



The Dog Scout Scoop

(little bits of news we've picked up)

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Puppy Size – Remembering a Child's View on Life

"Danielle keeps repeating it over and over again. We've been back to this animal shelter at least five times. It has been weeks now since we started all of this," the mother told the volunteer. "What is it she keeps asking for?" the volunteer asked. "Puppy size!" replied the mother. "Well, we have plenty of puppies, if that's what she's looking for." "I know..... we have seen most of them," the mom said in frustration. Just then Danielle came walking into the office. "Well, did you find one?" asked her mom. "No, not this time," Danielle said with sadness in her voice. "Can we come back on the weekend?"

The two women looked at each other, shook their heads and laughed. "You never know when we will get more dogs. Unfortunately, there's always a supply," the volunteer said. Danielle took her mother by the hand and headed to the door. "Don't worry, I'll find one this weekend," she said. Over the next few days, both Mom and Dad had long conversations with her. They both felt she was being too particular. "It's this weekend or we're not looking any more," Dad finally said in frustration. "We don't want to hear anything more about puppy size, either," Mom added. Sure enough, they were the first ones in the shelter on Saturday morning. By now Danielle knew her way around, so she ran right for the section that housed the smaller dogs. Tired of the routine, mom sat in the small waiting room at the end of the first row of cages. There was an observation window so you could see the animals during times when visitors weren't permitted.

Danielle walked slowly from cage to cage, kneeling periodically to take a closer look. One by one the dogs were brought out and she held each one. One by one she said, "Sorry, but you're not the one." It was the last cage on this last day in search of the perfect pup. The volunteer opened the cage door and the child carefully picked up the dog and held it closely. This time she took a little longer. "Mom, that's it! I found the right puppy! He's the one! I know it!" She screamed with joy. "It's the puppy size!" "But it's the same size as all the other puppies you held over the last few weeks," Mom said. "No not size... The sighs. When I held him in my arms, he sighed," she said. "Don't you remember? When I asked you one day what love is, you told me love depends on the sighs of your heart. The more you love, the bigger the sigh!"

The two women looked at each other for a moment. Mom didn't know whether to laugh or cry. As she stooped down to hug the child, she did a little of both. "Mom, every time you hold me, I sigh. When you and Daddy come home from work and hug each other, you both sigh. I knew I would find the right puppy if it sighed when I held it in my arms," she said. Then, holding the puppy up close to her face, she said, "Mom, he loves me. I heard the sighs of his heart!"

Hug your dogs and hear them sigh. They will, you know. Contributed by Peggy Zweber, Editor

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Deadlines, Deadlines, Deadlines!!!

Newsletter Submission - October 15th, 2009 for the November/December 2009 Issue
December 15, 2009 for the January/February 2010 Issue

Dog Scout Calendar - Extended to September 15th, 2009 For 2010 Calendar Dog Day Digital Pictures
Dog BD Dates and Digital Pictures go to Peggy Zweber at editor@potcdogs.com
Payment to DSA, 5068 Nestel Road East, St. Helen, MI 48656-9568

Digital Newsletter
Newsletter will be only available on-line after April 1, 2010
To sign up for a digital newsletter, you'll need a free Yahoo account. To get one, click on "membership" at the top of any page of the DSA website. At the bottom of the membership page, you'll see a tutorial on how to get the Yahoo Account. This can be done from any computer, including a library computer.

Important Reminder!! – Newsletter is Going Digital

DSA is going digital! This means that by April of next year, we will not be sending out a paper version of the newsletter. We currently have 278 members who have not yet registered with the Yahoo Group. Please, with the mounting costs of mailing out the newsletters, take a few minutes and register to view the newsletter on line!!

WHY?

DSA membership has grown and the costs of postage, printing and paper were several thousand dollars per year. Because of postage costs, we restricted the number of pages the printed newsletter could be, sometimes having to omit information, other times having tiny print to get more news to fit. Delivery was not always timely. Bulk mail gets lowest priority, so there have been times when time sensitive information didn't get into members hands in time. It uses a lot of resources like paper and power to mail out the printed newsletter.

