



Sherwood Dog Training Club

AKC License Club

March 2022 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 Officers and Trial Chairs

President: Danielle Silverstein

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**We will have a Zoom
SDTC Meeting
March 2, 2022
7:00 PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88463191226?pwd=aytmcnE2Q2FRNUxnMGZEZUoyQUUpIUT09>

**Meeting ID: 884 6319 1226
Passcode: 521539**

Jill Faulmann, Secretary, SDTC

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your blessings be more,
& NOTHING BUT
Happiness
COME THROUGH YOUR DOOR.

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Sherwood Dog Training Club plans for 2022.

Forms can be found <https://www.sherwooddtc.org/services>

March 27, 2022 Steward Training

Are we planning a steward training with Carolyn Wray

9:00 am at Trainers to the Rescue

We will need approximately 35 stewards for our upcoming April Trials.

If you are interested, please send an email to Darlene Brushwein

(darlenebrushwein@msn.com)

April 22, 23, 24, 2022 Obedience and Rally Trials

FOUR RINGS / Clackamas County Fairgrounds, Canby Oregon Ely Arena

This is the NOC qualifying Event for Region 8 for the 2023 NOC

Judges: Chris Cornell, Michelle Illes, Russell Hornfisher, Sharon Redmer

June 4 & 5, 2022 Rally Trials

ONE RING / Sherwood Oregon, Cash's Arena

Judge: Mary Jane Shervais

(Premium List still in the works)

June 23, 2022, Thursday afternoon / Runs start at 3:00 pm

Pre-Entry Only Obedience "C" Match

Entries will be limited to 3 hours of judging

Entries will close on June 16, 2022, or whenever the limit is reached

3 rings Beginner Novice through Utility / (no Rally)

September 17 & 18, 2022 Obedience Trials

ONE RING / Sherwood Oregon, Cash's Arena

Judge: Cathy Dutra

For a complete Look at all AKC upcoming Agility,
Obedience, Rally and Tracking Events

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

Cancellations: <https://www.akc.org/sports/event-cancellations/>



Go to the AKC Events Calendar for more information, to download
<https://webapps.akc.org/event-search/#/search>

Upcoming UKC Shows

Oregon:

Canine Action Pack will be holding UKC rally and obedience trials April 29th, 30th, and May 1st at Trainers to the Rescue in Cornelius, OR. Entry details on the UKC website.

Washington:

6/10/22 - SPOKANE - LILAC CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB
6/11/22 - SPOKANE - LILAC CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB
6/12/22 - SPOKANE - LILAC CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB

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United Kennel Club (UKC) is an international dog registry celebrating bonds, rewarding ability, and preserving the value of a pedigree.

www.ukcdogs.com

Free Steward Training Workshop

When: Sunday, March 27 9:00am

Where: Trainers to the Rescue

32400 SW Unger Rd, Cornelius, OR 97113

It takes a village! Obedience trials are labor intensive and it takes a dedicated group of people to have things run smoothly and efficiently, thereby creating a successful atmosphere for the exhibitors.

The first responsibility of the ring steward is to be aware that the AKC has specific regulations that apply to Obedience Trials and the steward should be familiar with them.

**To attend: Send your Name, email address,
and telephone number to Darlene Brushwein
darlenebrushwein@msn.com**



Calling all Stewards

Ring Stewards are critical to the smooth functioning of our dog trial

It takes a village to put on a dog show.

Trials Dates: April 22, 23, 24

Our Great Judges

**Christopher Cornell
Robert Burgin
Russell Hornfisher
Michele Illes**

We need 30 plus stewards!

- Pick your day
- Pick between Rally or Obedience
- Pick your favorite judge.

Send your request to Jan Lewis, Chief Steward
janlewis1217@outlook.com



Photos Courtesy Danielle Silverstein



HELP NEEDED FOR OUR APRIL 2022 TRIAL RAFFLE

Nancy has a couple of members who have volunteered to help and she will call you soon. However, she still needs more help.

