golden because he was sent to live in New York City with his owner Karen Gourgey. Our yellow lab, Riley, surprised everyone by passing the program and now lives with Tony Coin in Missouri. Dakota did not pass and was placed in a pet home. Elie, a Golden, just graduated this fall; she lives with Linda Will in Pennsylvania. Ok, I'm done bragging about my kids. If you didn't notice we name all of our seeing eye dogs after NBA players. You have probably seen me around Fox Valley with Harper. He goes back to school this June.

Besides training dogs I am very active in our church. Scott and I are volunteer youth pastors. Every Wednesday night about 30 teenagers fill our house. So that's why you don't see me at the monthly meetings. My life now revolves around taking care of Brandon who was born this past December. I am on a maternity leave from my job as an elementary teacher. I am enjoying every minute of it, and the dogs are too.

Training my dogs is my stress release. One of my favorite parts is all the great people I have met along the way. Although, I knew being friends with Kay would eventually create work for me. Thanks to all of you who have not only taught me how to train my dogs, but how to be a better person in the process.

Ed Note: Michelle became an unwitting member of my extended family when her mom bought one of my pups! Now she owes me "Gabby" reports. She also taught two puppy classes with me last summer!

My Excellent Adventure

by
Baker

I am a Chocolate Lab puppy, and you may know my mom and some of my other family. I recently had an excellent adventure, but I have to fill you in on some history first. It all started when I was a baby.....I was born one of 9 brothers. Our moms took very good care of us, feeding us, kissing us, and our human mom would pick us up and talk to us. I knew her right away when I opened my eyes and ears! Other people came to see us and they loved us too. When we started to walk and play our big sisters would play with us. My sister, GoFer, would come in and lay on the floor so we could climb all over her. Our mom, India, was always with us too. Our first puppy friend, Peggy, came to play when we were 7 weeks old. Pretty soon people started coming over to see if they wanted us to go live with them. That's when I started getting scared. Maybe I didn't want to leave my family. I would try to hide or jump on my mom, but she wouldn't let me. Finally, I learned that people are nice and they love puppies, so I like people now, but I am glad I got to stay with my family! Lots of people and dogs started to come to my house. It was fun to play with the people and dogs and I even liked learning stuff, since we got treats! I remember the first time my friend Rosie came over. She is so big and those ears! I followed her around until I figured out she was a dog

too! Then my mom started taking me to this place where there were lots of different people and dogs. I started to be really scared. I like dogs to come to my house to play, but don't like to go away from home and play! There was too much activity to keep track of and I was worried. My mom wouldn't let me hide either, she said I had to be a big boy. The people were nice, they said I was cute. I also got to play fetch and get treats. I started going to class and my teacher, Gail, was really nice to me and my new friend, Harper, was in class with me. Harper was really nice because he didn't try to sniff me or scare me and we ate treats together. After graduation I went to class with some dogs I didn't know. Sometimes Rosie came to my class and she was nice to me, even when I got scared. I liked to sit next to her when we had to sit and stay. I also got to sit by those scary pugs that my sisters told me about, but they were nice to me too and didn't try to scare me. I liked to learn new things. I like heel and really like the thing my mom calls 'recall'. Sometimes it is hard to stay that long, but when she calls me I get to run as fast as I can. She sometimes gets mad when I almost knock her over tho. What I don't like is when dogs I don't know jump around or move fast by me, or sniff me. I get scared and I learned if I bark or growl that the scary dogs go away. My mom knows that this is a bad thing for me to learn and she didn't want me to be afraid of dogs or of her punishing me.

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Luckily for me, my mom knows Dr. Trisha. Dr. Trisha knows all about dogs and helps dogs like me all the time. She told my mom that I had to learn that scary dogs are a good thing. I wasn't sure I wanted to learn that! My mom talked to Dr. Trisha on the phone and she wanted me to come to a seminar. I got to go see Dr. Trisha and show a whole lot of people how I was afraid of new stuff - especially dogs. New places are bad enough - I have to constantly be alert for scary stuff, but then dogs were there too! After I was there a while I saw Dr. Trisha's dogs. I barked and growled at them, but they didn't go away! They didn't do anything to scare me either! One of Dr. Trisha's dogs is a therapy dog who helps lots of dogs not be scared. I got a bag of good treats and a "diploma", as well as homework to do. Dr. Trisha's homework is lots of little steps and the first ones are very easy and very fun. I think I am just eating treats, but my mom says I am learning something. Pretty soon I can start going to see my friends again. I can't wait to see Harper again, before he goes to his new family. My mom and I liked Dr. Trisha so much that we are going to see her again in Madison. (I want to go see her farm, too - she has lots of animals and sheep!) This time I will get Dr. Trisha all to myself except I suppose her dogs will be there too! My adventure isn't over yet, but my mom and I are really glad to have someone like Dr. Trisha close by to help us if we need it!

