



# Sherwood Dog Training Club

*AKC License Club*

## July 2023 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

**Vice President:** Linda Ruedy

**Secretary:** Robin Murphy

**Treasurer:** Jill Faulmann

**Board:** Darlene Brushwein

**Board:** Jan Lewis

**Board:** Helen Hamilton

**Newsletter:** Darlene Brushwein

**Website:**

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



### We will have Zoom SDTC Meeting

**Wednesday July 5th @ 7pm**

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

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89096617882?pwd=ejFudkJEZnFrT0swQm5aTXpkVjRZZz09>

**Meeting ID: 890 9661 7882**

**Passcode: 559457**

**The agenda will be posted on the Members page of the club website**

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

**Reminder: Password for Members page is training**



## Obedience Trials / October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Cash Arena



We will need 3 stewards each day.  
If you are interested contact Darlene Brushwein,  
[darlenebrushwein@msn.com](mailto:darlenebrushwein@msn.com)



## Match / Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Cash Arena

The next members only match will be Sunday, September 10th  
at the Cash arena in Sherwood.

**Please note, the match is not open for sign up currently.**

Please mark your calendar and watch in your email for when to sign up.



# THANK YOU!

BIG thanks to the many members who made the 2023 Rally trials a big success.

Special thanks to Debbie Gibbons for awards, Claudia Beville for hospitality and Ellie Wyckoff for chief ring steward duties.

Thanks to our awesome ring stewards.

**Saturday**

Nancy Collins  
Molly Bredenberg  
Danni Peterson

**Sunday**

Linda Keast  
Robin Murphy  
Kathy Thurman

Our judge commented both days at the level of enthusiasm and expertise.

A HUGE thanks to Jill Faulmann for being the most amazing Trial Secretary!

These ladies are a joy to work with. Carolyn Wray, Rally Trial Chair



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

### Obedience & Rally Obedience

July 14-16, High Plains KC, Kowa, CO

Aug. 4-6, Western Classic, Longview, WA

Nov. 17-19, Canine Action Pack, Cornelius, OR

### Nose work

Aug. 4-6, Western Classic, Longview, WA

Aug. 26, Utah Nose work Club, Taylorsville, UT

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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](http://www.ukcdogs.com)**



**Wouldn't it be great to have more members matches, perhaps even monthly ones?**

**Do you like the idea of working at a variety of venues to provide more environments for our dogs to learn from? Want to help make this happen?**

**Darlene has shared tons of information with me. Carolyn has added even more.**

**I have a list of potential indoor and outdoor venues and a list of what's needed to run a match. I've organized matches in the past with clubs in California.**

**I would love to have 1-3 others join me to create a match committee. If we work together, we will each do a minimum of work.**

**Darlene and Betty will still organize the three matches per year that we are allowed to have at Cash's Arena.**

**Please contact me if you would like to encourage more matches. [earthlaurie@sonic.net](mailto:earthlaurie@sonic.net). 707-890-2491. Laurie Rubin**



*Happy Fourth of July!*



**KEEP US SAFE. KEEP US INDOORS.**



**Check upcoming trials in our area**  
**<https://barayevents.com/>**



**Check upcoming trials in our area**  
**<https://www.onofrio.com/execpgm/fndindex>**

## **Sherwood Dog Training Club's new io email group is up and running.**

We have already begun some discussions of preferred training spots and upcoming matches. This is a great place for members to post information on practice sessions, trials, other organizations' matches, equipment for sale, brags...; also, a place to ask and answer questions.

Laurie Rubin has offered to be the group "owner/moderator."

To join, email [SherwoodDogTrainingClub+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:SherwoodDogTrainingClub+subscribe@groups.io).

Any problems, email Laurie Rubin, [earthlaurie@sonic.net](mailto:earthlaurie@sonic.net), and she will try to help.





## Classes by Perri Yinger

**Link to classes** [https://www.corralcreekdogsportcenter.com/obedienceandrally?utm\\_campaign=1bebd9d2-8d61-4e32-be8c-508ec6ee4ac3&utm\\_source=so&utm\\_medium=mail&cid=12bdc9d1-2c12-4e37-b6fd-a12365d41440](https://www.corralcreekdogsportcenter.com/obedienceandrally?utm_campaign=1bebd9d2-8d61-4e32-be8c-508ec6ee4ac3&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=12bdc9d1-2c12-4e37-b6fd-a12365d41440)

### Obedience & Rally Instructor

From very early days, Perri loved taking part in the training of and caring for the four-legged family members and rescues who crossed the family threshold. With no access to formal training, she watched and learned communication and cues from the many dogs in her life. They taught her how to communicate more clearly what it was she wanted of them. Whether teaching tricks to the terriers, or looking up into the face of the family Great Dane and insisting he sit still while she put down a bowl full of food, Perri's conversations with the dogs were almost always productive.

In 2001, Perri and her husband brought home a very special Rottweiler puppy. He came with a show/working contract, and Perri's formal training commenced. From Novice A to Utility and many other disciplines, Perri and her beloved "Ted" learned about dog sports together and blazed a trail for future generations of Perri's dogs. Through classes, seminars, private lessons, and training clubs, the doors to competitive dog sports were thrown wide open and Perri's "toolbox" was overflowing.

Perri has trained, trialed, and often ranked in:

- AKC Obedience
- Rally (earning an invitation to the National Rally Championship)
- Schutzhund
- Nose Work
- Carting
- Herding (even adding a flock of sheep to her property to hone her dogs' skills)
- Conformation
- Dock Dog
- Trick Dog
- Barn Hunt

When a fellow club member asked for some help with her dogs, Perri realized how much she enjoyed working with the people who work their dogs. Teaching dogs to perform certain skills is not as difficult as it may seem at times, even when methods may need to be tweaked to the specific needs of dogs and/or their partners. But building handler confidence, opening communication to sustain engagement, and keeping the working team on task is where training becomes the most rewarding for all involved.

## Obedience Fun Match

Sunday, **August 13, 2023** at Barb Whites barn located at 2723 Ridgeway Dr. SE, Turner, OR.

Morning and afternoon match slots available, 9 am-12pm and 12pm-3pm. 3 rings - 1 utility, 1 open and 1 novice - 10 minutes of ring time, \$15.00 for the first run and \$10.00 each additional run. Payment in advance is not required to hold your spot.

Participants please plan on helping judge and being ring helpers. You have been amazing at all of the prior matches. Thank you in advance!

Match is indoors on packed sand. Please cross post! Instructors are welcome to share with your students.

Pre-entries only! Total number of runs will be limited. Entries close on **August 5** or when run limit has been met. Email/mail the information below and I will schedule you in.

Name (human and canine) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of runs at each level \_\_\_\_\_

Jump height (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Morning (9-12) preferred approx. time \_\_\_\_\_

Afternoon (12-3) preferred approx. time \_\_\_\_\_

Entry submission by email: [dlady65@hotmail.com](mailto:dlady65@hotmail.com) or snail mail: Beth Werner 1511 Winter St. NE Salem, OR. 97301

Directions: From Salem and North: Take I-5 to exit 248 (the Sunnyside/ Turner exit). Turn east off the ramp onto Delaney Rd. Turn right on Enchanted Way (This is a frontage road going south next to freeway, go past Enchanted Forest). Turn left on Cloverdale Rd. Turn right on Ridgeway (It's the 1st right). Go around 2 – 90 degree turns and we are the 1st driveway on left after the 2nd turn, just before our house. 2723 Ridgeway Dr. SE.

From Albany and South: Take I-5 to exit 244. At exit stop turn right then immediately left on Enchanted Way (frontage road next to I-5). Right on Cloverdale, Right on Ridgeway. Go around 2 – 90 degree turns and we are the 1st driveway on left after the 2nd turn, just before our house. 2723 Ridgeway Dr. SE.



