



Sherwood Dog Training Club

AKC License Club

August 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

Vice President: Linda Ruedy

Secretary: Jill Faulmann

Treasurer: Jill Faulmann

Board: Robin Murphy

Board: Darlene Brushwein

Newsletter: Darlene Brushwein

Website:

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



We will have a Zoom SDTC Meeting

August 3, 2022

7:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88463191226?pwd=aytmcnE2Q2FRNUxnMGZEZUoyQUplUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 6319 1226

Passcode: 521539

Jill Faulmann, Secretary, SDTC



Sherwood Dog Training Club plans for 2022.
Forms can be found <https://www.sherwooddtc.org/services>

September 4, 2022
Intraclub Obedience Match

We will be hosting an Intraclub Obedience Intra-Club Match, September 4th
Sherwood Oregon, Cash's Arena
The participation form is below.

September 17 & 18, 2022
Obedience Trials

ONE RING / Sherwood Oregon, Cash's Arena
Judge: Cathy Dutra

Closing Date is August 31st

Premium: https://jill.formstack.com/forms/entry_form_copy_1_copy_copy



We need 3 stewards for Saturday, September 17th
Contact Darlene Brushwein
Email: darlenebrushwein@msn.com

Thank you to Laurie Beck, Dee Pigman, and
Jan Lentz for volunteering on Sunday, September 18th

Sunday September 4 2022 SDTC Intra-Club Match Entry Form

Use separate entry for each dog • ENTRIES CLOSE 8-29-2022 or when limits are reached

All runs \$10 for 10 minutes. Please plan to help run through other dogs by calling the exercises or stewarding.

Run order and other information will be emailed out to entrants by 9-1-2022

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

e-mail: _____ phone(s) _____

Dog's Call Name: _____ Breed _____

Class: (indicate # of runs requested next to the class) _____ Beg Novice _____ Novice _____ Grad Novice
_____ Open _____ Grad Open _____ Utility

Obedience Jump Height: _____

Amount enclosed for this dog: _____

By signing this entry form, the exhibitor agrees to the following. Unsigned forms will be returned along with all fees.

I hereby release the Sherwood Dog Training Club, Inc., the Owners of Cash Arena other animal owners, property owners, instructors, spectators, and/or any other participants from any and all liability for accidents, injuries and/or damages to me, my dog or property caused by participation in any activities including the period of time immediately prior to and/or immediately after the conclusion thereof so long as the animals are located on the premises designated for the activity. I understand that by participation, I am a joint venture participant and assume all liability for injury to my dog, my property or myself occasioned by this participation. This waiver shall be effective from the date of signing.

To the best of my knowledge, I attest that I do not have or have symptoms of COVID-19 at the time of attending this event. I will not have knowingly been in contact with or exposed to any known carrier of COVID-19 within the past 14 days. I agree that I am attending this event entirely at my own risk and take full responsibility for my own health and safety during this event. I will not hold SDTC or any other person affiliated with the event in any way liable for any present or future COVID-19 exposure or illness incurred during or after this event. I agree to follow all SDTC, county, state and CDC rules and requirements to reduce spread and possible exposure to this virus.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

SEND ENTRY WITH FEES TO:

Betty Rose, 2015 SW 204th Ave, Beaverton OR 97003

MAKE CHECK OUT TO SDTC

Questions? bettyrose97070@yahoo.com or darlenebrushwein@msn.com



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The AKC Board of Directors approved regulation changes at their July 2022 meeting. Below is a summary of some of those changes.

Fun Matches No Longer Limited to Only Club Members

Match Regulations were changed to allow fun matches to be available for all exhibitors, not just members of the club. AKC clubs are encouraged to hold fun matches open to the public to introduce new dog owners to their club and the sports. Fun matches may be held in conjunction with a licensed event (on the same day and location), or they may be an independent event. This change is effective immediately.

Rally to Allow More Participation in the Rally “A” Classes

Rally Regulations were modified to allow exhibitors who have earned the Obedience Beginner Novice (BN) title to be eligible to enter the Rally “A” classes (Rally Novice A, Rally Advanced A and/or Rally Excellent A). This change is effective for trials held on or after October 3, 2022.