TO ALL FOX VALLEY D.T.C. MATCH JUDGES AND STEWARDS

FROM: THE MATCH COMMITTEE

Thank you for volunteering - we would not be having a Match without your help.

To aid in our starting on time, we ask, that if at all possible, you arrive by 6:30 p.m. Between 6:30 and 7:00 we hope to be able to put through as many stewards and judges as possible. During peak show months, you can expect to stay at the Fairgrounds beyond 9:30 p.m. The earlier we can start judging the earlier we can expect to leave.

To help facilitate this we will be starting the following procedure for group sits and downs:

Novice A & Open A	first set of sits and downs at 7:00 p.m. second set following first group of dogs
Novice B & Open B	Back to back sits and downs following the first group of dogs.

Main Table Stewards and others not able to arrive in time to be put through between 6:30 and 7:00 will be put through either at the end of the class or at the mutual convenience of the judges/stewards/floater involved. We will continue to try, to the best of our ability, to give priority to stewards and judges.

Those unable to arrive at 6:30 p.m. should plan to arrive in time for a prompt 7:00 starting time. If you cannot arrive on time please inform those involved and we will try to provide coverage until the time you do arrive.

Each steward and judge is allowed 2 free entries. You may choose to use these entries the night you are judging/stewarding or you may wish to hold 1 or both to be used in another month. If you choose to hold an entry for a later match please be sure you date the entry of the month you worked and to include the card with your entry in lieu of a fee.

Stewards, please inform Ingrid if you have removed your name from a stewarding slot for the current match. If you can find a replacement steward it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance for your help, understanding and cooperation. Perhaps with the utilization of the above procedures we can have successful matches without wearing out the "help".

Linda Benson	Match Night Coordinator
Belen Castellano	Match Judges
Ingrid Hamburger	Stewards
Suzan Scott	Pre-Entries

FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

SANCTIONED MATCH

JUNE 19, 1997

JUDGES:

NOVICE A & B DREW GRAHAM

OPEN A & B RONNIE BIZER

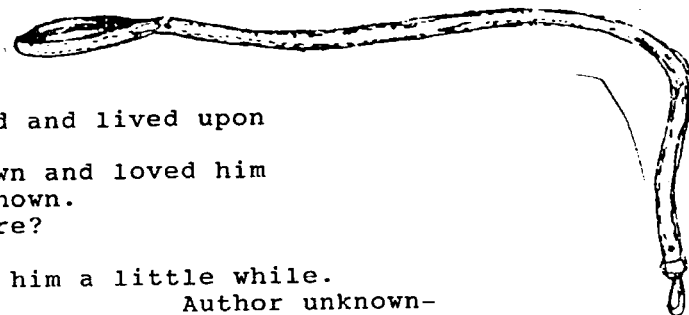
UTILITY A & B TERRY WHELAN

This match will be held in strict compliance with AKC rules and regulations governing sanctioned matches.

Prizes will be awarded for first place in each division. Ribbons will be awarded for first through fourth place in each division and to each qualifier.

...so, I am glad
 Not that he is gone
 But the earth he roamed and lived upon
 Was my earth too;
 That I had closely known and loved him
 And that my love I'd shown.
 Tears over his departure?
 Nay-a smile
 That I had walked with him a little while.

Author unknown-



Sometimes in your life you must do things that you do not wish to do, but you have to. Some say that once done, these experiences tend to make you a "stronger" person, or it adds to your "knowledge of life!" Maybe so, but there are some things that you must do - still not wishing to do them - and you go ahead and do these things for one reason...love.