# Dog Days Dog Training

Located in the Hazel Dell area of Vancouver, WA:

7206 NE 37th Ave., Unit A

Vancouver, WA 98665

Phone: 360-241-1844

Email: [info1@dogdaysnw.com](mailto:info1@dogdaysnw.com)

## Dog Days Upcoming Classes for 2023

### **Foundations for Performance**

Tuesday 10:30 am

Thursday 6:00pm

Saturdays 2:30pm

### **Obedience - Novice and Beginner Novice**

Tuesdays 9:30 am

For availability, please contact the instructors directly.

Info available on the website at [dogdaysnw.com](http://dogdaysnw.com)



# **\*\* Fun day in the Park \*\***

**Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## **Timber Linn Memorial Park**

**900 Price St SE  
Albany, OR 97332**

Open to all breeds of dogs and 4-H kids  
Dogs must be current on shots!  
All dogs must be on leash at all times!

**Presented by  
German shepherd Dog Club of Greater Eugene**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.gsdcofgreatereugene.org](http://www.gsdcofgreatereugene.org)



### **GSDCA Temperament Test**

\$40.00 pre-registration / \$45.00 day of event if limit not reached

*All dogs must be 12 months or older to participate  
Priority will be given to German Shepherd Dogs  
Open to All Breeds and All American Breeds*

*Pre entries available until July 12, 2023*

Entry form can be found on club website:  
<http://www.gsdcofgreatereugene.org>

*Mailed entries to: Judi James 6237 Arbordale Dr SE, Salem, OR 97317  
Make checks out to: MyDogGym*

35 dog limit  
Evaluator ~ Debbie Kaser, Quail Valley, CA

For more information contact:

**Chris Carter, [kristgsd@gmail.com](mailto:kristgsd@gmail.com) or (503) 931-0766**

### **All Breed Fun Match**

**Judge: TBA**

**Entries taken: TBA  
Cost \$10.00**

Classes offered  
**Puppy Classes (divided by sex)**  
3 to 6 months  
6 to 9 months  
9 to 12 months

**Awards:**  
Best Puppy  
Best of Opposite Sex Puppy  
**Puppies will not compete with adults**

**Open Class (divided by sex)**

**Awards:**  
Best Adult  
Best of Opposite Sex Adult

***Handlers can mentor owners in showing their dogs, but may not charge a fee.***

### **Canine Good Citizen Test & Trick Dog**

**Evaluator: TBA  
Testing begins: TBA**

Cost for the test: CGC & Trick Dog Novice same dog: \$35.00  
CGC, CGCA, only: \$20.00  
TKN, only: \$ 20.00

**Entries taken: TBA**

**Join us for a Lunch!  
At the Shelter  
Cost: \$10.00**

**Will be available by 11:30 am.  
Club members will be bring their favorite dish**

**Let us know if you are planning to join us  
for lunch**

## PNW Scent Work Club Event - Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem

July 29, 30, 31, 2023. Entries open Monday June 26 through July 17, 2023. One trial each day, unlimited entry

Premium list on AKC event calendar and also club website <https://pnwscentworkclub.com/>

**RING STEWARDS NEEDED** - we will gladly train, feed you, and even pay you for a day. It's a great way to learn about scent work and enjoy a fun day with dog minded friends.

Email Judi [rainspring.mdg@gmail.com](mailto:rainspring.mdg@gmail.com) for more information

### PREMIUM LIST **Pacific NW Scent Work Club** Summer Fair Trials



**Saturday, Sunday, Monday July 29, 30, 31, 2023**

Event 2023739302, 2023739301, 2023739304

Trial Hours 7 am to 6 pm each day

**Entries Open June 26, 2023, 8:00 AM PT**

**Entries Close Date July 17, 2023, 8:00 pm PT**

All Elements and All levels including Detective each day  
Unlimited Entry each day

#### **Event Location**

Columbia Hall & Hart of the Garden, Oregon State Fairgrounds  
2310 – 17th St NE Salem, OR 97301  
Trials to be held Indoors/Outdoors

**Columbia Hall is Air Conditioned! And you may crate your dog inside.**

**DIRECTIONS** From Interstate 5 either direction, take Exit 256 (Market St). Turn West off the exit (toward McDonalds), Continue to 17<sup>th</sup> Street and turn left onto 17<sup>th</sup>. Cross Sunnyview Rd (traffic light) and fairgrounds is on your right. Turn right into the Red Gate. The building on the left is Columbia Hall. Go past Columbia Hall to the parking lot on the left. You may set up inside the building from the East doors facing the parking lot.

**Trial Site.** It is not appropriate to scout the trial location prior to the trial date.

#### **CLASS TRANSFERS**

Transfers to move up must be received no later than 30 minutes after last run each day for the next day. Transfers to correct errors in your entry(s) will be accepted **no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled start time each day.**

**Mailed Transfers and E-mail transfers** must include both owner and dog name, specific class entered and the change to be accepted until **six pm on Wednesday July 26, 2023.**

**Transfers must be in writing on Transfer forms** available at Secretary's desk during the trial and online at [www.mydoggym.com/events](http://www.mydoggym.com/events) and [www.AKC.org](http://www.AKC.org)

#### **Event Secretary**

Phyllis Dinsmore, c/o MDG Event Services  
6237 Arbordale Dr SE, Salem, OR 97317  
Please make checks payable to MDG Event Services



**AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB**

#### **CERTIFICATION**

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.  
Gina DiNardo, Secretary



# **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF GREATER EUGENE**

## ***GSDCA All-Breed Temperament Test***



**\$40.00 pre-registration / \$45.00 day of event if limit not reached**

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Open to All Breeds and All American Breeds*

***Pre entries available until July 12, 2023***

Entry form can be found on club website: <http://www.gsdcofgreatereugene.org>

*Online entries:*

*Mailed entries send to: Judi James 6237 Arbordale Dr SE, Salem, OR 97317  
Make checks out to: MyDogGym*

**30 dog limit**

**Evaluator ~ Debbie Kaser, Quail Valley, CA**

**For more information contact:**

**Chris Carter, [kristgsd@gmail.com](mailto:kristgsd@gmail.com) or (503) 931-0766**



**July 14, 2023**

**Walk Thru begins: TBA**

**Timber Linn Memorial Park**

**900 Price St SE**

**Albany, OR 97322**

# GSDCA TEMPERAMENT TEST ENTRY

**Hosted by GSDC of Greater Eugene**

**Friday—July 14, 2023**

**Evaluator: Debbie Kaser Quail Valley, CA**

**Open to All Breeds and All American Breeds**

**Pre-entry: \$40.00 Day of test: \$45.00 (if limit not reached)**

Mail entries to: Judi James 6237 Arbordale Dr SE, Salem, OR 97317

Payable to: MyDogGym

Timber Linn Memorial Park, 900 Price Rd SE, Albany, OR 97322

**DOGS MUST BE 12 MONTHS OR OLDER**

Dog's Call Name		Breed:
Reg. Name		
AKC #	DOB:	Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female
Sire:		
Dam:		
Owner:		
Address:		
City	ST:	Zip:
<p>Entry will be acknowledged if email address is provided. Additional entries may be taken day of test if limit not reached. Refunds will not be made for dogs not present for the test.</p> <p>In consideration of being permitted to participate in a Temperament Test sponsored by the GSDC of America and the above named regional club, the undersigned agrees that the GSDC of America, Inc. and the sponsoring regional Club are not responsible for any injuries or damages suffered by the persons or animals participating in the Temperament test during, before or after the actual test. By acting as spectator and/or participating in any capacity, I waive any right of actions against the GSDCA and will hold the GSDCA harmless if any action, or lack of action by my dog or by me results in any action against the sponsoring club.</p>		
Signature of Owner or Authorised Agent:		
Print Name		
Phone:	Email:	