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/>

Upcoming UKC Shows

August 5-7, 2022

UKC Western Classic

Longview, WA

O, RO, Agility, Conformation, Weight Pull

Nov. 5 & 6, 2022

Lilac City Dog Training Club

Spokane, WA

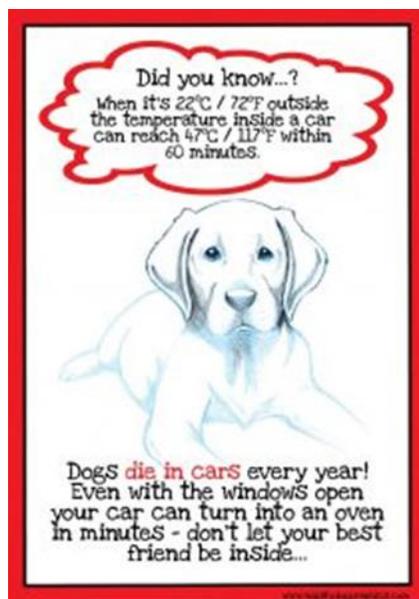
O, RO

Nov 18-20, 2022

Canine Action Pack

Cornelius, OR

O, RO





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

PNW SW Club hosting AKC Scent Work Trial

October 28-30, 2022 at Oregon State Fairgrounds.

Be on lookout for premium list and more details.

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We have a variety of classes with openings available right now.
Take a look and let the instructors know if you are interested these training opportunities.

Sally's Classes

- Rally
- Foundation for Competition
- Ring Prep Tuesday
- **Contact Sally at sallyw61@yahoo.com for inquiries**

Cindy's Classes

- Ring Prep Saturday
- Open-Utility Wednesday
- **Contact Cindy at trainerstotherescue@gmail.com for inquiries**

Nancy Seaman's Classes

Want to improve your dog training?

Nancy Seaman has openings for all levels of obedience lessons and classes

Something to consider. Taking a private lesson when a current student cannot attend.

- **Contact Nancy**
 - ❖ **By email: searis10@gmail.com**
 - ❖ **Call or Text: (503) 307-0373**

Auntie Sally's Pet Classes

- Openings in adult and puppy classes
- Please let your friends with pet dogs and puppies know
- You can **contact Sally Wojahn at auntiesally2@frontier.com**

How to Puppy-Proof Your Summer Vacation

Wednesday, July 13, 2022 / <https://www.tasteofthewildpetfood.com/health/how-to-puppy-proof-summer-vacation/>



 Taste of
the Wild

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Summer vacation with an adult dog is typically smooth sailing for experienced pet parents. But add a puppy to the mix, and all of a sudden you can be in rough waters. Traveling with a puppy can be quite a bit different than traveling with a fully grown, fully trained dog, so here are some things to think about before you embark on your vacation.

THE FIRST PLACE TO CHECK IN IS WITH YOUR VETERINARIAN

Before you pack your bags and head out the door on that long-awaited vacation, take a trip to the veterinarian first. They will make sure your puppy is healthy enough to travel and up-to-date on their vaccinations and parasite treatments. You should also share your destination with your veterinarian to see if there are any other recommended vaccinations or parasite treatments for that area. Ask your veterinarian for a copy of your pup's vaccination records to take with you, and if you are travelling out of state, you may need a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI).

It is a good idea to have your veterinarian microchip your puppy before you go, and you should check that their collar ID tags have your current information. If you are concerned that your puppy may wander off on their own adventure, GPS trackers are available to help you find your puppy using your phone, if it comes to that.

IS YOUR PUPPY READY TO EXPLORE?

You want your vacation to be a fun experience for everyone, but that is not likely to happen if your puppy is cowering between your legs at every stop along the way. It is best to make sure your puppy is well-socialized before you go, so they will not be terrified of all the new people and places. They should also be able to follow basic commands to keep them safe while you are out and about.

Potty training is another item on the “Is Puppy ready for a vacation?” checklist. Even if they are potty trained, they will need frequent stops (more than an adult dog), so make sure you factor that in when planning your vacation route and schedule. If your puppy has not mastered socialization or training skills yet, it might be best for your puppy to have a staycation until they are further along in their training program.

It’s also a good idea to get your puppy used to being in the car (if that’s how you’re going to travel). While in the car, they should be restrained in an anchored crate or carrier to stay safe (and not distract the driver), so make sure they become accustomed to the crate or carrier as well. Start with a short drive around the block and then gradually lengthen the drive time as they become familiar with car travel. They will be howling along to your road trip playlist in no time.

