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## LYLES PUPPY MILL DOGS ADOPTED HOW YOU CAN HELP ELIMINATE PUPPY MILLS

I am sure you all heard about the puppy mill bust in Lyles, TN, from which 700 dogs and puppies living in squalid conditions were recovered. If you're like me, and I'm sure you are, you were sickened by this situation. It is too horrible to imagine what living in those conditions would do to a dog, both physically and psychologically.

I was at The Nashville Humane Association the morning the 35 dogs they were holding were adopted. I felt moved to go out and make a donation, and I admit that I was also curious about the dogs and how they were adjusting. My jaw dropped when I walked in the door and saw a crowd so thick you could barely turn around. My first thought was, "Wow, this is terrific!" My second thought was, "Why can't it be like this all the time?"

It's so unfortunate that it takes a tragedy to bring people out to the shelter to adopt, when there are wonderful potential pets there every day of the week, 365 days a year.

I thought it better not to add to the din, so I made my donation and got out of the way. I did see a few of the dogs in the arms of new owners, waiting to fill out paperwork. The thing that I noticed was that their pupils were so dilated their eyes looked completely black. I am sure they must have terrified.

I felt happy for them at finding new homes, but I had to wonder if they would ever really escape their prison. I can only hope their new owners will have a surplus of patience and understanding. Everything will be new to these dogs - television, microwaves, telephones...even grass will be foreign to them.

Maybe you are wondering what you can do to help these dogs or others like them. I think one of the most important things we can all do is educate others about puppy mills and how to choose a reputable breeder. As Nashville's most elite dog trainers, I'm sure many of you are frequently asked for advice on new puppies.

The Humane Society of the United States' has launched a campaign to stop puppy mills. I happened to find their Web site when I was searching for information on the Lyles story. Please take a few minutes to read through the information, and consider bookmarking it to pass along to friends who are looking for a new puppy.

**[http://www.stoppupmills.org/puppy\\_buying\\_tips.html](http://www.stoppupmills.org/puppy_buying_tips.html)**

It is especially important to caution people against buying a puppy in a pet store, from a Web site, or from someone who insists that they meet at another location. Many people refer to the Classified section of the Tennessean when looking for a new puppy, and there are always several ads offering, "Will bring puppy to you!" For the majority of people this wouldn't send up any red flags, and it might even be interpreted as good service and convenience.

Don't assume that people know. Take just a few moments to guide a friend looking for a new puppy. They will be glad you did.

**NEXT MEMBER MEETING:  
July 28**

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## CANINE Cuisine



### Frosty Cubes

- 32 oz. container of yogurt (no sugar)
- Ground carrots, apples or lightly-cooked liver

Mix and ladle into ice cube trays and freeze.

### Icy Paws

- 16 oz. container of yogurt
- 1 small can of tuna in water
- 2 tsp. garlic powder

Mix and scoop into dixie cups. Place on tray and freeze overnight. Can add veggies, mashed bananas or substitute canned chicken for tuna.

### Homemade Frosty Paws

- 32 oz. vanilla yogurt
- 1 mashed banana or one large jar of baby fruit
- 2 tbsp. peanut butter
- 2 tbsp. honey

Blend together and freeze in either 3 oz. paper cups or ice cube trays. Microwave just a few seconds before serving.

### Pumpkin Yogurt Treats

- 16 oz. non-fat yogurt
- 2 cans (1 lb.) of canned pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling)

Spoon over dry kibble or freeze in mini muffin cups.

### Peanutty Pupsicles

- 1 banana
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup chopped peanuts

Mash banana and peanut butter together. Form into balls and roll in chopped peanuts. Place on waxed paper and chill for one hour. Once chilled, place in container for storage in freezer.

## MEMBER BRAGS



**Curt Brock's Golden Retriever, OTCH Top Brass (Key)**, finished his OTCH on June 7th in Ohio. He only needed one point, and instead he won Utility B and won a run-off with Shau Bau for HC. HIT went to Shau Bau with a 199 in Open B. Key went from CD to OTCH in less than one year, with over 20 HITs and two perfect 200 scores. A big congratulations to Curt and Key!

**Marina Caro's Italian Greyhound, ACE**, earned a four point Major in Asheville under judge Carole Beattie. He now has nine points and one of his Majors out of the way. Watch out for ACE in the agility ring this fall!

**Cheryl Geer's Papillon, Felix (Loteki Total Windfall RA AXP MJP)** qualified all three days in Jumpers at the Golden Retriever Club of Greater St. Louis trials in Glen Carbon, IL on June 6-8. He earned his 7th, 8th and 9th legs towards his MJP2 title, placing first each day.

### REMINDER: Membership Fees due on July 1!

Annual Membership Fees for NDTC club members are due on July 1. Membership forms can be downloaded and printed from the NDTC Web site.