**Premium List**  
**Willamette Valley English Springer Spaniel Association**  
**TWO AKC Temperament Tests**  
*Licensed by the American Kennel Club*  
Open to all breeds including All American Dogs listed in the AKC  
Canine Partners Program  
with preference to English Springer Spaniels  
Each test limited to 35 entries

**Sunday July 30, 2023**  
Hours: 9 am to 4 pm *Tests will run concurrently.*

**To be held at:**  
**Oregon State Fairgrounds**  
2310 – 17th St NE Salem, OR 97301

**DIRECTIONS** From Interstate 5 either direction, take Exit 256 (Market St). Turn West off the exit (toward McDonalds), Continue to 17<sup>th</sup> Street and turn left onto 17<sup>th</sup>. Cross Sunnyview Rd (traffic light) and fairgrounds is on your right. Turn right into the Red Gate. The building on the left is Columbia Hall. Go past Columbia Hall to the parking lot on the left. You may set up inside the building from the East doors facing the parking lot.

***TEST FEE \$30 for each test, \$25 for pre-entry***  
***Juniors/4-H exhibitors \$15 for each test***

**WV English Springer Spaniel Assoc. is offering an AKC Temperament Test** Sunday July 30, 2023 in conjunction with PNW Scent Work Club's event at Oregon State Fairgrounds, OR.

Pre-entries accepted starting June 26, 8 am through July 17, 23. TWO Tests at same site with two evaluators available. Each test limited to 35 entries

Pre-entry fee \$25 per test, Day of show \$30 for each test. Juniors & 4-H Exhibitors \$15 per test.

Premium list and entry form on AKC Event Calendar.

Judi James  
[rainspring.mdg@gmail.com](mailto:rainspring.mdg@gmail.com)  
971 239 5518

## **Sally Wells Classes**

**Contact Sally at [sallyw61@yahoo.com](mailto:sallyw61@yahoo.com) for inquiries.**

**11:30-1pm Tuesday Ring Prep class** at Trainers to the Rescue in Cornelius, Oregon. You taught the dog the skills, this class helps with the in between and the before and after parts of a trial. We may also do some distraction work, but that is not the core of the class. Class has a rolling enrollment (start whenever) with \$220 for a 6-week block or \$50 to drop in (need to check with me first to make sure there is room). For more information **contact Sally Wells** [sallyw61@yahoo.com](mailto:sallyw61@yahoo.com)

## **Nancy Seaman's Private and Classes**

**Contact Nancy to reserve your spot at [searis10@gmail.com](mailto:searis10@gmail.com) or (503) 307-037.**

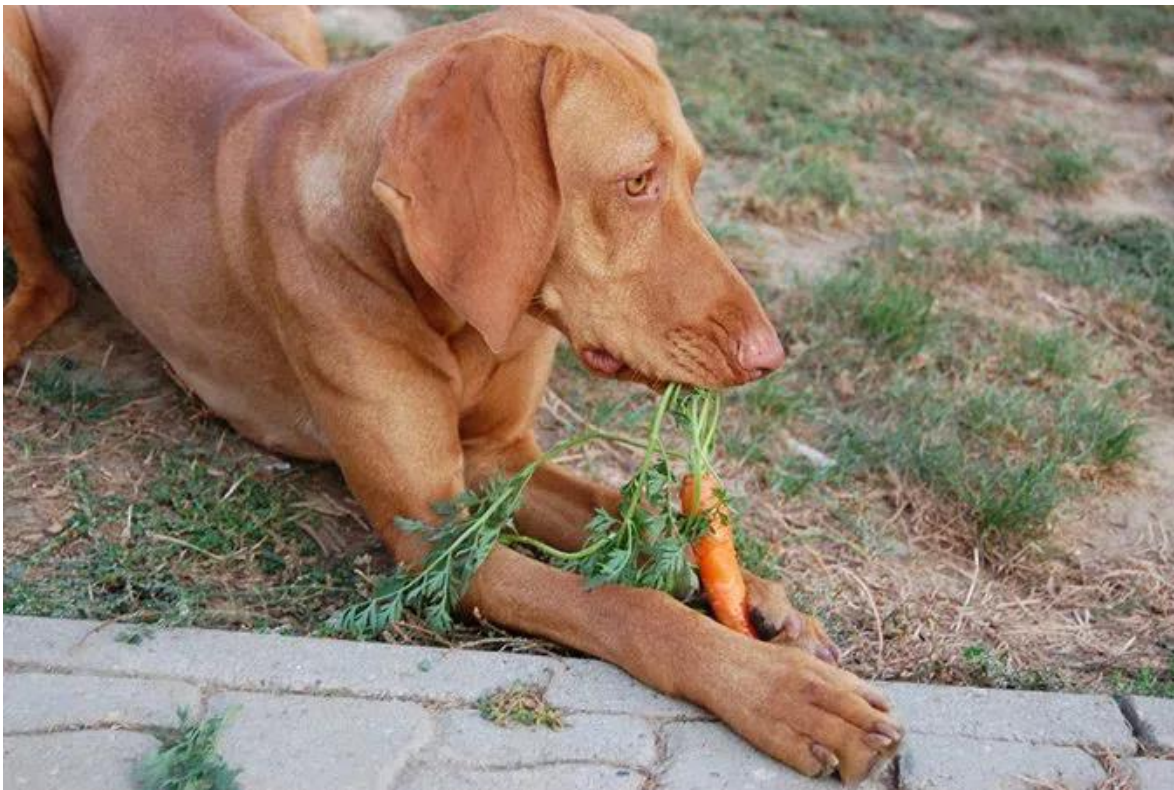
## **Auntie Sally's Pet Classes**

**Contact Sally Wojahn at [auntiesally2@frontier.com](mailto:auntiesally2@frontier.com).**



## What Vegetables Can Dogs Eat?

Vegetables can be a great addition to your dog's diet if you stick to those that are safe and hand out an appropriate amount. So which vegetables are good for dogs? Let's explore the best vegetables for dogs by veggie type.



Credit: Dreamstime

As omnivores, dogs can digest plants as well as meat. Many nutritionists believe a mixture of both is important for a healthy dog. My darling baby boy is a 12-year-old German Shorthair Pointer mix. When he was around 6 years old, he started to put on some weight. Based on a suggestion from a friend, I did some research on what vegetables dogs can eat, cut back on his commercial dog food, and added a handful of frozen green beans to his dinner. The vegetable slowed down the gobbling up of his food, added volume without many calories to help him feel full, and easily fit into my budget. The trick worked! My pup slimmed down.



# Which Vegetables Are Good for Dogs, And Which Aren't?

## **Leafy Greens**

A good rule for finding leafy greens that your dog can eat is to stick to those that you would consume. Lettuce, spinach, chard, cabbage, and kale are all okay for dogs. Besides being rich in vitamins A, C, and K, calcium, iron and potassium, leafy greens are also a good source of fiber. Much like humans, dogs get the most nutrients when the veggies are uncooked. Of course, if you want you can steam your dog's vegetables for something a little different, or bake them for a crunchier treat. The high fiber in leafy greens can cause some dogs to have an upset stomach after initially added to their diet. Introduce any new food slowly to keep your dog's tummy safe.

## **Root Vegetables**

In general root vegetables like carrots, beets, sweet potatoes and parsnips are safe to feed your dog. These vegetables are starchy and high in sugar, which means you do want to limit the amount you give to your dog (especially if his commercial or raw dog food already contains root vegetables – many do).