We have a storage unit located near Walmart in Sherwood. IF you live near and would like to help with organizing and packaging our wonderful donations. I would love a couple more volunteers.

Ticket sellers will be needed at the trial. If you like to talk with fellow members and doggy friends you can have fun doing so and help our club by selling raffle tickets. We need to sell lots to help offset the huge increase in expenses this year. This is not an all-day commitment so even if you are showing, you can help for an hour or two.

Call or email Nancy for information or to let her know when you would like to work.

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Obedience: News and Updates

January 26, 2022

At the January 2022 AKC Board Meeting the following item was approved:

Obedience Regulations – Chapter 2
Section 27. Training and Handling in the Ring.

Effective April 1, 2022

When a handler is using excessive verbal commands, this could indicate the dog is not under control and is not working with the handler willingly. The judge must determine if this dog should be released for a lack of control.

The handler is not allowed to correct or discipline a dog and will be released from the ring. When the dog's performance does not meet the handler's expectation, the handler may choose to use a "Fix n' Go" option once, which allows the exhibitor to immediately reattempt a single individual exercise. This allows the team to reattempt that one exercise, and then leave the ring. In a two-part exercise, the handler may choose only one part to reattempt. It is the handler's responsibility to tell the judge they are choosing to "Fix n' Go." Using the Fix n' Go option will result in a non-qualifying score (NQ). The handler may begin the reattempt from the start or at any point during the exercise.

The handler may choose to help the dog through the Fix n' Go exercise. Helping the dog may be accomplished using verbal encouragement, including additional commands and praise, and/or approaching the dog in a friendly/positive manner without touching the dog. Harsh verbal and /or physical corrections will not be tolerated. If there is any determination of harshness by the judge, the handler will be immediately released from the ring. Spectators form their opinion of the sport through seeing the action of the handler and the dog. Care must be taken to avoid any action that might reflect poorly on the sport.



New Trouble-shooting Class and Private Lessons

Nancy Seaman will be offering a new class and private lessons.

**This is a great opportunity to fine-tune your
competitive obedience teamwork & exercises!**

Nancy has 2 AKC OTCHs, 1 UKC OTCH, multiple AKC UD, UKC UD, ASCA UD, and has been training multiple breeds in obedience since the 1980s.

Trouble-Shooting Class:

- Fridays, 10:00 am.
- 6-week class designed to help you fix your biggest issues in Heeling, Recalls, Retrieving, Jumping, Staying, & "Oddball Exercises".
- We will cover one category each week. All levels welcome. Bring your "troubles"!

Private lessons:

- Friday 11:00 am to 12:00pm

Please e-mail Nancy at searis10@gmail.com, call her at 503-307-0373 to inquire about her class and/or book a private lesson.



Below is the next in a series of Random Tidbits of information (from me) in regards to the AKC Obedience Regulations. Knowledge of the Regulations provides you the power for...

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Back in April of 2015 I came up with the idea of a series of articles to supplement the Dog-Talk articles. The Dog-Talk series delved into the intricate scoring details of an exercise at the three levels, Novice, Open and Utility. The Random Little Tidbits articles are designed to focus on a particular subject matter in the AKC Obedience Regulations to maybe provide a better understanding. At the time I had NO idea there would be 75 Tidbits, a milestone for sure.

Today's Random Little Tidbit - **Versatility - A Very Cool Class Not To Be Overlooked.**



Back in the day, I always enjoyed showing in Versatility with my Saint Bernards. From what I can find in my past Regulations, non-regular classes, including Versatility, first showed up in the January 1975 printing. Non-regular classes are non-titling classes. Today (since 2009), Versatility is an Optional Titling class where a **VER** title may be obtained with three (3) qualifying scores. As an Optional Titling class, it is an option for a club to offer the class. If you see it offered and you have a dog with the understandings of the N, O, U exercises, give it a go. No pre-titles are needed! I think you will enjoy the class; the dogs sure do with the mixed levels of exercises.

