



# Camp NewsWire

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*"Some of the best friends I have made in my entire life have been through Camp Gone to the Dogs."*

*A Distinguished Alumni*

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## Honey Goes High Tech

Dear Campers,

Welcome to the first edition of the Camp Newswire. Campers frequently told me of how they enjoy opening their mailboxes and seeing a purple envelope inside. Purple meant not a bill, a sales pitch or other unwelcome correspondence but rather thoughts of a warm summer day in Vermont with their dog and friends. This newsletter is not meant to replace the mailings but rather to supplement them. It will provide a channel for campers to communicate their accolades, instructors to let us know about their upcoming activities, detail the current information about new camp activities and provide a countdown for your return trip to Vermont. I hope you enjoy the newsletter and welcome your feedback. This is a good time to introduce Lisa Emery who will be administering the newsletter. Please email her your accomplishments, tips, recommendations for newsletter topics to [campnewswire@hotmail.com](mailto:campnewswire@hotmail.com).

Keep you and your wonderful animals warm throughout the cold winds of February.

Honey



## A Newsletter for Camp

Fellow Campers,

My name is Lisa Emery and I would like to welcome you to the first, of hopefully many editions of the Camp Newswire. I feel fortunate to have found camp very early in my dog owning life. Camp has the best instructors, cutting edge information and the most wonderful campers in the world. This is your newsletter and we welcome any thoughts or ideas for articles. So, sit back and read for a spell. Hopefully this first newsletter will keep you going through February with lovely thoughts of warm days in Vermont.

Until next time,

Lisa

The great pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you but he will make a fool of himself, too.

Samuel Butler

## Late Breaking Camp News

Honey has done a grand job lining up the talent for 2004. Here are some of the latest additions to the camp schedule:

Karen Pryor will be at June's camp for two days and conduct the "OK Game" which is a new clicker game to teach signaling, cue-in and reinforcing behavior positively.

Trish McConnell, Ph.D. will be at the first Fall camp to do a reading from her latest book, "The Other End of the Leash" and to sign books.

Jump Rope 101 - Foundation and Fundamentals will be run as a tricks class at Fall camp week 2.

New classes in Agility, Doggie First Aid, Dog Adoptions, Tellington Touch Work, Attention, Canine Massage and Dancing for Humans will be offered at least at one camp this year.

Honey continues to enhance the schedule with new options.



## Tasty Treats

Taffy, the wonderful chef at the Stowe Camps, has provided a delicious dog biscuit recipe for the first NewsWire issue.

- 1 cup white flour
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 cup toasted wheat germ
- 1/2 cup bacon fat
- 1/4 cup maple syrup (honey or brown sugar will also do)
- 2 eggs
- 1 tbsp chopped garlic—roast it if you want to be fancy
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley or 1 tbsp dried parsley

Note: The garlic makes the biscuit taste good while the parsley cleanses the palate and makes your dog kissable! Add enough water to make the dough rollable. Roll out dough to about 1/4 inch thick. Use cookie cutters or cut into squares. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes or until brown around the edges.

## Campers Corner



Fall alum Janet Doerer has some exciting news to share. Duke, her 7 year old Dobie/Shepherd designer dog made his acting debut on Saturday Night Live on November 1st, 2003. His role was a rescue dog named Sam looking for a home. He appeared on stage with Kelly Ripa and performed like a trooper. Strangers, the noise on the set and being handed off to Kelly did not faze him at all. Additionally, Janet has a new family addition, a Belgian Malinois named Chase who was born August 27th and hails from Oklahoma. He is attending Obedience and Agility lessons with Janet and is doing very well in both classes.

Please email your recipes, book reviews or other topics for the NewsWire to:  
[campnewswire@hotmail.com](mailto:campnewswire@hotmail.com)

## Tails Up! Camp's Motto

A happy dog has its tail up. If your dog's tail isn't up, we're doing something wrong. Fun is the name of the game.



## Winter Pet Safety Tips

Winter can pose some unique dangers to our dogs. While the majority of winter tips are already known by most campers, here are some I found interesting during my search through the net and discussions with Mary Thompson:

- The dangers of antifreeze are well known but did you know there is another type of product that does not endanger our dogs? Propylene glycol will not hurt pets or wildlife. During your next oil change, request this product be used instead of regular antifreeze.
- Playing in the snow can be fun for dogs but do you know the common signs of frostbite in a dog? Dry, stiff, whitish patches of skin, pads that are really hard and cold, stiff ear tips. Animals with upright ears and dogs with white on their pads are more susceptible to getting frostbite. Overexposure to the cold may develop into frostbite but this usually occurs in the most northern parts of the United States and Alaska.

If you think your dog has frostbite, get the animal warm but do not try to elevate his temperature too fast. Wrap him loosely in a large towel or blanket and sit with him. You may use some lukewarm water to soften up the stiff parts of skin or pads but DO NOT rub these areas. Just use a washcloth and gently hold at the site and repeat for 5-10 minutes, if the dog will let you. When in doubt, contact your veterinarian.

- Have you noticed your dog lifting one foot and then the other as if he does not know which foot to walk on when there is snow on the ground and it is really cold outside? This is not frostbite but the fact that a dog sweats through his feet and when they make contact with the cold, dry snow, his feet tingle.
- Most dogs live inside with you, so their coat is not as thick as it would be if they lived outside. To let him stay outside in really cold weather or when the windchill is below zero is like you running outside in a heavy sweatshirt. That is not enough to stay warm for very long.
- I recently received a present of towels with a loop. You know, like some dish towels that goes over a door handle. Place one on your back door and you will always have a towel handy when your dogs come in from a muddy walk.
- Carbon monoxide can kill people in a matter of minutes but dogs are impacted much sooner. Consider installing a carbon monoxide detector in your home.

