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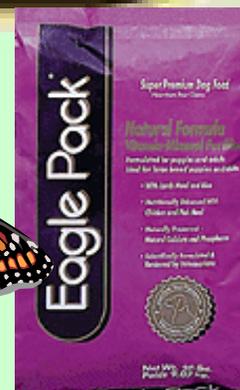
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1. Be especially patient with your humans during this time. They may appear to be more stressed-out than usual and they will appreciate long comforting dog leans.
2. They may come home with large bags of things they call gifts. Do not assume that all the gifts are yours.
3. Be tolerant if your humans put decorations on you. They seem to get some special kind of pleasure out of seeing how you look with fake antlers.
4. They may bring a large tree into the house and set it up in a prominent place and cover it with lights and decorations. Bizarre as this may seem to you, it is an important ritual for your humans, so there are some things you need to know:
 - a. Don't pee on the tree
 - b. Don't drink water in the container that holds the tree
 - c. Mind your tail when you are near the tree
 - d. If there are packages under the tree, even ones that smell interesting or that have your name on them, don't rip them open
 - e. Don't chew on the cord that runs from the funny-looking hole in the wall to the tree
5. Your humans may occasionally invite lots of strangers to come visit during this season. These parties can be lots of fun, but they also call for some discretion on your part:
 - a. Not all strangers appreciate kisses and leans
 - b. Don't eat off the buffet table
 - c. Beg for goodies subtly
 - d. Be pleasant, even if unknowing strangers sit on your sofa
 - e. Don't drink out of glasses that are left within your reach
6. Likewise, your humans may take you visiting. Here your manners will also be important:
 - a. Observe all the rules in #4 for trees that may be in other people's houses. (4a is particularly important)
 - b. Respect the territory of other animals that may live in the house
 - c. Tolerate children
 - d. Turn on your charm big time
7. A big man with a white beard and a very loud laugh may emerge from your fireplace in the middle of the night. **DON'T BITE HIM!!**



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Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each
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except July and December , at the
Atlanta Humane Society,
981 Howell Mill RD, Atlanta, GA at 8:00PM.
The GSDC of Atlanta encourages visitors to
attend. Our next meeting is January 09, 2006.
Guest speaker scheduled is Jimmy Moses

Club Meeting Minutes

Club meeting minutes can be found in the
members only section of the club
website at www.gsdcatlanta.us

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Out Of The Crate

Dogs And Responsibilities

When we have dogs, we have a huge responsibility for their care and well being. It is our responsibility to know our limits. They depend on us to use common sense where this is concerned. It is our responsibility to take care of ourselves and make arrangements ahead of time to care for our dogs when an emergency arises and we can't. Without this safety net, our dogs could be in jeopardy and no one would know until it's too late for them. The GSDC of Atlanta has a program for emergencies whether it is medical or Mother Nature. It's called The Buddy System. You simply fill out your dogs information, attach current photos and designate a fellow club member you have spoken with and who has agreed, to be your Buddy. Your dogs deserve nothing less and you'll have piece of mind. In this issue will be the information for the Buddy System. Please take the time to get a Buddy and fill this out and get it filed.

As many of you know, I was involved in a "situation" this past month and probably will be involved in it for quite a while. Dogs can't complain when things aren't kosher, can't pick up the phone and call for attention, can't tell you when they hurt or what hurts and they can't tell you when you are overloaded and can't care for them properly. The agony of laying in one's own waste, starving and dying of dehydration, is unimaginable. We, as owners, HAVE to prevent this from happening. When you place your animals with someone you don't personally know, it is your responsibility to check them out thoroughly. Have a home check done by someone you trust, check references and by all means do not believe all you are told on the internet. People can be whoever they wish on the internet and until it's too late for your dogs, you'll never know. And by all means, if you know of owners who are questionable, do not keep up basic standards of care for their animals, are collectors, seem to move more than what is normal, do NOT recommend them to anyone for an animal and be honest with those asking you about that person. Our dogs cannot afford PC or niceties when it comes to their wellbeing and future. Do not lie or embellish the truth, just state the FACTS as you personally know them and advise that person asking to check deeper before considering placing their animal or getting one from them. What we walked into should not be condoned by anyone. No human should live in a house 90 percent of which is covered in dog waste and filth. No dog should have to lay in an inch of it's own filth, be surrounded by it, be without water and food and be crated 22 out of 24 hours a day. No dog should have to be forced to live in a crate 2 sizes too small for it. They should not have to breathe for days on end a stench that made our eyes burn and made us back out of the house. Five 6 month old puppies should not be in a 4 ft high 8 x10 kennel with a single medium sized igloo for shelter without food, with filthy water and 2" of feces. Six month old puppies should not be together anyway as they develop a pack dependency and don't know how to react individually with people. No way should this be allowed to be glossed over, downplayed or continued. I have sympathy for anyone who is ill, but none for anyone who lives in these conditions with dogs. People choose to live the way they do and that's fine. What isn't fine is to live like that and force animals to do the same. The illness being bandied as the reason for these conditions is bunk. Yes the owner was hospitalized for 3 days before we were called in. No way this happened in the short time the owner was hospitalized. This took weeks or months to build up. The evidence and witnesses prove this. People seem to think that others will come in, clean their mess up, take care of their starving and neglected animals and they will get to come home, get their dogs back and life will be peachy. Sorry, but that isn't going to happen. Am I angry? Oh yeah., but the dogs come first. The County and State could do nothing since they were closed on the weekend and since they didn't see it, it didn't happen despite the documentation, police presence and witnesses. The dogs got lucky this time and supposedly the owner was convinced to sign over ownership on 9 of the 10 dogs involved. The puppies and co owned dogs and the male she "rescued" are all safe. Three of the puppies have already left and hopefully the three adults and two pups left will be leaving this weekend. The rescue male has been evaluated and will be featured soon on our Rescue Me pages. He's a cool 2 year old male who is thrilled to have attention, hugs, belly rubs and a bit of ball playing. He'll make someone a wonderful friend.

Pleaseplease.... pleasedon't let this happen again. Know where your dogs go and know who you are dealing with. Check up on those you place. Never meet a "breeder" for the first time anywhere but their home if it is local. Drive the extra 30 miles or so to know what conditions your animal is living in. I and those who have been involved in all this, will not forget this person and will use our network to make others aware so she cannot do this again.

Denise Groenewald



Seasons' Greetings

***Wishing you a very Merry Christmas
and a Wonderful 2006***

Joye DeMoss and Larry Evans
and
Jerry, Dan, Goldie,



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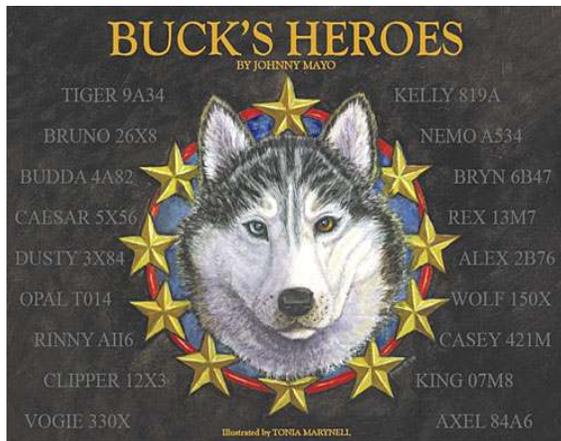
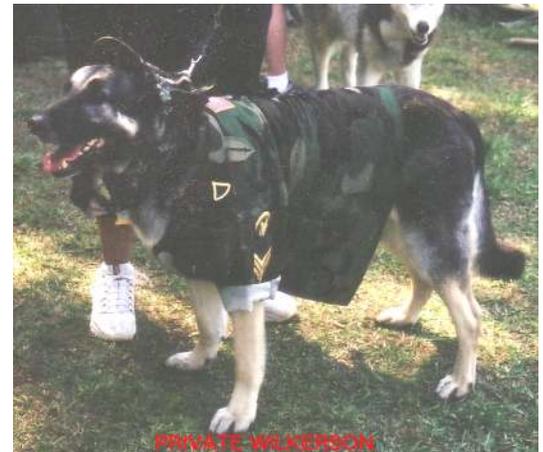
Champ and I attended the festivities at Camden, South Carolina again this year.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL WEEKEND !!!