Benefits of a digital newsletter:

It can be as many pages and have as many photos as we want! There can be "live links" to things on the internet, so you can get to it with one click instead of having to get to a computer and type in the address. Everyone gets the notice about the newsletter at the same time. It saves DSA thousands of dollars per year that can be spent on educational programs instead. We don't have to raise membership dues to cover the increasing costs of a printed newsletter.

WHY a Yahoo Group?

We looked at many different options for delivery of the digital newsletter. Mass mailings of the newsletter file to individual email addresses has many pitfalls: not all email accounts accept email with attachments. The file size of the newsletter would again have to be limited most email programs only allow about 25 recipients at a time, so emailing 300+ people 25 at a time would be very time consuming. The bigger DSA grows, the harder this task becomes. Companies that provide mass e-mailings cost money. The Yahoo Group has many advantages: It's free to everyone, including DSA. It can handle an unlimited number of members. Membership in Yahoo is completely free - it can even be done through a library computer, so owning a computer is not a requirement. It has other features such as a poll function that can be used for easy voting that is automatically limited to DSA members only. The emails from the Yahoo Group can be set-up to go to ANY email address so you don't miss the messages. It provides an easy way for DSA to communicate important information to every DSA member. But you don't have to worry about a lot of "conversation" emails because only DSA staff can post messages. The other public Yahoo Group can be used for conversation among members. To get a message to every member, DSA staff only needs to send the message once, to the private Yahoo group. Yahoo then sends it to each member of DSA simultaneously. Past notices and messages from DSA staff can be read in the on-line archives by new members or as a reference for any member.

How does it work?

As each new newsletter is posted to the DSA website's password protect page, the DSA staff will send a note through the members only newsletter Yahoo Group with that month's password and a link directly to the web page. That month's password will let you access all previous DSA digital newsletters as well as the most recent one. By renewing your DSA membership each year, you will be assured of getting that monthly (or bi-monthly) password to view the newsletters on-line.

So hopefully, this helps you understand why we are making this switch. We truly hope you will join us in the digital age and help us save money while giving you timely and expanded news in a beautiful digital format.

Why switch?

To encourage the switch to digital, and to save money, DSA will only be doing the printed newsletter in black and white. It's also likely that the information in the newsletter will need to be abbreviated to stay within the page limit and some photos may need to be removed as well. The on-line newsletter will be the full color, full edition available to those DSA members who have a Yahoo account and have joined the private newsletter Yahoo group.

To create a Yahoo Account and then join the private, DSA members only Yahoo Group, simply visit the membership page of the DSA website: <http://www.dogscouts.org/Membership.html> There you will find easy to use, step by step directions.

Chris Puls, President of DSA

NOTE: The DSA website will soon be switching back to www.dogscouts.org as the main address. This may cause broken links till we have a chance to fix them all. You may need to update any links you have to the website. Thank you for your patience while we make improvements.

Quilt Drawing!



You could win a beautiful, hand-made Dog-themed quilt made by Jill Moore. The photo is from the pattern package. The actual quilt will be even more cute. Drawing to be held December 15, 2009. Proceeds benefit Dog Scouts of America, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. Buy a chance to win! \$2.00 per chance, or 3 for \$5.00. Contact Sparky's Store Manager to get your name in the drawing. ALSO, for every \$50.00 or more order placed at Sparky's during the month of August, you will get your name into the drawing an extra time.

Don't Forget Our On-Line Store – Go To Our Website and Just “Click” to Order!!!!

Fall Outing – Check It Out!!!!

The DSA Fall Outing will be held October 9-12 (3-day weekend, due to Columbus Day). Outing is open and free for all members of DSA. There is a lodging fee if you stay on-site. All of the usual fun and mayhem will be offered: Costume contest, fun, games, potluck, auction... Come and join in the fun during the most beautiful time of year here at camp. Please contact Lonnie Olson, Camp Director, for more information and lodging reservations. dogscouts@dishmail.net or call 989 389-2000.

The voting polls are OPEN! Help select the next DSA board member!