Versatility seems to be in a "Catch 22" holding pattern at the moment, in my opinion. Not many clubs seem to offer the class as entry numbers can be low. And when it is offered there are those who might not have a full understanding of the class, or are not sure when the next club will be offering the class to finish a title. Hopefully in the future we can break this holding pattern with clubs offering the class more frequently and exhibitors more willing to enter Versatility and go for that **VER** title.

Chapter 19, Section 1. Versatility Class. "The Versatility class is an optional titling class for all dogs. This class may be offered by clubs at obedience events. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class. A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

"Six exercises will be performed: two each from the Novice, Open and Utility classes. There will be no group exercise (*note, no Command Discrimination or Get Your Leash exercises either*). The exercises will be performed and judged as in the regular classes. For the purpose of this class, scent discrimination articles 1 and 2 will be considered as a single Utility exercise.

"Prior to the start of judging, the judge will decide the combination and order of exercises to be performed in this class and which glove will be retrieved if the combination includes the Directed Retrieve exercise. This combination, order and glove number will not be disclosed to exhibitors until it is posted at the ring, approximately 45 minutes or earlier prior to the start of the class. In future assignments, judges are required to alternate the combinations and designated glove so that each will be used approximately the same number of times. *Each handler will provide a dumbbell, scent discrimination articles and directed retrieve gloves.*"

"This class may be judged by anyone approved to judge the Utility class."

Section 2. Versatility Exercises and Scoring. The exercises and maximum scores in the Versatility class:

Novice exercise No. 1 25 points

Novice exercise No. 2 25 points

Open exercise No. 1 35 points

Open exercise No. 2 35 points

Utility exercise No. 1 40 points

Utility exercise No. 2 40 points

Maximum Total Score 200 points

The maximum judging rate is six (6) dogs per hour.

Section 3. Versatility Combinations.

- V1- Stand for Exam, Recall, Drop on Recall, Broad Jump, Signal Exercise, Directed Retrieve
- V2- Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, Recall, Retrieve on Flat, Broad Jump, Moving Stand and Exam, Directed Retrieve
- V3- Stand for Exam, Recall, Drop on Recall, Retrieve Over High Jump, Signal Exercise, Directed Jumping
- V4- Novice Heel Free, Recall, Retrieve on Flat, Retrieve Over High Jump, Moving Stand and Exam, Directed Jumping
- V5- Stand for Exam, Recall, Heel Free and Figure Eight, Retrieve on Flat, Scent Discrimination, Directed Jumping
- V6- Stand for Exam, Recall, Figure Eight and Heel Free, Retrieve Over High Jump, Directed Retrieve, Directed Jumping
- V7- Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, Stand for Exam, Drop on Recall, Retrieve Over High Jump, Scent Discrimination, Directed Retrieve
- V8- Stand for Exam, Recall, Retrieve on Flat, Broad Jump, Signal Exercise, Moving Stand and Exam
- V9- Novice Heel Free, Stand for Exam, Drop on Recall, Broad Jump, Scent Discrimination, Moving Stand and Exam
- V10- Stand for Exam, Recall, Figure Eight and Heel Free, Retrieve on Flat, Scent Discrimination, Directed Jumping
- V11- Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, Recall, Retrieve Over High Jump, Broad Jump, Scent Discrimination, Directed Retrieve
- V12- Novice Heel Free, Stand for Exam, Drop on Recall, Broad Jump, Moving Stand and Exam, Directed Retrieve

Section 4. Versatility Title. “The letters **VER** may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by two different judges to have received qualifying scores in Versatility classes at three licensed or member obedience trials. That dog will receive a Versatility certificate from the AKC. Dogs that have obtained the Versatility title (VER) may continue to compete in the Versatility class.”

The Versatility Judge’s Book The Book is to look similar to the Open B and Utility B books where the exercise boxes (to the left) are to be **left blank**, and the judge fills in the exercise options and order of exercises. As stated above, “Prior to the start of judging, the judge will decide the combination **and order of exercises** to be performed in this class...” This allows the judge to preplan a mixed order of the N, O & U exercises for *designing an efficient flow pattern from exercise to exercise*. There is *no requirement* to judge 2 Novice, 2 Open and then 2 Utility exercises in that order.