The weather was spectacular and so were the people who visited Johnny Mayo and Pete Peter's Display for the Vietnam War Dog Memorial Fund Raising.

Champ was a great Therapy Dog.

We are also went to Fort Benning, Georgia to do the same thing at God Bless Fort Benning Day on November 19, 2005, which was open to the public to SUPPORT OUR TROOPS !!!



Buck's Heroes

A Dog's Tale of Vietnam War Dogs

Written by Johnny Mayo,
Illustrated by Tonia Marynell

On a splendid fall day some thirty years after serving in Vietnam as a dog handler, Johnny Mayo attends a reunion of former handlers and their families at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C. He brings with him, Buck, his pet husky of 10 years.

Buck accompanies his master to the polished black granite memorial wherein are inscribed the names of the 58,178 men and women who were killed or missing in action.

While gazing at the wall by his master's side, Buck begins hearing and seeing the ghosts of the dogs who were participants in the war. His master's two beloved scout dogs along with many others tell Buck what life was like for them and the soldiers they served and protected. Buck and his master leave the memorial with a renewed sense of camaraderie and closure

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"DEVELOPING HIGH ACHIEVERS"

Originally published as
"Early Neurological Stimulation"

by
Carmen L. Battaglia

Surprising as it may seem, it isn't capacity that explains the differences that exist between individuals because most seem to have far more capacity than they will ever use. The differences that exist between individuals seem to be related to something else. The ones who achieve and out perform others seem to have within themselves the ability to use hidden resources. In other words, it's what they are able to do with what they have that makes the difference.

In many animal-breeding programs the entire process of selection and management is founded on the belief that performance is inherited. Attempts to analyze the genetics of performance in a systematic way have involved some distinguished names such as Charles Darwin and Francis Galton. But it has only been in recent decades that good estimates of heritability of performance have been based on adequate data. Cunningham (1991) in his study of horses found that only by using Timeform data, and measuring groups of half brothers and half sisters could good estimates of performance be determined. His data shows that performance for speed is about 35% heritable. In other words only about 35% of all the variation that is observed in track performance is controlled by heritable factors, the remaining 65% are attributable to other influences, such as training, management and nutrition. Cunningham's work while limited to horses provides a good basis for understanding how much breeders can attribute to the genetics and the pedigrees.

Researchers have studied this phenomena and have looked for new ways to stimulate individuals in order to improve their natural abilities. Some of the methods discovered have produced life long lasting effects. Today, many of the differences between individuals can now be explained by the use of early stimulation methods.

Introduction

Man for centuries has tried various methods to improve performance. Some of the methods have stood the test of time, others have not. Those who first conducted research on this topic believed that the period of early age was a most important time for stimulation because of its rapid growth and development. Today, we know that early life is a time when the physical immaturity of an organism is susceptible and responsive to a restricted but important class of stimuli. Because of its importance many studies have focused their efforts on the first few months of life.

Newborn pups are uniquely different than adults in several respects. When born their eyes are closed and their digestive system has a limited capacity requiring periodic stimulation by their dam who routinely licks them in order to promote digestion. At this age they are only able to smell, suck, and crawl. Body temperature is maintained by snuggling close to their mother or by crawling into piles with other littermates. During these first few weeks of immobility researchers noted that these immature and under-developed canines are sensitive to a restricted class of stimuli which includes thermal, and tactile stimulation, motion and locomotion.

Other mammals such as mice and rats are also born with limitations and they also have been found to demonstrate a similar sensitivity to the effects of early stimulation. Studies show that removing them from their nest for three minutes each day during the first five to ten days of life causes body temperatures to fall below normal. This mild form of stress is sufficient to stimulate hormonal, adrenal and pituitary systems. When tested later as adults, these same animals were better able to withstand stress than littermates who were not exposed to the same early stress exercises. As adults, they responded to stress in "a graded" fashion, while their non-stressed littermates responded in an "all or nothing way."

Data involving laboratory mice and rats also shows that stress in small amounts can produce adults who respond maximally. On the other hand, the results gathered from non-stressed littermate show that they become easily exhausted and would near death if exposed to intense prolonged stress. When tied down so they were unable to move for twenty-four hours, rats developed severe stomach ulcers, but litter mates exposed to early stress handling were found to be more resistant to stress tests and did not and familiar objects were tested by both of the Kelloggs' and Dr. Yearkes using young chimpanzees. Their pioneer research shows that the more primates were deprived of stimulation and interaction during early development, the less able they were to cope, adjust and later adapt to situations as adults.

Sexual maturity was attained sooner in the littermates given early stress exercises. When tested for differences in health and disease, the stressed animals were found to be more resistant to certain forms of cancer and infectious diseases and could withstand terminal starvation and exposure to cold for longer periods than their non-stressed littermates. Other studies involving early stimulation exercises have been successfully performed on both cats and dogs. In these studies, the Electrical Encephalogram (EEG) was found to be ideal for measuring the electrical activity in the brain because of its extreme sensitivity to changes in excitement, emotional stress, muscle tension, changes in oxygen and breathing. EEG measures show that pups and kittens when given early stimulation exercises mature at faster rates and perform better in certain problem solving tests than non-stimulated mates.

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In the higher level animals the effect of early stimulation exercises have also been studied. The use of surrogate mothers and familiar objects were tested by both of the Kelloggs' and Dr. Yearkes using young chimpanzees. Their pioneer research shows that the more primates were deprived of stimulation and interaction during early development, the less able they were to cope, adjust and later adapt to situations as adults.

While experiments have not yet produced specific information about the optimal amounts of stress needed to make young animals psychologically or physiologically superior, researchers agree that stress has value. What also is known is that a certain amount of stress for one may be too intense for another, and that too much stress can retard development. The results show that early stimulation exercises can have positive results but must be used with caution. In other words, too much stress can cause pathological adversities rather than physical or psychological superiority.

Methods of Stimulation

The U.S. Military in their canine program developed a method that still serves as a guide to what works. In an effort to improve the performance of dogs used for military purposes, a program called "Bio Sensor" was developed. Later, it became known to the public as the "Super Dog" Program. Based on years of research, the military learned that early neurological stimulation exercises could have important and lasting effects. Their studies confirmed that there are specific time periods early in life when neurological stimulation has optimum results. The first period involves a window of time that begins at the third day of life and lasts until the sixteenth day. It is believed that because this interval of time is a period of rapid neurological growth and development, and therefore is of great importance to the individual.

