

Sherwood Dog Training Club

AKC License Club

November 2025 Newsletter



The Sherwood Dog Training Club (SDTC) was formed in 2003, with official status as a non-profit corporation established in 2006.

We also have Tax Exempt status with the IRS as a 501(c)4.

We received our notice that we have become an AKC Licensed Club in August of 2008.

Sherwood Dog Training Club

President: Danielle Silverstein

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Board: Jan Lewis

Board: Helen Hamilton

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Website:

<https://www.sherwooddtc.org/>



Sherwood Dog Training Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Wednesday, November 5, 2025 @ 7PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2517890074?pwd=VGdKeGhtM3lOT3FOdnJoVEUxRjZoQT09&omn=81549230584>

Meeting ID: 251 789 0074

Passcode: 0Avc7r



Dates to Mark for 2026 at Cash Arena in Sherwood, OR

Trial Date: Obedience only Saturday, April 18, 2026 and Sunday, April 19, 2026
Match Date: Sunday, April 12, 2026

Trial Date: Rally only Saturday, May 30, 2026 and Sunday, May 31, 2026
Match Date: Sunday, May 17, 2026

Trial Date: Obedience only Saturday, October 10, 2026 and Sunday, October 11, 2026
Match Date: Sunday, October 4, 2026

For a complete Look at all AKC upcoming Events

Events: <https://webapps.akc.org/event-search/#/search>





As chair of the October obedience trial, I would like to thank the many members who helped make the trial a success. All of their work made it possible for so many people to enjoy these trials!

Special thank you to our Judge, Mary Jane Shervais.

Thanks to Darlene Brushwein who took on the very large job of trial secretary which demanded many hours before, during, and after the trial.

Thanks to our Stewards, who all put in long days! Jill Faulmann, Linda Keast, Jennifer Wilson, Susan Fleming, Elizabeth Chalupsky, Nancy Crandell, and Joan Armstrong. Your help and long days were very much appreciated.

Thanks to Salomeja Garolis for her work on hospitality. She saw to it that the judge, stewards and other committee members had all the food and drink that they needed to keep going through the day as well as having plenty of snacks for the exhibitors.

Thanks to Debbie Gibbons for awards and the ribbons and keeping track of ordering and organizing for the trials.

Thanks to Jill Faulmann for ordering and preparing the stainless-steel dog water buckets for our 1st place prizes and making the wonderful bag for the Judge.

Thanks to Susie McClain for making the beautiful rose money awards and providing transportation for our judge.

Thanks to those who volunteered for setup and cleanup - Darlene and Kurt Brushwein, Betty Rose, Debbie Gibbons, Salomeja Garolis, Jill Faulmann, Nancy Crandell, Joan Armstrong, Janice Tsuchida, and Nancy Seaman. Thank you to those who I may have not listed. All the help is so much appreciated.

A big thank you to Dwight and Paula Cash for allowing us to book time at their facility and be guests on their property.

It takes many volunteer hours to keep trials going, so we all owe our thanks to these members that have stepped up.