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How to Clean a Dog's Ears

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Jul 09, 2019



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- **safety**
- **ear care**

As pet owners, we know that keeping our dogs' ears clean is an important part of their care. But cleaning those ears can be challenging if our dogs aren't conditioned to accept ear cleaning, or we don't feel comfortable doing it.

Some dogs naturally have healthy, clean ears and may almost never need to have their ears cleaned, while other dogs require regular ear cleaning to prevent the buildup of dirt that can lead to [ear infections](#). [Dog breeds with long hanging ears](#), such as [Basset Hounds](#) and [Cocker Spaniels](#), are among those with the highest risk of getting ear infections, but all breeds can develop them.

Checking the health of your dog's ears is something you should be doing on a regular basis. Your dog might enjoy having his ears rubbed when they are healthy, but if he pulls away from you, they may be sore. So, you can begin to assess their condition by gently massaging your dog's ears.

How to Tell When a Dog's Ears Need Cleaning

Before you break out the [dog ear cleaner](#), check to make sure your dog actually needs ear cleaning. Over-cleaning your dog's ears can lead to infection and irritation, so familiarize yourself with what a healthy, clean ear looks like (pink, odorless, and not dirty or inflamed) and smells like (not yeasty or stinky), and clean it only when you notice a change.

Some dogs require infrequent ear cleanings, while others, such as those predisposed to ear infections or dogs who spend a lot of time in the water, may need them often. The Merck Veterinary Manual recommends that the ear canals be kept dry and well ventilated by using topical astringents in dogs that swim frequently and by preventing water from entering the ear canals during bathing.

If you notice a mild odor or see that your dog is shaking his head more than usual, it is probably time for a cleaning. And if your dog's ear looks red and inflamed, smells yeasty, or he appears to be in pain, contact your veterinarian. These symptoms could indicate an ear infection, [fleas](#), or [ear mites](#), or [allergies](#), and require medical attention. Cleaning an infected ear often causes more harm than good.



Ear-Cleaning Supplies

You only need a few supplies to successfully clean your dog's ears: a cotton ball or gauze, [dog ear-cleaning solution](#), and a towel. Avoid using cotton-tipped swabs (Q-tips) or anything with a pointed tip. These tools can shove dirt and debris deeper into your dog's ears, causing infections, and can even lead to trauma to the inner structures of the ear itself.

A note to the wise: Ear cleaning, while simple, can get messy. You may want to clean your dog's ears in a bathroom or a room that is easy to clean in case your dog shakes his head vigorously during the process.

Dog Ear-Cleaning Solutions

The internet is full of homemade ear-cleaning solutions for dogs. However, veterinarian-approved ear-cleaning solutions are the safest choice. Some homemade ear-cleaning solutions contain harmful or irritating ingredients. Others simply don't do a good job.

Most veterinary offices carry [ear cleaner for dogs](#). You can also ask your veterinarian what product they recommend for your dog, as some solutions may be more beneficial for your pup's specific needs than others.



How to Clean Dog Ears in 3 Easy Steps

1. Assemble your supplies and your dog. Try to clean your dog's ears when he is calm, as this will help make the process easier. Don't be afraid to use treats to sweeten the deal.
2. Squeeze a veterinarian-approved ear-cleaning solution to fill your dog's ear canal and massage gently at the base of the ear for about 30 seconds. You will hear a squishing sound as the product dislodges debris and buildup. Don't let the tip of the applicator touch your dog's ear, as this can introduce bacteria.
3. Let your dog shake his head. This is where the towel comes in – you can use it to protect yourself from spray and wipe down his face. Once your dog has finished shaking, take the cotton ball or gauze and gently wipe out the ear canal, going no deeper than the depth of one knuckle. If your dog appears to be in pain during the cleaning process, stop and consult your veterinarian.

Should You Use Hydrogen Peroxide to Clean Dog Ears?