The "Bio Sensor" program was also concerned with early neurological stimulation in order to give the dog a superior advantage. Its development utilized six exercises which were designed to stimulate the neurological system. Each workout involved handling puppies once each day. The workouts required handling them one at a time while performing a series of five exercises. Listed in order of preference the handler starts with one pup and stimulates it using each of the five exercises. The handler completes the series from beginning to end before starting with the next pup. The handling of each pup once per day involves the following exercises:

1. Tactical stimulation (between toes)
2. Head held erect
3. Head pointed down
4. Supine position
5. Thermal stimulation.

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<p>1. Tactile stimulation Holding the pup in one hand, the handler gently stimulates (tickles) the pup between the toes on any one foot using a Q-tip. It is not necessary to see that the pup is feeling the tickle. Time of stimulation 3 - 5 seconds. (Figure 1)</p>	
	<p>2. Head held erect Using both hands, the pup is held perpendicular to the ground, (straight up), so that its head is directly above its tail. This is an upwards position. Time of stimulation 3 - 5 seconds (Figure 2).</p>
<p>3. Head pointed down Holding the pup firmly with both hands the head is reversed and is pointed downward so that it is pointing towards the ground. Time of stimulation 3 - 5 seconds (Figure 3).</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Figure 3</p>
	<p>4. Supine position Hold the pup so that its back is resting in the palm of both hands with its muzzle facing the ceiling. The pup while on its back is allowed to sleep struggle. Time of stimulation 3-5 seconds. (Figure 4)</p>
<p>5. Thermal stimulation Use a damp towel that has been cooled in a refrigerator for at least five minutes. Place the pup on the towel, feet down. Do not restrain it from moving. Time of stimulation 3-5 seconds. (Figure 5)</p>	

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These five exercises will produce neurological stimulations, none of which naturally occur during this early period of life. Experience shows that sometimes pups will resist these exercises, others will appear unconcerned. In either case a caution is offered to those who plan to use them. Do not repeat them more than once per day and do not extend the time beyond that recommended for each exercise. Over stimulation of the neurological system can have adverse and detrimental results. These exercises impact the neurological system by kicking it into action earlier than would be normally expected. The result being an increased capacity that later will help to make the difference in its performance. Those who play with their pups and routinely handle them should continue to do so because the neurological exercises are not substitutions for routine handling, play socialization or bonding.

Benefits of Stimulation

Five benefits have been observed in canines that were exposed to the Bio Sensor stimulation exercises. The benefits noted were:

1. Improved cardio vascular performance (heart rate)
2. Stronger heart beats
3. Stronger adrenal glands
4. More tolerance to stress and
5. Greater resistance to disease.

In tests of learning, stimulated pups were found to be more active and were more exploratory than their non-stimulated littermates over which they were dominant in competitive situations.

Secondary effects were also noted regarding test performance. In simple problem solving tests using detours in a maze, the non-stimulated pups became extremely aroused, wined a great deal, and made many errors. Their stimulated littermates were less disturbed or upset by test conditions and when comparisons were made, the stimulated littermates were more calm in the test environment, made fewer errors and gave only an occasional distress when stressed.

Socialization

As each animal grows and develops three kinds of stimulation have been identified that impact and influence how it will develop and be shaped as an individual. The first stage is called early neurological stimulation, and the second stage is called socialization. The first two (early neurological stimulation and socialization) have in common a window of limited time. When Lorenz, (1935) first wrote about the importance of the stimulation process he wrote about imprinting during early life and its influence on the later development of the individual. He states that it was different from conditioning in that it occurred early in life and took place very rapidly producing results which seemed to be permanent. One of the first and perhaps the most noted research efforts involving the larger animals was achieved by Kellogg & Kellogg (1933). As a student of Dr. Kellogg's I found him and his wife to have an uncanny interest in children and young animals and the changes and the differences that occurred during early development. Their history making study involved raising their own new born child with a new born primate. Both infants were raised together as if they were twins. This study like others that would follow attempted to demonstrate that among the mammals there are great differences in their speed of physical and mental development. Some are born relatively mature and quickly capable of motion and locomotion, while others are very immature, immobile and slow to develop. For example, the Rhesus monkey shows rapid and precocious development at birth, while the chimpanzee and the other "great apes" take much longer. Last and slowest is the human infant.

One of the earliest efforts to investigate and look for the existence of socialization in canines was undertaken by Scott-Fuller (1965). In their early studies they were able to demonstrate that the basic technique for testing the existence of socialization was to show how readily adult animals would foster young animals, or accept one from another species. They observed that with the higher level animals it is easiest done by hand rearing. When the foster animal transfers its social relationships to the new species, researchers conclude that socialization has taken place. Most researchers agree that among all species, a lack of adequate socialization generally results in unacceptable behavior and often times produces undesirable aggression, excessiveness, fearfulness, sexual inadequacy, and indifference toward partners.

Socialization studies confirm that the critical periods for humans (infant) to be stimulated are generally between three weeks and twelve months of age. For canines the period is shorter, between the fourth and sixteenth week of age. During these critical time periods two things can go wrong. First, insufficient social contact can interfere with proper emotional development which can adversely affected the development of the human bond. The lack of adequate social stimulation, such as handling, mothering and contact with others, adversely affects social and psychological development.

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Second, over mothering can prevent sufficient exposure to other individuals, and situations that have an important influence on growth and development. The literature shows that humans and animals respond in similar ways when denied minimal amounts of stimulation. In humans, the absence of love and cuddling increases the risk of an aloof, distant, asocial or sociopathic individual. Over mothering can also have its detrimental effects. It occurs when a parent insulates the child from outside contacts, or keeps the apron strings tight, thus limiting opportunities to explore and interact. In the end, over mothering generally produces a dependent, socially maladjusted and sometimes emotionally disturbed individual.

The absence of outside social interactions for both children and pups usually results in a lack of adequate learning and social adjustment. Protected youngsters who grow up in an insulated environment often times become sickly, despondent, lacking in flexibility and unable to make simple social adjustments. Generally, they are unable to function productively or to interact successfully then they become adults.

Owners who have busy life styles with long and tiring work and social schedules often times cause pets to be neglected. Left to themselves with only an occasional trip out of the house or off of the property they seldom see other canines or strangers and generally suffer from poor stimulation and socialization. For many, the side effects of loneliness and boredom set-in. The resulting behavior manifests itself in the form of chewing, digging, and hard to control behavior (Battaglia).

It seems clear that small amounts of stress followed by early socialization can produce beneficial results. The danger seems to be in not knowing where the thresholds are for over and under stimulation. Many improperly socialized youngsters develop into older individuals unprepared for adult life, unable to cope with its challenges, and interactions. Attempts to re-socialize them when adults have only produced small gains. These failures confirm the notion that the window of time open for early neurological and social stimulation only comes once. After it passes, little or nothing can be done to overcome the negative effects of too much or too little stimulation.

The third and final stage in the process of growth and development is called enrichment. Unlike the first two stages it has no time limit and by comparison covers a very long period of time. Enrichment is a term which has come to mean the positive sum of experiences, which have a cumulative effect upon the individual. Enrichment experiences typically involve exposure to a wide variety of interesting, novel, and exciting experiences with regular opportunities to freely investigate, manipulate, and interact with them. When measured in later life, the results show that those reared in an enriched environment tend to be more inquisitive and are more able to perform difficult tasks. The educational TV program called Sesame Street is perhaps the best known example of a children's enrichment program. The results show that when tested, children who regularly watched this program performed better than playmates who did not. Follow up studies show that those who regularly watched Sesame tend to seek a college education and when enrolled, performed better than playmates who were not regular watchers of the Sesame Street Program.

