



CAMP GONE TO THE DOGS

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The Editor Barks Out



A “Tail” of Camp Past and Camp Future

We summer campers already miss our friends, human and canine, the camaraderie, and the activities. Now we wait. You fall campers feel the anticipation, excitement builds, and before you know it, you’ve landed in Stowe.

Not as overwhelming, rugged, or vast as summer camp, yet the fall camp still provides a ticket to love and adventure with your dogs. The pace is slower, and the overall camp seems quieter. Instead of dormitory living, you stay in a hotel room with your dogs. And there’s a hot tub! Although hot tubbing is one of the few things you cannot enjoy with your dogs, it’s a great way to meet other campers. This camp is

wonderfully mellow! AND THE FOOD....

Fall schedules should appear at <http://campgonetothedogs.com> some time past the middle of August. Print your schedule out ahead of time, so you can start planning your days before you even arrive in Stowe. Enjoy!

I’d like to thank the Drummers of Dogdom for an incredible night of percussion. And for you would-be percussionists – keep a sharp eye out for drums and other worldly rhythm creators at your local yard sales. And then join us next year.

Note to Schraeder – Happy Valley recycled.

Love those wagging tails!

— Valerie Steinman
Newswire Editor
CGTID Camper

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RICHTER'S RAMBLINGS

Jeanne Richter
CGTTD Director



Hi Campers!

I hope you had a positive experience at June Camp. Judging from the large number of sign ups for 2009, I feel confident that you and your dogs had a great time. The new classes "Canine Water Sports," "I Want to be a Star," "Conditioning Your Dog for Performance Events," and "Creating a Dog Toy" were enthusiastically attended, and all of the classes will be on next year's schedule. Zeta and Zorro had an absolutely terrific time Sheep Herding, Lure Coursing, being in the play, attending Fun and Games, and Conditioning Your Dog for Performance Events. I have received some feedback for 2009, and I am working on including your recommendations in the schedule. Please feel free to contact me with suggestions for the 2009 program.

I am still smiling over our first Camp marriage proposal. Congratulations to Dr. Jack and Elizabeth. They have set their

wedding for the spring, and they are registered for June Camp.

Currently, I am working on the Fall Camp schedules. The first update is complete, and I am sending it to the instructors for input. I plan to have it on the Camp Website by August 18. If it is available earlier, I will post the news on the Camp Yahoo Group.

The room assignments are complete for the Mountaineer. If you need to know your hotel room numbers, please feel free to call or email me.

Fall 1 Campers: there will be a Yankee Swap. Please wrap your dog-themed gift in a way that other campers cannot tell what your gift is. The gifts should be under \$15.

We will have a large refrigerator in the Dining Room for Campers to use. Please note it does not have a freezer.

If you have not heard, Clyde Closson, one of our excellent agility instructors, is now an AKC Agility Judge. He will be at both Fall Camps and all three Camps in 2009.

or email me. I do enjoy hearing from you.



According to my electronic countdown calendar on my desk, the First Fall Camp is in 34 days [as of 7/28/08]. I am looking forward to seeing returning friends and making new ones. Please have a safe trip to Stowe. If have any questions, please call



Warmest Regards,
Jeanne



MARY'S TIPS

Mary Thompson
CGTID Instructor/Staff



The Dangers of Flying With Dogs (EVEN IN THE PASSENGER COMPARTMENT!)

If you are flying with your dog and he is small enough to fly up with you, don't take it for granted that he is safe! Most small breeds have shorter noses. A long nose lets the air cool more

before it goes to the lungs. A short nose does not allow the air to cool as much. Therefore, a breed small enough to fit under the seat may have a breathing problem – then there is the stress

of being that cooped up, plus the air circulation on the floor is not the best.

I took an Irish Water Spaniel out to Seattle about 10 years ago. I had finished training him to be a service dog and was taking him out to his owner. He flew up with me as he had his vest on. He refused to lie on the floor. I had asked for a seat in the first row after first class so he would have more room. Well, I put my winter jacket on the floor and sat with him trying to get him to relax and stay there. It felt like the plane was being shaken apart; no wonder he did not want to be on the floor! He ended up on the seat next to me; thankfully the plane was not full.