No. Don't use hydrogen peroxide on your pup. This common household product can actually cause irritation to healthy skin cells. Ears contain very sensitive tissue, and extended use of hydrogen peroxide could eventually lead to damage of the ear itself. Stick to veterinarian-approved cleaners.

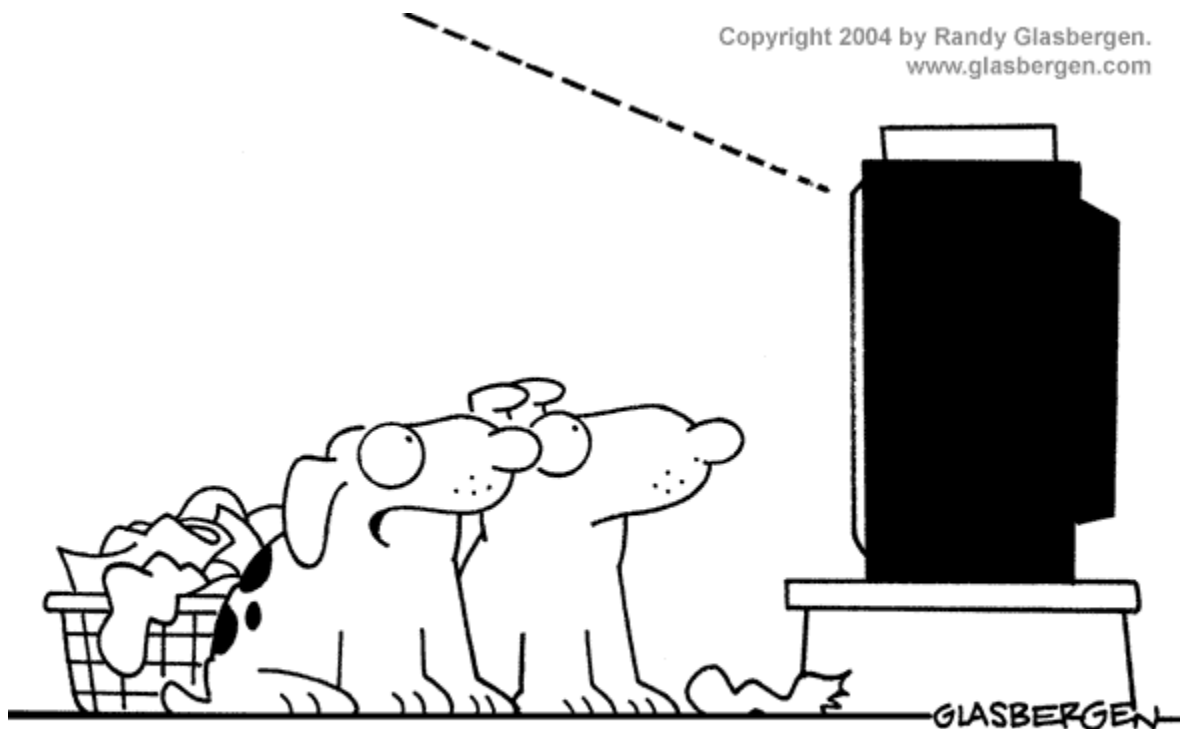


How to Clean Dog Ears: A Summary

Now that you know how to clean dog ears, here are the basics one more time:

- Know what a healthy, clean ear looks and smells like.
- Check your dog's ears regularly after bath time.
- Cleaning ears too often can cause excessive irritation
- Use a veterinarian-approved ear-cleaning solution for dogs.
- Contact your veterinarian if you suspect your dog has an ear infection.

Taking care of your dog's ears helps prevent infections. Regular ear examinations will also catch any other problems, such as ear , before they get worse, and will desensitize your dog to ear handling.