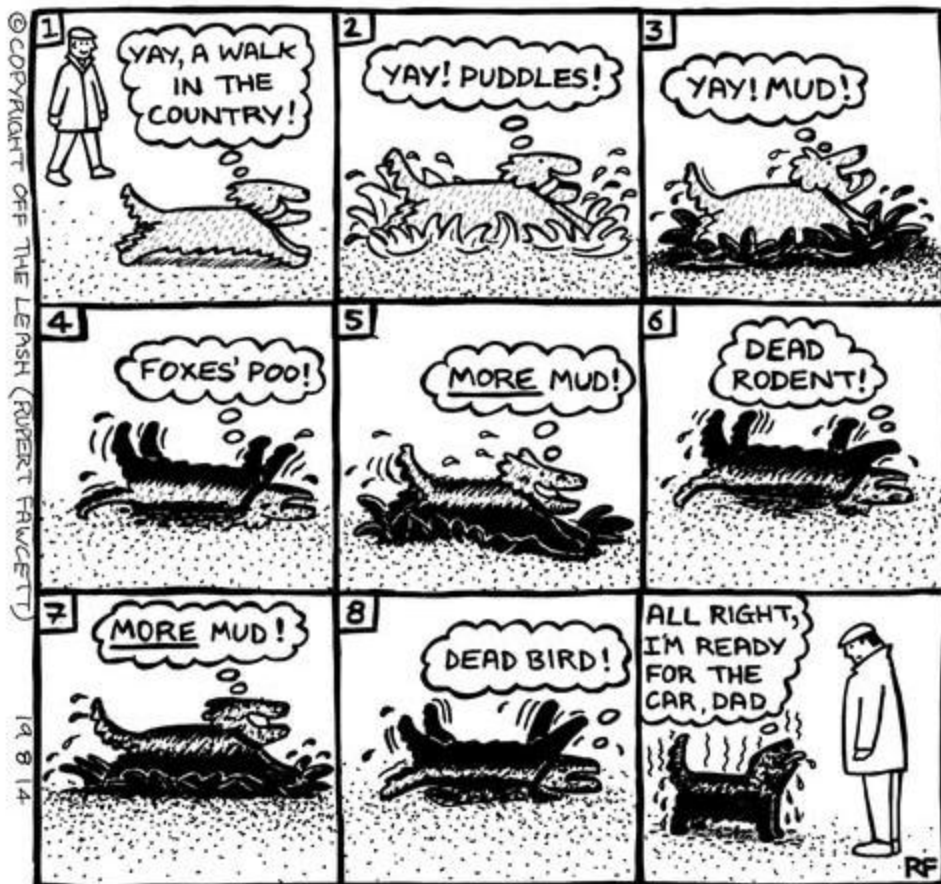
Thank you!
Jan Lewis, Trial Chair

Link to unofficial catalog

https://www.sherwooddtc.org/files/ugd/4b8b5f_92b4c91f18af4f68b30c5de50da0f802.pdf



Earnest finished his CDX at the
October Sherwood trial!
Submitted By; Molly **Bredenberg**



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Oregon

November 14-16, 2025

January 30 - February 1, 2026

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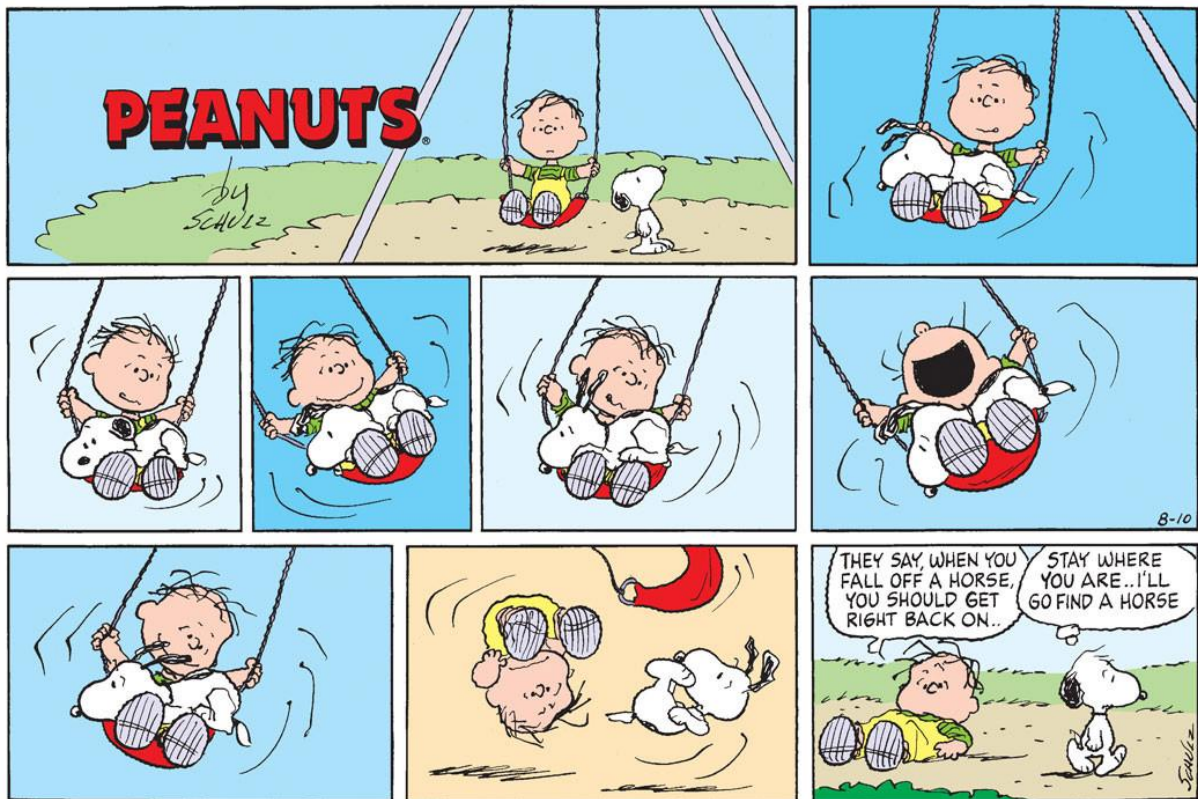
Colorado