We want to make DSA a more member driven organization, so please do your part and help select the person who you feel will best fill the needs as a board member of Dog Scouts of America.

There is yet ANOTHER reason to join the Yahoo Group! We are using the private DSA newsletter Yahoo Group to hold the election for the next DSA board member. The group has a "poll" function that provides all the features we need to do voting electronically (thus saving several hundred dollars on the postage costs of mailed ballots):

- One vote per group member (though you can change your vote as many times as you like until the poll closes).
- Only DSA members can vote (because only DSA members can get on the private Yahoo Group)
- Only one candidate can be chosen by each voter (pick the one who best meets the outline of the duties expected- which is also found on the web page with the candidate bios)
- Votes will be anonymous (Yahoo will make sure the above rules are followed and will tally the votes without any human intervention.)

HOW TO VOTE:

1) Go to the "Members Only" section of the DSA website:

http://www.dogscouts.org/Members_Only.html

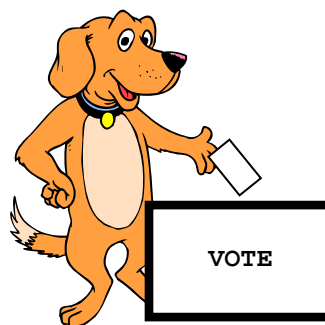
2) Click on "Vote for next board member!"

3) Enter User Name: DSAmember
Password: Vote

4) Read the "Volunteer Job Description" page

5) Read each candidate's bio and decide which one has the experience and training that best fits the job description

6) Follow the voting steps outlined on the web page



Once the voting is completed, the results will automatically be emailed to each member of the Yahoo Group and will be saved on the Yahoo Group website. Results will also be posted in the DSA newsletter that follows the close of the election.

Chris Puls, President

Troop News
Troop Scoop - Troop 107 Cincinnati, Ohio

The March 8th troop meeting featured dog trainer Karen Abell, who gave a very informative lecture to troop members about proper dog-greeting behavior and how to interact with fearful dogs. Mid-March, Chris Puls began an eight-week clicker training course at Kuliga Dog Training Club, and several troop members began classes at Kuliga on C-Wags, a new and fun type of dog competition. The annual Spring camp was held on April 2nd-5th at Camp Oty'okwa in Hocking Hills. The weather was beautiful and the waterfalls along the trails were spectacular due to the spring rains. A number of troop members participated in the C-Wags competition held at Kuliga Dog Training Club on April 18-19. The trials ran very smoothly, and the troop dogs did very well in the competition. On April 26th, troop members participated in the annual Pilot Dogs Walk-a-thon, held at Central Park in Union, Kentucky. The walk-a-thon benefits Pilot Dogs, an organization that trains and provides service dogs to people with disabilities. Our spring troop party was held on May 9th at Chris Puls' house. A crew from KET-TV in Northern Kentucky came to the meeting and filmed dogs and troop members for a feature on Dog Scouts. Naomi Swanson



1) Waterfall at Hocking Hills: (L to R) Gerry Duffy and Dakota, Mike and Sharon Thompson and Kodi, Dianne Coleman and Copper, and Donna Auvil and Tanner

2) Dogs and logs: (L to R) Donna Auvil and Tanner, Gerry Duffy and Dakota, Dianne Coleman and Copper



3) Gerry Duffy and friends at the troop party



On June 6th, the troop held its annual canoe/kayak trip on the Whitewater River. The weather was clear and warm, and the troop was joined by two members of the Indiannapolis troop. Chris Puls took a video of the trip, and you can view the fun at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzgTyaSG1DU>. Troop members helped with Dog Fest at Voice of America Park in West Chester, Ohio on June 13-14. Dog Fest is an annual event, hosted by PAWS (Progressive Animal Welfare Society - a no-kill animal shelter), and serves to educate about shelters and rescues in the Greater Cincinnati

area. The Fest also has a number of games and activities for attendees and their dogs. This year, over 15,000 people attended. The troop had a booth with informational materials and ran the play yard and a raffle for a one hour photo shoot with member Greg Matulionis. The raffle won \$60 for the troop, and the play yard was a hit, with hundreds of dogs using it over the two days of the event. See <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9-FmrlKHC8> for a video of Saturday at Dog Fest. Finally, on June 12th, the troop held the first of their summer Swim Days at Hueston Woods Swim Beach. The day served as both a way to enjoy the sun and water with the dogs, and to celebrate all the troop dogs' birthdays at one time.