There are numerous children studies that show the benefits of enrichment techniques and programs. Most focus on improving self-esteem and self-talk. Follow up studies show that the enriched Sesame Street students when later tested were brighter and scored above average and most often were found to be the products of environments that contributed to their superior test scores. On the other hand, those whose test scores were generally below average, (labeled as dull) and the products of underprivileged or non-enriched environments often times had little or only small amounts of stimulation during early childhood and only minimal amounts of enrichment during their developmental and formative years. Many were characterized as children who grew up with little interaction with others, poor parenting, few toys, no books and a steady diet of TV soap operas.

A similar analogy can be found among canines. All the time they are growing they are learning because their nervous systems are developing and storing information that may be of inestimable use at a later date. Studies by Scott and Fuller confirm that non-enriched pups when given free choice preferred to stay in their kennels. Other litter mates who were given only small amounts of outside stimulation between five and eight weeks of age were found to be very inquisitive and very active. When kennel doors were left open, the enriched pups would come bounding out while littermates who were not exposed to enrichment would remain behind. The non-stimulated pups would typically be fearful of unfamiliar objects and generally preferred to withdraw rather than investigate. Even well bred pups of superior pedigrees would not explore or leave their kennels and many were found difficult to train as adults. These pups in many respects were similar to the deprived children. They acted as if they had become institutionalized, preferring the routine and safe environment of their kennel to the stimulating world outside their immediate place of residence.

Regular trips to the park, shopping centers and obedience and agility classes serve as good examples of enrichment activities. Chasing and retrieving a ball on the surface seems to be enriching because it provides exercise and includes rewards.

While repeated attempts to retrieve a ball provide much physical activity, it should not be confused with enrichment exercises. Such playful activities should be used for exercise and play or as a reward after returning from a trip or training session. Road work and chasing balls are not substitutes for trips to the shopping mall, outings or obedience classes most of which provide many opportunities for interaction and investigation.

Finally it seems clear that stress early in life can produce beneficial results. The danger seems to be in not knowing where the thresholds are for over and under stimulation. However, the absence or the lack of adequate amounts of stimulation generally will produce negative and undesirable results. Based on the above it is fair to say that the performance of most individuals can be improved including the techniques described above.

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From The Editor

As I am sure most of you have noticed, we've been fortunate this year in the additions of Eagle Pack Dog Food, Juice Plus and Georgia Veterinary Associates for advertising. We've also secured permission to use several online sites for dog supplies, book reviews and articles. And we have many experienced long time people in the breed who have called or e-mailed offering articles for us old timers as well as the novice in keeping this wonderful breed true and productive. This really enhances our overall look and expands our learning ability which is what a "Newsletter" is supposed to do. We have a few more irons in the pan so to speak, which will further enhance The Guardian and assist us in being a more productive club. As we get ready to close this year out, our club is planning several new activities and we are growing again. I'd like to thank everyone for being so cooperative in their suggestions, news blurbs, articles and especially all the nice ads over the past few months. You have allowed me to bring us up another notch in the Newsletter competition and have helped me produce an informative, well rounded newsletter.

Happy Holidays to everyone and a Very Happy New Year
Denise

**Board Meetings**

Meetings are held at the home of one of the Board Members or prior to a regular club meeting and are open to all Club Members.

Members must notify the host Board Member prior to attending.

Club Members are not permitted to participate in

discussions unless delivering a committee report.

Club Members are not permitted to vote.

Banana Biscotti

- 5 cups flour
- 1/4 cup peanuts, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups banana, pureed
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- water

Preheat oven to 325F. Place dry ingredients in large bowl. Make a well in the center. Blend egg, oil and banana together. Add into the dry ingredients in well. start combining together. Add water, one teaspoon at a time as needed. Knead by hand on table until mixed thoroughly. Form into logs approximately 2" - 2 1/2" high. Flatten so that log is 6" - 7" wide by 1" high. Place on non-stick baking sheets or lightly greased ones. Bake 30 - 40 minutes. Remove and cool for 10 minutes. Slice into 1/2" - 3/4" slices. Place on baking sheets and bake for about 20 minutes or until golden brown. Cool. Store in airtight container.

Apple-Almond Stuffing

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 3 celery ribs, diced
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 large Granny Smith apples, coarsely chopped
- 24 white bread slices, cubed
- 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup almonds, chopped and toasted
- 1/4 cup almond liqueur*
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon fresh sage sprigs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons poultry seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Garnish: chopped fresh sage

Melt butter in a Dutch oven over medium heat. Add celery and onion; sauté 5 minutes or until tender. Add apple; cook, stirring often, 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Add bread and next 8 ingredients to Dutch oven, tossing gently to combine. Spoon into a lightly greased 13- x 9- inch baking dish. Bake, covered, at 325° for 35 minutes. Uncover and bake 10 more minutes or until golden. Serve with baked or grilled pork chops, if desired. Garnish, if desired.

* 2 teaspoons almond extract may be substituted for 1/4 cup almond liqueur.

Yields 8 cups

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What Does It Take To Do Rescue??

Your rescue "kit" should include:

A heart of gold to accept those creatures that don't measure up as "perfect" in the eyes of the rest of the world.

The people skills of a salesperson....to convince those that are looking for perfection that they will find it in a rescue dog if they are willing to look a little deeper.

A heart of steel to be able to say no when there just isn't any more room for just one more dog.

Strong arms and cases of tissues for holding those that must die because there just isn't any other way.

The knowledge that you cannot save them all as hard you try and that choice to euthanize is the ending of suffering and not the end of the world.

The ability to smile and speak rationally when the 10th person for the day says "I don't want this stupid dog anymore...take him or I am gonna shoot him."

Some medical knowledge...or your rescue vet bill will be bigger than the national debt.

The fine art of fund raising....so your vet bill can be reduced to just under the size of the national debt.

Patience for: breeders who don't care, won't help, turn their backs and say it's not their problem.

Patience for: dogs that were incorrectly placed and come to rescue with so much excess baggage that you think they will never be adoptable.

Patience for: a world that no longer looks at life as a gift.

A sense of humor....because sometimes a smile on your face is the only way to hide the agony and turmoil in your heart.

A significant other, family or good friend with housekeeping skills that are so outstanding that they could be highlighted in Good Housekeeping Magazine....

so you can devote your time to all the rescues and be secure in the knowledge that the local Board of Health will not condemn your own home.

Personal dogs that will tolerate the never ending stream of four legged orphans, waifs and street urchins that will start arriving at your door the moment you say..."I have room."

Children that like being the "token" child to socialize every dog that comes thru the door... being able to say "good with kids" is a real selling point.

Magician skills so you can change anything that comes thru the door into good with kids, housebroken, crate trained and obedient.

The ability to face the paperwork head-on and deal with it....

or someone you can send it to and say..."Here, do something with this mess!"

Grooming skills for those ugly ducklings waiting for their chance to be a swan..... with a little help from you.

I could go on but you probably get the picture....

None of us have all of these things but we all know that the business of rescue is a team effort. Each of us contribute what we can as a team member. Some of us cannot handle the animals themselves...but...there are other things that must be done.

Some only want to work with the dogs.....so...leave the paperwork to those that like it. No matter what your situation is, it is your simple willingness to help that is most important.

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Each contributes in a cumulative way and supports the next stage of development.

Conclusion

Breeders can now take advantage of the information available to improve and enhance performance. Generally, genetics account of about 35% of the performance but the remaining 65% (management, training, nutrition) can make the difference. In the management category it has been shown that breeders should be guided by the rule that it is generally considered prudent to guard against under and over stimulation. Short of ignoring pups during their first two months of life, a conservative approach would be to expose them to children, people, toys and other animals on a regular basis. Handling and touching all parts of their anatomy is also necessary to learn as early as the third day of life. Pups that are handled early and on a regular basis, generally do not become hand shy as adults.