To make sure your fees are promptly processed and to help the renewal process go as smoothly as possible, please observe the following guidelines:

- Fill out your renewal form completely, even if there are no changes. The club must have a completed renewal form for every member each year, whether you are a new member or simply renewing.

- If you submit a check only without an application, your membership cannot be processed.

- Be sure to include your e-mail address if you have one.

- Completely fill in your training history at NDTC, your volunteer jobs and the number of hours you volunteered. This is essential for the club's record keeping. New applicants will not be considered without this history.

- Mail your form with payment to Anna Doherty at the address listed on the form, or you may leave it in her mailbox at the club. If leaving the form in her mailbox, be sure that your form and payment are enclosed together in an envelope to ensure that you receive proper credit. It is very easy for checks and applications to become separated if they are not enclosed in an envelope.

- Mailing is the preferred method, as the mailbox at the club is checked only periodically. You can be sure your application will be processed on time by mailing it to the address on the form.

- Due to time constraints on our bookkeeping system, NDTC will no longer be able to accept \$25 membership dues. Remember that there is a \$10 fee per extra household member who wants to join, with no voting privileges. The teaching and assistant benefit policy has not changed.

Thank you for helping to keep the renewal process running smoothly!



# HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

## **DOCK DOGS: YOU CAN PUT A DOG ON THE DOCK, BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN HE'LL JUMP**

You would think that if you have a Labrador Retriever who loves nothing more than charging into the lake and retrieving a bumper, you would have a natural for dock diving. At least that's what I thought.

We decided to try dock diving with Angus when Dock Dogs came to the CMA Festival. While it turned out that jumping two feet off a dock into bright blue pool water is an entirely different ball game than running into a lake, we still had a wonderful time and I thought I would share a little of our dock diving experience for those who may be interested in trying it as well.

Dock Dogs welcomes newcomers to the sport, and you don't have to have any particular breed or previous experience to give it a try (although obviously, your dog should enjoy swimming). We just showed up an hour or so before start time to register. It was \$20 for a "wave," which included practice time before the competition started and two attempts at a jump. Officials and other competitors were happy to give advice and help guide us through the process.

Kevin participated with Angus and I enjoyed being the spectator for a change. Each team has 90 seconds on the dock to complete their jump. For Kevin, that 90 seconds was spent begging and pleading with Angus to jump... which he never did. But the crowd loves an underdog, and Angus got lots of encouragement from bystanders – perhaps even more than the dogs who did complete their jumps.

Dock diving is quite a spectator sport. The competitions are usually held in conjunction with a county fair, festival or other event where there are lots of people who drop by to watch. This was a lot of fun for handler and dog. It seemed to me that Angus knew he was being applauded, and though he had no idea why, I think he enjoyed the attention.

In the novice Big Air "open" wave, a dog must only leave the dock and enter the water to qualify. So, there were a few six-inch jumps recorded, but a Q is a Q, as they say. In all dock dogs events, surprisingly, dogs are not scored on whether they return with the chase object. Any dog who completes a jump in an open wave receives a small medallion, and those who place in the top three receive a large medallion.

A national title is earned by accumulating five legs within one division at a nationally sanctioned event and a regional title is earned by accumulating five legs within one division at a club/ affiliate sanctioned event. The events are usually spread over several days with several opportunities to compete, so it is feasible that you could earn a title at one sanctioned event.

If you're interested in the official rules, you can learn more at [http://www.dockdogs.com/Rules\\_Policies.pdf](http://www.dockdogs.com/Rules_Policies.pdf)

A similar organization, Ultimate Air Dogs, will be at the Williamson County Fair from August 1-9. Their fees for a wave are \$15 for the first dog, \$10 for an additional dog, and \$5 for additional dogs. Their Web site is <http://www.ultimateairdogs.com>. If you're interested in trying it out, email [UltimateAirDog@yahoo.com](mailto:UltimateAirDog@yahoo.com) for more complete schedule information. If you have a dog who enjoys the water, I would highly recommend giving it a whirl! It was a great summer activity, even without the Q!



### **The race is on for a "Presidential" Pup**

The Barack's are considering a new puppy, and the AKC is trying to help them choose the breed that would be right for their family. The Baracks are first-time dog owners, have a daughter with allergies, and want a dog who will ride well on Air Force One. You can cast your vote for Obama's new puppy at

<http://www.presidentialpup.com>

The *Dixie Recall* is published on the first of each month. Please submit brags, classifieds and other contributions by the 20th of the month to appear in the next issue of the *Dixie Recall*. Submissions received after the 20th may appear in the following issue.

# CLASSIFIEDS

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## SHOWS IN JULY

**July 11-13** Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Tennessee Valley Kennel Club at Chilhowee Park in Knoxville, TN. Show closes June 25.