I have a friend who flew out from Seattle to go to Westminster a few years ago. On the flight back, the stewardess asked if

there was a vet on board, but there was not. Then she asked if anyone was experienced with dogs and my friend Colleen offered to help. Seems the Pug who won the breed at Westminster was having



difficulty breathing. He was also very hot. Due to being near the back of the plane and in a bag, the dog had not been able to get enough air and stay cool, so he died of heat stroke. Moral of the story: if you fly your dog up with you, check on him/her FREQUENTLY!



Tracking – Games and Camps

Those of you who did intermediate or advanced tracking at June camp had the chance to do some tracking games. I spent a week in Wisconsin with Ed Presnall who came up with those games. I have learned even more games to do, so look out Fall campers! If you are serious about trying for a TDX and VST tracking titles, it would be worth your while and your dog's to go to one of Ed's

camp. You can check him out at www.Pawmark.com.

We may be having an Urban tracking camp in Maine next summer if we can use a college up the coast a few hours away. I say we, as I will be assisting Ed. He has made it fun for me to judge again as I was getting really close to quitting judging. After 20 years and doing so much work only to have dogs fail

due to poor training, I realized that teaching at his camps makes the most sense to try and get a better percentage of pass

rates. So be prepared trackers at Fall camps, I will be shaking things up again, but we will have fun!



If your animals can make you laugh at least once a day, then no matter how the rest of the day went, it was a good day!

Mary T.



TRUE TAILS

How to Pick a Dog

By Bonnie Peregoy

<http://www.healthypdogstore.com>



Below is my response to an inquiry about which dog/breed to pick. I am sending this to all my friends and people I know, who also get this question, because they are a "doggy person" who gets asked by all their friends and family. Maybe it will be helpful for you too.

Well, here's my answer to people who ask me this question:

I used to give the conventional wisdom. Pick a good breeder via

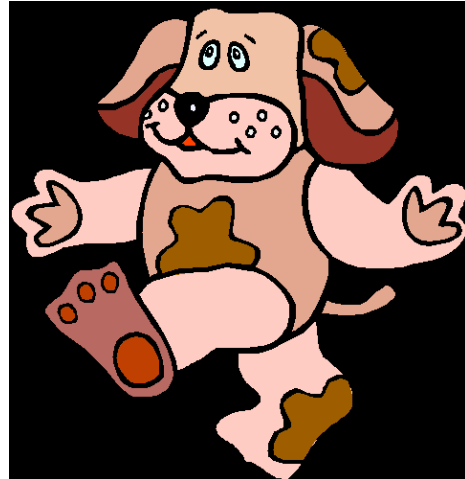
AKC breeder referral, read about the breeds on the web, check

health of parents, etc. BUT that's not how I pick a dog, and it's not how my many "dog-professional" friends (trainers, groomers, shelter workers) have picked their "heart" dogs. If you want a "heart" dog, follow your heart:

#1 - Know that you are ready for a dog and open your heart.

#2 - DO NOT HURRY, take your time, and don't worry that you are taking "too much" time because when you find the "right" dog or puppy, you will know.

#3 - You probably won't know immediately (although you may); you probably will find yourself, as you continue looking, thinking



back to that shelter dog, or puppy, or litter, and wondering: "Is he/she still available? Is he okay? Did he find a good home?" And when you realize that it is nagging at the back of your mind, you will pick up the phone to find the answer to your question and you will hear something like, "It's funny you called because we HAD sold/placed him, but he came back and is still looking for a home" or "No, no one seems interested in him" or "We're so glad you called because we were really hoping you would take him."

And he will probably be all wrong for your situation, in some way. He will be too big or too hairy or have too much energy, but he will be brought into your life to challenge you or comfort you or teach you something that you will treasure as long as you live, and you will be eternally grateful that you found each other.

If you go the other route and try to find the "perfect" breed, after

you have taken your dog home, you will spend a lot of time being disappointed because "expectations are pre-meditated resentments," and you will call the "dog professional" who directed you to that breed, and you will blame them, or they will feel like you are blaming them, and no one will feel good about it – especially the dog, who could be someone else's "heart dog."

There ARE two bits of advice that I still give:

If you go to a breeder to buy a purebred, DON'T ask about the temperament of the litter or parents. If you ask, they will always say it is good and you will really not have gotten any



information. But if it is REALLY something they are proud of and something they considered when they did the breeding, you won't have to ask; they will TELL you – because it is something of which they are proud. They will want to tell you how wonderful the parents are or how they temperament tested the litter, etc. You shouldn't have to ask, and if you do have to ask, that alone tells you something.

