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Richter's Ramblings

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Hi Campers,
I just returned from the two Fall Camps in Stowe and I keep looking for a buffet! Zeta and Zuni are hoping white plastic bags will appear in the backyard for them to chase. The Camps were funfilled, including a guest appearance of Sonny and Cher, the staff did an outstanding job teaching classes and sharing their knowledge with the Campers. I have started the updates for the Camp website and selecting photos of the three 2011 Camps for the website and the Camp brochure. The website will be complete the end of October and the 2012 brochures will be available in November.

The dates for the 2012 camps are:
Summer Camp June 3-9, 2012 Marlboro, VT
Fall Camp 1 Sept 2-8, 2012 Stowe, VT
Fall Camp 2 Sept 9-15, 2012 Stowe, VT

I plan to attend the Polish Lowland Sheepdog Specialty which will be part of the National Dog Show hosted by the Kennel Club of Philadelphia (KCP). The dates are November 17-20 and the show will be held at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA. If you are attending the show please contact me and hopefully we can have a Camper lunch.

Zuni turned 3 on September 29th and loved her peanut butter birthday cake. The recipe follows:

1 Cup flour
1 Teaspoon Baking Soda
 $\frac{1}{4}$ Cup Vegetable Oil
 $\frac{1}{4}$ Cup Peanut Butter
1 Teaspoon Vanilla
1 Egg
 $\frac{1}{3}$ Cup Honey

Combine flour and baking soda then add the remaining ingredients. Mix well, pour into 8 inch round pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. The birthday cake can be frosted with pureed cottage cheese, peanut butter, plain yogurt or sugar free frostings. Guaranteed your dog(s) will love it!
Have a wonderful Fall with your dogs..

Jeanne 🐶

How to know if you're suffering from camp withdrawal

You're doing front crosses as you transfer clothes from the washer to the dryer

You keep looking under your bed for shoes, toys, poop bags, and your room key

Your dogs stools have gone back to being tootsie rolls

The house is too quiet- you're missing the noise from the boisterous porch people

You feel sad when you unpack the vanilla scented toy from Mary's The Nose Knows

You put your name tag on when you got dressed today

You're not in the mood to cook a meal but you did buy ice cream, fudge sauce and an assortment of toppings to recreate the camp dessert.

June Levy
CGTTD Camper

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Editor's Note: As much fun as camp is, we also learn some potentially life-saving skills.

My heart has finally slowed down.

Apparently the lower gate to the dog yard wasn't latched. I left the house to go run an errand and see Gertrude running happily in the neighbor's yard. I call her RRR (Really Reliable Recall) word and she dashes for me for which I fed her most of the cooked chicken in the house. I put her in the crate, call the boys (Hum and Sherlock) into the house and give them chicken (they were still in the yard and hadn't figured out how to leave the property).

I cannot find Dudley. I call the RRR word. I mend the fence with electrical ties, and see Dudley next door zipping around...I call the RRR word. He comes. I put a leash on him and feed him the rest of chicken. I am exhausted. Please Teach your dogs RRR!!!!

All are safe.

*Kris Kroner
CGTTD Camper (Summer, Fall 1 & 2)*

Camper News Bites

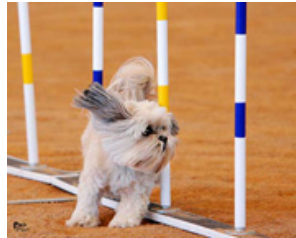
Campers have sent along the following news:

Kathy Thomas, who missed Summer camp this year but came to Fall 2 with her husband, Jay, sent good

news that Jay's cancer treatment was successful! Kathy writes, "Jay got the all clear on his cancer test. We're very relieved and happy."

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Summer 2011 camper **Jayne Levine** sent competition news. Lhasa Apso Penny Levine will attend the AKC Agility Invitational to be held in Orlando December 17th & 18th.



This will be Penny's 2nd year attending and 5th year invited.

Cash Levine (little white terrier) and Ren Underwood (Japanese Chin) passed the ORT (Odor Recognition Test) November 13th, thanks to a great foundation from Sean!

Housebreaking tips?

Here's what I do. Give puppy regular outs. I do every 20-30 minutes unless puppy has been playing, eating or sleeping. Then they get an immediate out. As you know, it is critical to go out with them and be sure they make a contribution. Of course when a contribution is made you dance around like an idiot and praise to the skies. If wanted, you can treat. Good puppy treats are Cheerios as they are low fat and work well with puppy teeth, the smaller the puppies are the tinier the bladder of course.

I have never had the good fortune to have a puppy who asked to go out but hope springs eternal. I do put a command to the excursions, ours is piddle outside. It's a long story. That leads to elimination on command.

Another thing I do is never leave the squirt unsupervised. The leash tied to the waist works well. I use an ex pen indoors so they can be with us but not among us. We have a robust

collection of baby gates, too, for containment. If I catch them in the act, they get a firm nah nah or no and get scooped up and put outside. If I find the proceeds of crime, I clean it up with no commentary to the puppy but an internal scolding for being such an idiot as to allow the accident to happen.