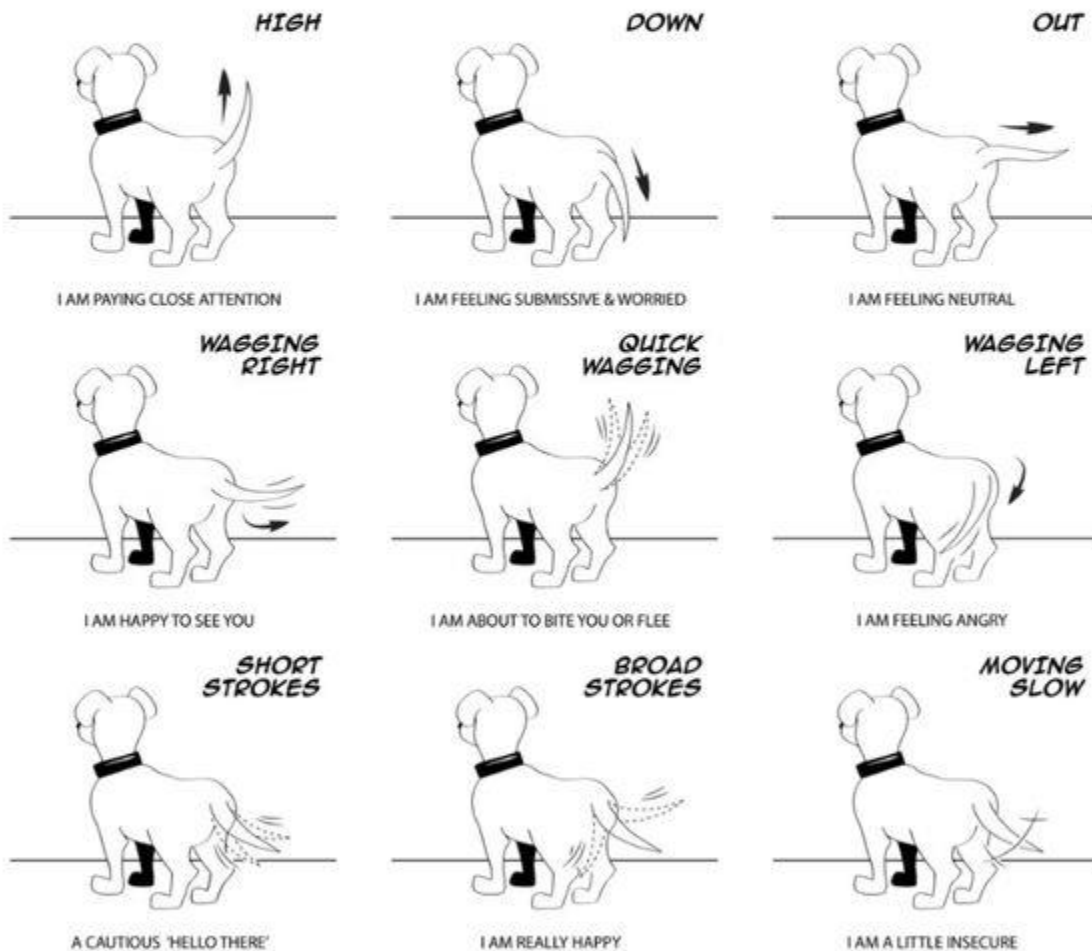


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Screw Up Cookies (Your Dog's Plan B)

May 30th, 2019

Have you ever made a mistake when training your dog? It's safe to say we all have. Last week we looked at having a [Plan B](#) when our dog does something unexpected, so in fairness to our dogs, this post covers when our dogs might need a Plan B for us!



Our dog's response to our errors will range from shutting down to stressing up, but it does not need to be that way. Something I have been using and advocating for more years than I can remember is what I call "screw up cookies".

Screw Up Cookies

A "screw up cookie" is for when we make a mistake. As soon as we make the mistake, we ask our dog for a simple behaviour and reward that behaviour. Asking for a simple behaviour ensures we are not rewarding our dog for something that we don't want. There is a massive difference between 'purposeful' and 'mindless' reinforcing.

The behaviour to ask the dog for could be a sit, down, or hand touch, and the reward a quick game of tug or a cookie given 'on the move' or with a 'paws up'. It's a simple behaviour our dog is very clear on, that we can reinforce immediately to keep our dog's drive and motivation for working with us.