My husband, one of my sons and I had to take a trip recently. Not for relaxation, not for fun, but to bury the best friend I have ever or probably will ever have. It was a tough trip to make. It did not help that the weather was simply terrible, pouring rain, then icy snow. And we all know what the rain can do to one's feelings. The day will automatically seem more melancholy and sad. We drove on, and flashes of making this same trip on happier days in the past 8 years came to mind. The rest areas or eating spots we had stopped at, taking a few minutes to romp and play. And all the people hesitating, then coming over to speak to us to see our carload of beings. The one place in particular that we had once spent a night at because the truck had broke down. As we pulled into that very same place on this trip the memories of that night were overwhelming. I had chose to curl up in the sleeping bags on the trailer and spend what was left of the night out under the stars. (The rest of the family had the car to sprawl out in.) My friend came with me, and that was the night he realized that it was his calling to protect me from all the scarey things that come with the dark. (Including a policeman sitting in his squad car at 2 in the morning who was trying to figure out just what was lying on that trailer.) As we made our stop there this time, it all came back to me.

We arrived at our destination, the snow had stopped; and it was grey and cloudy. We unloaded, and proceeded to make our way to the top of the ridge, were we then found the perfect spot for our dear friend to rest. When we finished I stood amongst the tall pine trees and listened. If you have never experienced it, there is a feeling of overwhelming calmness and awe if you spend time in pine trees as wind blows through them. They whisper and talk amongst themselves. They have secrets that they will share with you if you only take the time and listen. The trees had been pretty quiet that day, untill I stood next to the finished grave and we had packed our tools and were making ready to leave. Then the wind began to blow gently through them, and the pines began to whisper. They whispered the name of my friend to me; reverently and quietly, as if they too, knew that they now watched over a wonderful soul that was no longer walking and playing amongst them, but would stay with them from now on. I knew as I felt his name blow around me that this trip we had taken was for the love of this friend.

We would come here countless more times. Someday a house would be built here, through the pines and in the clearing. I'll be able to come and visit all my good friends at this spot and recall so many happy

and carefree memories of days spent with them all. As we left on the long drive home, the sun broke through the clouds and gave to us a beautiful February winter sunset.

If one is lucky, sometime in one's lifetime you shall have a kindred spirit. Someone that you can communicate with- without words. You can look into each other's eyes and know what they are thinking, and what to expect of them. You have a trust and understanding that goes beyond words. Don't get me wrong- I do truly love all the others we have shared life with, and have yet to share life with; it's just that he was and always will be...the special one.

Although we have placed him beneath the whispering pine trees, he is, indeed, buried deep within my heart.

WHERE TO BURY A DOG

There are various places in which a dog may be buried. We think of a Mastiff, a muscular fellow whose coat shone like Kansas wheat. Who as far as we are aware, never entertained an unworthy thought, who's life purpose was to care for his family. This Mastiff is buried beneath a Crimson Maple, under six feet of garden loam, and at the proper season, the maple sheds its scarlet leaves on the faded lawn of his grave. "Beneath such trees he slept in drowsy summer, or gnawed a flavourous bone, or lifted his head to challenge some strange inturder. These are good places, in life or in death.

Yet it is a small matter, for if the dog be well remembered, if sometimes he leaps through your dreams actual as in life, eyes kindling, laughing, begging, it matters not at all where that dog sleeps. On a hill where the wind is unrebuked, and the trees are roaring, or beside a stream he knew in puppyhood, or somewhere in the flatness of a pastureland where most exhilarating cattle graze. It is all one to the dog, and all one to you, and nothing is gained, and nothing lost if memory lives. But there is one best place to bury a dog."

"If you bury him in this spot, he will come to you when you call--come to you over the grim, dim frontiers of death, and down the well remembered path, and to your side again, and though you call a dozen living dogs to heel, they shall not growl at him, nor resent his coming for he belongs there. People may scoff at you who see no lightest blade of grass bent by his footfall, who hear no whimper, people who may never really have had a dog. Smile at them, for you shall know something that is hidden from them and which is well worth the knowing; The one best place to bury a good dog is in the heart of his master..."

adapted from a poem by Ben Lampman, originally published in the Spetember 1945 Dog News

*CH. RR'S Cambridge of Silver Reel Am/Can CD, WD, CGC
and retired Registered Therapy Dog*

*"BRIDGER"
3-10-89 2-20-97*

Daisy's Seizures & The Ketogenic Diet

Introduction

These next few pages have been pulled together to share with others who are interested in the Ketogenic Diet and how it might help their seizing canine friends. *I am not a Veterinarian, Physician or expert in canine nutrition.* I am the owner of a Standard Poodle that began having seizures 5 years ago. After talking with Veterinarians, friends and other owners of seizing dogs, I was concerned about eventually having to put Daisy on medication. I began to look for alternatives that might help the seizures by reducing the frequency or severity. I never once thought I would be able to eliminate them completely. I started to talk with other dog owners, friends knowledgeable about homeopathic remedies, etc. I left no stone unturned!