A COZY PLACE FOR THE NIGHT

If you think your puppy is ready for a night away from home, you will need a puppy-friendly place to sleep. Wherever your adventure takes you for the night — camping, hotel, friend’s house — you will need to make sure your puppy feels comfortable and stays safe. It is probably a good idea to bring a crate for your puppy to sleep in, no matter where you are staying, so they can have a familiar place to sleep (with their favorite blankie and toys), *and* it will keep them from getting into any nighttime mischief.

If you are staying in pet-friendly lodgings, you may want to take a closer look at that pet deposit fine print, because well, they *are* a puppy, and accidents (potty or chewing) do happen — there is a chance you may not be getting that deposit back. If you are planning on staying with friends or family, do they know you are bringing a new high-energy family member with you? Your house might be puppy-proofed, but is theirs? Things to consider before you show up at the front door!

IS EVERYWHERE ON YOUR ITINERARY PUPPY-FRIENDLY?

You have made your list of must-see places and must-do activities, but wait — do those places allow pets? It is not just where you will sleep that you will need to think about when it comes to puppy-friendly places. You also need to think about what you are doing during the day and what you will do with your puppy while you are there. Can they go with you, or will they need a safe place to stay while you are out? Dogs of any age should not be left alone in the car, and leaving a puppy in a hotel room with endless opportunities for an unsupervised chewing session is not the best idea (or safe). Look at your daytime itinerary and see if it needs some tweaking.

Also keep in mind that puppies need a lot of rest — their growing bodies are not ready for strenuous activity just yet. You may want to skip the four-mile hike up a mountain or the long walk on a beach for now. Make sure your plan for the day has plenty of opportunities for your puppy to take a break, and if it is a hot day, indoor activities are the best idea.

One last thing to remember while you’re on vacation with your puppy: be flexible. Puppies need extra care and attention, and delays to your schedule are inevitable. But sometimes those unexpected stops make the best memories!



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 behavior and reward that behavior. Asking for a simple behavior ensures we are not rewarding our dog for something that we do not want. There is a massive difference between 'purposeful' and 'mindless' reinforcing.

The behavior 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 is a simple behavior 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 behavior, and reinforce that!

Dog training requires mechanical skills, so we *will* make errors, and that is 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.

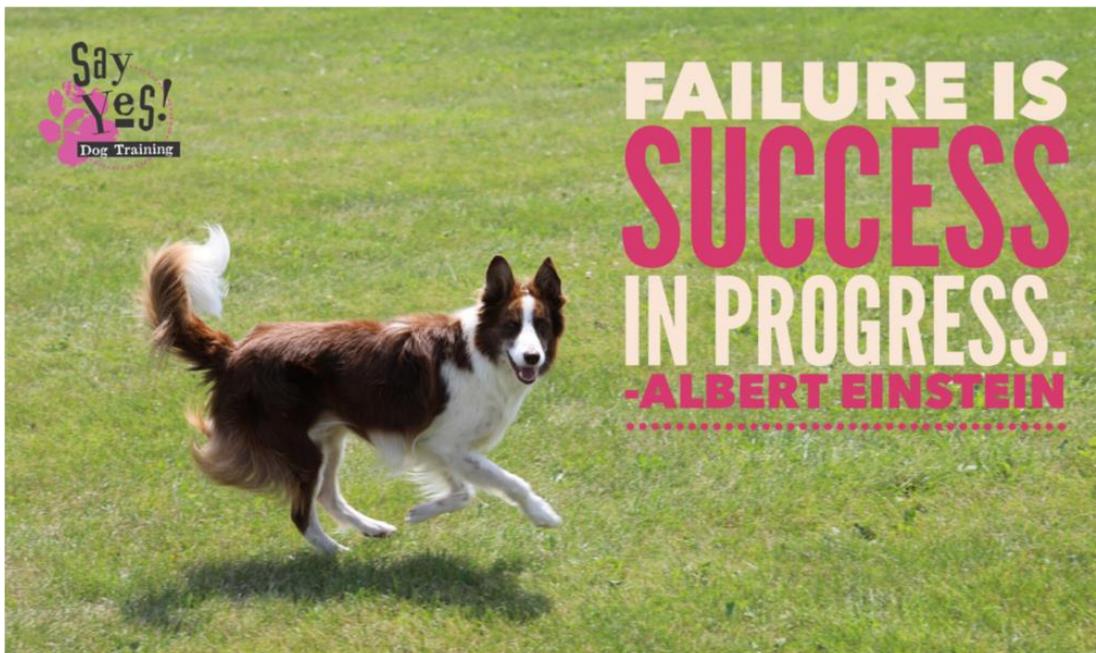
We could make mistakes in any part of our dog training, but for dog agility and other dog sports, there are many mechanical skills for us humans to master. Sometimes when we make an error, it might be tempting to go back to the start and repeat the exercise, often over and over until we get it right, 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 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."