## **Stalks**

This includes vegetables like celery and asparagus. It may be a little harder to get your dog to enjoy these types of vegetables, but they are safe for dogs to eat. Some don't like the taste, and some find them hard to grind up in their teeth. To help, cut stalky vegetables into small pieces and/or steam them.

## **Squash**

Squash of all varieties are safe for dogs to eat. Pumpkin and butternut squash can help dogs with bouts of diarrhea, and most dogs don't mind the taste of squash. Use up all your excess summer squash from the garden by steaming it up for your dog, or cut up and bake this year's jack-o-lantern after Halloween for your dog to eat. It's best to limit your pup's consumption to the meat of the squash, keeping the seeds and skin away.

## **Legumes**

This vegetable group includes bean and alfalfa sprouts, mature beans such as kidney, pinto, and lentil, and peas. The topic of legumes in dog food has been in the news lately. The reason is due to a recent FDA update which states there are reports of canine dilated cardiopulmonary (DCM) in dogs eating pet foods containing legumes or potatoes high up on the ingredients list. If the protein of your dog's diet relies heavily on legumes or potatoes, you should not only avoid giving more of this plant group to your dog, but also consider reducing the levels of legumes in his main dog food, i.e., changing dog foods. *A note on green beans:* green beans may be the most widely-fed vegetable to dogs because of their taste and easy digestion. Please be aware that, despite their name, green beans are not actually classified as beans, and therefore do not warrant the limitations recommended for true legumes.

## **Alliums**

Alliums are bulb vegetables like onions, garlic, leeks, chives, and shallots. Do not give your dog access to these plants, as they are toxic to dogs. Negative side effects of eating onions or garlic for dogs range from a stomach ache to developing anemia which, at it is worse, can cause organs to shut down.

## **Broccoli, Brussel sprouts, Cauliflower, Corn and Cucumber**

All of these veggies are safe for your dog to munch on but, like other vegetables, keep it to small quantities – especially if your dog isn't used to eating these types of foods. Remember to take the corn off the cob before handing it over to your dog. Although the cob itself isn't bad for a dog to consume, it is easy to swallow in chunks or whole, which can cause choking or intestinal obstruction. Whenever changing your dog's diet make sure to check with your vet, go slow, and pay attention to your dog. If you follow these guidelines, adding vegetables to your pup's food can help him receive a more varied, nutritionally complete profile in his diet.

## **Tips for Feeding Your Dog Vegetables:**

\* Frozen bags of vegetables are often on sale. Stock up. Have a blend ready to grab in a Tupperware bowl in the freezer. \* If your pup is sensitive to the cold of a frozen vegetable, put a small bowl in the refrigerator for easy treat access. \* For a summer treat, add vegetables to a 1:1 mixture of chicken broth and water in an ice tray. Once frozen, pop out one or two for a delicious hot day treat. \* When cooking, set aside the unused vegetable trimmings that are safe for your dog to consume. A great no-waste alternative to throwing it in the garbage. \* If your dog does not want anything to do with vegetables and you want to supplement what he is getting in his regular diet, you can chop or puree them and mix them into his meals. For treats, adding some dog-safe peanut butter (no sugar, just peanuts) can get your dog started. Eventually you should be able to back off on the addition and feed the vegetable plain. \* Vegetables are a great reward in treat puzzle games. As always make sure you watch your dog when those are in use and that all edible treats are cleaned from the puzzle before storing away.







## Free to Good Home

Size 200 Petmate crate. In decent condition. 2 years old. Used once before new puppy owner decided to let the new arrival sleep on the bed. Has been stored in a shed so does have some rub marks on it. Pinch type door latch works.

Currently located in Gresham.

Contact Susie at [psuemac@frontier.com](mailto:psuemac@frontier.com)



Also free to good home.  
Bag of 100 training pads.  
Unopened. Was stored inside a crate.



**Thanks Em**

**UDX QQ. #22**

**Clackamas Kennel Club, June 23, 2023**

**We only showed one day, so thanks for making it worthwhile.**

**Carolyn Wray**





## SECRETARY'S PAGES

### **Dachshund Field Trials – Request to Hold Eight Trials Per Year**

The Board VOTED to approve a request from the Dachshund Club of America to increase the number of field trials a local club can hold per calendar year from four to eight. Clubs may start applying for additional events on or after June 1, 2023.

### **AKC Fetch, a New Family Dog Activity**

The Board VOTED to add a new titling program in AKC Family Dog called “AKC Fetch.” Beginning with the premise that one of the most popular activities that dog owners do with their dogs is retrieving a ball, AKC Fetch will be a fun program with four titling levels including Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, and Retriever.

By providing a source of exercise for dogs and owners, AKC Fetch has clear health benefits. Further, the skills learned for each of the titles (e.g., remaining steady at the line until the ball is released) are related to future success in other AKC sports. AKC Fetch titles will be a valuable addition to the existing AKC FIT DOG program.

AKC Fetch will be an official AKC Event for which an Event application must be submitted 30 days in advance of the event. The fee for the event application is \$35. AKC Fetch tests will appear on

the Events calendar so that they are easily accessible to participants.

- A dog must pass the test for each level twice to earn the title.
- AKC Fetch tests may be conducted by individual who have completed the online training modules.
- Evaluators will complete an online educational module for AKC Fetch
- Tests may be held in conjunction with other AKC events or as stand-alone events set up by evaluators.
- An event report (how many dogs tested, how many passed/failed) must be submitted within 7 days of the completion of the event.
- Owners that pass the test will apply for the AKC Fetch title through the Title Application Portal at a cost of \$30.00.

Sports & Events will begin accepting AKC Fetch titles on January 2, 2024. There will be a soft launch in early October so that evaluators may begin completing their AKC Fetch evaluator training.

### **Club Designation for Shikoku**

The American Shikoku Ken Club was designated as the Parent Club for the Breed, allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.



## RANDOM LITTLE TIDBITS (#92)

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...

### ***Saving Withdrawals from Your 200 Account***



Illustration by: Mari Meshan

### Today's Random Little Tidbit – Judging Resources - a Simple Click Away!

Back in the day (1950s-1980s) there were very few resources available to gain knowledge in one's journey to become an obedience judge. Even with limited resources there were a significant number of folks who applied to judge, and the sport has thrived as a result of their efforts and in their giving back to the sport.

#### In the timeframe of the 1950s-1980s we did not have available to us:

1. AKC seminars (Jim Dearing started the seminars in the late 1980s, I believe.)
2. Internet (1990s – thereabout for public)
3. Email (1990s, thereabout)
4. Chat sites, email discussion groups (1990s)
5. Facebook (2003), Twitter (2006), Instagram (2010), etc...
6. You Tube (2005)
7. Local Judge's Groups
8. AKC website (1995)
9. AKC Obedience & Rally Blog (2010s)

#### What was available "back in the day":

1. U.S. Mail
2. Obedience Regulations – U.S. Mail
3. Resources available: **AKC Gazettes, Chips, Front and Finish, National Club newsletters**, plus periodical judging articles.
4. Judges who were willing to talk about judging and share their knowledge with new folks during their journey.

Today there is "gobs" of information available just for the looking, asking or clicking! One needs to apply themselves as in any other endeavor. Researching today is super easy compared to our past; learn to be resourceful and use it!