Nov 14-16, 2025

High Plains KC, Castle Rock, Obedience & Rally

Details at ukcdogs.com

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8-12 AM AND 1-5 PM



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May sign up for additional auditing \$60/session

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any or all! \$60 per session or 4 for \$225

SESSIONS

#1 FRIDAY AM

Laws of Odor; Theory and Science of
odor and how we think it moves
Hide placement and the ART of odor

#2 FRIDAY PM

Distractions and how to overcome
them, Containers and/or interiors
Marker interventions in Scentwork
Reading Your Dog

#3 SATURDAY AM

Prospector or Detective, there's no
mystery-work the search
Search patterns for success

#4 SATURDAY PM

Handler's role in scent detection-are
we helping or holding them back?
Reading Your dog; is that interest or an
alert?

#5 SUNDAY PRIVATES

Private instruction on the topic of your
choice! Choose ½ hr or 1 hour sessions,
½ hr \$60 or 1 hr \$100
Auditors \$50 am or \$50 pm (no
guarantee of # of working teams
during these times)

Bill is an NACSW Judge, AKC Judge and was a Military Working Dog Handler and Trainer. Bill has trained and certified 624 operational teams for deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan in obedience, patrol, explosives and narcotics work. He established Integrity NW in 2017 to introduce the pet community to the art and science of Professional K9 Detection. Bill currently trains instructors for the Air Force as well as teaching group classes and private lessons at his home base in New Jersey (although he grew up here in Oregon!). He is a current and active nose/scent work judge. For more info Bill can be found on Facebook and Instagram under the Integrity Nose Worx name and on his website at www.integritynoseworx.com

From the AKC judge's newsletter.

Command Discrimination Scoring Questions

By AKC Companion Events Department on April 11, 2018

The first change of position is the down. What if the dog stands, and then downs?

If the dog clearly stands, and then downs, he has added a position change that is not according to the Regulations and this would be penalized as an NQ. The first position change for this exercise requires the dog to stand or down from the sit position. The dog is not required to go down in a certain "style." Many dogs raise their hindquarters from a sit to a down, and this would be considered acceptable without penalty. If the movement is continuous, and clearly not an added position, the dog would not be penalized.

Is the dog required to be remain in the same heel position after it changes position?

No. A dog changing position, (i.e. sit to a stand, sit to a down) while remaining in place, may end up somewhat out of the starting heel position. The Regulations do not require the dog to remain in heel position. If the dog walked forward, the dog would be penalized for walking forward.

Is the handler required to move to heel position before leaving the dog?

No. The Regulations do not require the handler to be in heel position to leave the dog. If the dog walked forward, the dog would be penalized for walking forward.

What if, when the dog changes position it doesn't remain in heel position, and the handler moves to heel position prior to leaving the dog. Should the handler be penalized?