Had you heard of "screw up cookies"?

I know that this silly name I made up has been in the mainstream for a long time, and that many of you are using "screw up cookies" with great benefit to your dog training.



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What Really Matters

I do it, too. Get caught up in the title hunt. The goals for letters that mean nothing to the dog, but instead are some quests I set my sights on to get me to class and trials every week.

They make me feel like I'm doing something with my life, even if it doesn't really benefit humanity much. It fills the time; it gives me purpose.

But what really matters, is the bond it builds with my dog and the lessons and unwritten triumphs that come with it.

My husband stopped wondering why I spent so much time and money on it when one morning after I got up at O'dark hundred (and I am NOT a morning person) to go to a trial, I announced, "I'm going to make memories today."

He understood then. It's not about the titles. It's about spending time with my dog and the people in the dog community.

While we are impressed with the crazy-fast, edge-of-your-seat runs with some teams and those who've racked up championship titles, maybe we ought to take a step back and look at, well, most of us who are there achieving things you can't see on paper.

Those who gather the courage to step to the line for the first time.
Who put their embarrassing moments behind them and then do it again.

Those who struggle to cope with their dog's stresses and their own anxieties, yet come to understand and accept them and get back out there again anyway.

Those who, little by little, find ways to improve. To celebrate the first time their dog completes a course, or allows a rear cross, or pays no attention to the judge. Or even the first time they didn't get lost on the course.

What really, truly matters aren't the letters or a piece of parchment paper.
It's the memories we make.

Love the dog you have. They make your life better just by being in it.

THE 5 SECOND RULE



Place the back of your hand on asphalt. If you can't hold it there for at least 5 seconds, then it's too hot to walk your dog on it!

Try walking during cooler hours while the sun is rising or setting.

Air
Temperature

77°F

86°F

87°F

Asphalt
Temperature

125°F

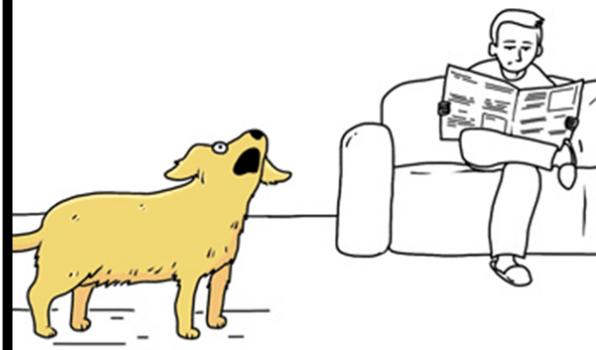
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Training Your Dog For An Emergency: Does Your Dog Know These Skills?

By *Sassafras Lowrey, CTDI*

Sep 23, 2020



As natural disasters become more common, it's important to plan ahead that you and your dog may need to someday evacuate your home.

One aspect of being prepared for a possible evacuation in the event of a natural disaster involves having things physically ready like [making sure your dog is microchipped](#), preparing “go bags” for your dogs that include proof of vaccinations, dog food, treats, toys, collar/harness and leash, updated ID tags on your dog's collar, and any medication that your dog needs.

Equally important is [developing a training plan](#) in advance to work with your dog to make sure that if an evacuation ever needed to happen your dog will have skills to remain calm and focused on you so that you can put your attention towards the emergency and not your dog's behavior.

Ideally, you'll have some warning and be able to self-evacuate to [a pet-friendly hotel](#), or to stay with friends or family outside of the danger area. If not, the American Red Cross and other local groups will be able to support you with finding access to a dog-friendly evacuation option. In some instances, you will be able to provide care for your dog yourself, but in other instances dogs will be housed separately from their owners.