Because of the risks involved in under stimulation a conservative approach to using the benefits of the three stages has been suggested based primarily on the works of Arskeusky, Kellogg, Yearkes and the "Bio Sensor" program (later known as the "Super Dog Program").

Both experience and research have dominated the beneficial effects that can be achieved via early neurological stimulation, socialization and enrichment experiences. Each has been used to improve performance and to explain the differences that occur between individuals, their trainability, health and potential. The cumulative effects of the three stages have been well documented. They best serve the interests of owners who seek high levels of performance when properly used. Each has a cumulative effect and contributes to the development and the potential for individual performance.

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Your Dog's Health

Issues in Nutrition

Including Homemade and Raw Fed Diets

W. Jean Dodds, DVM

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Nutritional Management (Commercial, Homemade and Raw Food Diets):

Many veterinarians treating animals suffering from immunological diseases appreciate that alternative nutritional management is an important step in minimizing their patient's environmental challenges. The results of this approach have been remarkable. The replacement food must be of good quality and preferably of relatively low protein content (20-22%). Increasing carbohydrate and reducing protein content, while maintaining high quality protein, has been shown to be beneficial for many affected animals and is also believed to have a positive effect on behavior. Diet and behavior appear to be linked because certain highly nutritious foods may aggravate the condition of dogs with behavioral problems (dominant aggression, hyperactivity, and fear). For allergic animals, elimination diets with restricted or novel antigen source are given for 6-12 weeks to evaluate their benefit to the patient. Homemade diets can also be used provided that the formula is properly balanced. All other food supplements, including treats, are withdrawn. Example ingredients that have been used successfully, include whitefish, rabbit, venison, duck, ostrich, emu, buffalo, and turkey mixed with potato, sweet potato and other vegetables (except onions and cruciferous vegetables). Grains are often avoided, at least initially, although novel grains like quinoa, sorghum, barley or flax usually have been well tolerated.

Raw food diets have been gaining in popularity as well. A key feature of these diets is the variety they provide. One of the prototype diets [BARF (bones and raw food)] of Dr. Ian Billinghurst recommends feeding a dog 60% raw meaty bones (chicken backs, wings and necks), with the rest of the diet composed of ground vegetables mixed with ground meat, and supplements such as kelp, vitamin E and vitamin C. Nutritional analyses on some commercially available raw diets suggest that the raw meaty bones commonly used provide 40-70% protein, and the meat/vegetable mixtures range from 20-50% protein. The question has arisen about the potential for such high protein diets to affect renal function when fed continuously, as high protein diets are reported to induce renal hypertrophy, and increase renal blood flow and glomerular filtration rate. While this concern may not pertain to healthy dogs, it could play a role in dogs with previously compromised renal function. At present, there are no data to support or refute this issue.

Maintaining the appropriate ratio of trace minerals, vitamins, fatty acids and other nutritive elements is especially important for patients with acute and chronic diseases, as their metabolic demands have increased to sustain cell turnover and tissue repair. Typical supplements include: vitamin-mineral mix, antioxidants (vitamins A, C, D, and E and selenium), digestive enzymes, brewer's yeast, kelp, honey, coat additives, apple cider vinegar, hydrochloric acid (used sparingly), yogurt, Willard Water, liver, eggs, garlic, and plenty of fresh potable water.

Vitamin A and E have been shown to enhance immune function in small animals, as the former can beneficially influence T-helper responses, and the latter is known to improve both cellular and humoral immunity. Dietary carotenoids, especially lutein and beta-carotene, have been reported to modulate both cell-mediated and humoral immunity in dogs but not in cats.

Final installment in next month's issue

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Greenwoodí s Achilles 2nd Novice Dog

Herding and Temperament Testing

Ch Loriení s Lights Out obtained a TC, HT and PT

Suzanne Kinman and Yancy got a PT and TC

Suzanne Kinman and Cookie earned a leg on her HT

BIS Sel Can Ch/Am Ch Kagení s Two To Tango got TC

Joyce Gibson and Lexi got a TC

Ken Wallace and Dí Argo got a TC

Dan & Delores Weiss and Adel got a TC

Obedience

Beth Bradshaw and Tashií s Jannu Von Manaslu ...Novice A score 173.5

Ann Wilkerson and Anní s Shadow-Best Of Friends... Veteran score 181

Dan & Delores Weiss and Mach III Landaleighí s Villainy ... Veteran score 190

Dan & Delores Weiss and Mach III Landaleighí s Villainy ... Versatility score 182

Dan & Delores Weiss and Landaleighí s Villainy

and Adel Van Elsen Linde ...Brace score 169

Rally

Annette Quinn and Brise Hugelí s Renn UDX ... Novice score 99 for her RN

Dan & Delores Weiss and Mach III Landaleighí s Villainy...Advanced B score 80

Kim McNamara and Abraxas Kimberliteí s Kacy ... Advanced B score 89

Ren Burdette and Rhett Butler Burdette ... Advanced B score 88

Ken Wallace and Washintaulí s Luxan Dí Argo ... Excellent B score 88

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A very
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from Dick and Peggy Kurz

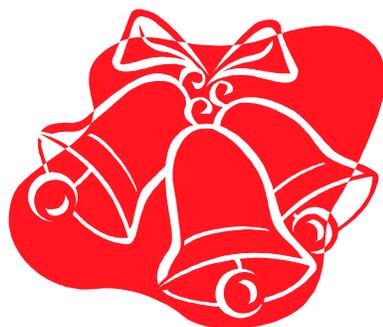
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*Best Wishes For
A Merry Christmas and a Happy,
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*Gene and Kaye
and all the gang at
Kagen Shepherds*

What is a

Therapy

Dog?



A therapy dog is a dog who, after being certified as suitable to do so, **performs volunteer work at one or more facilities to which the registered therapy team has been invited**, or with one or more individuals who have requested visits by a registered therapy dog team. The team consists of the dog and his/her owner or handler. There is **never any charge** for therapy dog visits.

Types of facilities which may welcome therapy dog visits include but are not limited to **nursing homes, assisted living homes, hospitals, residential hospices, schools, and children's medical facilities**. A therapy dog team **never visits** a facility or individual **without prior permission**.

Therapy dogs must have very sound personalities and be **absolutely safe working with different types of people, and also need to get along well with other dogs**. There are several different organizations that test and register or certify therapy dogs; each one has slightly different requirements. Most provide for insurance for the facility or the dog/handler team if all the organization's rules have been followed.

Therapy dogs **may be any breed, or mixed breed dogs**. They do not have to be registered with AKC or any similar registry. Although they **should have had basic obedience training**, they are not required to have earned actual obedience titles. Virtually all therapy dog work is performed on leash. The owner/handler is required to keep a close eye on his/her dog at all times, for the benefit of the dog and also of the residents being visited. **Jumping up on people or beds is not allowed**. Most therapy dog organizations use the American Kennel Club's (AKC's) **Canine Good Citizen test** as the basis of their own tests. See www.akc.org, the section on Canine Good Citizen program, for a full description of what a dog must do to pass the CGC test. **In general, a dog must have basic obedience training in order to pass, and must be well socialized with people of all ages, and with other dogs**. In addition to the CGC requirements, many organizations will also test a dog's response to people using a walker or a wheelchair or lying in a hospital bed (usually volunteers role-play these situations). Some organizations require proof of completion of formal obedience training; many require a few supervised visits by approved evaluators after the dog passes the initial test, before full registration is granted. Each **requires an annual fee for registration and renewal**. Many have newsletters which they disseminate to members.