#### To mention a few valuable resources available today for the hopeful judges, handlers and trainers:

1. AKC Obedience Regulations: <http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RO2999.pdf>
2. AKC Rally Regulations: [http://images.akc.org/pdf/AKC1193\\_ROR001\\_1217\\_WEB.pdf](http://images.akc.org/pdf/AKC1193_ROR001_1217_WEB.pdf)
3. AKC Rally Signs: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/28125055/Rally-Sign-Set-02272020.pdf>
4. Rally Signs and Descriptions: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/02112408/RALLY-MiniSignsDescriptions-8.25.2021.pdf>
5. AKC Obedience Judge's Education Program – NOW Available: <https://akcobedrlyjudges.wordpress.com/>
6. AKC Obedience & Rally Judge's Q & A Webinars: [Sign up to the Blog for announcements](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpkaTxdGkvl1PHaLrDIURVYnzUmnEnZGg), <https://akcobedrlyjudges.wordpress.com/about/>
7. AKC YouTube Novice Obedience: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpkaTxdGkvl1PHaLrDIURVYnzUmnEnZGg](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpkaTxdGkvl18nf4XKYezD-9Z_3YaCkBD)
8. AKC YouTube Open Obedience: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpkaTxdGkvl18nf4XKYezD-9Z\\_3YaCkBD](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpkaTxdGkvl18nf4XKYezD-9Z_3YaCkBD)
9. AKC YouTube Rally: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOmnrKKiM2kcaowVI3SxeVQ>
10. AKC Obedience & Rally Blog: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOmnrKKiM2kcaowVI3SxeVQ](https://akcobedrlyjudges.wordpress.com/about/)
11. AKC Judging process: [https://akcobedrlyjudges.wordpress.com/about/](https://akcobedrlyjudges.wordpress.com/2022/04/14/obedience-and-rally-judging-application-updates-april-2022/)
12. Obedience Judging Requirements: [https://akcobedrlyjudges.wordpress.com/2022/04/14/obedience-and-rally-judging-application-updates-april-2022/](https://www.akc.org/sports/obedience/obedience-judging-information/akc-obedience-judging-requirements/)
13. Obedience Questions: [https://www.akc.org/sports/obedience/obedience-judging-information/akc-obedience-judging-requirements/](mailto:obedience@akc.org)
14. Rally Judging Requirements: [obedience@akc.org](https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-judging-information/akc-rally-judging-requirements/)
15. Rally Questions: [https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-judging-information/akc-rally-judging-requirements/](mailto:rally@akc.org)
16. AKC Gazette: [rally@akc.org](https://www.akc.org/products-services/magazines/akc-gazette/)
17. AKC Library and Archives: [https://www.akc.org/products-services/magazines/akc-gazette/](https://www.akc.org/about/archive/)
18. AKC Webpage: [https://www.akc.org/about/archive/](https://www.akc.org/)
19. Dog-Talk and Random Little Tidbit articles: [https://www.akc.org/](https://saintbernardarchive.com/library/)
20. Front & Finish – The Dog Trainer's News: [https://saintbernardarchive.com/library/](https://frontandfinish.com/)
21. Join a Judge's email list and/or forums or Facebook Groups
22. Join or start a local Obedience/Rally Judges Meeting Group (see next page)



*The following is authored by Obedience & Rally judge (my wife) Sue Cox. Along with Fred Marsh, Sue started our **Pacific Northwest Obedience & Rally Judges Group** and has shared other ideas to assist people in their journey to apply to judge. Note there are other areas of the U.S.A. which have similar judging groups.*

***Ask around to join in or start a judges group in your area!***

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"Do you have judges in your area that you respect and would contact about spending some ringside time with you reviewing judging? The chat should cover ring set up, steward instructions, judging positions, handling out-of-the-ordinary judging situations, judging philosophy and some scoring. Perhaps this judge would be at a trial to show their own dog and have some time to sit ringside with you. Or, they might also be willing to give up part of a day to share their knowledge and experience with you. You'll never know if you don't ask!

"When I have mentioned our judges group in the Pacific Northwest, several have commented they have very few.....if any.....judges in their local area. Having such a group is valuable to judge hopefuls, new judges and experienced judges! Perhaps your fellow judges would be willing to get together once or twice a year at a location reasonably convenient to the judges in a general area.

"I was aware of two judge's groups in California.....one in the Bay Area and the other in Southern California.....and along with another local judge (Fred Marsh) decided to see if there was interest in forming a group in the Pacific Northwest. There was! Our first meeting was a brunch gathering at a restaurant on February 25, 2001 and 17 judges from Washington and Oregon were present. We had a lively discussion where everyone contributed. At that meeting we agreed on a few 'rules.' First, we wouldn't really have any rules (no By-Laws or Standing Rules). We agreed on a name: Pacific Northwest Obedience Judges, later changed to include Rally judges. We agreed to each contribute \$5 for 'dues.' If we needed to add to the treasury later, we'd collect another \$5, but we've never had to do that. We've welcomed Canadian judges who judge AKC trials along with individuals interested in becoming an AKC judge. We sponsored an AKC Continuing Education Seminar restricted to judges and wannabe judges and continued to offer those seminars every three years to meet the requirements. Though we didn't aim to make a profit, we always had a modest financial gain and that covered our meeting and other minor expenses until the next seminar. We met at private training facilities sometimes, and then often at Cabela's about mid-way between the Seattle and Portland areas. We continue to meet twice a year and there have only been two or three times when a meeting was cancelled because just a handful could make it. One member arranged for us to hold Zoom meetings during Covid times. We have no officers and we're not a 'legal' organization. Thus, we can't have a bank account in the group name. The bank John and I use allows some separate accounts so we have one in our names designated as the 'Judges Group Account.' We no longer will need to have funds available to host future AKC Continuing Education Seminars. We have a nice treasury so at our most recent in-person meeting in March 2023 a catered lunch was provided. Paying a modest price to use a private training facility for 4 hours or so on a Saturday or Sunday will be covered by our existing funds. We'll also return to 'bring your own lunch' gatherings. Having coffee and snacks/dessert makes for a pleasant gathering; these items can be donated by those attending.

"What do we cover at our meetings? Just about any topic related to judging. About half of the program time is spent on obedience and the remaining time is devoted to judging rally. We never lack for questions and discussion! The program where we each completed a confidential questionnaire regarding our judging fees (and what expenses we charged) was of particular interest to the group.

"If starting up a group in your area is of interest to you, inquire among the other area judges to see if there's interest in getting together once or twice a year. It's a challenge to find a date where most of the judges are available and there are no local trials, but you might be able to hold an evening gathering following a trial in the area and involve the out-of-town judges too. One of my goals for our group was to have individual judges become acquainted with one another, especially the newer judges who might feel more inclined to discuss judging with the more experienced judges. It has been very pleasing to see this happen. We each want to do a good job of judging.....and help new, upcoming judges learn from our experience so they will become good judges and be good for the future our dog sport.

"If you have questions about starting a judges group, don't hesitate to ask or write to me at [dog-talk@comcast.net](mailto:dog-talk@comcast.net)"

Check out Tidbit #82 for more on this subject matter.

**Blog Address:** <https://akcobedrvjudges.wordpress.com/about/> Sign up to receive updates.

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I asked a question this month –

**With All the newer Dog Sports are you finding traditional Obedience less of a draw for you?**

Hi Darlene

Connie Cleveland just sent an email with that exact title...obedience is hard.

And it is not natural to the majority of dogs. The new sports really engage and build on dogs' natural abilities and drives...scenting, trailing, chasing, digging, leaping...to name a few...add the breed specific sports like herding, retrieving and digging (for rodents) ...and you bet, obedience has lost its draw.

Now I was blessed with two dogs - Laney and Taura - who really loved heads up heeling and Laney loved being in the obedience ring to boot. But now I have a dog who does NOT love being in the ring and also does not love heads up heeling when there are worrisome or more interesting things to look at. Food helps...one could perhaps say that food re-engages natural drives...but obedience has not and will never incorporate it in training.