Evacuation Training Skills For Your Dog Friendly Stranger

[During COVID-19](#), most of us have had to adjust to contactless drop-off vet appointments. This of course is challenging for us as owners, and is especially stressful for dogs who are nervous or uncomfortable around people outside the immediate family. Being comfortable being led away or being with a friendly stranger is something that is very challenging for some dogs, but it's a skill that is really important for all dogs to have, especially in an emergency situation. Practicing this skill in advance will help make being cared for by a stranger much less stressful for your dog in the event you needed to evacuate.

Training Tips

- If you and your dog or puppy attend obedience classes, ask your instructor or a fellow student to watch your dog while you go to the car to get something or run to the bathroom.
- You can also practice this skill with friends and family members at home and at pet stores. Ask these individuals to give your dog treats, or play with your dog for a few minutes as you leave the area.
- When you return, stay calm and similarly to how when you get home, avoid making an over-the-top fuss over your dog.

Practicing this skill regularly will help your dog be more comfortable if they need to be cared for by someone other than you in the event of an emergency. In addition, being able to calmly stay with a friendly stranger is one component of the [AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing](#).

Familiarity with Distractions and Crate

Natural disasters are overwhelming, chaotic, and stressful for people and dogs. To help prepare your dog for being able to follow cues from you during a stressful evacuation situation, make a regular practice of working with your dog not just at home but out in the world. It will be important to make sure your dog is comfortable being in their crate.

Training Tips

- To [introduce your dog to the crate](#), toss some treats into the crate and when your dog goes in to get the treat, praise. Keep the crate open and when your dog comes out toss another treat out and repeat. We want to teach our dogs that going into the crate means something good (treats) happens.
- As your dog gets more familiar with the game, he will start to offer going into the crate on his own, when he does toss treats into the crate once he's inside. At this point you can start to close the door for a few seconds, toss treats into the crate, open the door, treat again while your dog is still in the crate so your dog continues to build positive associations and understands that the reward is coming because he's in the crate.
- At this point you can start to slowly build up the length of time your dog is able to be in the crate starting from just a few seconds, to then a few minutes at a time.
- Giving your dog an appropriately sized durable hard rubber toy like [KONGs stuffed with treats, kibble, or peanut butter](#) and frozen can be helpful. These safe chews give your dog something to occupy his mind with while in the crate and can support your dog relaxing while crated as you build the duration.
- Keep your dog's crate in a quiet part of your home where your dog can retreat for some alone time, but also incorporate the crate into your regular activities with your dog. Play games with the crate by hiding treats or toys in the crate for your dog to find. You can also feed your dog meals in their crate to build additional value and positive associations with crating.

Note: A dog shouldn't be left for long periods of time in a crate. Dogs who are comfortable in their crates should at max be crated for 4-6 hours, and less for puppies.

Settle

having a “off switch” and being able to settle/relax and relax lying next to you is a helpful skill that all dogs can benefit from, and will be very useful if your family experiences a natural disaster and needs to evacuate. With “settle” your dog will know to relax at your feet while you are able to focus on talking to someone, filling out paperwork, etc.

Teaching Settle:

- To teach begin at home in a low distraction environment.
- Have your dog leashed to you and lots of small treats on hand. Your dog’s kibble works well for this, so you could work on teaching this skill at mealtime.
- **Ask your dog to “down”** (or lure her into a down position with a treat) and when she does calmly praise and give a treat. While your dog is down keep praising and giving kibble.
- When your dog gets up don’t say anything just stop giving treats.
- For a couple repetitions ask your dog to down and repeat the above steps of calmly praising and giving treats while your dog is in a down position.
- This is a time you can start to add in a verbal cue of your choice like “settle” or “relax”
- At this time you can begin to vary the frequency that you treat your dog as they remain in the settled position, and increase the length of time you ask your dog to settle for before **giving your release word**.
- The more familiar with the skill your dog gets, you can begin to work on this skill in more distracting environments like your backyard or on your front porch, the sidewalk and build up slowly to more distracting environments like settling while you talk to someone, settling while in a park, in pet-friendly stores, etc. The more experience you can give your dog practicing settle in distracting environments the better prepared you and she will be for using this skill in an emergency.
- Over time, your dog laying calmly and waiting next to you will become a default behavior when you stop while out walking, or in the yard, which is the ultimate goal.

Place

An advanced version of the above settle skill is “place training.” For this skill dogs will be able to calmly settle on a bed, blanket, towel etc. near but not always directly next to the owner. There may be times where you need your dog to be relaxed and staying but not right next to you, especially in the case of an evacuation and so the ability for your dog to calmly settle on a bed, blanket away from the owner.

