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# THE EDITOR BARKS OUT



Happy Howlidays!

Hope you and your dogs enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. In this issue, we have some tasty tidbits of our own including a biscuit recipe for dogs that get carsick.

In her “Corner,” Honey shares some AKC stats with us, one of which is how the silver screen affects the popularity of certain breeds. The AKC also compiled a list of non-dog owners’ grievances against dog owners – reasons used by property owners in deciding whether or not to allow dogs in hotels, etc. Mary has some excellent “Tips” on selecting dog food and on using antioxidants. “Creative Tails” features a canine version of the *Twelve Days of Christmas*.

In this issue, I have tried to make it more computer screen friendly. Columns are traditionally used to break up print to ease the strain on the eyes and brain. That’s why magazines and newspapers use them. The aim is to keep the audience reading. The e-magazines I looked at still use them. So I’ve made a hybrid with the goal to keep you reading but making it easier to navigate. I hope it meets with your approval.

As Mozart, Zeppelin, and I prepare for the holiday season, we’d like you to stay safe and be happy. Merry Christmas/Season’s Greetings to one and all.

Keep those tails wagging

— Valerie Steinman  
Newswire Editor  
CGTTD Camper

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# HONEY'S CORNER

Honey Loring, CGTTD Founder



## The Umbilical Cord Method

The umbilical cord method is simply to have a leash or cord from the dog's collar to your waist whenever you are home and awake and able to take some cognizance of the dog. The dog goes everywhere with you and whenever you see the slightest indications that the dog may need to eliminate, as well as any time the dog has recently eaten, drunk, awoken from a nap, or been very active, you will take the dog outdoors into the potty area and you will wait to see if he

eliminates and if he does so you will very sweetly praise and pet him. Let him know for sure how much you approve of him using the potty yard. Do NOT simply put the dog outdoors and hope he will eliminate. You must be there to watch and to praise. Later in his life, when eliminating outdoors is a rock solid habit, of course you won't need to watch and praise, but right now you are building the foundation for the rest of your life together.



## AKC Surveys

Following are highlights from surveys conducted by the American Kennel Club on dog-related trends and attitudes and actions of dog owners and, in some cases, non-dog owners. For additional survey data and methodology, visit [http://www.akc.org/press\\_center/facts\\_stats.cfm](http://www.akc.org/press_center/facts_stats.cfm) and select the survey of interest.

### **Dogs and Interpersonal Relationships**

- Nearly 90 percent of women find at least one quality in their dog that they'd like to see in their significant other, while 34 percent of

the women surveyed agreed with the statement, “If my dog was a man, he’d be my boyfriend!”

- Thirty-three percent of men said the number one canine quality they wished their women had is “always being in a good mood”



- Fifty-eight percent of men said a puppy is a foolproof babe-magnet in the park (only 25 percent said a baby is better)
- Forty-six percent of women said they’d stop and talk to anyone with a cute puppy
- Sixty-six percent said they wouldn’t even consider dating someone who didn’t like their dog
- Fourteen percent admitted they might continue dating someone they didn’t like all that much, just to spend time with their dog
- Eighteen percent of dog owners said they either have included or would include their dog in their wedding ceremony
- Twenty-one percent said their pet regularly sleeps in bed with them

### **Dog Owners vs. Non-Dog Owners**

- Forty-seven percent of non-dog owners cited “a lack of picking up after their dogs” as their number one complaint with dog owners
- Twenty-five percent of non-dog owners complained about owners “not controlling their dogs” or “letting their dogs jump on you”
- Thirteen percent said “allowing a dog to bark incessantly” was their number one grievance
- Twenty-two percent of non-dog owners said “too much responsibility” was the reason they didn’t own a dog, followed by a “lack of time” at 16 percent
- Owners of one dog were more likely to describe themselves as “happy” as opposed to non-dog owners (43 percent vs. 38 percent) yet those “sans pooch” say they are more organized (19 percent vs. 14 percent of dog owners)