Not necessarily, it depends. If the handler moves prior to the judge ordering, "Leave your dog," a penalty is not necessary. If the handler moves and then stops in heel position after the judge orders, "Leave your dog," and then leaves the dog, the judge would consider this an additional command/signal to stay which would result in an NQ. (Chapter 2, Section 20 and 21)

**Posted in: Command Discrimination, Obedience
AKC Judges newsletter**

**Here is link to sign up
[/www.akc.org/sports/obedience/obedience-judging-information/](http://www.akc.org/sports/obedience/obedience-judging-information/)**

**Click on judge's newsletter
Or go to AKC.org and in search box type in obedience- judging resources**

I hope this helps!

Carolyn Wray



My BC Vince finished his CD at the SDTC trial.
He is a good boy who tries very hard.

So, he is now Tymac Troubadour CD BN
GN RE PT TD TDU. (pending AKC
confirmation).

Submitted By: **Carolyn Wray**



Dog Aggression – Judge and Event Committee Responsibilities Explained

By AKC Companion Events Department on October 28, 2025

AKC Obedience & Rally Judges

Questions about any posted material should be directed to either obedience@akc.org or rally@akc.org

<https://akcobedrlyjudges.wordpress.com/2025/10/28/dog-aggression-judge-and-event-committee-responsibilities-explained/>

Dog on Dog - Act of Aggression In Ring and/or Leaves Ring to Attack Another Dog	Dog Attacks or Attempts to Attack a Person in the Ring
JUDGE: Must complete the Judge's Form "Dog on Dog Attack" regardless of any other actions that take place. READ and complete the form as directed. Turn the form in to the Trial Chair/Event Secretary or Superintendent. The Judge must immediately STOP JUDGING and complete the necessary steps!	JUDGE: Must complete the "Disqualification by Judge/Evaluator for Attacking a Person" form. Turn the form into Trial Chair/Event Secretary or Superintendent. The Judge must immediately STOP JUDGING and complete the necessary steps!
EVENT COMMITTEE-TC/TS/CLUB: Immediately provide the judge with the "Dog on Dog Attack" form. READ the form and complete the required catalog information as directed. Follow the instructions on the form for submitting the document to AKC within 72 hours of the incident. Additionally, The EC MUST INVESTIGATE 1) the Dog - READ and Complete the "Dog Aggression-Action by Event Committee" form and 2) the person responsible for the dog at the event to determine if there was misconduct, i.e., "failure to control a dog." Submit a copy of the Misconduct Procedural Form as directed.	EVENT COMMITTEE-TC/TS/CLUB: Immediately provide the judge with the "Disqualification by Judge/Evaluator for Attacking a Person" form. READ the form and complete the required catalog information as directed. Follow the instructions on the form for submitting the document to AKC within 72 hours of the incident. Additionally, The EC MUST INVESTIGATE the person responsible for the dog at the event, to determine if there was misconduct, i.e., "failure to control a dog." Submit a copy of the Misconduct Procedural Form as directed.

Dog on Dog - Act of Aggression Outside the Ring Person or Another Dog	Misconduct "Prejudicial Conduct" By a Person
JUDGE: If a judge witnesses this situation, they must tell the Trial Chair immediately. Judges – For all incidences listed, mark your judge's book correctly. If an incident occurs during awards, do not change the placements; AKC will internally address that post	JUDGE: If an exhibitor acts in a way that appears inappropriate to you or to the sport, and the conduct may be considered prejudicial to the sport, the judge must advise the Trial Chairperson immediately.
EVENT COMMITTEE-TC/TS/CLUB: The EC must investigate immediately. READ the "Dog Aggression – Action by Event Committee" form and follow the procedure as outlined. Follow the instructions on the form for submitting the document to AKC within 72 hours of the incident. Additionally, The EC MUST INVESTIGATE the person responsible for the dog at the event, to determine if there was misconduct, i.e., "failure to control a dog." Submit a copy of the Misconduct Procedural Form as directed.	EVENT COMMITTEE-TC/TS/CLUB: Follow the directions as outlined in the Misconduct booklet and in our internal document "Misconduct – Event Committee Quick Notes." TC – Trial Chairperson TS – Trial Secretary If there are questions, call the AKC Weekend Club Hotline number 919-816-3955



<https://dogdaysnw.com/>

Dog Days Obedience Run Through Class with Laurie Rubin

A monthly half day Obedience Run Through Class is starting at Dog Days Dog Training in Vancouver, Washington, on the fourth Wednesday morning of the month. Dog and handler teams run through the exercises offered at obedience trials. The time can be used for any level of obedience and/or for problem solving specific exercises. Handler choice whether to ask for feedback or simply have the exercises called as in a trial.