I also wonder - almost 50 years into dog training - if dogs "back then" were different...tougher...more able to endure and succeed in obedience (and field trials) with much harsher training methods. Washouts didn't. Today we don't have washouts...we go on to other sports.

Just my two cents but I have given this a lot of thought in the last 3-4 years.

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Did you see Connie Cleveland's recent blog? Carolyn Wray

With Permission here is the articles:

# Obedience is Hard!

Jun 23, 2023



Today we talk about soccer moms, growing up, I had a dog show mom. We competed together in the 1970s, and she introduced me to every venue available. I competed in Junior Showmanship, Conformation, Obedience, Tracking, and Field Trials.

While in college and for several years after, I only competed in obedience. It was a good match for my available time and money. Many years later, I became involved in field trials again.

The two sports intrigue me for very different reasons. In the field, my dogs are naturally motivated to play the game. I love the challenge of requiring the dog to be obedient when his instinct is telling him not to be.

Conversely, in obedience, I must train my dog to perform many behaviors that are not naturally motivating. It is my job to teach the dog, not only how to perform the exercises, but to love the activity.

If you are like me, intrigued by the difficulty that obedience offers, and your goal is to have motivated dogs that are having fun performing, consider this challenge!



## *Take the Challenge*

# A motivated dog that's having *fun* performing



### **1. Accept the Obvious- Obedience is Hard!**

Today, there are lots of venues available. Some are more time-consuming and difficult than others, but they are all more naturally motivating than obedience. The scenting sports (Tracking, Nose Work, Barn Hunt) focus on a natural skill. Once a dog can navigate the Agility obstacles, the speed and excitement of the event is a great motivator. Breed-specific sports such as carting, herding, and water tests, are designed to be instinctively motivating for the dog participating. Motivating a dog in the Rally ring, is allowed as handlers can talk to their dogs.

### **2. Agree to the Goal- To Teach Your Dog to be Engaged and Enjoy Training.**

I want you to wake up every morning, and think “I can’t wait to go train my dog. We are going to have so much fun!” When your dog is engaged and enjoys training, you will both have fun! You will be thrilled by the communication the two of you develop!

### **3. Find the Most Powerful Reward for Your Dog!**

This might be food, or a toy, or a game (tug-o-war), and perhaps you are fortunate enough to have several rewards that your dog finds important. You cannot count on the obedience activity to be self-rewarding. Your dog may enjoy retrieving, jumping, or even heeling, but for the less motivating activities (ie. sitting straight or pivoting accurately), you need a powerful reward available.

### **4. Make a List of Momentum Builders, Momentum Killers, and Momentum Neutral Exercises**

Get a piece of paper and create three columns. Momentum Builders are the activities your dog already enjoys (ie. Jumping, Retrieving, etc. ) Momentum Killers are the skills/exercises your dog does not enjoy. The third column is Momentum Neutral for the skills/exercises that do not seem to affect your dog’s attitude one way or another.

For example, perhaps this describes your dog:

### ***Momentum Builder***

Retrieve on the Flat  
Retrieve Over Jump

### ***Momentum Killer***

Pivots  
Command  
Discrimination

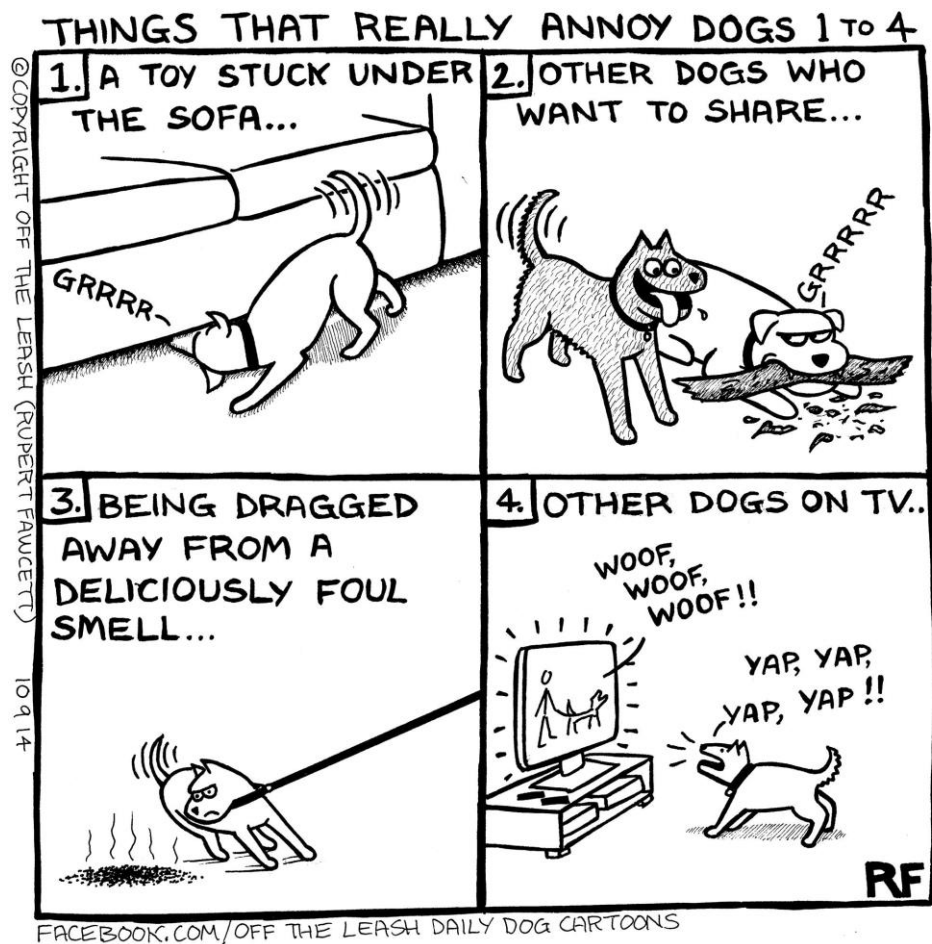
### ***Momentum Neutral***

Broad Jump  
Finishes

*I believe we share the same goal...to have motivated dogs that are having fun performing.*

*Join this week's challenge to **Accept, Agree, Find, and Make your list!***

<https://www.obedienceroad.com/blog/obedience-is-hard>





# Obedience is Hard! Take the Challenge - Part II

Jun 30, 2023



Last week, I talked about the unique challenge of Obedience. Many sports are naturally motivating for a dog to perform, while much about obedience is not. It is our job to teach our dogs to love the skills and exercises. When we train, we want our dogs to be engaged, motivated, and we want to have fun training.

Previously, I asked you to make a list of your dog's momentum builders, momentum killers and momentum neutral skills and exercises.

This week let's start changing your dog's attitude about the skills/exercises in the momentum killer and momentum neutral columns. You can do that if you understand how to effectively use your Reward Marker.

Please [watch this video](#). In it, my husband, Pat Nolan, and I explain that when we connect behavior to a Reward Marker, the behavior becomes rewarding.

Using a Reward Marker correctly involves good timing. [Watch this video for a demonstration](#).



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## Here's your new assignment.

1. Pick an exercise on your dog's list of Momentum Killer or Momentum Neutral exercises.



2. Video your training session and practice using your reward marker to capture a moment your dog is performing as you desire.

3. When you review your video, watch for these common mistakes:

- **Do not say anything before the marker:** For example, when the dog sits in front of you, “mark” it, with a “Yes!” The same is true when using a clicker. There is no reason to speak before the click.
- **Mark first, then reach for your reward:** Your dog should hear your verbal marker before he sees you reach for the reward. If you reach too soon, your dog will start watching your hands and connect your behavior with a reward instead of his behavior.

