



# CAMP GONE TO THE DOGS

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# *The Editor Barks Out*



## Packed With Information

### The Meat

This issue of the Camp Gone to the Dogs Newswire covers a variety of subjects from games to vaccines. In her “Corner,” Honey shares dog transport stories and helpful hints when shipping a dog. Mary T. gives several “Tips” for helping the older dog. “True Tails” provides some very interesting reading regarding over-vaccination. In “Bow Wow,” Ann Bulke, our visiting Aussie, shares her love of camp with the continent of Australia.

### Camper/Staff Haikus

As a poet, I particularly enjoyed reading the submissions for both “Creative Tails” and “Divine Tails.” I love poetry and wish to include more canine haikus. A haiku consists of three lines: the first line contains five syllables, the second contains seven syllables, and the third line contains five. So Campers, if you’ve written or would like to write a canine haiku, please forward it to me. I’ll place what I receive in future issues as space permits. What follows, “The River,” is an example:

The tubing canine  
Bounces over the boat’s wake  
Stung by frothy surf

Keep those tails wagging

— Valerie Steinman  
Newswire Editor  
CGTDD Camper

**CAMPERS:** please send us your dog-related stories, jokes, recipes, etc., so we can share them with all who read the *Camp Gone to the Dogs* Newswire. Forward your material via e-mail to [campnewswire@hotmail.com](mailto:campnewswire@hotmail.com). In the subject line of your e-mail, please type the word, **newswire**. If you are submitting another person’s story, please tell us the author’s name or where you got the story (e.g., internet/e-mail). We reserve the right to edit your stories for content, grammar, space, etc. You must be a current or past camper to contribute to the Newswire. Thank you for your cooperation.

# HONEY'S CORNER

Honey Loring, CGTTD Founder



## Did Your Pet Come From A Shelter?

Did your pet come from an animal shelter? If so, the ASPCA wants to hear your "tail"! [Tell us about your pet and include their photo.](#) How has your pet enriched your life? How did rescuing a pet from a shelter make you feel?

Every day thousands of loving and adoptable cats and dogs are euthanized in animal shelters because there are simply not enough homes for them all. The ASPCA is launching a focused effort to create a country of humane communities, one community at a time – where

animals receive compassion and respect, and where there is no more unnecessary euthanasia of adoptable animals simply because of a lack of resources or awareness.

Including your story is a fun way to spread the word about the importance of adopting pets from shelters rather than pet stores and encouraging others to do the same.

[Tell the ASPCA about your adoption experiences and include a photo of your special companion.](#)



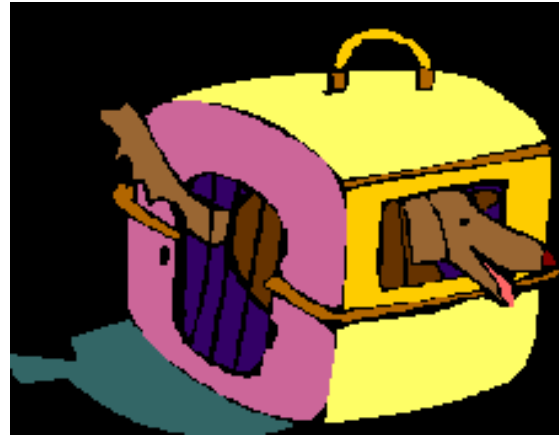
## Crate Tales

(From the Poodle Support Group List)

One very important caveat: RESIST the temptation to take them out of their crates while still at the airport!!! Wait until you are in an absolutely secure area. Last year when the Whippet, Vivi, escaped at the airport on her way home from Westminster, there were many, many discussions of

airport horror stories, and if memory serves, every one of them involved people who removed their dogs from their crates in the baggage area or in the Loading and Unloading area. These dogs bolted from their crates, some into traffic. Wait until you are in a room or yard with all gates/doors/whatever closed for the reunion. BTW, I don't know if the photo of her crate is still online, but looking at it, it was obvious that the crate had been dropped. The latch on the door was so obviously "sprung."