Teaching Place:

You can use anything for this: a raised dog bed or low training platform, but you can also use a dog bed, a blanket or a towel. In the event of an emergency evacuation, you may not have access to all of your preferred training supplies, so I like to start by teaching this skill using a variety of beds/options including my dog’s bed, a blanket, and bathmats (these are ideal because the non-slip backs help them not to move when dogs go to them). Start this activity in a quiet area with minimal distractions.

- Lure your dog to the mat or bed with a treat and tell her to down or lure her into a down.
- Follow the above “settle” instructions for rewarding your dog for being on the bed/matt – the goal is to build value in this location
- After several repetitions, add in verbal cue of your choice “place” “bed” etc.

- Begin to phase out your lure to the mat/bed and at first standing next to the mat use your cue to ask your dog to go to it, when they do, treat and praise. If your dog doesn't, it just means they don't quite understand yet and you'll need to lure a few more times before moving to this step.
- Now we want to continue to reinforce duration, so similar to how you worked on "settle," keep praising and giving small bits of treats (or kibble) while your dog remains down. The goal isn't to force your dog to stay in a formal down, but rather to reinforce and build value in being relaxed in a specific location.
- You can now begin to send your dog to "place" from a bit further away and then come in to reward, then walk away, going back and forth to praise and treat as your dog settles on the bed/mat.
- At point you can begin to vary the frequency that you treat your dog as they remain in the settled position, and increase the length of time you ask your dog to settle for before giving your release word.
- If it's safe to do so, you can also practice with your dog tethered by a short 4-6 foot leash (this should only be done with full supervision). The tether isn't to force the dog to stay in place, but rather an emergency backup in case your dog gets up as you are across a room, or a short distance from your dog when outside.

While none of us like to think that we could ever be forced to evacuate our homes it's important to be prepared for the possibility. [If a natural disaster strikes your area](#) advanced prep and helping your dog to learn skills that will help reduce stress for both of you during this challenging time.



Submitted By: Marjorie Geiger
Here is a thought.

Ideas from John Rogerson

These comments are excerpts from an article from 2009. John Rogerson was asked how to deal with class issues. "I will now attempt to identify a few 'troublemakers' and give some suggestions on how to resolve some common problems in class."

THE WHINER

Possible causes

- 1) Insecurity.
- 2) Attention seeking.
- 3) Discomfort i.e., cold, etc.

Ask owner to ignore whining behavior and only give attention to quiet behavior using a disassociation time of two minutes.

Instructor:

- Ask rest of class to ignore whining behavior and not to sympathize with the dog.
- Bring dog's familiar blanket for it to lie on.
- Put a small piece of sticky caramel high up inside the dog's mouth at the top of its gums so that the dog can concentrate on licking at and removing it (displacement activity), thereby stopping the whining behavior.

I had never heard the caramel idea. I thought it brilliant. Good ideas are always timely.



A black and white dog is running through shallow water, splashing. The dog is looking towards the camera with a happy expression, holding a bright red ball in its mouth. The background is a soft-focus view of water with light reflecting off the surface.

The world is going to
judge you no matter
what you do. So live
the life you always
dreamed of. Do what
brings your heart joy.
Make things happen.
You only get one life.

 **Absolute Dogs**

July Monthly Plan 2022

Bobbie Lyons Canine Campus



Jump Wrap

Starting position: Tucked rear feet on the plank before taking off for the jump

Goal Movement or Position: Wrap the cone and come onto the bench tucking under (like a tuck sit), then wrapping over the jump

Equipment/Setup: Middle of plank should be lined up with the jump standard (not the wing) or a cone if using cones and a pole

Benefits: Teaches the dog to bring their rear feet under themselves before taking off for a jump

Pre-requisite: Wrap a cone, tuck sit on the plank (do some repetition of the tuck sit before asking for the jump)

Repetitions: 5x both directions is a set, 2 sets

Training Tips

- Remember to practice the tuck sit before asking for the jump
- It is ok to give your dog a little room and then move closer to the jump standard
- You should be positioned next to the jump standard or in front of it (not in front of the bar because you would be in the dog's way).