I don't allow water after the last trip out. If they squeak in the crate at night they go out with me and I wait til I get a deposit. No playing or fun times. I knew a local judge whose black lab Pete figured out that he could get a game of fetch in the middle of the night arising from his puppy days when he suckered dad into playing with him. We are out for a business not pleasure trip.

I also crate at night until they are housebroken so they can't be up unnoticed.

Hope this helps. Good luck to your friend. Puppy cuddles and snuffles are so worth it.

*Victoria Vidal-Ribas
CGTTD Camper (Fall 2)*



Alfie, Australian Terrier
Pamela Levy (Fall 1 & 2)

Batman, Collie
Amea Abel (Summer)

Hannah, Welsh Terrier
Diane Urfer (Summer, Fall 1 & 2)

Kismet, Border Terrier
Bev Blanchard (Instructor, Summer, Fall 1 & 2)

Orca, Shar Pei
Marilyn Braunstein (Summer)

Sally, Labrador Retriever & Robbie, Collie
Nan Marks (Summer, Fall 1 & 2)

Toby, Cavalier
Lois Henry (Summer)



Mary's Tips

Mary Thompson
CGTTD Instructor/Staff

Chronic ear infections

For those of you who have dogs with chronic ear infections that are yeast based, there is new hope. First, if you have such a dog, I would suggest you try a different dog food or a different meat base as this has helped others in the past. The new medication is an ointment that is lanolin based. It is made by BCP Veterinary Pharmacy. They will compound medications for vets that can be made just for your dog. The dog's eardrum **MUST** be intact! This is thick stuff that once it is warmed up, can be put into a syringe and with the needle off, be put into your dog's ears. It will come out like a thick gel and will last for a week or more. We used it on "Finn" an IWS whose ears got too messy from swimming and no one remembered to put the foot powder in often enough to help dry the ears. So, eventually a yeast infection started. Finn's "recipe" has Tobramycin, Ketoconazole, Triamcinolone and little steroid to help cut down the inflammation. Ross has used it with great success on those dogs with chronic yeast infections for the past 6 months, and, so far, none have come back.

More about urine crystals

I'm still hearing that a lot of dogs are having crystals in their urine from being fed Taste of the Wild dog food. There should NOT be a

need to change to a prescription diet unless the crystals have formed stones, which you will only know if you have an x-ray taken. Just having crystals does NOT automatically mean your dog will have stones. Changing dog food to a brand that has D L- Methionine helps. That is why I feed NOW dog food and not ACANA. Plus, I like the ingredients better. Some vets feel that high protein causes crystals, some feel it is too many vegetables. I feel that it is a combination that does not work for that particular dog.

A few thoughts on titers

I don't believe in vaccinating for everything every year. Each dog is different, his/her immune system is different. Some dogs will not be protected even if they are exposed/vaccinated every few months. Some will stay protected from just one vaccine for more than 8 years. While I am lax with the common vaccinations, I will only stretch the Rabies just so far/long. I used to have ferrets and it was recommended that if they were to be handled by a fair amount of people, (which they were) they should be vaccinated for rabies. In the state of Maine, however, even if vaccinated, the state did NOT accept the vaccine as being valid.

If one of my ferrets had bitten anyone, the state would have insisted that I euthanize the ferret and send the head off to the state lab to be tested for rabies. So, why vaccinate them? Some states have similar beliefs with a rabies titer for dogs They do NOT accept it. So, if in doubt and your dog has bitten someone, you may be forced to euthanize your dog. Why run such a risk when vaccinating every 3 years (for most states) will suffice? And, not all vaccines are created equal! I've heard of quite a few dogs having low rabies titer after being vaccinated with a Fort Dodge product and a higher titer with a Merial product. I have NO proof, just what I have heard from some of you relating this to me and finding out from several different sources.

Enjoy the good weather while you can!

Mary



Thoughts of Stowe

Hugs from friends seen once a year
Smiling faces and dogs we hold dear
Flyball, frisbee agility and more
How do we explain what we adore?!

Campers and staff are all world
class faire

Jim, Jenn and Doug and a lady
named Mare

Jeanne, Terri, Sue Kelly and more
Help us to learn, lure share and
reward.

What do we do when we go back
home?

We practice, perfect, refine and
hone

So next year we can show our new
tricks

Reward with beef and get a few
licks.

Thanks to Camp for the wonderful
years

The wine, chesse, crackers and a
few beers.

Three hundred sixty days to go
Can hardly wait to be back at
Stowe!

Sam Z.

Instructor/Staff

Look for these campers and their new dogs at camp next year



Making a new friend

Collies Lucy and Gordon
Nan Marks (Summer Fall 1 and 2)

Sussex Spaniel Aunt Bee
Karin Ross (Fall1)

Shar Pei Tia
Marilyn Braunstein (Summer)

If you've added a new pup to your pack, please let us know. Send your dog's name, breed, and your name to campnewswire@hotmail.com.



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Until Tails Up

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TIME TO WAIT

Summer

June 3-9, 2012

7 Months

Fall

September 2-8, 2012

September 9-15, 2012

10 Months