The following explains the types and frequency of Daisy's seizures, the ketogenic diet, how I've adapted it for her and how things have been going. Readers of this information are welcome to do with it as they see fit. If a reader does try this diet for their seizing canine friend, I would be most interested in their results and would appreciate being contacted. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Daisy's Seizure History, March 1997

Daisy is a 7 year old Standard Poodle that stands 21 inches at the shoulders and weighs 41 pounds. She started having mini-seizures at the end of 1992 due to head trauma. One year later she

had her first grand mal that lasted 6 minutes. For the next two years she alternated a grand mal with a mini seizure. As many as 7 months would pass between seizures. In 1996 the seizures started coming every month and a half. By March 1996 I started to investigate alternative methods to medication for controlling seizures. I talked to a friend knowledgeable in holistic medicine that suggested I lower the protein in Daisy's diet. Several days later I watched a show on TV about Johns Hopkins Hospital and a special diet that has been used for over 40 years to control seizures and epilepsy in children. This diet is called the *Ketogenic Diet*

The Ketogenic Diet

The *Ketogenic Diet* is based on low protein and high fat. It has been successfully used with children for over 40 years. The children must stay on this very strict diet for 2-3 years and after that they are said to be seizure free for the rest of their lives. The Doctors at Johns Hopkins Hospital are not sure why it works, but know it works for a large percentage of their seizure patients. The children are "starved" for 2 or 3 days. This means no water or food in that time frame. They are then started on this strict diet. If a child goes off the diet for 2-3 days, they are guaranteed to seizure. Their fat intake is mainly consumed in the form of butter, heavy whipping cream, cream cheese and/or bacon.

Daisy's Modified Ketogenic Diet

Daisy has been on this diet for 10 months. Since I could not find a "recipe" to follow,

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I made up my own. I changed her dry food to Science Diet Maintenance Lite with 14% protein and added 2 TB of heavy whipping cream to her food. At first I added it to both the morning and evening meals. After several weeks I noticed she was gaining a lot of weight. I cut back her dry food and added green beans. Around this time I changed her dry food to Sensible Choice: Chicken & Rice (Reduced Calories) which is 18% protein.

Another several weeks went by and she started having problems that warned me she may be getting crystals in her urine. I then replaced the green beans (that was changing the pH balance) to parsnips. The parsnips are for a non-caloric filler in her diet.

Currently Daisy's diet consists of two meals a day. She gets 1/2+ cup of Sensible Choice in the morning. In the evening she gets 1/2+ cup Sensible Choice with 1/2 cup chopped raw parsnips & 2 TB heavy whipping cream in the evening. She also gets a sprinkle of Dog Powder Mix, from the book *Natural Health for Dogs & Cats*, on each meal. This dry dog powder mix includes nutritional yeast, bone meal, kelp powder and garlic powder. If I know Daisy will be in stressful situations I may "boost up" her fat intake by adding a little more heavy cream to her evening meal or give it to her at both meals. Daisy's stress factor seems to be other dogs i.e. another dog is in the house for several days or when we visit homes with dogs. In her seizure diary it is evident that this is often a common denominator when she had seizures.

Daisy's Results

At first I did not predict or jump to conclusions. I continued to feed her the low protein/high fat meals and kept the diary. She had a couple of very mini seizures. By June I was shocked when Daisy had her first grand mal since the start. It turns out that I forgot her cream for 3 days and did not realize it until the seizure. Although this was an unplanned situation, she did exactly what Johns Hopkins Hospital said would happen if a child was off the diet for 2-3 days. A coincidence? Maybe, but once back on the Diet, Daisy continued to do well. In August 1996, Daisy & I spent 3 days at dog camp with 50 other dogs. Each evening we stayed in a cabin (close quarters) with 4 other dogs Daisy was not very familiar with. There were no seizures or signs of any seizures, even after we returned home. I made the same mistake of forgetting her cream for 3 days in October 1996. Again she had a grand mal seizure.