Paws N Claws pet care <https://www.facebook.com/Paws-N-Claws-pet-care>

Make sure you check your dogs thoroughly for ticks on a regular basis. That includes checking their mouth! Dog-Tick Safety. When people check their four-legged friends for ticks, they often do a thorough body sweep but forget to check one important place: their pup's mouth





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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Today's Random Little Tidbit – Judge's Orders per the Regulations

Oh no, not another chart?! **Yes**, another chart! © This chart will provide a quick review of the correct judge's orders to be used at an AKC Obedience Trial by the judge, having them all in one easy to find location. Keep in mind, a judge's order is a direction from *judge to handler*, either verbal or nonverbal. A command is a verbal order *from handler to dog*, per the **Glossary of Obedience Terms** in the back of the Regulations. The actual orders to be used are in "quotes," right there in the Regulations in the *description* of each exercise. Check them out!

Using the words *in quotes* is all a part of Standardized Judging (**Chapter 2, Section 1**), plus it has been noted on the **AKC Obedience Rally Blog** not to abbreviate or add words to the judge's orders that are in the quotes.

To quote the AKC
Obedience Rally
Blog

"Chapter 2, Section 4 states, 'The orders and signals should be given to the handlers in a clear and understandable manner...' Several judges have been observed using only one word for an order that requires more than one word to be used. **Example:** "left" for "left turn," "about" for "about turn," "send" for "send your dog." *This confuses exhibitors who are not familiar with your judging procedures or may be new to the sport.* Please use the orders as they are stated in the Obedience Regulations for every exercise."

A few other examples of more common errors heard in not giving the correct judge's orders:

1. Adding *extra words* to the **Directed Jumping** order. The one word order is, "High," or "Bar."
2. Adding *extra words* to the **Directed Retrieve** order. The one word order is, "One," or "Two," or "Three."
3. Adding *extra words* to the 1st order in **Scent Discrimination**. The correct order is, "Take an article."
4. Leaving *out words* (to heel) in **Moving Stand And Examination**. The correct order is, "Call your dog **to heel**."
5. Leaving *out words* in **Stand (or Sit) Stay – Get Your Leash**. The correct order is, "Leave your dog **to get your leash**."

The Judge's Orders chart may be used as a learning or reviewing tool for:

1. A new judge learning to use the correct words (in quotes) for each exercise.
2. For a judge to review the correct words that need to be used.
3. The exhibitor may also want to review the chart to know what words to expect in the ring from their judge.

There seems to be enough of an issue on this subject where the correct judge's order verbiage is not being stated correctly to the exhibitors, even to the point where it needed to be addressed on the Blog. Test yourself, have others test you, to see where your knowledge is strong or needing improvement. Have you committed to muscle memory the entire collection of the correct judge's orders that are in quotes? Who is earning the 200 here?

Laminate and post the chart in a training center (or in a club newsletter) for all to learn from, and be prepared for knowing what to expect from a judge when entering the ring.

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Judge's Orders To Be Used As Stated in "Quotes" per the Regulations

Before starting each exercise, the judge will ask, "Are you ready?"
At the end of each exercise the judge will say, "Exercise finished."

| Classes | Exercise | Actual Judge's Order(s) In "Quotes" per the Regulations (Do not add or subtract words) | Chapter | Section |
|--|---|---|---------|---------|
| Novice | Heel on Leash & Figure Eight | "Forward", "Halt", "Right turn", "Left turn", "About turn", "Slow", "Normal" and "Fast". | 3 | 5 |
| | Stand For Examination | "Stand your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog." | 3 | 7 |
| | Heel Free | Orders the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash & Figure Eight | 3 | 9 |
| | Recall | "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish." | 3 | 10 |
| | Sit Stay – Get Your Leash | "Sit your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash," and "Back to your dog." Judge to inform handlers to, "Clip your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog." | 3 | 12 |
| | Group | "Sit your dogs," "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs." The judge will tell the exhibitors "Maintain control of your dogs." as they are about to exit the ring. | 3 | 14 |
| Open & Preferred Open | Heel Free | Orders the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash & Figure Eight | 4 | 6 |
| | Command Discrimination | "Leave your dog" and "Back to your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to command and/or signal the dog to change position except for the first position and that order is: "Stand your dog" or "Down your dog." | 4 | 7 |
| | Drop On Recall | "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," then give a clear signal to drop the dog, followed by "Call your dog" and "Finish." | 4 | 9 |
| | Retrieve on Flat | "Throw it," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish." | 4 | 11 |
| | Retrieve Over High Jump | "Throw it," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish." | 4 | 13 |
| | Broad Jump | "Leave your dog," "Send your dog," and "Finish." | 4 | 15 |
| | Stand Stay – Get Your Leash | "Stand your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash" and "Back to your dog." Judge to inform handlers to, "Attach your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog." | 4 | 17 |
| Utility & Preferred Utility | Signal Exercise | Orders the same as in the Novice Heel Free, the judge will order the handler to "Stand your dog." On further order to "Leave your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to signal the dog to down, sit, come (in that sequence) and to finish. | 5 | 6 |
| | Scent Discrimination | "Take an article," "The taking of the article from the handler," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish." | 5 | 8 |
| | Directed Retrieve | "One," "Two," or "Three," "Take it," and "Finish." | 5 | 10 |
| | Moving Stand and Examination | "Forward," "Stand your dog," and "Call your dog to heel." | 5 | 12 |
| | Directed Jumping | "Send your dog," "Bar," "High" and "Finish." | 5 | 14 |