This month Wednesday, November 26. \$15 via PayPal or Zelle or \$17 via mailed check.

Time slots can be reserved by clicking on the following link to fill out your entry information on a Google Form <https://forms.gle/Ww29ZFuTMsrtxuTY7> **AND** sending \$15/time slot via PayPal <https://www.paypal.com/> to Laurie Rubin. After logging in to PayPal and clicking "**Send,**" search for Laurie Rubin or earthlaurie@sonic.net. My link has a photo of a red merle Aussie. In the box that asks "What's this For?," please type "Dog Days November 2025 Run Through Class." Zelle \$15 payments accepted, too. Checks made out to Laurie Rubin for \$17/time slot are OK. **Both your payment and Google Form must be received for your entry to count.** Payments are non-refundable unless the class fills before I receive your entry. In that case, I will notify you and refund your payment. The schedule will be e-mailed to those who have reserved a slot by the day before the class.

Next class. Wednesday, December 24.

Time slots can be reserved by clicking on the following link to fill out your entry information on a Google Form <https://forms.gle/BTvSQehFriSrr5iT7> **AND** sending \$15/time slot via PayPal <https://www.paypal.com/> to Laurie Rubin. After logging in to PayPal and clicking "**Send,**" search for Laurie Rubin or earthlaurie@sonic.net. My link has a photo of a red merle Aussie. In the box that asks "What's this For?," please type "Dog Days December 2025 Run Through Class." Zelle \$15 payments accepted, too. Checks made out to Laurie Rubin for \$17/time slot are OK. **Both your payment and Google Form must be received for your entry to count.** Payments are non-refundable unless the class fills before I receive your entry. In that case, I will notify you and refund your payment. The schedule will be e-mailed to those who have reserved a slot by the day before the class.

Future class date: Wed., Jan. 28.

Obedience Run Through Class with Laurie Rubin

A monthly Obedience Run Through Class takes place at **Penny Harvey's training building in Sandy, Oregon**. Dog and handler teams run through the exercises offered at obedience trials. The time can be used for any level of obedience and/or for problem solving specific exercises. Handler choice whether to ask for feedback or simply have the exercises called as in a trial.

**This month's class, Sunday, November 2nd
\$15 via PayPal for each slot of up to 15 minutes or \$16 via mailed check.**

Time slots can be reserved by clicking on the following link to fill out your entry information on a Google Form <https://forms.gle/nQMCdVS73MJdtAZd9> **AND** sending \$15/time slot via PayPal <https://www.paypal.com/> to Laurie Rubin. After logging in to PayPal and clicking "**Send,**" search for Laurie Rubin or earthlaurie@sonic.net. My link has a photo of a red merle Aussie. In the box that asks "What's this For?," please type "October 2025 Run Through Class." Zelle \$15 payments accepted, too. If you prefer to mail a check for \$16/time slot, be sure to also fill out your entry information on the Google Form linked above. Payments are non-refundable unless the class fills before I receive your entry. In that case, I will notify you and refund your payment.

These classes have been filling. Both your payment and Google Form must be received for your entry to count. The Thursday before the class, the schedule and driving directions will be e-mailed to those who have reserved a slot.

Next class. Sunday, November 30th.

Time slots can be reserved by clicking on the following link to fill out your entry information on a Google Form <https://forms.gle/8Gcign229EvgTeAc9> **AND** sending \$15/time slot via PayPal <https://www.paypal.com/> to Laurie Rubin. After logging in to PayPal and clicking "**Send,**" search for Laurie Rubin or earthlaurie@sonic.net. My link has a photo of a red merle Aussie. In the box that asks "What's this For?," please type "November 2, 2025 Run Through Class." Zelle \$15 payments accepted, too. If you prefer to mail a check for \$16/time slot, be sure to also fill out your entry information on the Google Form linked above. Payments are non-refundable unless the class fills before I receive your entry. In that case, I will notify you and refund your payment.