When you 'screw up' ask your dog for a simple behaviour, and reinforce that!

Dog training requires mechanical skills, so we *will* make errors, and that's okay. Embracing your mistakes as opportunities for your dog to earn reinforcement with a "screw up cookie" will help maintain your connection with your dog and maintain the joy and enthusiasm for both of you. If one of you in the team is not having fun, then neither will the other one.

We could make mistakes in any part of our dog training, but for dog agility and other dog sports, there are many mechanical skills for us humans to master. Sometimes when we make an error, it might be tempting to go back to the start and repeat the exercise, often over and over until we get it right, and in that time our dog will not be getting any reinforcement and losing confidence from our mistakes. A lack of confidence is the number one reason for either the lack of drive or 'too much' drive in many dogs.

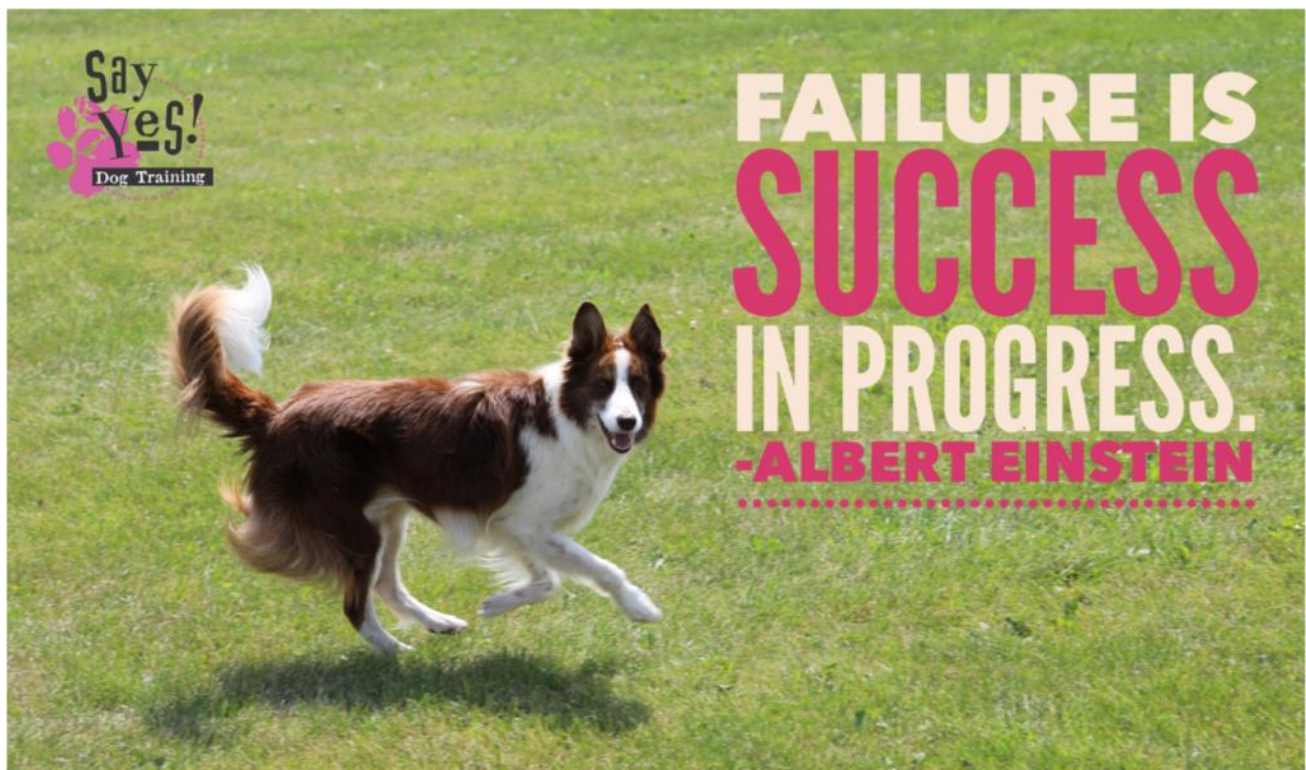
We might even forget about our dog while we try and figure out what went wrong. We might sigh, shake our head or otherwise display frustration at ourselves... all of these things are de-motivating for our dogs.