| Classes | Exercise | Actual Judge's Order(s) In "Quotes" per the Regulations (Do not add or subtract words) | Chapter | Section |
|------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Preferred Novice | Exercises | Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, Stand for Examination, Heel Free, and Recall will use the same Judge's Orders as the Regular Novice exercises. | 11 | 4, 5 6, 7 |
| | Stay – Sit or Down Handler Walk Around the Ring | "Sit your dog," or "Down your dog," "Leave your dog," and "Exercise finished." | 11 | 8 |
| Beginner Novice | Heel Free | "Forward" and "Exercise Finished." | 16 | 6 |
| | Figure Eight | "Forward," "Halt," and "Exercise Finished." | 16 | 8 |
| | Sit For Exam | "Sit your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog" and "Exercise finished." | 16 | 10 |
| | Sit Stay – Handler Walk Around the Ring | "Sit your dog," "Leave your dog," and "Exercise finished." | 16 | 12 |
| | Recall | "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Exercise finished." | 16 | 14 |
| Graduate Novice | Heel Free | Orders the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash & Figure Eight | 17 | 4 |
| | Drop On Recall | "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," then give a clear signal to drop the dog, followed by "Call your dog" and "Finish." | 17 | 5 |
| | Dumbbell Recall | "Give your dog the dumbbell," "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Take it" and "Finish." | 17 | 7 |
| | Dumbbell Recall over High Jump | "Give your dog the dumbbell," "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Take it" and "Finish." | 17 | 9 |
| | Recall over Broad Jump | "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish." | 17 | 11 |
| | Stand Stay – Get Your Leash | "Stand your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash" and "Back to your dog." Judge to inform handlers to, "Attach your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog." | 17 | 13 |
| Graduate Open | Signal Exercise | Orders the same as in the Novice Heel Free, the judge will order the handler to "Stand your dog." On further order to "Leave your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to signal the dog to down, sit, come (in that sequence) and to finish. | 18 | 4 |
| | Scent Discrimination | "Take an article," "The taking of the article from the handler," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish." | 18 | 6 |
| | Go Out | "Send your dog" and "Back to your dog." | 18 | 7 |
| | Directed Jumping | "Leave your dog," "Bar" or "High," and "Finish." | 18 | 9 |
| | Moving Stand And Examination | "Forward," "Stand your dog," and "Call your dog to heel." | 18 | 11 |
| | Directed Retrieve | "One," or "Three," "Take it," and "Finish." Glove 2 is not used. | 18 | 12 |
| Versatility | 2 Regular Novice 2 Regular Open 2 Regular Utility | Review the Novice, Open and Utility Judge's Orders | Chapters 3, 4, 5 All Sections | |



Nitro earned his AKC UD at the Sheltie trials at Timber Linn Park in Albany on July 17th!

So proud of my boy who worked so hard in such a distracting environment.

Chicory Eddy and Nitro



Emily and I went to the Sheltie double trial on July 17th and had a great time

Emily earned UDX legs #14 and 15 and High Combined in the morning trial.

Thanks Ms. Em!

Carolyn Wray

Winner! Winner! Chicken Dinner!

Wilma used her barrel racing skills to carry her little cowboy to victory in the Lexington Kentucky Junior League Trick Dog Contest! Fun times!

Karen Lachman





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