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The Luvk9s Lowdown

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Morrie the dachshund lives in Big Canoe.

Quote of the Month

"A dog makes life's journey better."

Author Unknown

Luvk9s Dog Training March newsletter

Happy Easter and happy spring! If you're one of those folks whose fancy lightly turns to thoughts of baseball in the spring, don't miss "<u>Bark in the Park</u>" at Turner field on April 24, 2016. A combo ticket for you and your dog costs \$32 and you get a free Braves leash!

Doesn't baseball make you think of hot dogs? What a lead-in to introducing this month's featured breed – the dachshund!

Can you cue your dog to stop – and lie down – from a distance? This skill could save your dog's life. Be sure to read this month's article on how to teach your dog to "stop and drop."

This month's "quick clicks" are listed below; just click on the title:

- Hip Dysplasia preventing, diagnosing and treating
- The right and wrong way to ease your dog past fear
- Housetraining help for puppies and adult dogs webinar

Our next round of group classes will start up the week of March 28. Classes will meet on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays either outdoors at the Wildcat Recreational area or indoors at Red Barn Kennels. If you are interested in a puppy class, obedience, Canine Good Citizenship and therapy dog work, agility, dancing, tricks, noseworks, rally ... click here!

Happy training!

Stop and drop

Being able to get your dog to stop – and drop – from a distance is a lifesaving skill every dog should learn.

Suppose your dog runs off across the street; you call him to come, and as he turns and starts running towards you, you see a car coming. This is where the stop and drop cue could save your dog's life.

You can teach your dog to simply stop and stand/stay in place, or additionally cue him to sit and/or lie down (drop). I prefer teaching the stop and drop because it's much more difficult for a dog to break a stay

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Dachshund

Did you know that hot dogs were originally called **Dachshund** Sausages?

Did you also know that dachshunds:

- Appeared in Europe in the 15th century? German foresters crossed the pincher with the French basset hound and later added the spaniel and wire-haired schnauzer.
- Were developed to scent, chase and flush out badgers and other burrow-dwelling animals? The German word "Dachs" means badger and the word "Hund" means dog.
- Are a perfect example of form following function? Their short legs keep their noses closer to the ground; their long bodies allow them to fit into tight tunnels and borrows; their strong, webbed, spade-like feet allow them to dig.

To learn more about the dachshund, <u>click here</u>.

Ending with a smile....this month's VIDEO

https://youtu.be/1msc2Gi_S5Y

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