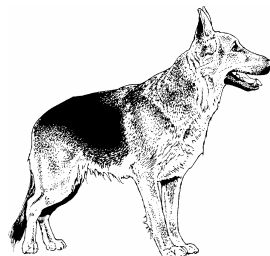
- Dog owners were more likely to call themselves “laid back” than those without pups (26 percent vs. 17 percent)

### **Top Spot**

- AKC registers nearly one million dogs per year
- AKC registration statistics are compiled in January of each year and represent registration from January 1 through December 31 of the previous year
- AKC registration statistics were compiled approximately every five years from 1915 through 1940; however, the Boston Terrier Club of America’s records show that between 1905 and 1935, the Boston Terrier held the number one or two position consistently
- In 1925, the German Shepherd Dog displaced the Boston Terrier, seizing the number one spot [see Hollywood Hounds below]
- Cocker Spaniels ranked number one from 1936 through 1952
- Beagles took over the top spot in 1953 until 1959
- Poodles enjoyed a long reign as the most popular dog for 22 years (1960-1982), the longest any breed has held that position consecutively
- Cocker Spaniels made a comeback and were number one again from 1983 through 1990, making them the dog with the longest total reign in the top spot at 23 years
- In 1991, the Labrador Retriever took over and remains the leader of the pack today

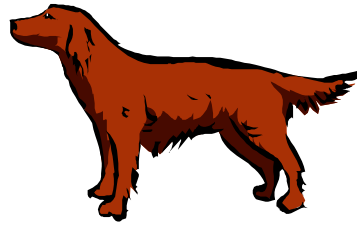
### **Hollywood Hounds**

- Shortly after Rin Tin Tin was featured in the Warner Brothers film, *Man From Hell’s River* (1922), the German Shepherd Dog was number one from 1925 through 1928



- Lassie made her film debut in 1943 and the Collie’s popularity began to rise until ranking third in the nation from 1947 through 1949. In 2005, the Collie ranked 36<sup>th</sup>

- *Big Red* (1962), a film based on a popular book about an Irish Setter, triggered a rise in popularity of the breed. The Irish Setter



rose from 27<sup>th</sup> in 1960 to 21<sup>st</sup> in 1965 and peaked at the third spot in 1973. In 2005, the Irish Setter was 67<sup>th</sup> in the rankings

- Today dogs are routinely featured in films, advertisement and all other forms of entertainment, making it difficult to track resulting trends. The abundance of small dogs on the silver screen such as the Chihuahua in *Legally Blonde* and the Brussels Griffon in *As Good As It Gets*, combined with the bevy of jet-setting celebrities who tote their canine companions with them appears to have fueled the popularity of the petite pooch



*Hope you are enjoying your dogs as much as I've been enjoying mine.*

*All for now,  
Honey*



## MARY'S TIPS

Mary Thompson  
CGTTD Instructor/Staff



### Dog Food Diets

Have you ever heard "More is not better" or "Too much of a good thing may be bad for you"? Well, that is how I feel about some of the new dog foods! Some

companies seem to be trying to cover all bases with Chicken, Turkey, Duck, Fish and Venison—all in one formula! If your dog develops a food allergy

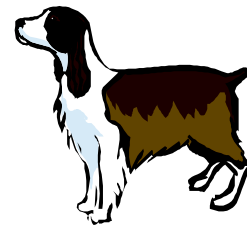
to this brand of dog food, which meat product do you think might be the culprit? I believe that meat should be the first ingredient but not three to five different meats. You can pay \$60 for 30 pounds of premium quality dog food, but if your dog won't eat it or does not thrive on it, what good is it? That does not mean that paying only \$10 for 30 pounds of dog food is ideal

either! My rule of thumb is one bowel movement for each meal daily plus one for having exercised. Eyes must be clear, free of any colored discharge, same with the nostrils; ears should not have a dirty sock smell; coat should be shiny (according to the breed) and not shed more than normal. If this is your dog, I would not be changing diets on him.



