

Creekside Paw Prints



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BARN HUNT ANYONE?!

As you all know, B & D Creekside Activity Center is dedicated to dog sports...any and all dog sports! We have scheduled to hold a new sport, a Barn Hunt event! What is Barn Hunt you might ask? Well, Barn Hunt is a fun dog sport open to ANY dog breed. The event can be held indoors or outdoors, and involves bringing in 70 to 100 bales of straw. Since straw is messy, and extremely difficult to clean out of the turf, we will be holding the Barn Hunt outside. The straw bales are arranged to form a "course" that can involve both tunnels and stacks that must be climbed. Hidden in the course are rats that the dog must find. Before you freak out! The rats are SAFELY contained inside heavy-duty pvc pipe that has air holes so the rat can breathe, and bedding for the rat's comfort. No rats are harmed when a Barn Hunt event is held! For inexperienced dogs, the event will start off with an "instinct test" to see if the dog is even interested in sniffing out the rodents. If they show interest (and believe it or not, there are dogs who could care less about rats!), then they can try the beginner course. We have scheduled this fun, 2-day, event for May 3rd and 4th. Mark your calendars and watch for more information to come on how to register for this event!

February "Dog of the Month"!

February marks our first featured "Dog of the Month" in the newsletter. It's only appropriate that we feature the reason that B & D exists! Everyone knows him, but let's "officially" introduce **Master Levi Dexter**, better known as "DEXTER". Dexter is a purebred Yorkshire Terrier, owned and loved by Darlene Schmucker. "Dex" is registered with the Yorkshire Terrier Club of America and has a birthday coming up! His birthday is February 5, 2008, he'll be 6 years old! Don't be fooled by his size...this little guy has a big attitude! Hey, after all, it's not every dog that has a competition arena built just for him! Speaking of competition, Dexter is an agility dog. He has competed in the agility venues of CPE, AKC, USDAA, ASCA, NADAC, and TDAA. In all of these venues, Dexter is performing at the top competition level, and has earned championship titles in both CPE and TDAA! In addition to agility, Dexter has also competed in WCRL Rally trials. This busy dog is also a father, having sired 2 litters of puppies. Most of us know his young son, "AJ", whom Darlene kept and is training to run in his father's pawprints. Next on daddy Dex's "bucket list"? Barn Hunt! We're very sure that he will excel at this sport also...how could he not? he's a terrier!

Dog Facts, Trivia And Health Tips:

By Jill Almasy

10 REASONS YOUR DOG MAKES THE BEST VALENTINE'S DATE:

(as seen on the petfinder blog, by Shauna) [Yahoo News](#) reports that one in five people would prefer to spend Valentine's Day with their pet over their partner. Here are the top ten reasons why a dog makes a better date this Valentine's Day:

1. Dogs don't talk. I could elaborate, but I think we can all agree this is a good thing.
2. If you worry your dog will destroy your lovely home four seconds after you step out the door, you can put him in a crate. The authorities frown upon this when it comes to dates.
3. Dog slobber is cute. Date slobber is **very not cute**. Ever.
4. You don't have to share your dessert with a dog (and probably shouldn't). This is great because dessert is the best part about Valentine's Day and all that stuff conveniently makes dogs sick. So you get your tempting torte all to yourself. Perfect!
5. For the not-so-romantic folks out there, a dog won't look hopefully, then desperately, and finally disdainfully into your eyes when the evening doesn't end in a helicopter ride to Paris and a romantic marriage proposal. Won't happen. Prolonged eye contact totally freaks dogs out.
6. When a dog follows you around it's cute. Am I right? Pretty much nothing is better than being adored by a dog. If a date follows you around ... we call that little phenomenon stalking.
7. Dogs don't care if you are "presentable" or not. You don't have to buy expensive shoes to hang out with your dog. You don't even have to shower. Just head out on a couple of hikes, toss a ball around, dole out a healthy belly rub and you're golden! No makeup, no ironing, no Spanx required. Amen.
8. You will never have to dream up a way to gently/firmly/sneakily "get rid" of a dog. Because you'd never want to get rid of a dog! Dogs are fun, and funny, and goofy, and handily clean food right off the kitchen floor for you when you drop it. Dates seem to think that kind of thing is below them. Lame.
9. Pup snuggles are **the best**. Okay, snuggles from a human can be pretty darn good too, but when Fido nuzzles into the nape of your neck and huffs a grumbly sigh, you'll stay in that exact same position for ages so you don't disrupt the little mutt's comfort.
10. Did I mention dogs don't talk?

Big Dog Bytes... Direct from the desk of the owner!

We're getting closer and closer to opening the restaurant! While I was hoping to open in the beginning of February it's looking more like the end of February. One more thing to look forward to?! On April 5th following the CPE trial, we are going to have a Coors Light promotional event from 7 to 9pm. Free giveaways! And for all you guys out there...the Coors Light girls are going to be here!

Upcoming Events

B & D Creekside Activity Center will be the site of the following events in **MARCH 2014**: www.bndcreeksideactivitycenter.com

***March 2nd** : "Big Dog's Want to Play Too" A Mock TDAA agility trial where some fun teacup games have been resized to a full size ring on full size equipment so big dogs can play too! Registration form is available on the B & D website. Day of Show entries will be taken.

***March 8/9th** : B & D USDAA Agility Trials. Premium is available on the B & D website.

***March 15/16th** : Sheep Herding Instinct Test and Intro Workshops
Only 4 more spaces available! Registration form is available on the B & D website.

***March 22/23rd**: LAC AKC Agility Trial. Premium is available on the B & D website.

***March 29/30th**: B & D TDAA Agility Trial. Premium is available on the B & D website. Day of Show entries will be taken.

***Agility Run Thrus** every Thursday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

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Dog Training

Tip of the Month

By Linda Bowman

Are You Thinking About Getting a Dog? First in a Two Part Series...

The first question is not "what kind of Dog?" but *whether* you should get a dog? Dog ownership can be a wonderful experience, or it can be an unhappy experience for all involved. It's important to give attention to the practices of those committed to dogs. The practices reflect ways of dog ownership that are least likely to lead to trouble. A dog is a lot of fun, and a lot of work. Successfully keeping a dog means attending to it's needs for physical and mental stimulation as well as feeding, grooming and clean up.

Do You Have the Time for a Dog?

You need to have plenty of time to spend with a dog. And a puppy requires more time than a dog. A great deal of effort is required to teach all the things a dog needs to know to be a fun, healthy, happy dog. An adult dog needs you to play with it, exercise it, teach it good manners, groom it, feed and water it, and provide a means for it to relieve itself. The younger the dog, the more time you have to add. Dogs needs to be socialized with other people and dogs outside of the immediate family.

Who Will Have the Responsibility?

A dog counts on "its people" to provide necessities. The ultimate responsibility for the dog must rest with the adult. If the adult members of the family are not willing to take the responsibility then it is not appropriate to get the dog. There should be only one individual responsible for the dog on a daily basis. Certainly, that person can ask for help, but they are responsible for making sure their helper does their job.

Is Your Family Cooperative?

You need help. Everyone who shares the house must feel okay about having a dog in the house. Dogs naturally live their lives in groups and most are very unhappy if they are left alone in a yard. If you can't keep the dog in the house, it is a bad idea to get the dog. Everyone who shares the house must be willing to learn how to help teach the dog good manners, and not confuse the dog by using the same words to mean different things. And you will need help if you are sick, or if you need to be away for a short time.

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