Tens or maybe hundreds of thousands of pets are shipped every year, and all but the tiniest fraction arrive safe and sound and none the worse for their trip. Best not to tranquilize, as a groggy dog who urps can aspirate. Better a messy dog, you know. Lots of absorbent material on the bottom of the crate, perhaps paper instead of a towel or rug, as you don't want to take a chance on a dog eating a towel or rug while in transit even if s/he never did it before.



No matter how many times you have tightened the screws on the VariKennel, tighten them again. The vibration of a car can loosen them! You may even want to drill holes, not too close to the screws for the sake of structural integrity, but close enough to the door and back of the crate to insert zip ties as extra insurance that the crate won't come apart, and also secure the door in some way that the dog cannot pull it open, but it is still accessible to

freight personnel, etc. (i.e., no padlocks). Some people put duct tape "girdles" around the crate instead of using zip ties (side to side, not end to end). Not pretty, but duct tape is ubiquitous these days, and very strong, and who cares if it's pretty as long as you feel safe, which will reassure you to the point that you won't make the dogs nervous, you know?? Since duct tape comes in colors, you might even be able to create some duct-art, who knows.



## Importing a Dog

(From the Poodle Support Group List)

Call the relevant embassy NOW; do not rely on the airline for the correct information regarding importing a dog. Doubtless you will have many hoops to jump through. For some countries, rabies shots have to be carefully timed, and not every vet has the proper paperwork, but it can be faxed. Some countries require a titer following the Rabies shot. Great Britain even requires tapeworming, if I remember correctly. It's best to identify all of the hoops NOW so that you have your Passports ready and have a great time. Think of the fun your guys will have with you in a new country, and what great ambassadors for the breed they will be.

I bought the "deluxe" VariKennel for the sole purpose of shipping and just safely shipped a Standard Poodle from Baltimore to Minnesota recently. The deluxe has those latches around the perimeter rather than the screws and bolts. The latch

pivots around and lines up a set of plastic flaps that you can put those electrician ties through. Each latch got tied. Would take a bit of effort to undo any of those. The Poodle arrived in excellent condition.

I once transported a VariKennel to the Tar Heel from Maryland in the back of my Jeep. I had it broken down but put the screws and bolts in place so I wouldn't lose them. By the time I arrived in NC (about a 5+ hour drive) every one of those screws and bolts had vibrated out and were lying in the bottom of the VariKennel! I would not feel confident air shipping a dog in a regular VariKennel. But I like them for shows because they break down and set up easily. Those latches on the deluxe are a bit of a pain to line up quickly. Secure the door in some way that the dog cannot pull it open, but it is still accessible to freight personnel, etc. (i.e., no padlocks).



I once had a bitch being shipped for breeding lost when she missed a connection and an airline employee felt sorry for her having to wait six extra hours and opened the crate to pet her. She escaped. Fortunately, she was found when her owner and I arrived at the airport. However, since that time, I always have holes drilled in the door and side

of the crate, with a zip tie cable through both. In an emergency, it can be cut with scissors to remove the dog but will prevent the door from being opened casually or from coming open if the crate is dropped. A friend actually uses a combination lock on crate doors for shipping. She writes the combination on the crate for use in an emergency.



*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



### Tracking Wet Spots

If you are out tracking for VST, please avoid any wet spots on the pavement. They may be oil, OR they could be antifreeze! Obviously, if you encounter a wet spot that is ten feet or more across, I doubt if it is oil or antifreeze. At this point, Finn and I have done enough wet tracks; we want SNOW! Sorry, but we do!



### Pariahs of Old Age

## Inflammation

Still on the topic of older dogs, since I have so many! Another new NSAID is Previcox. It is supposed to be milder on the stomach, liver, and kidneys. Let me say this right now – if you have a dog on ANY medication, even the most common antibiotic, ear medication, eye drops, etc., IF your dog vomits or has diarrhea, call your vet and STOP the medication! If you can say your dog got into the garbage or found something to chew on, then fine, keep him on the medication; otherwise, stop it!

