

Creekside Paw Prints



MARCH 2014

March 15/16th We'll Be Sheep Herding!

Come join us the weekend of March 15/16th to watch the sheep herding in the back field! Registration is closed for this exciting workshop, but feel free to come down to watch the dogs as they tap into their inner sheep herding instincts! Or not. That's what this is all about...to see if these totally novice dogs that are of herding or working breeds have the natural instinct to work sheep! Or perhaps they will just be interested in the sheep poop? The only way to get that answer is to put the dog in with sheep! We hope to have many natural herders in the B & D Creekside Activity Center dog community. If you missed out on getting into this workshop, don't worry, we've had such a great response to this event that we are going to try to plan another one for this fall!

MARCH "Dog of the Month"!

For the month of March we would like to introduce a beautiful 7 year old, purebred Golden Retriever, **Hillock's Little Missy's Party**, or "MISSY" to all her friends. Missy is owned and loved by Linda and Chuck Bowman of Ligonier. Many of you know them as part of the L and L Dog Training crew in Ring 3. Missy is very active in AKC Obedience, AKC and WCRL Rally Obedience, AKC and TDAA Agility, Therapy Work and, Missy's favorite: Field Training. She has earned her UD title in Obedience and is working on her UDX. She also holds a Rally Advanced Excellent title in AKC Rally, as well as her PACH in AKC agility. Quite the accomplished young lady! Like many "Goldens", Missy loves people...her goal in life is to meet and befriend as many people as possible. So next time you see her coming, be sure to stop and say "Hi", after all, we wouldn't want her to miss out on meeting a new friend!



Dog Facts, Trivia And Health Tips:

By Jill Almasy

THINK SPRING!

This winter has been one for the record books, and not in a good way. While we wait out the latest that old man winter has delivered, let's think positive thoughts of spring! Soon (and not soon enough for any of us) the days will be warmer, the snow and ice will be gone, and spring bulbs will be showing themselves and preparing to dazzle us with beautiful spring color!

Unfortunately I now have to bring up the downside...mud, mud, and more mud. And you know what that means...muddy paws! Just the thought of muddy paws can spur panic attacks in those who have just finished spring cleaning. Help ease your mind with these couple tips to help prevent another complete carpet scrubbing. For most people, paving over the entire lawn isn't an option, and even the best trained dog can't be kept inside until the mud disappears. So what to do? Have your dog wipe their paws of course! Have an area either outside, or just inside, the door that has an easily cleaned surface. Teach your dog to wait for paw wiping in this area. Keep old towels nearby for easy access, have your pup sit and gently wipe each paw clean of mud. Be sure to offer plenty of praise and follow with a yummy treat so that they associate the cleaning with a reward! Sure there's lots of special products out there, "shammies", special dog mats, and "paw plungers". It's really not necessary to spend the money when almost everyone has a couple of old towels around that are more than up to the task of paw wiping. If a muddy paw gets past you, don't delay the cleanup. If mud dries on a carpet it's much harder to get out than if you clean it while it's fresh. So stock the shelf by the back door with towels and dog treats and don't panic over that muddy yard. Just remember...mud means Spring is here and no more snow until next year!

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

On Saturday, May 3rd, B & D Creekside Activity Center will be hosting a Corvette Show! The show is sponsored by the local chapter of the National Corvette Restorers Society. Come down to the arena to view the beautifully restored classic and antique corvettes, along with some more modern versions of this well known sports car with a long history of providing flashy good looks with speed! Dexter's Deck, the B & D restaurant, will be open and featuring the "Blue Moon" Girls to help promote the fun event!

Upcoming Events

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

*April 5/6th: B & D **CPE Agility** Trial. This trial is FULL. Thank you for your support!

*April 12/13th: Splash n Dash **USDAA Agility** Trial. Premium is available on the B & D website.

*April 18/19th: B & D **ASCA Agility** Trial. Premium is available on the B & D website. Day of Show entries will be taken.

*April 20th: HAPPY EASTER!

*April 26/27th: B & D **WCRL** (formerly APDT) **Rally** Trials. 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

BRAGS!

Dave Almasy brags that Einstein (All American) earned his CATE at the February CPE trial! This major title is extra special since this was Einstein's return to competition after recovering from a torn cruciate ligament last fall. Congratulations to Dave and Einstein on their "pawsome" accomplishment and successful return to agility competition.

Send us your brags and we'll publish them here for the B & D community to see!
Send brags to: jillalmasy@comcast.net

Dog Training

Tip of the Month

By Linda Bowman

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

Last month we started an article about "what to consider if you're thinking about getting a dog". We talked about "Do you have time for a dog", "Who will have responsibility", and "Is your family cooperative". Let's continue...

What Things Are Important to You in Choosing a Dog?

Things to think about in choosing the right dog are 1) care requirements, 2) activity level (indoors and outdoors, they are different!), 3) training, 4) personality, 5) size and more. Before you start thinking about what kind of dog, think about yourself and your family. Think about what you like to do in your free time - inside the house or outside, away from home, or in the yard. Are you a social person with lots of friends or visitors? How clean is clean enough in your household? Are you a natural leader, or do you consider yourself a "get along" kind of person? All of these things can make a difference between the perfect dog for you, and unhappiness all around. The dog that is perfect for me might not be a good choice for you. Some dogs have short hair that needs just a little brushing, some people enjoy dogs with long hair that needs careful care every day. People searching for a "low-shedding" dog, or "low-allergy" frequently believe they want a short haired dog. Hair length is not a good indication of the amount of shedding. Remember, a short hair dog might shed a lot, or hardly at all. The same is true for long haired breeds. It is also important to know that a low-shedding dog is not the same as a low-grooming dog. Some people prefer dogs that adore their people, and some people prefer dogs that are a little more independent. Size is not a good indication of activity level and exercise needs. Finally, people looking for a dog to add to a family with children often specify small to medium; again, size is not necessarily a good indication of suitability with children. There are many considerations when choosing a dog. So be careful and choose the right one for you!

Time to Make the Selection

It may be difficult but it is well worth the effort to apply temperament tests, carefully evaluate the dog, and wait for the one that is truly right for you family. You CAN'T save them all, but you CAN save the one that has the best chance of having a happy life with you, and that is the one that matches your family.