If you are considering becoming part of a registered therapy dog team, **you should research different therapy dog certifying organizations and decide which one would suit you and your dog best**. Some do not allow you to use treats during therapy dog visits; some require you to work as part of a team of volunteers and visit only pre-approved facilities on a pre-arranged schedule; some allow you to work on your own at any facility to which you are invited, on your own schedule. All require you and your dog to be clean and well groomed during all therapy dog visits.

The following is a partial list of organizations which test and register therapy dogs:

National Organizations:

Delta Society – www.deltasociety.org

Therapy Dogs International – www.tdi-dog.org/

Therapy Dogs Incorporated – therapydogs.com

Local Organizations:

Therapaws – Atlanta area local chapter of Therapy Dogs International

Contact Cindy Flanary, 678-449-9585

Happy Tails – www.happytailspets.org

Courtesy of Alice Carnahan



Loose-Leash Training

Teaching dogs to walk on a loose leash at all times has almost been a dog-trainer's secret, because it's somewhat difficult to adequately teach in an obedience class situation. But it's really not so hard, and your slip collar should give plenty of control after you've done this program for just one to two weeks. I know you don't believe that--I didn't, either!

Okay, here's the secret. Start for a walk with your dog, but forget about getting anywhere this time, and for the next week or so. Instead, keep your attention on whether or not the leash is tight. Do not wait for the dog to pull on the leash, because then both you and the dog will be confused by when lead tension turns into pulling--the distinction is just too hard to consistently recognize. Instead, make your criteria a loose leash.

Check the position of your arm that is holding the leash. Good control means your arm is bent, your elbow is in toward your body. A handler with the arm holding the leash stretched out as he or she walks along has far less control. With your arm bent, you also have the ability to briefly stretch out your arm as you make the maneuver I'm about to describe, giving you a moment of slack in the leash.

Okay, you step out the door and whoops, the leash goes tight. Our natural reactions are to pull or jerk back on the dog, to hold on uncomfortably as we go toward our destination, or even to go faster, letting the dog set the pace. Do not allow yourself to do of these things! Instead, choose one of three things to do. You can stop, abruptly change direction, or back up.

For puppies and soft dogs, stopping may be enough. For a large dog with an established habit of pulling, changing direction will probably work best. Backing up is a nice touch later on, when you and the dog have a lot of training, just to keep it interesting. All of these maneuvers tell the dog, "Oops, if I pull, I get there slower, not faster!"

Remember, your arm's normal position when holding the leash is bent. The leash has now gone tight. Quick (you want this to be a surprise to your dog!), straighten your arm to create an instant's slack in the leash, as you turn and take off in another direction, usually either to your right or back in the direction you came. The dog may feel a quick pop on the leash, but at the same time will realize that "Whoops, I missed a turn, I better catch up!"

Within one to two weeks, your dog will expect the leash to remain loose, because you will have reacted every time it goes tight. You see, we are the ones who teach the dogs to walk on a tight leash and to pull us! Pulling back on the leash creates a natural response in the dog to pull forward. Letting the dog cause us to go faster makes the dog think "Oh, this is the way to get where I want to go! I should pull!" And just letting the leash remain tight as we walk along is constantly telling the dog we want a tight leash, that a tight leash is normal. Jerking back on the leash may work to stop some dogs from pulling, but it is not a clear message to the dog, and will be perceived by some dogs as unfair and upsetting, to the extent that those dogs will become terribly confused.

See, all you have to do is be unpredictable, so your dog has to keep an eye on you to keep pace! The loose leash also causes your dog to pay more attention to you at all times. It keeps you and the dog from becoming dependent on messages through the leash, which are definitely second-best to messages coming from your body and voice. A loose leash makes all training more effective and more humane. The slip collar will give plenty of control with a dog and handler trained to a loose leash. Some dogs will do fine on a buckle collar, but a slip collar can be a good precaution against a buckle collar sliding over the dog's head in an emergency such as another dog attacking it. When kept loose, a slip collar is not obstructing the dog's breathing or causing other problems.

Though a well-trained dog becomes very sophisticated about keeping the leash loose, you will always need to remember to react to a tight leash with your changes of direction, lifelong. Anyone who just walks along with even a well-trained dog keeping the leash tight is telling the dog a tight leash is wanted, and it is important never to give this message. The reason dogs can learn to work on a loose leash in one to two weeks is that it really wasn't a dog problem in the first place. Once we learn how to handle the leash correctly, the dog is happy--and more comfortable!--to cooperate. Puppies can learn this skill right after they learn to walk on a leash. But it takes us humans longer--took me 10 years!

So now you know the secret! I wish you many miles of happy walks--with occasional right turns, about-turns and other surprises to keep both you and the dog having a great time.

Kathy Diamond Davis is the author of the book *Therapy Dogs: Training Your Dog to Reach Others*.
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Greenwood's Achilles

Sire: 2x Sel Ch Bilmar's Here Comes Trouble OFA H & E
Dam: Ch Helmics' Cassandra OFA H & E (Mastercharge daughter)

Killy is a handsome black & tan, medium sized male with medium bone, strong back, handsome head, good shoulder layback, excellent secondary sex characteristics, fully extended front and rear with a long reaching, exciting , low to the ground side gait. He is clean on both ends and has a promising career ahead of him. Killy has several best puppy wins, a 4 point major and was 2nd Novice dog at the 2005 National Specialty. His 1st 2 litters will be on the ground by the time this is published.

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Ch Lorien's Lights Out TC HT PT TDI OFA H(E) & E

Sire: AOE 2x C/A Sel(E) Ch Elvaston's Southern Byrne TC PT OFA H & E
Dam: Ch Geor-Jan Lorien's Ice Castles ROM (4 champions) OFA H(E) & E
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Melana's Murphy's Law OFA GS-71518F25M-PI EL17633M25-PI

Sire: 2x Am/Can GV Ch Marquin's Xtra ! Xtra ! ROM OFA H/E
 Dam: Melana's Obsession v Clihu HIC OFA H/E (2 Ch / 1 qualifier)

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BISS Ch Adlegard's Yancy D von Marquin HIC CGC HT

Sire : 2x Am/Can GV Ch Marquin's Xtra ! Xtra ! ROM OFA H/E
 Dam : Schneiderhof's Highland Treasure (Ch Highlander ROM daughter)

Yancy is a multiple BOB winning medium sized (64 cm) male with bone, substance and depth. Yancy has been turning heads all over the SE and to date has 11 Specialty BOB wins in addition to his Best In Show win. He is currently working in rally, tracking. Herding and SAR in addition to occasional forays into the breed ring. Yancy's "New Jersey" litter will be making their debut at the Nationals this year. BC/VC/DVC is required.