If you are leery about putting your older dog on any of these medications (and I don't blame

you!), you may want to consider going to the health food store and buying MSM. While there are animal supplements with MSM in them already, I find that some dogs can't tolerate the amount of MSM in the supplement in the beginning. If you buy it separately, you can either break up the tablet or open the capsule and give only half the tablet or capsule DAILY until you see if your dog can tolerate it. If he can tolerate half a capsule/tablet daily, then you can give him half a capsule/tablet twice a day with his food. MSM is sulphur and seems to help relieve inflammation in joints and also pain! I know it helps me.

## Hearing Loss

If you think your dog is starting to lose his hearing, consider teaching him hand signals if you have not already done so. My last few dogs have become deaf and thankfully, I had already



taught them hand signals. I stomped on the floor to wake them up, gave a hand signal to come and then they would follow me to the door and go outside. When trying to bring them back in, I would wave my arms and when they looked at me, give them the hand signal to come and bring them back inside. If they did not look at me and I wanted them inside quickly, I would bang two pot pan lids together. Somehow, they seemed to sense the vibration of the noise and look up and then I could signal them.

## Vision Loss

I now have a dog who is losing her sight. NOTHING gets moved! The furniture stays in the same places; the route to the back door stays free of extra shoes; and I talk to her as I approach her so she knows I am near. As long as she can go out or in with other dogs, she does just fine going down the three steps to the back yard and back in again. When she is on her own, she gets close and reaches out a front paw trying to touch the step so she can come in. When she is by herself, I tell her step and she has learned to trust me and jump up (she's a 14+ Norwich Terrier). It seems as if she has memorized the route and does okay most of the time. I keep a gate on the stairs, so she won't attempt to climb them and get "stuck" part way up and fall if I am not near by. As she is allowed free roam of the downstairs, I have not changed anything.



I had a camper tell me that she had a fairly young dog (about seven years old) go blind and to let him know what rooms he could go into, she put different scents on the doorframes. The doors he could go through, she used a pine scent. The ones he could not go through, she used a strong perfume. She would rub the scents into the doorframe on both sides from the bottom of the frames up to about four feet. With her following the dog and letting him know which was which, he soon learned the different scents. What a great way to help a blind dog know safe and not safe!

Also, if you have a breed that normally has his face/whiskers shaved and he is blind or going blind, do NOT shave off the whiskers. They help tell the dog how close he is to something.

### Bad Teeth

Also want to share with you that there is a vaccine for periodontal problems (bad teeth). It is being manufactured with a temporary license. Please, do not let your dog be a guinea pig for this vaccine! It may end up being a decent vaccine, BUT I would NOT recommend anyone trying it while it is in a probation stage.

## Nutrition, Nutrition, Nutrition

Nutrition is one of my favorite subjects (if you did not already know this!). All I can really say is that there is no one food that will work well with all dogs. You can buy the most expensive, with great ingredients, food on the market, and if your dog won't eat it or has a poor coat, loses too much weight, has loose stools, has acid reflux, etc., what good is the food?

I won't feed what is sold in the grocery stores, BJ's, Costco's, Walmart, Sam's Club, etc. as the manufacturers can change the ingredients without having to show the change on the label!

I believe in feeding a food that I can add fresh foods to, such as more meat and veggies, without my dogs reacting to the additions. Vitamins E and C only protect a food for *nine weeks* from the time it is made, not *the year* that is printed on the label.

So why can your dog food be good for a year? The company selling the dog food bought the meat with preservatives already in there. That way, they do NOT have to list it on the label. If they add any preservative to the food, they must list it. Soooooo, most foods are not truly "all natural" if they can be on the store shelves for six months to a year. The only real "natural" food is fresh that has been frozen or what you make yourself. As soon as they use fresh ingredients and make it into a nugget, it has undergone changes with the heat that will distort and lose precious vitamins and minerals.