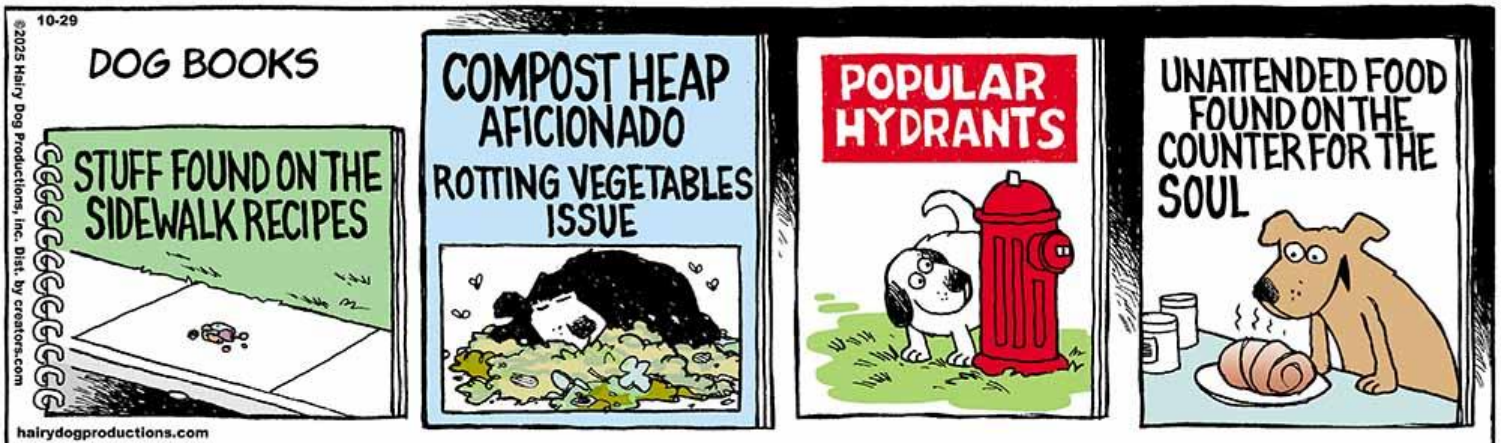
These classes have been filling. Both your payment and Google Form must be received for your entry to count. The Thursday before the class, the schedule and driving directions will be e-mailed to those who have reserved a slot.

Future class date: January 4th. (No class in December)



Docker earned his CD at the SDTC trials.

Submitted By: **Marti Park**





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Vancouver, WA 98665

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New Classes

Novice Obedience & Foundations Class – Sunday at 9 am
Start out on the right paw. This class will teach dogs and handlers the foundations, the rules, the exercises and so much more.

Novice Rally Class – Sundays at 10 am
This class will focus on the basic foundations all the way to walking into the ring.

Rally Class Openings

Masters Rally - Thursdays at 9am

Excellent Rally - Thursdays at 10:15 am

For more info call/email

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I was training a Golden Retriever for field trial competition, a competitive event where hunting dogs compete against one another in retrieving and other aspects of bird hunting. He had developed a problem that seemed to be career-ending. When I attempted to direct him to a bird that he had not seen fall, he would respond to three or four of my whistles or signals giving him direction, but then start hunting, ignoring my commands. Often, he would find the bird while “out of control” of the handler — me! — which is a failing error in competition. At first it was frustrating, but soon it was infuriating. Words like stubborn and willful seemed to best describe his behavior. Surely, he knew better! How could he be so disobedient!



Day after day, my determination to gain control intensified. Finally, thinking it was my last option, I took him to trainers more experienced than I was. For five days I listened as they criticized my ability and the dog’s ability. At the end of the week, their training advice had not yielded any significant progress. However, one thing had changed. I was dejected, had lost my confidence, and was feeling overwhelmed and actually nervous whenever we got Caleb out to train.

