

Creekside Paw Prints



JUNE/JULY 2014

A Reminder: Please Clean Up After Your Dog!

The weather has finally turned nice and we are all spending more time outside with our dogs. Please remember to clean up after your dog in and around the building. We have provided bags and garbage cans for your convenience, please have the courtesy to use them and keep the grounds and building clean for everyone to enjoy. Also, a gentle reminder, you are more than welcome to let your dog swim in the creek. Please use caution and common sense after storms as the stream can run high and fast. And please do not track mud into the turf...it's very difficult to clean up.

"Dog of the Month"!

For the month of June/July we would like to introduce, "Dougie", a beautiful 7 year old tri-color Shetland Sheepdog owned and loved by Pat Kelm. Dougie enjoys trying many new activities, including Lure Coursing, Rally Obedience, Agility, Frisbee, Therapy Work, Square Dancing, Treibball, and playing ball. This friendly little guy's favorite thing in the whole world?!...BALLS! Chasing a ball is his ultimate fun! His favorite treat is a nice crunchy piece of green pepper. But in a pinch, ANY food will do! Dougie can be found helping out down in the Obedience rings, with L & L Dog Training's classes. Stop by to wish Dougie a happy birthday...his birthday is coming up on July 23rd!

Coming Soon to Dexter's Deck...Dine With Your Dog!

Starting July 11th, Dexter's Deck will be having "Dine With Your Dog" day out on the patio. Bring your well-behaved pup with you to eat from 5 to 8pm on Fridays during the months of July and August and Dexter's Deck will donate 10% of the check (not including alcohol sales) to Action For Animals! A great way to spend a nice meal with your dog and help our wonderful local no-kill shelter at the same time! All dogs will receive a complimentary biscuit and bowl of water.

New Format to Creekside Paw Prints

You'll notice that there is a new format to the newsletter. Starting this month, the newsletter will now be bi-monthly. This edition is the June/July edition. Monthly emails will continue to be sent regarding Instructor News, Calendars, Reminders and any important B & D Announcements.

Linda Bowman continued (from right hand column):

Linda and her husband Chuck live in Ligonier, PA. They currently live with two Golden Retrievers, and two Shetland Sheepdogs. Linda is a public school teacher and has taught a variety of high school science courses over the past 26 years.

Linda enjoys training and competing with her dogs in obedience, rally and agility. She is also involved in therapy work with her four dogs. Linda has been training dogs for over 30 years, competing for 18 years, and teaching various dog obedience classes for 10 years.

She is a certified Canine Good Citizen Evaluator, AKC Star Puppy Evaluator, and Therapy Dog International Evaluator. Linda is a member of the Loyalhanna Agility Club, Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club, Greater Pittsburgh Golden Retriever Club, Three Rivers Shetland Sheepdog Club, and Therapy Dog International.

Dog Facts, Trivia And Health Tips:

By Jill Almasy

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT
TO LINDA BOWMAN!



Linda Bowman, pictured here with Hillock's Little Missy's Party UD GO RAE PAX MXP4 MXPB MJP3 MJPB NFP

Linda Bowman (L and L Dog Training) is a newly certified member of the **National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors.**

The National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors (NADOI) was founded in 1965 when a small group of highly experienced dog trainers gathered together and resolved to promote modern, humane training methods and at the same time elevate the standards of the dog obedience instructing profession. To accomplish these goals, it was decided that members of the organization should be designated as having attained certain skills and knowledge of dog training and obedience instructing. NADOI is not only the oldest group of its kind in the world, it is the only professional organization to require that all applicants demonstrate proficiency in their craft, as tested and measured by their peers, before membership is granted. NADOI members are found all across the USA and in many foreign countries.

NADOI's mission today remains unchanged: To certify dog obedience instructors of the highest caliber, to provide continuing education and learning resources to those instructors, and to continue to promote humane, effective training methods and competent instruction.

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

We hope you are enjoying the restaurant! Join us on one of our "special" nights! Monday night is "Wing Night". Wednesday night is "Italian Night". Thursday night is "Mexican Night". And Saturday is "Pizza Night". Each night has dinner specials, featuring appropriate themed food, from 5:00 to 8:00pm, Eat In only. Here's a fun idea...bring your dog with you to the outdoor dining patio! Well-behaved dogs are welcome to join you at one of our outside tables. Please remember, they must be on leash. Misbehaving/disruptive dogs will be asked to leave. Sorry, no dogs inside the restaurant.

Upcoming Events

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

*July 5/6th: B & D WCRL Rally Trial. Day of Show entries will be accepted. Premium is available on the B & D website.

*Friday July 11th: Tunnelers Fun Run Fundraiser for "Rocky" and "Blek", K9 Police officers for Latrobe and Ligonier. Information is available on the B & D website.

*July 12/13th: B & D CPE Agility Trial. This trial is FULL, thank you for your support.

*Saturday July 19th: Dexter's Deck BEACH PARTY! Come join us for a fun, beach themed day/evening for dining and drinks in the restaurant and outdoors on the patio!

*July 26/27th: Altoona Area Kennel Club AKC Agility Trial. Premium is available on the B & D website.

*August 2/3rd: Splash n Dash CPE Agility Trial. This trial is FULL, thank you for your support.

*August 9/10th: B & D USDAA Agility Trial. Premium is available on the B & D website.

*August 22/23/24th: B & D TDAA Agility Trial. 2 runs Friday night! Premium is available on the B & D website.

*August 30/31/Sept 1st: WCOTC AKC Agility Trial. Premium is available on the B & D website.

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

BRAGS!

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

IMPULSE CONTROL in DOGS
Part 2

Practice, patience! Staying calm and composed is critical. Frustration and irritation will only contribute to the dog's excitability and make it harder for him to calm down. We can't ask the dog to slow down if we're in a rush for results. Be prepared to spend the time it takes for the dog to calm down. Pick the behavior that you want to reward and wait for it. There is no behavior that the dog will sustain for long periods of time. He can't jump, bark, or paw forever. As soon as the dog performs that behavior, like keeping all four paws on the ground, staying quiet for a few seconds, or sitting, reward that behavior by giving the dog what he wants. It will only take a few repetitions for the dog to start offering the alternative behavior instead of the one you're trying to stop.

Be consistent! Teaching is effective when we're consistent. If one day we allow jumping and the next day, because we're in our work clothes we no longer tolerate it, we are confusing the dog and causing stress. Once we choose to work on a specific behavior, no matter how tired or ready, we need to follow through with the training protocol with the confidence that our efforts will pay off. Look for opportunities to teach the dog calm and controlled behavior, such as: Asking the dog to sit and wait for your cue before jumping in and out of the car or the crate, when coming home from work, waiting for the dog to have all four paws on the ground before giving her attention. Simply preventing the dog from getting what he/she wants while out of control and waiting for calm and polite behaviors, will make a world of difference. Dogs become calmer, more focused and easier to control in general. Clarity, patience and persistence are the key elements for success.