Owner: Suzanne Kinman 2320 Georgia Hwy 20 S E Conyers, GA 30094
 (770) 761-5748 tsalisgsds@comcast.net
www.tsalishepherds.com



Ch Kagen's Boston Pops OFA GS-69003G28M-PI GS-EL16290M28-PI

Sire: Farmil's Stealth of Kagen HIC
 Dam: Kagen's Ragtime, HIC OFA

Boss is a medium sized, deep bodied male with a dark plush coat, excellent bone, strong pasterns, tight compact feet, strong back, good ligamentation and a long striding correct gait. He has proven proficient in both rings with multiple herding group wins as well as specialty breed wins. Boss, with limited breedings, is producing heavy bone, excellent secondary sex characteristics, dark plush coats and excellent temperament. To date, he has not produced long coats or off colors. VC/BC is required

Breeder/Owners : Gene & Kaye Valentine
 1542 Narroway Church Circle Dallas, GA 30094
 (770) 443-8600 kagengsd@aol.com
<http://members@aol.com/kagengsd>





Dear Dogs and Cats,

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered.

Also, I have been using the bathroom for years - canine or feline attendance is not mandatory.

The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough!

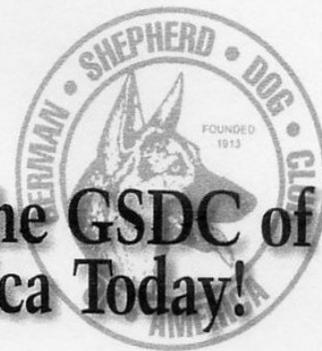
To pacify you, my dear pets, I have posted the following message on our front door:

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1. They live here. You don't.
2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. (That's why they call it fur...niture.)
3. I like my pets a lot better than most people.
4. To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is an adopted son/daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly.

Dogs and cats are better than kids - they eat less, don't ask for money all the time, are easier to train, usually come when called, never drive your car, don't hang out with drug-using friends, don't smoke or drink, don't worry about having to buy the latest fashions, don't wear your clothes, and don't need a gazillion dollars for college - and if they get pregnant, you can sell the children.

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Gail Hardcastle
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White Salmon, WA 98672
509/493-2114
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KILLY



Greenwood's Achilles

Sire : 2x Sel Ch BilMar's Here Comes Trouble OFA H & E DNA

Dam : Ch Helmie's Cassandra OFA H & E

THANK YOU JUDGES ! We are so very proud of this exciting young male !

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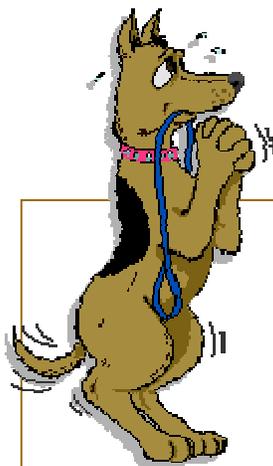
He and Melana's Pandemonium are proud parents of 6 males and 3 females, born on November 28th.



Breeders/Owners: William & Denise Groenewald

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Rescues Available

Jinx -- 9 months. Solid black, compact. Great with kids, good with other dogs (including little ones), but can be dominant with a female GSD. Good with cats. Crate trained and housebroken. Very energetic.

Shelby -- 1 year old black & tan. Housebroken, crate trained, great with all children including babies. Good with other dogs. Decent with cats. Loves people and is very sociable. Would be a great family dog for someone who had lots of kids and/or lots of company.

Shaggy -- Waiting for an update from her foster.

Polly is a happy 9 month old black and tan female. Just came in to rescue. Currently being housetrained, crate trained and learning basic obedience.

Mickey is a handsome 1 1/2 year old black and tan male. He is house trained, crate trained and knows some basic obedience commands. Mickey is good with female dogs, loves people and is very energetic but is too exuberant for young children. Mickey is ready to go to the right home which MUST have a fenced yard and an owner committed to playing with him.

Joe is a black and tan 2 year old male. He does not get along with other dogs, especially males. Bo loves nothing better than to be hugged and get belly rubs. He has a wonderful happy personality, enjoys running and playing and tossing his jolly ball and is great with people of all ages. Bo is crate trained and we are working on leash and house training him. He will make someone an awesome companion.



Ch Riker 1994



Merry Christmas

From

William & Denise

and all the clan at Greenwood

Ch Riker, Tipper, Dominique, Face,

Kat, Ch Cassie, Ch Trixie, Tia,

Ch Trax, Ch Anna, Grace, Pyro,

Hektor and Killy



Ch Cassie 2000

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My name is Chiana. I am a 10-month-old German Shepherd Puppy. I was found wandering around and a nice woman took me in and fed me. She looked for my family but no one came to get me.

I've been with my foster family since April. It's been fun. I have two other GSDs to play with. **This is very important! I need to be the only girl dog in the house. My foster sister and I got in several scraps to see who was in charge.**

I am about 24 inches tall and weigh about 75 pounds. As you can see, I am mostly black, but have some tan on my legs and tummy. I have been told that I am downright beautiful.



I've met a lot of new people while with my foster family. At first I may bark or shy away, but a minute or two later I see that people are nice and often they have yummy treats and I like them and give them kisses and let them pet me.

Also, when I see a new dog I may bark or hide first, but then I like to run around and play. I have been going to Playful Paws Doggie Daycare in Woodstock three days a week since May. I love the doggie friends I have made. I have been told that I play very well with the other doggies at daycare.

My foster family has a cat. I don't really pay any attention to him. I don't chase him at all, but sometimes I do go in for a quick sniff. He doesn't mind.



I am an inside dog. I spend time in a crate when my foster people aren't home. At night I sleep in my foster people's bedroom. I am completely house trained. I like rawhides, bones and toys.

I passed my Canine Good Citizen® test in July. I am well-trained and love to go to training to learn new things to be a better dog for my family. I have also been through an introduction to agility class. I love agility.

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For more information, contact Chiana's foster family, Ken and Faith Wallace at 678-581-1102.





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Dam: UKC Ch Vantasia's Xtreme Xpectation

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Owners: Joe and Susan Morabit

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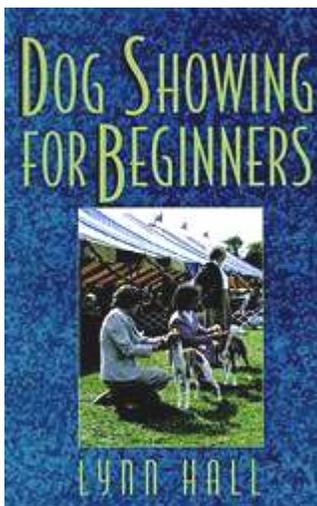
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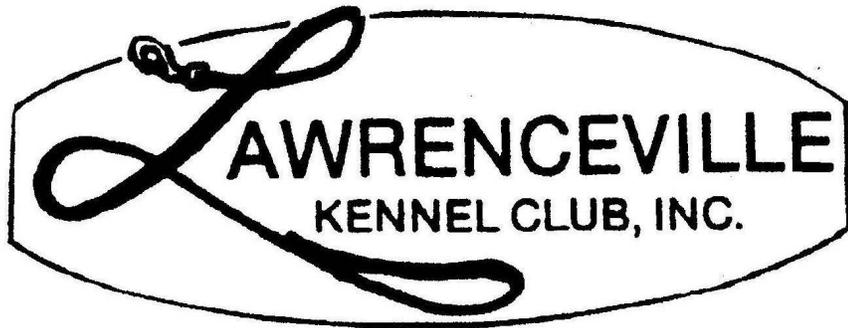
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When: Saturday January 28, 2006 - Obedience
 Sunday January 29, 2006 - Rally

Cost: \$40 for either day or \$65 for both days

Where: Lawrenceville Kennel Club Training Building
 2156 Oakland Industrial Court, Lawrenceville, Ga
Lunch Included

- Presented by AKC Field Representatives
- Seminars meet AKC Judges Educational Requirements
- Everyone welcome! Beneficial to exhibitors and judges
- Topics will include scoring, judge's position, and exercise review,
- Rally demonstrations, new policies/changes and your questions!
- Guaranteed to be of interest to all enthusiasts!