**July 19-20** Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Murfreesboro Obedience Training Club at MTSU's TN Livestock Center in Murfreesboro, TN. Show closes June 25.

## SHOW 'n GOs IN JULY

**July 11** Rally (Indoors). NDTC at the training building from 7-8 p.m.

**July 18** Rally (Indoors). NDTC at the training building from 7-8 p.m.

**July 26** Agility (Outdoors). Aerial Aces Agility in Portland, TN. This is a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. There will be nested Novice and Open/Excellent Standard and JWW courses. Hours from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. Food for dogs and people will be available. First run \$6, second run with same dog \$4. Rain date: Sunday, July 27th. For more information contact Sandra Edson at (615) 325-9465 or by e-mail at sancrestfarm@comcast.net

## SHOWS IN AUGUST

**August 1-3** Agility (Indoors). Dalmatian Club of America and Clarksville Kennel Club at MTSU/Tennessee Livestock Center in Murfreesboro, TN. Show closes July 9.

**August 9-10** Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Greater Louisville Training Club, Inc. at Super Dog Sports Center in Simpsonville, KY. Show closes July 23.

**August 22-24** Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia, Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc. and Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia at Atlanta Exposition Center South in Atlanta, GA. Show closes August 6.

**August 28-31** Obedience and Rally (Outdoors). Lexington Kennel Club Inc. and Northern Kentucky Kennel Club Inc at Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. Show closes August 13.

## PRIVATE LESSONS

**Curt Brock available for private lessons** If you need some help working

with your dog, e-mail Curt for lessons in his air-conditioned building. Contact cbrock@tntech.edu for more information.

**Sandra Edson offers private agility lessons** For one-on-one instruction in agility, contact Sandra Edson at (615) 325-9765 or by e-mail at sancrestfarm@comcast.net

**Pat Thorne available for private obedience lessons** Pat has been training dogs for 25 years. She has put UD's on six of her dogs, and OTCH titles on two. Pat can be reached at (615) 274-2926.

## FREESTYLE

**Freestyle Classes** are being offered at Red Rover. Don't miss the opportunity to train with Brigitte Sclabas! There is a Level 1 class on Saturday nights at 5:00 p.m. at the new location at 960 Main Street in East Nashville. Classes are \$140 for a six-week session. Contact Heidi Dixner at Red Rover by calling 227-7709 or by e-mail at heidi@redrovercomeover.com.

## EVENTS

**July 12: Bow Wow Brunch** at Hotel Preston on Envious Lane. Relax with brunch for you and your pooch while you check out the latest fashions on the "Doggie Runway."

Indulge your pup with a relaxing doggie massage, or possibly a mani or pedi from the grooming team at The Farm at Natchez Trace.

Your dog will also enjoy the Petco Cookie Bar, a photo of you and your dog, gift bag and much more!

For more information, call Lisa at (615) 354-6342.

## SEMINARS

**July 14-15: American Humane's Animal Services Training** The Nashville Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering training to develop skills to respond to, care for and shelter animals during times of disaster, whether at the local or national level.

To register, call Nashville Humane Association at (615) 352-1010.

**July 12-13: All-Breed Show Handling with Laurin Howard** Indoors at the Canine Ranch in Canton, GA. Laurin introduces four basic handling techniques – baiting, stacking, gaiting and patterns – in a systematic and easy-to-understand way. She then builds on those four essentials, adding techniques to increase the handler's skill while emphasizing dog and handler teamwork.

She also teaches you how to emphasize your dog's virtues and minimize his faults, as well as covering ring attire, ring strategy, drills and training techniques. Cost is \$200 for both days for working participants, limited to 20 participants – no one-day working spots are available. Auditors are \$60 per day with unlimited reservations.

For additional information, contact Marilyn Burke at (678) 643-3007 or e-mail marilyn\_burke@rhco.com.

## When I Got My New Dog

I asked for strength  
that I might rear him perfectly;

I was given weakness  
that I might feed him more treats.

I asked for good health  
that I might rest easy;

I was given a "special needs" dog  
that I might know nurturing.

I asked for an obedient dog  
that I might feel proud;

I was given stubbornness  
that I might feel humble.

I asked for compliance  
that I might feel masterful;

I was given a clown  
that I might laugh.

I asked for a companion  
that I might not feel lonely;

I was given a best friend  
that I would feel loved.

I got nothing I asked for,  
But everything I needed.

– Author unknown  
submitted by Debbie Gordon

**ATTENTION MEMBERS!** Are you or your pooch about to celebrate a birthday? Please let us know! Send in your August birthdays to be featured in the next issue.

**Advertise in NDTC's Classifieds!** Is there something you'd like to ask the members? Have any used equipment you'd like to sell or trade? Place an ad in the Classifieds by emailing editor@nashvilleddog.org