## Antioxidants

I have a friend who almost daily is supplementing really high quality dry dog food with sardines, salmon in oil, tuna in oil, etc. He asked me why his dogs' coats seem dull and almost greasy only three days after a bath (and he gives his dogs three baths at a time when he bathes his dogs).



Why is he doing all of this? – To have a beautiful, healthy, shiny coat on his dogs. Because he is overdoing it with the oils/fats, he is getting the opposite effect – too much – and it is coming out in the coat. Remember, not enough Vitamin D causes Rickets; too much Vitamin D causes Rickets. The signs of toxicity are usually the same for deficiency. So please be careful how often you supplement your dog's diet and with what. There are very few supplements that I give daily to my dogs. And having five dogs between the ages of eight and 14, I have found a few supplements that seem to help, especially the larger dogs.

When my dogs are seven-ish, I start them on antioxidants. They are extremely beneficial in helping to keep your dog mentally alert and moving more freely than he might if he were not on this supplement. The one that I have found to have the most in it is Antiox-Ultra from Valley Systems at 800-877-0177. I do not know if they only sell to vets, but if they do, you might want to convince your vet that he should be carrying them!

One of the vet techs at our office asked me if I wanted some outdated supplements. There were four bottles of the same supplement, so I took them and tried them on my 13-year-old IWS. This summer, he swam almost daily in our pool and would do seven to 10 retrieves before he had had enough. Within four days of being on this supplement, he went up to 15 retrieves. I just thought that he had gotten stronger. When the supplement ran out, within three days, he was back to only retrieving about seven times. I had more of the supplement ordered and again, within four

days of being on it, Ten was back to retrieving 15 times and within 10 days, he was up to 20 times!



The supplement is made by Vetri-Science and is called "Gluta-DMG." It supports the liver, immune system, and joints. Valley Vet and KV Vet both sell this product if your vet does not carry it.



## New NSAID

A new NSAID (Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug) for dogs is "Zubrin." It melts quickly in their mouths and is much safer to their systems, especially the liver. I have tried it on the 13-year-old IWS, but it seemed to make him dull and older so I

took him off of it. Rimadyl still works the best for him, and we do blood work every 4 months to make sure his liver is okay. Just because it did not appear to work as well on my old dog does not mean that your old dog shouldn't try it.



## Tracking Transition

Finn is now a champion (finally!) and is being trained as a search & rescue dog for the local police departments like my Lab "Storm" did. Working a dog again in tracking for such a job has taught me a few things as to why I feel the pass rate is so low on

TDX's. I don't believe most people really ease their dogs into the three- to five-hour timeframe for TDX compared to half an hour to two hours for TD. I think they just jump from one hour to three hours and expect the dog to do it. The dog will, BUT he won't

give his handler the same strong work on the line as he did at a fresher aged track. Then the handler starts to second guess the dog. Big mistake! You can't make the decisions for the dog in tracking. He has to be able to tell you where the track goes, and you need to trust him and follow him. I also don't believe that most dogs are in shape enough to handle the difference between an almost 500-yard track to an almost 1000-yard

track. Finn's tracks are no less than a half mile each time he goes out! He has an article about every 300 to 500 yards to keep him motivated and confident.

So having said that, please go out and practice distance and time on separate tracks, so you won't de-motivate your dog and cause him to lose confidence. Remember: it is supposed to be FUN! If you are not having fun, neither is your dog.



## TRUE TAILS

### They Said It!

...the poor dog, in life the firmest friend,  
The first to welcome, foremost to defend.

—George Noel Gordon, Lord Byron

The gift which I am sending you is called a dog, and is in fact the most precious and valuable possession of mankind.

—Theodorus Gaza

When all the world is young, lad,  
And all the trees are green  
And every goose a swan, lad,  
And every lass a queen;  
Then hey for boot and horse, lad,  
And round the world away;  
Young blood must have its  
course, lad,  
And every dog his day.