Don't buy from a breeder who only shows in conformation. They should be doing SOMETHING additional with their dogs, and it doesn't matter if it is AKC competition (obedience, agility, rally, hunting) or fun (frisbee, freestyle, dock diving) or just that they take their dogs to the local nursing home to do therapy work or they take their dogs to Camp. Because in my experience, the people who don't do anything with their dogs except conformation are the breeders with the least integrity.

Ignore these last two bits of advice if #3 above applies. :-)

Contributor: Bonnie Peregoy
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CREATIVE TAILS

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Touch me with your voice as a
puppy young and new,
And let me know my presence is
what is pleasing you.

Touch me with your spirit, for
God sent me here to you,
To teach you of that precious
bond known by the choicest few.

Touch me with your hands as I
grow tall and strong,

I need you as my mentor
throughout my whole life long.

Touch me with your lips, and
brush them softly on my brow,
Please kiss away the fears that I
am feeling now.

Touch me with your eyes as I
become full grown,

To validate unspoken love that
we have always known.

Touch me with your heart as our
bond keeps growing stronger

And words need not be used in
our language any longer.

Touch me with your breath, so
soft and warm upon my face,
As I try to bring you comfort in
life's never ending race.

Touch me with your love when
my muzzle turns to gray,
I live my life to please you, each
and every single day.

Touch me with your scent when
age has dimmed my sight,
To reassure me always that you
will be my light.

Touch me with your face when
your tears are meant for me,
So I may bear your pain and let
your heart be free.

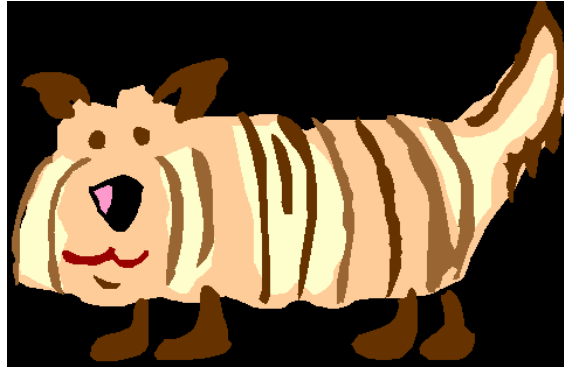
Touch me with remembrance
when I have traveled on,
And, I will hold your heart in
mine forever when I'm gone.

Contributor: Victoria Vidal-Ribas
CGTID Camper



DIVINE TAILS

Ten Commandments for Pet Owners



Don't leave me alone for long periods of time. My life is likely to last only 10 to 15 years. Any separation from you will be very painful.

Give me time to understand what you want from me. Do not break my spirit with your temper, though I will always forgive you. Your patience and understanding will teach me more quickly those things you want me to learn.

Have me spayed or neutered.

Treat me kindly, my beloved friend, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for your kindness than mine. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. After all, you have your job, your friends, your entertainment. I have only you.

Speak to me often. Even if I don't understand all your words, I understand your voice when it's speaking to me. Your voice is the

sweetest sound I ever heard, as you must know by my enthusiastic excitement when your footsteps fall upon my waiting ear.

Please take me inside when it's cold and wet. I'm a domestic animal and am no longer accustomed to the bitter elements. I ask for little more than your gentle hands petting me. Keep my bowl filled with clean water; I cannot tell you when I'm thirsty. Feed me good food so that I may stay well to romp and play and do your bidding, to be by your side and stand ready, willing and able to share with you my life, for that is what I live for. However you treat me, I'll never forget it.

Don't hit me. Remember, I have teeth that could easily crush the bones in your hand, but I choose not to bite you.

Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I am not getting the right food, I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart may be getting old and weak.



Take care of me when I get old. You will grow old too.

When I am very old, when I no longer enjoy good health, please do not make heroic efforts to keep me going. I am not having fun. Just see to it that my trusting life is taken gently. And be with me on that difficult journey when it is time to say goodbye. Never say, "I can't bear to watch." Everything is easier for me when you are there. I will leave this earth knowing with my last breath that my fate was always safest in your hands. I love you.

Contributor: Karen Hurd
CGTID Camper



BOW WOW

Hello Fellow Campers!



For the past six years [as of 4/11/07] I have attended camp with Molly, my Jack Russell Terrier. I have photographed many of your dogs with some of them ending up in magazines and calendars. I just added a photo gallery titled Camp Dogs to my website, www.jeanmfogle.com.