The rules in my house: I roast a chicken on Sunday. What is not eaten by Tuesday goes to the dogs. I give my husband (he is the only one in the family who likes leftovers!) two days to eat up the leftovers. If not eaten, the mashed potatoes, carrots, peas, squash, spinach, (whatever veggie is left), with the meat, goes to the dogs.

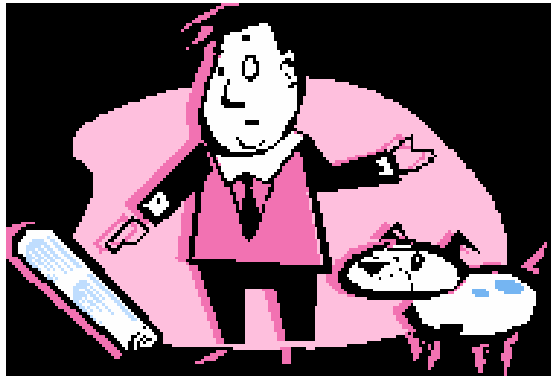
Something else to comment on – since I have gone back to making my own dog food (I took two years off; it was very convenient to scoop it out of a bag!), my 14+ Norwich Terrier no longer seems to scare so with noises. She is losing her eyesight, which

heightened her sensitivity to noise. For the past year, I would clear my throat or cough and she would suddenly get ten feet away from me. With any sudden noise, even popping the top on a soda can, she scrabbles away. I tried feeding her and making noises, but she got so she would not eat and avoided the humans in the household. NOT how I

want my old dog to feel. So with nothing left to lose, I started making dog food again. And guess what? I cannot say that it will work with all noise-sensitive dogs, only that it seems to be working with mine. Why does the fresh food work? Maybe because she is not getting any more preservatives in any of the food that she is eating.

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## Games



With the ice and no exercise, I have taught my dogs new games. One is "Bring Me Something" (Thanks, Barb!). I ask the dog, who is most antsy, to bring me something. No matter what he brings me, he gets a reward. Once he learns the game, I have different rewards. He gets a Cheerio, Goldfish, or something similar for whatever he brings me that is in close range to me. Cut up pieces of cooked chicken mean he brought me something from out of the room we are in. Roast beef means he hit the jackpot and really found something special.

Another game is to ask the dog to bring me a toy. Then I tell the dog to lie down and stay while I walk out of the room. I place the toy in another room. In the beginning, I will place it in easy viewing area. Once he gets good at the game, the toy may end up on a chair, in a box, in a closet (with the door mostly closed), in a bathtub, between the rails on the stairs, etc. I ask the dog (who tracks), "Where's the toy" and send him off to locate it. It takes up a little time and has him using both his mind and his body so he may be a little less

active by the end of the day of

enforced no outside activity.



Stay warm, dry and safe!

Mary T.



## **TRUE TAILS**

### **Pet Vaccination Lawsuit**

By Lisa Ross-Williams

[Here are some excerpts from a transcript of an interview between Lisa Ross-Williams with Dr. Rogers, a 30-year practitioner, regarding a lawsuit in Texas over excessive vaccinations.]

#### Circumstances Leading to the Suit:

“In 1988, I noticed a new vaccine came out for Corona virus and I was confused because I had never seen a case of a dog with Corona. In talking with the manufacturer, they said the vaccine was only developed for use for puppies; they acknowledged that Corona was not a disease of adult dogs and yet their marketing department was marketing it for adult dogs. I asked them what was up with that and they said that Marketing doesn’t talk to Research & Development.

I thought that over the years vets would quit using the Corona virus vaccine but what I’ve seen is more and more unnecessary and ineffective vaccines coming out. In 1997, I went to a seminar where Dr. Ron Schultz, probably the most prominent

immunologist in veterinary medicine said that giving vaccines like Rabies, Distemper, and Parvo annually had no effect. I went back to my practice and changed my vaccine recommendations, as I cannot in good conscience charge a client for something that does nothing, especially when I know that there’s a risk involved. I was very surprised over the years to see that nobody else was changing.”