—Charles Kingsley



One of the animals which a generous and sociable man would soonest become is a dog. A dog can have a friend; he has affections and character; he can enjoy equally the field and the fireside; he dreams, he

caresses, he propitiates; he offends, and is pardoned; he stands by you in adversity; he is a good fellow.

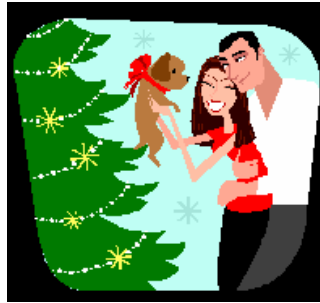
—Leigh Hunt

He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer; he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounters with the roughness of the world....When all other friends desert, he remains.

—George G. Vest



## CREATIVE TAILS



### My Puppy Gave To Me....

On the first day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:  
The Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the second day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the third day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:  
Three punctured ornaments,  
Two leaking bubble lights,  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:  
Four broken window candles,  
Three punctured ornaments,  
Two leaking bubble lights,  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:  
Five chewed-up stockings,  
Four broken window candles,

Three punctured ornaments,  
Two leaking bubble lights,  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the sixth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:  
Six yards of soggy ribbon,  
Five chewed-up stockings,  
Four broken window candles,  
Three punctured ornaments,  
Two leaking bubble lights,  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper,  
Six yards of soggy ribbon,  
Five chewed-up stockings,  
Four broken window candles,  
Three punctured ornaments,  
Two leaking bubble lights,  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.



On the eighth day of Christmas  
my puppy gave to me:  
Eight tiny reindeer fragments,  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper,  
Six yards of soggy ribbon,  
Five chewed-up stockings,  
Four broken window candles,  
Three punctured ornaments,  
Two leaking bubble lights,  
And the Santa topper from the  
Christmas tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:  
My wreath in nine pieces,  
Eight tiny reindeer fragments,  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper,  
Six yards of soggy ribbon,  
Five chewed-up stockings,  
Four broken window candles,  
Three punctured ornaments,  
Two leaking bubble lights,  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:  
Ten Christmas cards I should have mailed,  
My wreath in nine pieces,  
Eight tiny reindeer fragments,  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper,  
Six yards of soggy ribbon,  
Five chewed-up stockings,  
Four broken window candles,  
Three punctured ornaments,  
Two leaking bubble lights,  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:  
Eleven unwrapped presents,  
Ten Christmas cards I should have mailed,  
My wreath in nine pieces,  
Eight tiny reindeer fragments,  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper,  
Six yards of soggy ribbon,  
Five chewed-up stockings,  
Four broken window candles,  
Three punctured ornaments,  
Two leaking bubble lights,  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me:  
A dozen puppy kisses,

And I forgot all about the other eleven days.



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# "DIVINE" TAILS

This Morning I Woke Up



This morning I woke up and kissed my dad's head  
I peed on the carpet, then went back to bed  
"The life of a puppy, oh my, this is great."  
Then I thought about breakfast, "I hope it's not late."

Mom took me outside, we walked for a while –  
This never fails to make Mama smile.  
I sniffed of everything that we did pass  
I ate something weird – it gave me gas

I'm sure God loves me, I know that is true  
He gave me so many great things to chew  
Rugs, plants or rocks, I really don't care  
What I truly like best is Dad's underwear



That obedience book was sort of  
yummy  
Though it didn't sit well on my  
poor puppy tummy  
I threw up a bit, but that was all  
right  
When Mom found it later, I was  
well out of sight

I made streamers of T.P. while running full speed  
Mom is pretty quick – but I was still in the lead  
I flew under the bed, and Mom flew past.  
She stopped, shook her head, and breathed,  
"You're too fast."

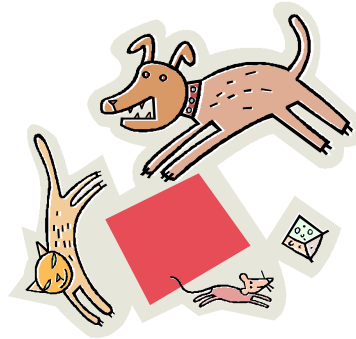
Mama later phoned Daddy and said, "It was frightening!"  
That afternoon, she was sure I'd pooped lightning.