I have lost touch with quite a few of you since emails change so often. I would love to hear from you, so either join the email list at my website or shoot me an email at jeanfogle@usa.net. Hope you enjoy seeing all the camp dogs doing all the things they love to do at camp!

This year I will not be able to attend camp due to my son's wedding, but I will be back next year and have my cameras ready for those special moments!

Sincerely,
Jean M Fogle and Molly



Tribute to Susy McHughes
CGTTD Summer Camper
A Letter to St. Jude
By Toni Bailey
CGTTD Camper



Dear Ones,

Susy McHughes (Patricia Susan McHughes, Cordova, TN) and I have been best friends for over 45 years.

She died last month from complications of asthma.

Her husband, Ross McHughes, was killed in a tragic automobile accident last year.

Eleven years ago, their daughter, Teresa (then 15), died of cancer. Two weeks after Teresa passed on, Susy put on her pretty dress and celebrated with our family at our daughter's wedding. THAT's the sort of person she is.

This spring, Susy and I planned a trip to Vermont to Camp Gone to the Dogs. She had made bracelets to hold clickers (a wonderful dog-training tool) and was going to sell them at Camp to use for gasoline money to get there.

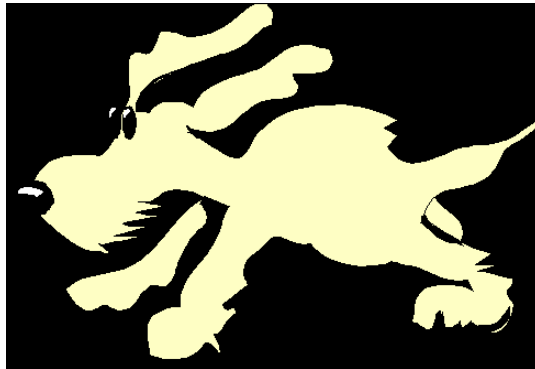
I went without Susy to Camp this year and sold the bracelets. Here is the money that I received for them. Everyone was more than generous to donate money to St. Jude in Susy's name.

Sincerely,
Toni Bailey

Editor: Thank you, Campers!



NEW ADDITIONS



We look forward to meeting these dogs at Camp.

Owner	Dog	Breed
Sue Davis	Emmie	Chihuahua
Barbara Rushman	Ryan	Brittany Spaniel

The Rainbow Bridge

Because of its many colors, the bridge connecting Heaven and Earth has come to be known as the Rainbow Bridge.

Just this side of the Bridge, there is a land of meadows, hills and lush green valleys. When a Beloved pet dies, this wonderful place serves as their home. There is always an abundance of food and water and warm sunshine. Old and frail animals are young again, and those who have been maimed are made whole. They make new friends and play all day.

There is one thing missing from these carefree surroundings though, the

companionship of their loving masters. Time passes and soon another day comes when one of them is distracted by a familiar scent. With nose twitching, ears at attention and eyes staring in delight, this one runs from the group...

You have been seen.

As you embrace, your face is kissed again and again and again, and once more you look into the eyes of your loyal companion. You cross the Rainbow Bridge together, never again to be separated.



The following campers' dogs have crossed the Rainbow Bridge:

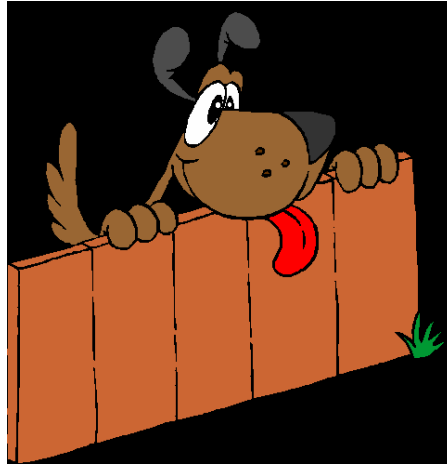
Mozart, Valerie Steinman's beloved Belgian Sheepdog

Pepper, Richard and Betty Mueller's beloved mixed breed

Dylan, Benita and Todd Markewicz's beloved mixed breed

UNTIL TAILS UP

(As of July 31, 2008)



CAMP

TIME TO WAIT

Summer

May 31-June 6, 2009

10 Months

Fall

Aug. 31-Sept. 6, 2008

31 Days

September 7-13, 2008

38 Days



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