“For over three years, I went to the Texas State Veterinary Board; their mission is #1 to protect the public and #2 is to elevate the standard of practice. I merely asked them to encourage vets to get continuing education on vaccinations and to stop allowing continued education where the speaker is a paid employee of a

drug company because that is a big conflict of interest. They refused.”

“They said they didn’t want to tell vets how to practice. This isn’t just a matter of which antibiotic is better, this is charging people for something that has no effect. As more scientific data came out and as more organizations came out with recommendations and guidelines, I kept going back to the state board and they continued to refuse. After about the sixth time, I threatened to

sue them for negligence for failing to protect the public.”

“They then agreed to investigate my complaint and in fact sent a letter out to every Texas vet saying that they should change their vaccine recommendations. As people here have filed complaints against vets for giving unnecessary vaccinations, the state board has told these people, ‘if you don’t like your vet’s recommendations, find another vet.’ They still are not enforcing this.”

#### Core Vaccines:

“These are vaccinations that are recommended for every dog to receive: Rabies, Distemper, and Parvo. We are currently recommending these for puppies at 8, 12, and 16 weeks and again at one year. The American Animal Hospital Association and most veterinary schools have adopted a compromise here. We know the vaccines are good for at least 7 years, probably the lifetime of the pet. But to try to compromise with vets who are worried about losing money, they

came up with an every 3 year recommendation.”



#### USDA and Vaccine Duration:

“They [*the drug companies*] do have to prove 85% efficiency. The USDA certainly needs to revise its standards for licensing vaccines. They [*the drug companies*] do not have to prove how long the vaccine is good for; they can test at three months and get a license for the vaccine. The vaccine might only be good for four months or for the life of the pet. The USDA makes no determination on that.”

#### Legislation Pending:

“There is legislation pending in many states to require vets to give informed consent before vaccinating a pet. I know that the Texas AVMA has a committee that is looking at drafting such an informed consent form.”

#### Lawsuit Just for Texas People?:

“No, this firm will accept complaints out of Texas and there are a number of firms looking at this issue.” Their web site is [www.childresslaw.net](http://www.childresslaw.net). “Click on the ‘contact us’ and then go to ‘class action.’ It has a companion animal vaccine lawsuit there.”



#### Goals of the Suit:

“I think they want to see vets quit giving unnecessary and unsafe vaccines. Certainly this begins with disclosure. The point of law here is the standards of the reasonable patient. Would a reasonable patient elect to purchase, for example, the Corona vaccine if they knew that adult dogs don’t even get this disease? Would a reasonable client purchase an adjuvant vaccine if they knew they were five times more likely to cause cancer? Or would they elect a safer non-adjuvant vaccine? I provide my clients with that information and have not had one client take the riskier product.”

“I would encourage the AVMA to come up with something, but ultimately the states’ boards are going to have to enforce the law that already exists, which in Texas says that a vet can be punished for giving unnecessary treatment. Most states say vets must deal ethically with the public.” For information, go to [www.newvaccinationprotocol.com](http://www.newvaccinationprotocol.com).

“As the Attorney General in Texas told me, ‘if this is going to get changed, it’s going to take a big public outcry.’”

Karen Hurd, Contributor  
CGTTD Camper

# CREATIVE TAILS

Marking Up My Winter Wonderland  
(♪ Sing to the tune of “Winter Wonderland” ♪)

Dog tags ring, are you listenin'?  
In the lane, snow is glistenin'  
It's yellow, NOT white,  
I've been there tonight,  
Marking up my winter wonderland

Smell that tree? That's my fragrance.  
It's a sign for wand'ring vagrants:  
"Avoid where I pee,  
It's MY pro-per-ty!  
Marked up as my winter wonderland."

In the meadow dad will build a snowman,  
Following the classical design.  
Then I'll lift my leg and let it go man,  
So all the world will know it's mine-mine-mine!