She'd sat at the computer while I chewed the cord  
She thought I was mad, but I was just bored

When Mama had enough, couldn't take anymore  
That's when my tushy got shoved out the door  
I love it inside, but outside is best  
Lay in the cool grass and had a good rest

That didn't last long, there was too much to do –  
Can't quite remember where I hid Daddy's shoe  
I found an old bone and scratched at a flea  
I watched the dumb squirrels as they jumped in a tree

I barked at the kids when they  
got off the bus  
I can't figure out why this makes  
Mama fuss  
I barked at the neighbor, I  
barked at the wind  
I barked and barked till Mom  
yelled, "COME IN."



The sun dipped in the west – soon Daddy would come!  
I sure love my daddy, we always have fun  
I barked at my daddy, then turned on my charm  
I woo-wooded, "Hello," then jumped in his arms

Sitting under the table – it's so hard to wait  
Daddy slipped me a goodie right off his plate  
I raced through the house and scattered my toys,  
Ricocheted off the furniture, and made lots of noise

Mom found her purse – the one I abused  
Daddy let loose a chuckle. Mom asked "Amused?"  
I covered down low, I must be in trouble  
Dad said, "Wasn't MY boy, it must be his double!"

Mom turned off the TV and said, "Time for bed."  
Dad said, "Let's go, boy," and patted my head  
I got in my spot between Mom and Dad  
I thought 'bout my day and what fun I had

Mama kicked out my bone from the covers below  
Then let loose a sigh – a sigh deep and low

She gave me a kiss and snuggled me tight  
And whispered so softly, "My darling, goodnight."

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## TALL TAILS

### Buy a Dog



If you want someone who will bring you the paper without first tearing it apart to remove the sports or any other section, then buy a dog.

If you want someone willing to make a fool of himself/herself simply over the joy of seeing you, then buy a dog.

If you want someone who will eat whatever you put in front of him/her and never says it's not quite as good as mother made it, then buy a dog.

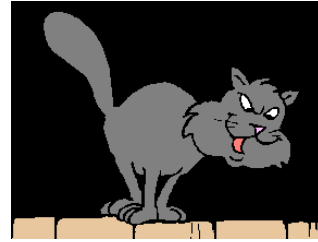
If you want someone always willing to go out, at any hour, for as long and wherever you want, then buy a dog.

If you want someone who will never touch the remote, doesn't care about football, and can sit next to you as you watch romantic movies, then buy a dog.

If you want someone who is content to get up on your bed just to warm your feet and whom you can push off if he/she snores, then buy a dog.

If you want someone who never criticizes what you do, doesn't care if you are pretty or ugly, fat or thin, young or old, who acts as if every word you say is especially worthy of listening to, and loves you unconditionally, perpetually, then buy a dog.

But on the other hand, if you want someone who will never come when you call, ignores you totally when you come home, leaves hair all over the place, walks all over you, runs around all night and only comes home to eat and sleep, and acts as if your entire existence is solely to ensure his/her happiness, then buy a cat!



## BOW WOW

### Canine Carsickness Cookies

- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup soy flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon powdered ginger
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup honey
- ¼ cup safflower or canola oil
- ¾ cup applesauce



Preheat the oven to 350°. Combine the dry ingredients in a large bowl. In a smaller bowl, beat the egg and add the honey, safflower or canola oil, and applesauce. Mix together and add to the dry ingredients. Mix thoroughly into a loose dough. Drop by scant teaspoonful onto a baking sheet covered with greased or non-stick foil. Flatten with the bottom of a glass or jelly jar, if you'd like. Bake for eight to 10 minutes or until brown. Store in the refrigerator in an airtight container.



# UNTIL TAILS UP

(As of November 30, 2006)



## CAMP

## TIME TO WAIT

### *Summer*

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