

Creekside Paw Prints



MAY 2014

"Dexter's Deck" Open for Business!

We're FINALLY Open!! Yes, everyone, Dexter's Deck is open and ready for business! Come join us at B & D's "in house" restaurant for lunch or dinner, any day of the week. Delicious made-to-order sandwiches, burgers, salads, baskets and appetizers all available along with your favorite beverage. Both eat in or take out are available. Hours of operation are 11am to 11pm (kitchen closes at 10pm) Sunday through Thursday, and 11am to 1am (kitchen closes at 10pm) Friday and Saturday. Early opinion is that our food is great tasting, with hearty portions at reasonable prices. Why don't you join us to try it for yourself? Hope to see you soon! An official Grand Opening is being planned for May 24th, and will include food and drink specials along with giveaways!

MAY "Dog of the Month"!

For the month of May we would like to introduce **"Einstein"**, a 7 year old All-American mixed breed owned and loved by Jill and Dave Almasy. Einstein was rescued from Action for Animals in Latrobe as a young puppy. He had been found wandering the streets and was turned in to the no-kill shelter. Upon arrival it was determined that his age was about 8 weeks so it put his birthday in June of 2006. DNA testing shows that Einstein is a mixture of Border Collie, Beagle, Labrador Retriever, German Shepherd Dog and Whippet. In other words...a mutt. His favorite activities are agility, Frisbee, long walks in the woods, and most recently Barn Hunt! Einstein loves everybody and is always ready to say "Hi" and try to beg a quick treat.



Who could resist this face?

Dog Facts, Trivia And Health Tips:

By Jenna Stregowski, RVT
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MICROCHIPPING:

Millions of dogs become lost each year. Tragically, few are reunited with their owners. Many lost dogs end up in shelters where they are adopted out to new homes or even euthanized. It is important that your dog has identification at all times. Collars and tags are essential, but they can fall off or become damaged. Technology has made it possible to equip your pet with a microchip for permanent identification. A microchip is about the size of a grain of rice. It consists of a tiny computer chip housed in a type of glass made to be compatible with living tissue. The microchip is implanted between the dog's shoulder blades under the skin with a needle and special syringe. The process is similar to getting a shot. Little to no pain is experienced - most dogs do not seem to even feel it being implanted. Once in place, the microchip can be detected immediately with a handheld device that uses radio waves to read the chip. This device scans the microchip, and then displays a unique alphanumeric code. Once the microchip is placed, the dog must be registered with the microchip company, usually for a one-time fee. Then, the dog can be traced back to the owner if found.

Microchips are designed to last for the life of a dog. They do not need to be charged or replaced.

No method of identification is perfect. The best thing you can do to protect your dog is to be a responsible owner. Keep current identification tags on your dog at all times, consider microchipping as reinforcement, and never allow your dog to roam free. If your dog does become lost, more identification can increase the odds of finding your beloved companion.

Congratulations to the Coors Light Bicycle Winner!

Congratulations to Joyce Zwiener who won the Coors Light bicycle raffle from the month of April. Her name was drawn from the jar by Darlene on Saturday, May 3rd. Joyce...we hope you enjoy your new bike! Perhaps Olive and Stewie might jog alongside while you pedal down the bike path?

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

Yes, the restaurant is open! Our next step is opening the outside patio for outdoor dining! As soon as the weather permits (and stays nice) we will place the tables and be ready to serve customers outside on our dog friendly patio seating area! Well-behaved dogs are welcome to join their people while they dine!

Upcoming Events

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

*May 31st/June 1st: Splash n Dash **CPE** Agility Trial. This trial is **FULL**, thank you for your support!

*June 7/8th: B & D **TDA** Agility Trial. Premium is available on the B & D website. Day of Show entries taken.

*June 14/15th: **Control Unleashed** Seminar with Alexis Karaoulis. Working spots have filled, but auditing spots are still available. Information and registration form are available on the B & D website.

*June 21/22nd: Penn Ohio **USDA** Agility Trial. Closing date is June 16th. Premium is available on the B & D website.

*June 28/29th: LAC **AKC** Agility Trial. Openings still available. Closing date is June 14th. 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**

A 2 Part Series:

Impulsivity refers to the urge to act on a whim, with only immediate gratification in mind and little consideration for potential consequences. Dogs' urges to go outside, to get out of the crate or get a ball, often override any sense of safety or comfort both themselves and the humans nearby. In many cases, the dogs have simply never been taught polite and appropriate behavior. Owners find themselves routinely jumped on, shoved to the side, and stepped on with little consideration. For their sake as well as those around them, teaching dogs the art of self-control needs to be at the top of our puppy training priority list.

Impulse control, or self-control, is useful in almost every situation: from calmly waiting to be hooked on the leash before going out for a walk (instead of jumping around), to patiently sitting for the food bowl, for the ball to be thrown, or for the owner's attention.

Unfortunately, our natural tendencies to deal with impulsiveness often get in the way of effective teaching. When we try to punish the behavior, we often introduce confusion and chaos into the situation, making it harder for the dog to settle down. When applying the following principles in specific situations, dogs learn patterns and habits that can generalize and help them stay calm and manageable in all situations. Identify what the dog wants-that is the reward.

Depending on the situation, the dog may want to go out, your attention, food, a toy, or play time with another dog. Whatever the dog does immediately before getting what he/she wants will be rewarded and therefore repeated. If the dog pushes her way out of the door and manages to get out, she'll learn that pushing her way out gets her what she wants. If jumping up to greet us gets Mom's attention (even when we're yelling or pushing him off), he'll do it again next time. The key here is to patiently wait for an alternative behavior, one that we want the dog to repeat. A typical example is hooking the leash to the dog's collar before going out for a walk. Most dogs get very excited and start jumping up as soon as we grab the leash. Dogs can't jump forever, and if we just stand and wait, they will calm down. We can also ask the dog to sit and only approach him with the leash when he's sitting down. If he gets up (which he will at first), we simply take the leash away and wait for him to sit again. It doesn't take long for the dog to learn that only sitting calmly will get the leash on.

To be Continued in June....