If you need thinking time, give your dog a “screw up cookie” and then send him to his bed or crate while you figure it out. That gives him a job to do that he will value and find reinforcing from the foundations that you have built in Crate Games.

Next time you make an error, see it as an opportunity to reinforce your dog!

If you are unsure if you made a mistake, give your dog the benefit of the doubt. If you are learning a skill that is new for you, practice without your dog at first. Bring your dog into the training session when you are comfortable with where you need to be and what you are doing. Embrace [videoing](#) your training sessions so you can review your mechanics.

Keeping and building drive is important for all dogs. This is a vital element of good dog training even if your dog is over the top. Some dogs will stress ‘low’ and others ‘high’. Your skills as a dog trainer will help your dog no matter where he is on the drive spectrum. Using “screw up cookies” should become part of your training. Live by the rule “a mistake is a chance to reward that which is correct”.

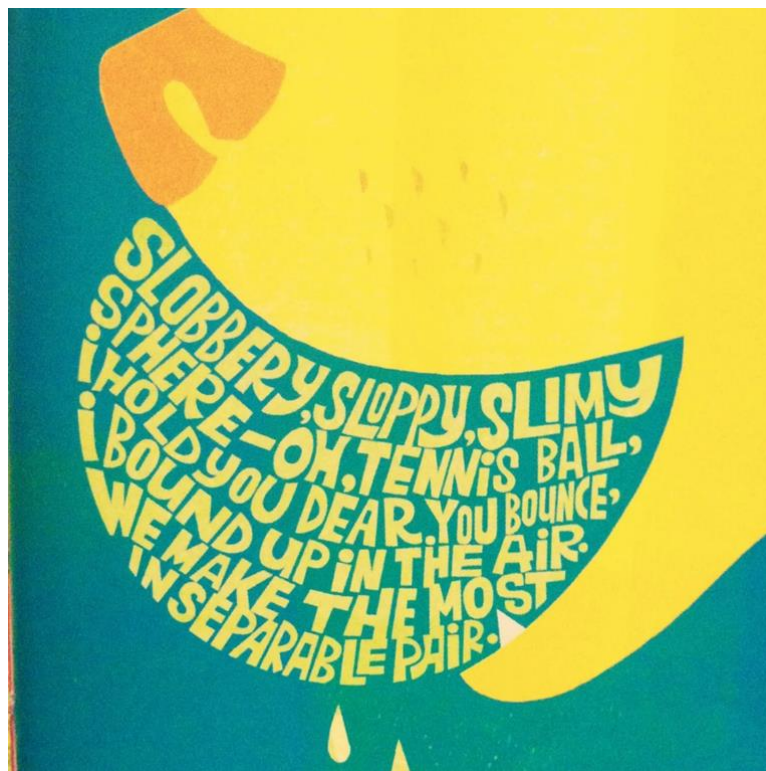


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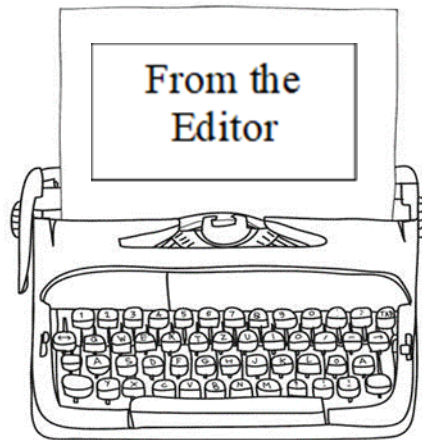
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“Jan Lewis with Judge Sally Wells – Ella returned to the rally ring for the first time in three years at the Canine Action Pack UKC trials. She earned the three legs of her RO2 title and the first leg of her RO3 with a HIT.”





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- **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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