If you avoid these two mistakes, you can clearly communicate to your dog exactly what he is doing that earns him a reward. Your dog will start to perform faster and with enthusiasm as he understands what makes reward happen.

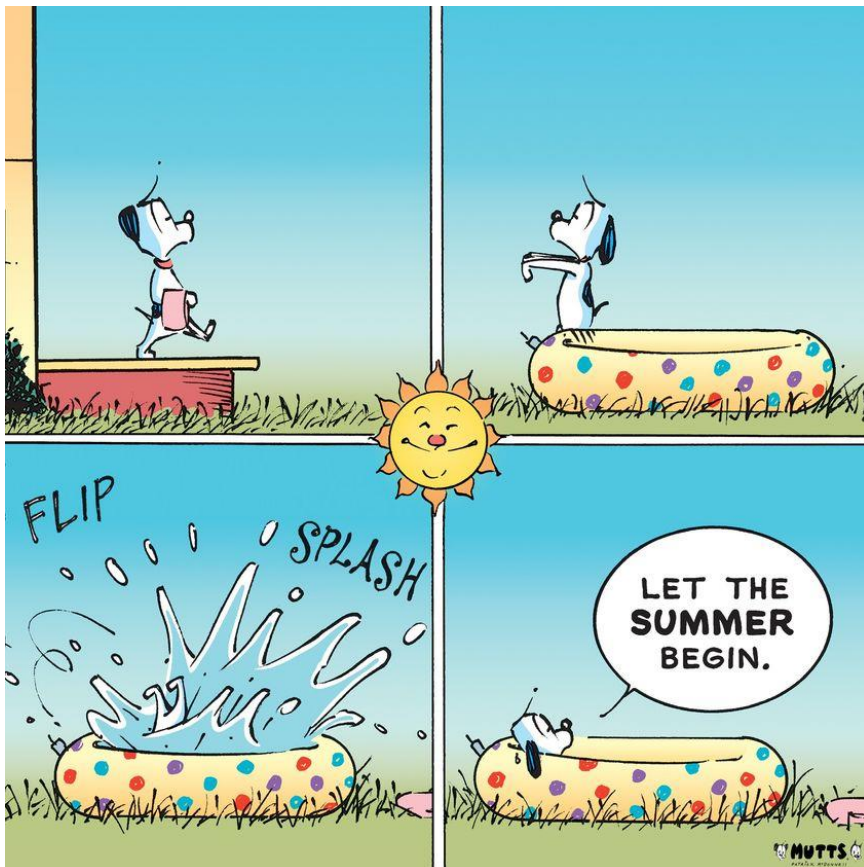
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If you are trying to improve an exercise and are unsure when to use a Reward Marker to indicate exactly what you desire, send me an email so I can help.

When your dog starts to enjoy the exercises that were momentum killers, you are ready for the next step. Can he pay attention and perform that exercise off-leash, in distracting environments? I have more information to share with you about that. Look for an email from me next week.

Sincerely,

~ Connie <https://www.obedienceroad.com/blog/Obedience-is-hard-pt2>





## Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is becoming more prevalent in certain parts of the country with each passing year. Learn more about Lyme disease symptoms, treatment, and prevention in our dogs.



Photo by Crispin la Valiente, Getty Photos.

This photo looks like a Lyme disease recruitment poster! Keeping your dog on a trail and out of tall grass or shrubs can help limit his exposure to ticks. Hopefully, the man is wearing permethrin-treated clothing and the dog received both a tick-preventative medication and a Lyme disease vaccine.

Each spring and summer brings increased chatter on the internet about tick-borne diseases, particularly Lyme disease. For those of us who live in the Northeastern, Mid-Atlantic, upper Midwestern, or Pacific Coast states, Lyme disease is a year-round problem.

The most prevalent cause of Lyme disease in dogs (and humans!) is the spirochete bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi*, which is transmitted through the bite and feeding of infected black-legged ticks. These ticks remain attached to their host for two or more days. If a tick is a carrier of *B. burgdorferi*, it typically begins transmitting the bacteria to its host after being attached for 24 to 48 hours.

# Symptoms of Lyme disease in dogs

Only about 5% to 10% of dogs who have become infected with *B. burgdorferi* will develop symptoms of Lyme disease. Of these dogs, most will develop Lyme arthritis. The first symptoms of this are acute lethargy, lameness in one or more limbs, fever, one or more swollen joints, and enlarged lymph nodes. These dogs feel lousy; they have no energy and typically will have no desire to eat or drink.

A smaller percentage of dogs who have become infected with *B. burgdorferi* will develop Lyme nephritis (inflammation of the kidneys). Dogs with Lyme nephritis may show a chronic history of weight loss, lethargy, vomiting, and inappetence. Their water intake gradually increases over a period of two or more weeks and they urinate more often. In advanced stages, dogs may develop edema (puffiness) of their limbs.

Contrary to what is seen in humans, dogs do not develop a bulls-eye rash after a tick bite that transmits *B. burgdorferi*. Dogs may develop a small bulls-eye lesion on their skin after being bitten by ticks, mosquitoes, or black flies. This is related to the insect bite itself, not the transmission of tick-borne disease.

## Treatment of Lyme disease in Dogs

Dogs with suspected Lyme arthritis are typically treated with an antibiotic called doxycycline for 30 days. An analgesic such as gabapentin may be prescribed to alleviate the joint pain. Response to therapy is typically rapid, with most dogs showing resolution of their symptoms in the first 24 to 72 hours of starting doxycycline.

Unfortunately, a complete course of doxycycline may not clear all of the Lyme bacteria from your dog's body. *B. burgdorferi* has been shown to be very good at evading the immune system and may hide in select body tissues for years after treatment.

Lyme nephritis is a condition that is not well understood. It is suspected that, in a valiant attempt to clear *B. burgdorferi* from the body, the immune system causes irreparable damage to the kidneys. The portion of the kidney that is damaged is the glomerulus – the filtration unit of the kidney. This condition is called immune-complex glomerulonephritis (ICGN).

Dogs with Lyme nephritis are treated like any other dog who has ICGN, regardless of the cause. Treatment may include hospitalization with IV fluids and medications for high blood pressure, protein loss through the kidneys, vomiting and nausea, and prevention of abnormal clotting, in addition to treatment with doxycycline and an immunosuppressant. Unfortunately, the prognosis for dogs with Lyme nephritis is poor.



# How Lyme Disease Is Diagnosed

Diagnosis of Lyme disease is challenging. *B. burgdorferi* travels through a dog's skin and other tissues, like joints and tendons. Although *B. burgdorferi* can rarely be found in the bloodstream, this does not appear to be its preferred mode of travel in the body.

Since *B. burgdorferi* is rarely found in the bloodstream, the blood tests currently available for Lyme disease instead measure a dog's antibodies to *B. burgdorferi*. A positive "Lyme test" – more accurately, a *B. burgdorferi* antibody titer test – tells us that a dog has been exposed to *B. burgdorferi* and has developed antibodies to that bacteria, but does not tell us if a dog's symptoms are being caused by Lyme disease.

A different type of test looks for *B. burgdorferi* itself. This bacteria prefers to live in a dog's body tissues – like skin, joints, and tendons – so we can use a PCR (*polymerase chain reaction*) test that can detect the genetic material from *B. burgdorferi* in a tissue sample. Collection of these samples is a little more invasive than obtaining a blood sample. It involves taking a biopsy sample of skin or other tissue or obtaining a sample of joint fluid from an affected joint. Skin biopsy samples need to be obtained from the site where the tick bit your dog. Since many tick bites go undetected, it may be nearly impossible to know where to obtain a skin biopsy sample. Joint fluid can be obtained from the joint that is sore and swollen. A positive PCR test confirms a definitive diagnosis of Lyme disease.