It was in one of those moments, as I watched Caleb spin out of control, that I saw his behavior as *panicked*, not willfully disobedient. He appeared frantic to

find the bird, as if the mission was to retrieve as fast as he could so that I would stop yelling and blowing the whistle. When he finally found game, he seemed relieved that the whole episode had ended.



I have never seen a dog do well when trying to learn while feeling panicked, nervous, or worried. Nor was this a good learning environment for me either. I took him home, convinced his career had come to an end.

I'm going to share a training secret that is one of the most important I know — and it describes one of the *worst dog training mistakes I have made*, too.

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“Assuming that the dog is purposefully being disobedient causes an adversarial relationship and much as with people, two adversaries rarely move to the same side of disagreement.”

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When dealing with a dog, there is nothing more damaging to a relationship than assuming willful disobedience.

I have known this principle over many years of dog training. During my 30+ years as the owner of a dog obedience business, every day someone would call to complain about a wayward dog and start the conversation by saying,

“My dog KNOWS he should not have done _____ (fill in the blank!) Yet while I was not watching, just to spite me, he did!”

Assuming that the dog is purposefully being disobedient causes an adversarial relationship and much as with people, two adversaries rarely move to the same side of a disagreement.

This important training secret applies to human beings as well. As a teacher, when a student is not doing something the way I have asked, it is easy to assume that I'm being ignored. However, it is often that the student doesn't understand the instructions or is too anxious to comply.

When teaching dog obedience classes, I have a rule for my fellow instructors. If a student is not doing what you are asking, ask again, another way. For example, if your instructions are to praise the dog, and the owner is silent, tell them, “Say ‘Good dog!’” If the handler is still mute, perhaps you can get them to praise by saying, “When you hear me say ‘Good dog,’ please repeat it!”

As an employer, it's easy to become frustrated with an employee who is struggling with a task. Rather than assume incompetence, it is much more likely that he or she has not received clear instructions. This is especially true in a small business environment when policies, procedures, and job descriptions are often not well documented, and employees are asked to do more than one job when others are sick or on vacation.



After returning home with Caleb, discouraged from my five days with more experienced trainers, I asked an older, wiser competitor when it was time to give up on a dog. His answer was, "When training that dog is keeping you from training one you like more." I didn't have another dog to train, and I liked training Caleb. I wasn't ready to quit.

However, I was ready to change my attitude. I was ready to stop assuming the worst. I was ready to make the task simpler, to do a better job of explaining what I wanted, and to help him understand that I could direct him to a bird much faster than he could find one. We started again, very simply, in the backyard, cautiously, patiently. This time I did not assume he was ignoring me, but that he did not understand my whistle and signal commands.

At the end of Caleb's career, he had earned two different types of championships, something done by only two other Golden Retrievers in the history of the breed. When asked to write about his accomplishments, I wrote, *"In the fall of 2009, Caleb and I faced problems that could have been career-ending, but because of his incredible spirit, and willingness to keep trying to understand what I wanted, we turned a corner.*

In the fall of 2011 he finished his Amateur Field Championship and won the Open stake at the Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty. He also qualified for the 2012 National Amateur Retriever Championship. In the fall of 2012, he completed his Obedience Trial Championship and qualified and competed in the National Obedience Invitational.

Standing next to Caleb in the field or in the obedience ring is my privilege and honor. As his career draws to a close, I cannot thank him enough for putting up with me."

Caleb is gone now, but not from my heart. And the lessons he taught me are still with me too.

Is it serendipity that I have recently been given a young golden retriever who is struggling to learn how to hear me direct him to a bird he has not seen fall?

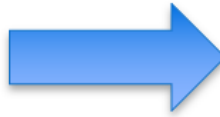
"Willful" and "stupid" are the words others have used to describe him.

I'm looking forward to the challenge — the challenge of proving that poor communication is much more likely to be the problem.