Registration Deadline Jan 13, 2006

NAME _____ Phone _____

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AKC JUDGES SEMINAR

Saturday, February 4, 2006 – Obedience

Sunday, February 5, 2006 - Rally

Location: Huntsville Obedience Training Club
131 Export Circle
Huntsville, Alabama 35806

Conducted by: Representative from AKC

This judges seminar is open to everyone who wants to know more about Obedience and Rally. It does satisfy the education requirements for judges that attend. Anyone who attends obedience or rally classes, anyone who teaches obedience or rally, and all who are judges or considering being judges should attend.

What will be covered:

- Review Obedience and Rally Regulations
- Ring set up and scoring explanations
- Explanation and demonstrations
- New changes and policies

The seminar is an all day program starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending approximately 4:30 p.m. We will have a continental breakfast each day, provide lunch and snacks/breaks.

The cost of the seminar will be \$15/day for HOTC Members or \$25 for both days and \$25/day for non HOTC members.

For questions or more information, contact Brenda Murray at brmurray@HiWAAY.net or 828-6185.

Put your entry in Brenda Murray's folder at the club or mail to her at 161 Dollywood Drive, Toney, AL 35773.

Cut off the bottom of this to enter the seminar and include with your check:

NAME: _____

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OFFICIAL AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ENTRY FORM



Check which day(s) this entry is for. Please use a new entry form for each dog entered.
NGABHDA Herding Test & Trial Saturday, December 31, 2005: 2005620206
NGABHDA Herding Test & Trial Sunday, January 1, 2006: 2006620201

Entry Fees: \$45.00 per run

No dog may be entered in two classes on the same course with the same kind of stock under the same judge at any trial. Entries open 9:00 am November 15, 2005. Entries close at Secretary's residence at 5:00 pm, December 6, 2005, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, substituted or altered, except as provided for in Chapter 14, Section 6 of the Dog Show Rules & Chapter 3, Section 1 of the Regulations for Herding Tests & Trials.

MAIL ENTRIES WITH FEES TO: Linda Copestick, 7710 Cloverleaf St, Jacksonville, FL 32244. Make checks or money orders payable to: NGABHDA. All entry fees are payable in US Funds. A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for the herding test or trial closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner, it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any herding test or trial for which entries closed after the date of acquisition, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his or her name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to AKC (for complete rules refer to Chapter 14, Section 3 of Rules Applying to Registration & Dog Shows). I enclosed \$ for entry fees.

BREED: VARIETY SEX EXHIBITION ONLY? TEST CLASS (CIRCLE ONE) STOCK TRIAL CLASS (CIRCLE ONE) STOCK Herding Test Started Intermediate AND SHEEP DUCKS YES or NO Pre-Trial Test Advanced SHEEP DUCKS YES or NO

FULL NAME OF DOG

AKC REG NO. CALL NAME AKC LITTER NO. DATE OF BIRTH: FOREIGN REG. NO & COUNTRY USA CANADA FOREIGN

BREEDER

SIRE

DAM

ACTUAL OWNER(S) (Please print CLEARLY)

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

NAME OF OWNER'S AGENT (if any) at the show

I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the Rules & Regulations of the American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this Herding Test or Trial and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this Herding Test or Trial or both, and further agree to be bound by the agreement printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and agreement.

Signature of owner or the agent duly authorized to make this entry. Telephone: () EMAIL

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TEST/TRIAL REGULATIONS

Telegraph, telephone and unsigned entries cannot be accepted.

Entries not on Official AKC Entry Forms and Photocopies of Entry forms without agreement and rules on reverse side of Official AKC Entry Forms are NOT ACCEPTABLE. No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance. Entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered or substituted after the entries have closed. A recording fee of \$3.00 will be required for each entry at any Licensed or Member Club Herding Test or Trial. This recording fee is to be collected by the event-giving club and paid to the American Kennel Club.

Declaration of Entries: The North Georgia All Breed Herding Dog Association may decline any Entries for cause and may refuse to receive or may remove any dog due to diseases, viciousness or other cause and no one shall have any claim or recourse against the North Georgia All Breed Herding Dog Association or any official thereof.

Errors on Entry Forms: Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms, whoever may make such errors and no entry fee will be refunded in event of such errors or cancellation of entries after the published closing date. No refund for duplicate entries. Entry fees shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by a veterinarian, judge or tester, or barred from competition by action of the show committee, or because of riots, civil disturbances, or other acts beyond the control of the management, and is impossible to open or to complete the show.

Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. The test/trial giving-club will add a collection Fee (\$25.00) to the amount of each returned check. Subsequent returned checks from the same exhibitors may result in them being put on a CASH ONLY basis.

The test/trial giving club, the Show Superintendent, their agents, employees, etc., assume no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors, handlers or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children.

Dogs may arrive any time prior to their scheduled time of judging. Dogs not required for further judging will be excused. Judges are not required to wait for dogs. They will adhere as closely as possible to the judging schedule. The owner or handler of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready when it is to be tested or judged. The test/trial giving club and the test/trial secretary have no obligation or responsibility for providing service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

ALL DOGS PRESENT MUST BE ON LEASH or otherwise restricted except when in the test/trial arena. Under NO circumstances will dogs be allowed to disturb the resting stock or interfere outside the arena with another dog's performance in the arena. Dogs must be refrained from barking during the test/trial. Any dogs aggressive to persons or stock will be removed. (See Chapter 1, Section 20 of the American Kennel Club HERDING REGULATIONS).

BITCHES IN SEASON will be permitted to run, but will be moved to the end of the test classes and will run in catalog order in the trial classes. Please notify the test/trial secretary as soon as possible so schedule adjustments can be made.



**** Please be considerate and clean up after your dog ****

Premium List
AKC Events # 2005620206 and 2006020201

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- Course A - Sheep
- Herding Test, Pre-Trial, Started, Intermediate, Advanced
- Herding Instinct Certificate
- Course A - Ducks
- Started, Intermediate, Advanced
- Exhibition Only
- Course A - Sheep and Ducks
- (Competitive runs have priority over Exhibition Only runs)

Outdoor Trial

Saturday: December 31, 2005 and Sunday: January 1, 2006
Open to all registered AKC Herding Breeds, Rotkweilers, Samoyeds and Beaucerons Standard and Giant Schnauzers may participate in Herding Tests Only Dogs with ILP numbers in these breeds, nine months of age or older.

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Event Hours: 8:00am to 1 hour after Conclusion of tests/trials
Trial Grounds available at 7:00am

RUN LIMITS: 50 Runs: 30 Sheep and 20 Duck runs.

If Sheep runs do not fill, remaining runs will go to Duck runs.
If Duck runs do not fill, remaining runs will go to Sheep runs.
If space permits HIC entries will be taken day of trial.

ENTRIES OPEN: 9:00am, November 15, 2005

ENTRIES CLOSE: 5:00pm, December 6, 2005 after which time entries cannot be Accepted, canceled, altered or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 14, Sec. 8 of the Dog Show Rules and Chapter 3, Section 1, of the Regulations Herding Test and Trials.

No Hand Delivered Entries Accepted

ALL OVERTIME OR REGISTERED MAIL MUST WAIVE SIGNATURE!

Draw for running order will be at the Trial Secretary's home, December 6, 2005 at 6:00pm

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