Many veterinary hospitals use rapid blood tests for Lyme disease that provide a result in about 10 minutes. These tests detect antibodies that your dog has developed to *B. burgdorferi*. If your dog is showing symptoms of Lyme disease *and* he tests positive on the rapid blood test, your veterinarian may draw the conclusion that your dog's symptoms are being caused by an active Lyme infection and prescribe a course of doxycycline. If your dog's symptoms resolve within 24 to 72 hours of starting doxycycline, his symptoms were most likely caused by Lyme disease.

If symptoms continue – your dog does *not* improve after 72 hours of doxycycline – then there is likely a different cause for his symptoms. The positive test indicates that your dog was exposed to *B. burgdorferi* and mounted an immune response to that infection at some point, but if doxycycline did not reduce or eliminate your dog's symptoms, they are very likely being caused by something else. Your veterinarian may want to re-examine your dog and order additional diagnostics.

Tick analyses have shown that many ticks carry more than one disease-causing bacteria. If your dog tests positive for Lyme, talk to your veterinarian about testing for other tick-borne diseases that are common in your area.

What if a rapid blood test is positive – again, meaning that your dog was exposed to *B. burgdorferi* and developed antibodies to that bacteria – but has no symptoms whatsoever? It turns out that *most* dogs who are exposed to *B. burgdorferi* are subclinical for Lyme disease; they never show symptoms of Lyme disease but they may test positive on their annual combination heartworm/tick test.

Treating a seropositive, non-symptomatic dog with a course of doxycycline is controversial; there is no consensus in the veterinary community on whether treatment might possibly be beneficial or is an unnecessary use of antibiotics that can contribute to antibiotic resistance. If your dog meets this description, discuss the pros and cons of treatment with your veterinarian.

## Life Cycle of the Black-Legged Tick

*Borrelia burgdorferi*, the bacterial spirochete that causes Lyme disease, is transmitted through the bite and feeding of the black-legged tick. There are two species of the black-legged tick. In the Northeastern, Mid-Atlantic, and upper Midwestern states, *Ixodes scapularis* is responsible for transmitting Lyme disease. In the Pacific Coast states, *Ixodes pacifica* is the culprit.

Black-legged ticks have a two-year, four-stage life cycle. The first stage is the egg that is laid by an adult female tick in the spring of year one. Each egg develops a larval tick that hatches from the egg in summer. The larval stage of the tick is extremely small – about the size of a poppy seed – and has six legs.



A tick is shown “questing” – hanging onto grass and waving its front legs, waiting for an animal to walk by that it can grab onto. Photo by kmatija, Getty Photos.

Larval ticks need a blood meal from a suitable host to complete their transition to the next life stage. Both species of *Ixodes* larval ticks feed on mice, squirrels, shrews, and birds. *Ixodes pacifica* larval ticks also feed on lizards. The white-footed mouse is the reservoir for the bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi*. Larval ticks that feed on an infected white-

footed mouse become infected with and carriers of *B. burgdorferi*.

Once the larval ticks have obtained a blood meal, they morph into nymph ticks between the fall of year one and the spring of year two. Nymphs are about twice the size of larval ticks (still really small!) and have eight legs.

Nymph ticks need a blood meal to morph into an adult tick, so they look for something a little bigger – like dogs, cats, and humans. If the nymph tick picked up *B. burgdorferi* when it was a larval tick, that nymph tick can transmit *B. burgdorferi* to its new host.

Nymphs morph into adult ticks in the fall of year two. Adult ticks are about twice the size of nymph ticks. They look for their final blood meal from a suitable host (such as deer, humans, and dogs) before winter sets in. Again, if the adult tick was a carrier for *B. burgdorferi* as a nymph, the adult tick can transmit *B. burgdorferi* to its new host.

Adult ticks’ mate while on deer in the spring. The male tick dies after mating. The female tick leaves the deer host and lays thousands of eggs in the environment. The female tick dies after laying her egg cache.

During the winter months, nymph and adult ticks will seek shelter in leaf litter, shady places, and under snow. If the ambient temperature rises above 37 degrees Fahrenheit and their snow shelters have melted, nymph and adult ticks that did not find a suitable host in the fall will actively seek a host for a blood meal in the winter.

## How to Prevent Lyme Disease

There is no way to completely prevent your dog from developing Lyme disease. But you can reduce the risk of him being exposed to *B. burgdorferi* with the following three-pronged approach:

- Use a high-quality flea/tick preventative all year long. Nymph and adult ticks can become active in winter when the ambient temperature is above 37 degrees Fahrenheit and there is no snow on the ground.
- Check your dog nightly for ticks. Ticks that are removed within 24 hours of attaching to your dog are less likely to transmit *burgdorferi*.
- Talk to your veterinarian about vaccinating your dog for Lyme disease if you live in a region where *Burgdorferi* is prevalent. Most Lyme vaccines are more than 90% effective at preventing Lyme disease. But like most vaccines, their effectiveness can wane over time.

Lyme and other tick-borne diseases are here to stay. But we can take preventive measures to minimize our risk of exposure, both for us and our dogs.

### How Ticks Find Your Dog (and You!)



Removing ticks before they bite your dog, or as soon as possible after they bite, will reduce the chance for a potential infection with *B. Burgdorferi*, so don't skip those post-walk tick checks!

Photo by Nancy Kerns

Contrary to popular belief, ticks do not jump, fly, or fall from trees. They hang out on blades of grass, at the top of leaf litter, or on the tips of shrubs. They hang onto vegetation with their rear legs and wave their front legs while waiting for a suitable host to come along. This activity is called questing.

When you or your dog brushes up against the tick's hangout, the tick grabs on to you or your dog with their front legs. Then the tick spends 30 minutes to two hours or more walking all over their new host's body, looking for the perfect spot to insert their mouthparts and begin taking a blood meal. This is often in a warm location on the body, such as the armpits, groin, neck, or ears.

Wearing clothing that has been treated with permethrin can help prevent ticks from hitching a ride on you and your dog. Permethrin causes a condition called "hot-foot" with ticks. A tick's legs have a burning sensation when they make contact with permethrin, and they run away as quickly as possible.




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**Clean Run**

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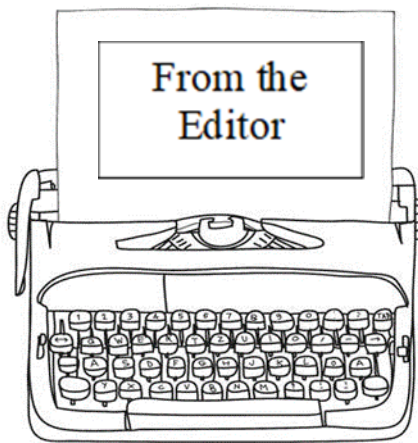
# tip of the month



**Here's a tip for your next seminar or lesson. Grab two toys that are the same, that your dog really likes, and that can be easily tossed. Give one to the instructor and keep the other one. Both you and your instructor can throw the toy if you feel your dog should be rewarded. When you both throw the toy for the same behavior, it's great feedback that you are rewarding at the appropriate time. But, if you get too caught up in the moment, the dog will still be rewarded quickly for a behavior the instructor feels should be reinforced. This also helps some dogs focus less on the toy you have because they aren't sure where the reinforcement will come from next. If you have a training buddy you can also use this technique when working together. 🐾**

## Maureen Scheall





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