Straight from me to the fencepost,  
Flows my natural incense boast:  
“Stay off of my TURF,  
This small piece of Earth,  
I marked it as my winter wonderland”

Mary Sacalis, Contributor  
CGTTD Camper



# "DIVINE" TAILS

## Animal Haikus

(Reprinted from the *Guardian* Fall 2006)

### "NOSE POKE"

Fresh water in dish  
Airedale beard dips in and out  
Then up my nightgown!

Joanne M. Hettrick

### "LITTLE HUNTER"

Kitten stalks his prey,  
Then pounces with great delight.  
Toy mouse has no chance.

Barbara Alterman



### "CASEY CAT"

Casey's on my lap.  
His fifteen pounds numbs my  
legs,  
But I do not move.

Deborah Chassman

### "HOWLING"

I laugh, my dog howls  
That makes me laugh even more.  
There's no end in sight!

Mary Tkaczuk

### "OOPS!"

Cat greets your new friend –  
Purr, purr, rub, rub, ACK, ACK,  
ACK ...

Hairball gift on shoe.

Barbara Alterman

### "CHALUPA"

Chalupa is a  
fat chinchilla with issues ...  
Pees on our kitten.

Paula Berry

### "NIGHT"

Queen cat flies through night  
Still blackness turns loud and  
bright

Paw swats TV switch

Carol Feldman

### "MAESTRO PUTI"

From the Russian school  
Now conducts the Birds of Rome  
in blue tie and tail.

Carol K. Frank

### "CRUMBS"

My cookies are gone!  
There is nothing left but crumbs.  
My dog licks her mouth.

Mary Tkaczuk

### "THE BOX"

Frantic scratching heard,  
Gallop cat seen fleeing,  
Ghastly litter smell!

Karen L. Woll

# TALL TAILS

DUH?

Does it seem like every time you try and post a question or comment to a dog list, you get yourself into trouble? If so, then this list is for you. If you religiously follow all of the rules on this Official DON'T list, you'll never get in trouble again.

DON'T let your dog sleep in your bed. It will cause aggression problems down the road.

DON'T make your dog sleep in a crate. Crate is just another word for small cage.

DON'T let your dog sleep outside at night. If God had wanted dogs to sleep outside, he would have covered their body with hair to keep them warm.

DON'T let your dog sleep. You should be playing with him all the time.



DON'T keep more than two dogs. Each individual dog requires considerable time and energy, and it is impossible for a responsible dog owner to spend quality time with more than two dogs.

DON'T keep less than five dogs. Dogs are pack animals, and five dogs is the minimum number for proper socialization.

DON'T feed your dog kibble. Kibble is the invention of evil capitalists who want your money, and kibble has no nutritional value whatsoever. You might as

well feed your dog sawdust.

DON'T cook your dog's meat or chicken. Cooking destroys all the nutrients.

DON'T feed your dog raw meat or raw chicken. Raw food contains salmonella, e-coli, and other harmful bacteria.

DON'T feed your dog; fasting is good for them.

DON'T fast your dog; when you feed them again, it will cause bloat.

DON'T let your dog drink out of a plastic bowl. It will turn his nose pink.

DON'T post messages to a dog list. You will surely get bopped on the head for thinking that someone else cares about your silly little opinions. DON'T poke your eye with a sharp stick. It has nothing to do with dogs, but it's a good rule nonetheless.

DON'T microchip your dog. A nearby cell phone can cause a microchipped dog to explode, or so says the lady running the tattoo booth.

DON'T tattoo your dog on the ear. A dog thief will cut off the tattooed ear.

DON'T tattoo your dog on the thigh. He'll be a tripod before you can say Ginsu.

DON'T keep a collar on your dog when unattended. He could get caught on something and choke. DON'T leave your dog unattended without a collar. He could run away without any identification.

DON'T transport your dog in a plastic crate. Plastic crates don't allow sufficient airflow.

DON'T transport your dog in a wire crate. In a car accident, a wire crate transforms into a doggie skewer. On days you plan to have a car accident, it's acceptable to use a plastic crate. DON'T let your dog drive. It's against the law in many states.

DON'T enter your dog in conformation. It's b-o-r-i-n-g for the dog.