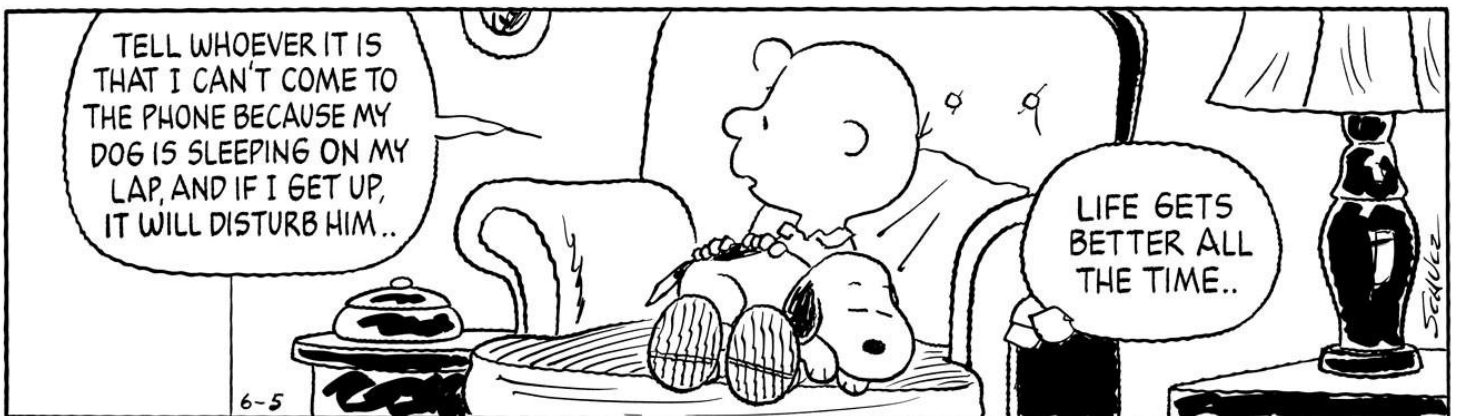
~ Connie



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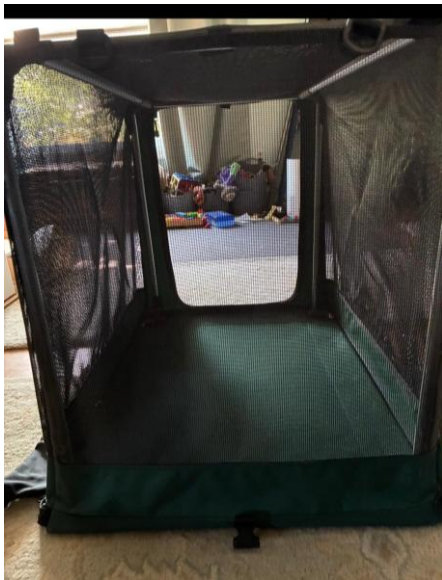
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Excellent condition, clean, no damage, used lightly @ Obedience Invitational and National Specialties. They fit in my Luggage.

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Linda Ruedy
lruedy04@gmail.com



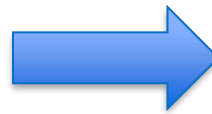
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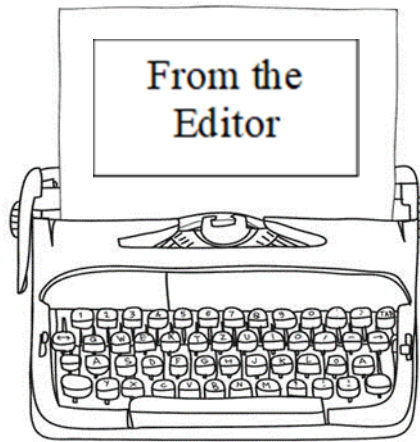
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SDTC Newsletter Advertising Policy

- **Advertisements for rehoming k9 equipment, etc. are always welcome.**
- **Training programs and classes offered by members will be posted with a link to a website for members only [possibly under a column specifically designated for that purpose].**
- **Advertising of puppies/litters will not be accepted**

We are looking for articles from our membership.

- **Do you have a brag or accomplishment?**
- **Have you written an article that the membership could benefit from?**
- **Know of an upcoming event? Example: Obedience trial, Scent trial, Specialty, Health clinic..... etc.**



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