Now, after 10 months, Daisy is seizure free as long as she is on the diet Daisy has not had a seizure of any type for 5 months. Although not carried out scientifically, I believe there is enough

evidence in Daisy's case to warrant a serious look at the Ketogenic diet to possibly help some canines suffering from seizures. Just like in children, not all dogs will respond as well as Daisy. But for many, many dogs, I believe this is a very viable possibility not to be overlooked. If it does not completely eliminate seizures, the chance of reducing the severity and frequency is very good.

Several questions now come into play:

1. Is this a viable alternative to medication?
2. Are there any Veterinarians using this method to control seizures or is there any research looking into this?
3. How can this diet be mod)ified and studied for the use in controlling canine seizures?
4. Should Veterinarians be looking into the Ketogenic Diet and possibly suggesting patients try this?

These questions have plagued me for many months. I have decided to start sharing this information with others (Veterinarians, owners of dogs with seizures, and Ketogenic supporters for children) to see if I can help

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them find the answers. If this diet could help out even a small percentage of the dogs that suffer from seizures, whether by eliminating or reducing the severity, it will be worth it. And Daisy's seizures will have made a positive difference.

Note: I have just watched the video "Introduction to the Ketogenic Diet" produced by the Charlie Foundation. Excellent!! I highly recommend this video to anyone serious about trying this diet for their canine friend. One very important item in the video deals with medication and the diet. Children on medication have been very successful in getting off the meds and having the diet greatly improve their health. Up until now I was not sure if dogs on medication could successfully transfer over to the diet. Children can, why not dogs?!

To order the "Introduction to the Ketogenic Diet", call 1-800-For-Keto. The video is only \$5.00 and worth every penny!!

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DUPLEX by Glenn McCoy

TROPHY SPONSORSHIP

I am the Trophy Chairperson for our Annual Trial to be held in November. I would like to offer each member the opportunity to sponsor the trophy of their choice. I have several suggestions in this area. The first is that you may call me at home and leave a message indicating which trophy you would like to sponsor and the amount. A High in Group trophy is a minimum of \$20.00. An individual trophy is a minimum of \$15.00. I have a list from the previous year with amounts. You may also complete the bottom portion and drop it in the mail or give it to me on training night. I am currently there from approximately 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The following are my suggestions for sponsorship of trophies. First you may decide to provide your own award. I have enjoyed doing this myself in past years and have had numerous compliments on my prizes. Second, you may decide to provide a cash donation and request that something be purchased with the money. Third, you may decide to provide a cash donation with the qualification that the winner of the trophy receive the cash. Fourth, you may not wish to sponsor a specific trophy or the particular trophy you are interested in is already taken, in this case you may choose to make a cash donation directly to the Trophy Fund. Your name will of course be listed as a sponsor of an award or as a member who has donated to the Trophy Fund.

If you are providing your own trophy, I will need a description to include in the premium no later than July 1st. I would ask that I received the actual prize no later than October 15th. If you are making a cash donation, I would like to receive that from you no later than June 1st, so that I may have time to order any trophies and to include that information in the premium. Thank you.

Helen C. Castellano
35W075 Chillem Drive
Batavia, IL 60510
630-761-0411

Please print: - Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Trophy you wish to sponsor: _____

Please chose one - You will provide:

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MEMBERSHIP DUES AND TRAINING FEES ARE DUE

Dues and training fees for the 1997-98 membership year are due by June 1, 1997.

Please fill out the form below MAIL it along with your check payable to FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB to:

JUDY ANDERSON / MEMBERSHIP
6N213 WILLOW DRIVE
ST. CHARLES, IL. 60175 6338
630 377 2632

NO FEES OR FORMS WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE TRAINING FACILITY. ALL MUST BE MAILED.

YOUR NAME WILL BE OMITTED FROM THE 1997-98 ROSTER UNLESS YOUR DUES ARE RECEIVED BY 6-30-97

NAME: _____
 STREET ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____
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PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TYPE:
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 TRAINING \$90.00 NON-TRAINING \$45.00
 IF YOU ARE PAYING THE \$90.00 MEMBERSHIP AND TRAINING FEE YOU MAY
 PAY \$45.00 NOW AND THE BALANCE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 1997.
 LIFETIME OR BOARD MEMBERS:
 \$45.00 TRAINING/FREE NON-TRAINING
 INSTRUCTORS:
 EARN 1/4 CREDIT TOWARDS DUES PER QUARTER OR CLASS
 TAUGHT(MAX. OF 4)
 MUST HAVE D.O.T. VERIFICATION

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____
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 IF YOU DONT NEED A MEMBERSHIP ROSTER CHECK HERE _____
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VON TIKI'S BLAZING FIRE, AM./CAN. CDX, TDX, CGC
"BLAZE"

April 9, 1990 - March 29, 1997

Suddenly and unexpected your Giant Heart stopped beating.