DON'T enter your dog in obedience. It's B-o-r-i-n-g with a capital "B."

DON'T enter your dog in agility. The jumps will injure his joints. DON'T send your dog out with a handler. Only a psychopath



would send their beloved pet with a complete stranger.

DON'T handle your dog yourself. You've got a great dog, and he deserves a much better handler than you will ever be.

DON'T get a purebred dog. Too much inbreeding has produced dogs with temperament and health problems.

DON'T get a mutt. You don't know anything about their pedigree. In fact, if you're thinking about getting a dog, get a cat instead.

DON'T don't. That's right, you heard me, just don't!

DON'T leave your dog's dewclaws intact. He will rip one off

jumping a log or something, which is quite painful. DON'T remove your dog's dewclaws. Dewclaws are acupuncture points that are needed for proper functioning of the kidneys.

AND, the #1 DON'T ....

DON'T trim your dog's whiskers. Dogs use their whiskers to determine the size of their head, which is important when they are out shopping for a new hat.

Toni Bailey, Contributor  
CGTTD Camper



## **BOW WOW**

Camp Gone to the Dogs  
Stowe, Vermont, U.S.A.

A CANINE DISNEYLAND SET IN THE VERMONT MOUNTAINS

Written by Ann Bulke

Set high in the winter-time snow fields of Vermont, and next to the Von Trapp Family Lodge, is the Mountaineer Inn – home for two weeks every September to the dog extravaganza – “Camp Gone to the Dogs.”

With 120 people and around 200 dogs enjoying over 30 activities a day, Camp buzzes for 14 days. The Mountaineer Inn is a modern double story ski resort – and hard for us Aussies to comprehend – dogs are allowed in all rooms (except the dining room)! In the introductory paperwork, original Camp Director Honey Loring (a dynamic businesswoman in the “Who’s Who” of the USA and breeder of Standard Poodles) writes “If your dog sleeps IN your bed, please bring your own sheets, if your dog sleeps ON your bed, please bring your own cover.”

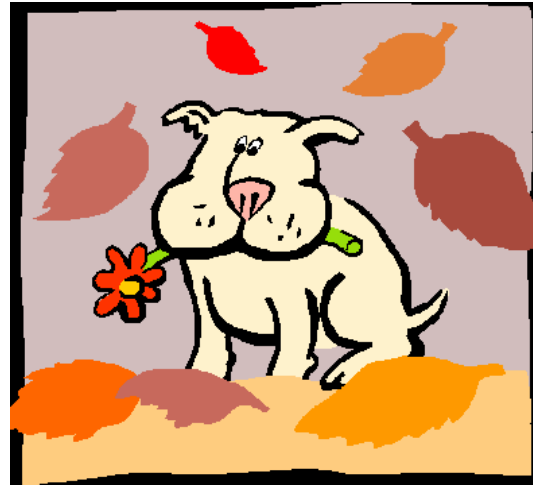


Camp was her brainchild 16 years ago when she wanted to have a place where dog owners could have a holiday with their dogs and at the same time try some new things, in the midst of

a gathering of like-minded dog people. Camp is now overseen by Director Jeanne Richter – an ex-New York 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue buyer (who has Polish Lowland Sheepdogs) – no wonder the camp store is so well stocked with every imaginable doggy goodie!

September is the best time to visit this area being Fall (Autumn) and the weather is just perfect having cool mornings and nights with warm sunny days. Tourists are beginning to gather for the world famous turning or falling of the leaves and the incredible shades of colour. The Inn is set on eight acres of flat land and huge marquees are in place for various activities and lectures. A shallow stream runs along the back of the property where dogs enjoy swimming and playing. The incredible list of daily activities includes obedience, agility, tracking, flyball, frisbee, show handling, heelwork to music, lure coursing, rally obedience, weight pulling, games, tricks, behaviour management, problem solving, clicker training, puppy kindy [*kindergarten*], and a fabulous Camp store full of goodies. Evenings are spent at lectures and talks – however, most people get to bed early to be ready for the next big day!