Let us know about any safety tips or ideas you may have.

## Auditing Option

Are you a dog professional looking for an opportunity to develop your knowledge on a wide variety of dog related topics? Have the majority of seminars you considered only offered information on one or two topics? Do the rising costs of continuing education deter you for attending education session? Consider Camp Gone to the Dogs as an option to meet your educational needs.

With the auditing option, you may attend camp without a dog on an offsite basis for a \$300 reduced fee. If you are interested, please contact Honey Loring at 802-387-5673.

*"If your idea of a good time is having fun with your dog, learning new things, letting your pets natural abilities shine and doing it all in a non-competitive atmosphere of dog-loving camaraderie, come join us."*

*Honey Loring, M.A., Ed.  
Camp Founder and Director*



## Honey's Home

### NADAC Update

NADAC has announced the decision to lower the height of the A-frame and make the removal of slats from all contact equipment mandatory within the next year. The height of the A-frame will be 5' (five feet) at the apex with the new change. These two changes are allowed at any trial immediately, recommended by April 1, 2004 and required at any trials after August 1, 2004.

After August 1, 2004, move-ups will no longer be allowed except for shows held in remote locations. Clubs are highly encouraged to allow move-ups for trials where there is another NADAC trial the previous weekend so exhibitors can move up from one weekend to the next.

The NADAC Hall of Fame is being formalized in 2004. All dogs that have been the Top Overall Dog each year will be inducted. There are other opportunities for induction such as dogs that have earned a NATCH in all three divisions (Standard, Veterans and Jr. Handler).

For more details on these developments, please refer to [www.nadac.com](http://www.nadac.com).

### APDT Information

The Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) is a professional organization of individual trainers who are committed to becoming better trainers through education. The APDT offers individual pet dog trainers a respected and concerted voice in the dog world. We continue to promote professional trainers to the veterinary profession and to increase public awareness of dog friendly training techniques

There are different levels of membership. For example, an Associate Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in the field of dog training, e.g., suppliers of goods and services, and related professions. As an Associate Member, you have access to many benefits. For example this includes listing your website on their Trainer Locator, being eligible for the no-cost APDT Trainers' Discussion List, access to professional liability insurance, discounted rates on certification testing and eligibility for awards and educational scholarships.

For more information on APDT membership and benefits, please visit their website at [www.apdt.com](http://www.apdt.com).

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## 2004 Camp Countdown

June  
**127 Days**

Fall 1  
**218 Days**

Fall 2  
**224 Days**

*Camp is a Celebration of Dogs  
and All the Ways They Bring Joy  
into Our Lives*

*Another example that Camp's  
instructors ARE the cutting edge.*



## The Book Nook

**Old Friends - Great Dogs on the Good Life by Mark J. Asher**

Old dogs know plenty of tricks for staying young at heart - and here they are! This humorous and loving collection of duotone portraits captures the golden years of humanity's best friends and most faithful companions. Sage and tender moments are caught on film and are paired with captions that reveal each dog's age and their secrets for a long and happy life. These are dogs who know how to live life fully and recognize its priorities. Old Friends is the perfect gift for dog owners and everyone who hopes to age gracefully in the canine spirit.

Our own Nancy Keifer of Summer camp writes: "A wonderful book of photography capturing all of the golden moments in those aging days of our dear canine companions. Just a beautiful book for anyone who has ever been owned by a canine senior citizen."



## Sue Sternberg's HBO Special

**What happens to the approximately five million abandoned and unwanted dogs who end up in shelters across the U.S. each year? Only a quarter of America's shelter dogs ever find new homes, presenting a murky moral debate for those who care for the leftovers.**

Through a unique window into Sue Sternberg's upstate New York shelter, this documentary takes a hard, bold look at a tough dilemma. Watch for the documentary Shelter Dogs premiering on HBO January 27th, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. ET/PT and is being shown throughout January and February. Refer to your television listings for specific times and for more information about SHELTER DOGS, please visit [www.shelterdogs.com](http://www.shelterdogs.com).

# The Dog

Author Unknown, written prior to 1946

I've never known a dog to wag  
His tail in glee he didn't feel,  
Nor quit his old-time friend to tag  
At some more influential heel.  
The yellowiest cur I ever knew  
Was, to the boy who loved him, true.

I've never known a dog to show  
Halfway develop to a friend;  
To seek a kinder man to know,  
Of richer; but unto the end  
The humblest dog I ever knew,  
Was, to the man that loved him, true.

I've never known a dog to fake  
Affection for a present gain,  
A false display of love to make,  
Some little favor to attain.  
I've never known Prince or Spot  
That seemed to be what his is not.

But I have known a dog to fight  
With all his strength to shield a friend,  
And whether wrong or whether right  
To stick with him until the end.  
And I have known a dog to lick  
The hand of him that men would kick.

And I have known a dog to bear  
Starvation pangs from day to day  
With him who had been glad to share  
His bread and meat along the way.  
No dog, however mean or rude  
Is guilty of ingratitude.

The dog is listed with the dumb,  
No voice has he to speak his creed.  
His messages to humans come  
By faithful conduct and by deed.  
He shows, as seldom mortals do,  
A high ideal of being true.