Dear friends at FVDTC,

both Hermann and I want to thank you for all your support. It means so much to know that others understand and care. The doggy-world we live in is wonderful.

Blaze's sudden death is still hard to understand, one minute he was his playful self, the next minute he was gone forever. We had just returned from our walk, he ran through the yard, did his funny spins to entice Shari to catch him, they played together and were having a good time. When I called him he came running and right in front of us he laid down never to get up again. His Giant heart stopped beating, suddenly and without any warning.

I still have a very hard time to accept his passing, we had become a team, enjoyed each other so much, and were so active to plan for all the spring trials with a new title in mind, UD!

Blaze and I learned a lot from each other, he was my shadow, my very special boy. We had a lot of wonderful times together, unforgettable was the day Blaze got his TDX, he was tracking with such confidence, all I had to do was hang on to the lead and follow.

Blaze gave us unconditional love, he believed to be our lap-dog, he loved to snuggle. The three of us, Hermann, Shari and I miss him so much. We hope some day to find him waiting for us

...“at the pretty place up in the sky, where special dogs go when they die”...

For now all we have left are the wonderful memories, and they will forever be emblazed in our hearts.

Sincerely,

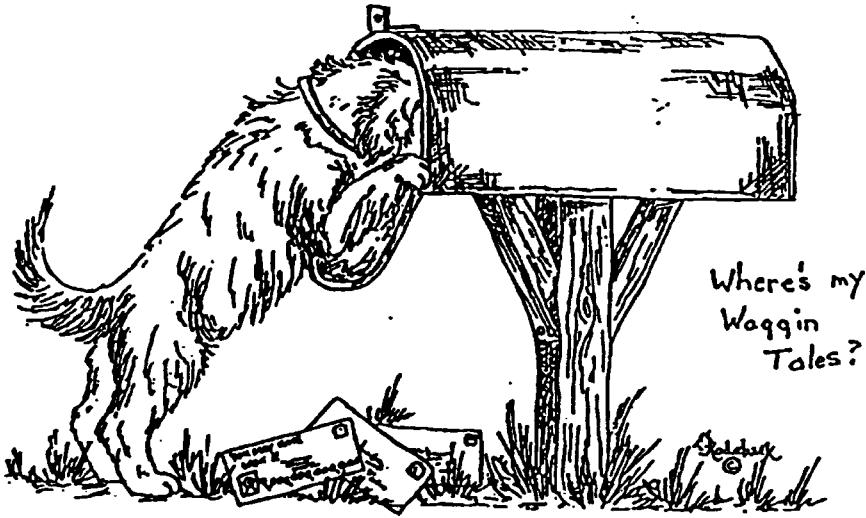
Ingrid Hamburger

Fox Valley Dog Training Club Calendar of Events

Effective May 1, 1997

<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Special Events</i>
May	1	Thursday	Regular Training		
	7	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	8	Thursday	Regular Training		
	15	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Graduation #2	
	20	Tuesday	Regular Training	Start #3	
	26	Monday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	29	Thursday	Regular Training		
June	4	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	5	Thursday	Regular Training		
	10	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	19	Thursday	Sanctioned Match	NO Classes	
	23	Monday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	26	Thursday	Regular Training		
	28	Saturday			Teacher's Meeting
July	3	Thursday	Regular Training		
	10	Thursday	Regular Training		
	17	Thursday	NO Training	NO Classes	Kane County Fair
	27	Sunday		Annual Picnic	Membership Meeting
	24	Thursday	Regular Training		
	28				Waggin' Tales Deadline
	31	Thursday	Regular Training		
August	6	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	7	Thursday	Regular Training	Graduation #3	
	14	Thursday	Regular Training	Start #4	
	21	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	25	Monday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	28	Thursday	Regular Training		
September	3	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	4	Thursday	Regular Training		
	11	Thursday	Regular Training		
	14	Sunday			Tracking Test
	18	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	22	Monday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	25	Thursday	Regular Training		

Waggin' Tales
 Kay Weber
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Do You Remember Elie? This is Elie with her new owner. See Who's News.



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