There are some rare breeds at Camp not seen in Australia: Leopard Cur – rather like a long legged Cattle Dog but with piercing blue eyes that you could actually see right through – and a Coton De Tulare – very like a Maltese.



Handlers can attend any class they choose and try new activities they never thought possible with their dogs. It was interesting to see a huge Mastiff fly around the agility course and an elegant Greyhound learn some new dance moves at the heelwork to music while a tiny Chihuahua flew through the air chasing a Frisbee.

Scattered throughout the week's activities are lots of fun things – fancy dress parade, games afternoon, achievements and awards presentations, silent auction, leash making, “pawtraits” (where the dogs get to paint their very own works of art with their feet), vendors' stalls, the all Camp photo (try getting 120 people and over 200 dogs in the same place at the same time!), and ending with ‘show and tell’ where Campers get to

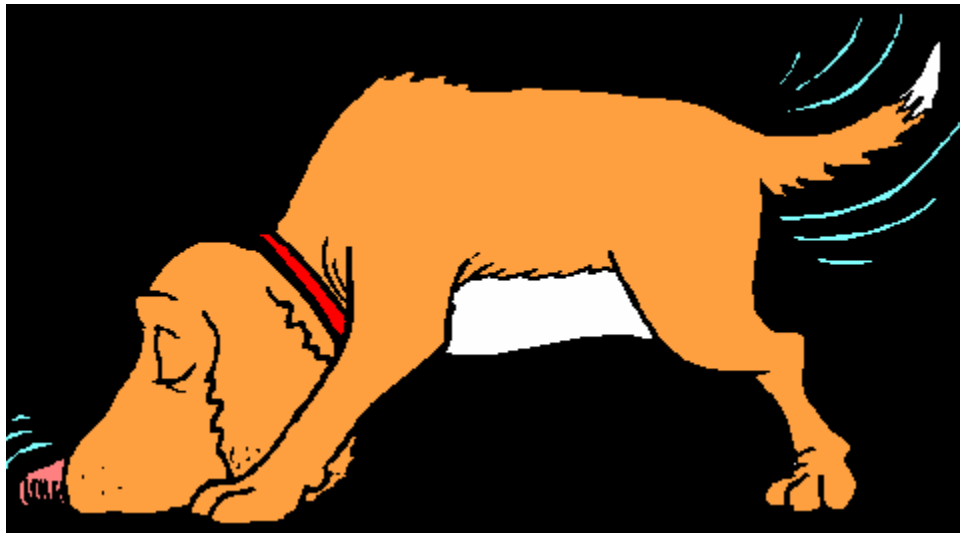
show off what they learned during the week.

Meals are overseen by Taffy (an outgoing lady with Irish ties) and she dishes up buffet style meals daily fit for a King. Homemade desserts, biscuits, cakes, etc. add to a delightful feast.

Dogs and handlers work during the week towards their CGC (Canine Good Citizen) and TDI (Therapy Dog International) with test and certificates at the end of the week. It is the only place I know of where a dog and handler can do some training during the

week and walk away with two Titles!

I first visited Camp Gone to the Dogs six years ago as a Camper and for the last two years have been back as a full obedience instructor. Following in Camp's footsteps, we have just built the Sister Camp here on the Gold Coast – Camp Tailwaggers. Ten brick self-contained cabins, huge indoor/outdoor Training Centre and Conference Centre seating around 100. Overseas and local presenters will be at Camp three or four times a year.



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Camp Tailwaggers (Gold Coast) website: [www.coolangattapetmotel.com](http://www.coolangattapetmotel.com)

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[FALL CAMP CONSISTS OF TWO ONE-WEEK SESSIONS. ATTEND ONE OR BOTH.]

# **UNTIL TAILS UP**

(As of January 31, 2007)



## CAMP

## TIME TO WAIT

### **Summer**

June 3-9, 2007

4 Months

### **Fall**

September 2-8, 2007

7 Months

September 9-15, 2007



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