Troop 107 has a new Dog Scout! Junior Haverland, DSA, received his title on June 30th. Junior was a Cadet Scout for the previous year, was featured as a PAW PALS on the Kentucky Life TV show, and will be part of the upcoming KET production featuring Dog Scouts. Dog Scout Parent, June Haverland is very proud. (See photo)

Naomi Swanson

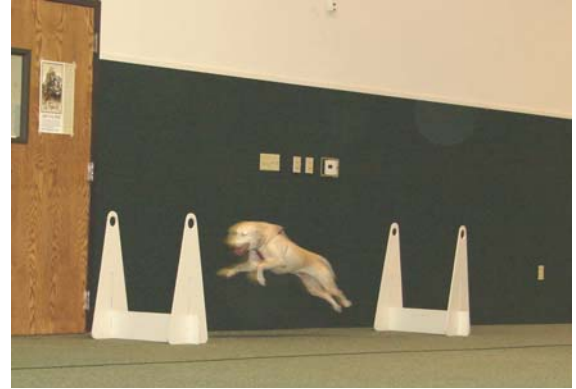
Troop #119 Texas

Our troop continues to grow and to spread the good of DSA across the greatState of Texas!



In June, we had a special guest come into town from several hours away to present Canine Musical Freestyle to the troop. Deb Agibt, who competes with her dogs in World Canine Freestyle Organization events, gave us a demo and then had us break out into smaller groups and teach our own dogs some moves! Everyone enjoyed the show & getting to try out something new!

In July, our very own troop member, Traci Betts, lead the meeting. Tracitrains and competes in flyball. She, along with her helpers, Joe and Susie Betts, and her beginning flyball team,



did demonstrations to introduce everyone to flyball. Afterward, they helped everyone begin to teach their dogs the jumps. We all got to experience a new dog sport and the dogs enjoyed learning something new! We are looking forward to some cooler temperatures soon so we can return our meetings outdoors!

Mart & Cindy Ratliff
Troop 119 - DFW area, TX



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Or call (817) 446-7791

register online at: **www.dogscouts.org**

Downeast Dog Scouts Troop #159 Maine



The Downeast Dog Scouts continue to monthly meetings. Activities have included: June - Introduction to Letterboxing at Birdsacre Wildlife Sanctuary and dog swim in Beech Hill Pond, July - Woods Walk in Surry and dog swim in Morgan Bay and August - Hike at Ship Harbor Nature Trail in Acadia National Park. The Downeast Dog Scouts have enjoyed picnics at all of their monthly meetings at homes of troop members.



Troop fundraising efforts have included a Yard Sale and sales of "Puppy

Pails". The "Puppy Pails" are handcrafted tote bags. Troop members sold "Puppy Pails" and staffed an information booth in Bar Harbor on the Fourth of July. In addition, the Downeast Dog Scouts had an information booth at the Hancock County SPCA Pet Show and Fair fundraiser during July.



The Downeast Dog Scouts is donating 26 sets of pet

recovery oxygen masks to the fire departments and ambulance services in Hancock County that need them. Fire departments from the following towns will receive mask sets: Brooklin, Bucksport, Castine, Cranberry Isles, Eastbrook, Gouldsboro, Mariaville, Osborn, Otis, Sorrento, Swans Island, Trenton, Waltham and Winter Harbor. County Ambulance in Ellsworth and Peninsula Ambulance Corps in Blue Hill will also receive mask sets. Here is the article from the newspaper: "Pets caught in house fires in Hancock County have a better chance of survival thanks to the Downeast Dog Scouts! Troop 159 of the Dog Scouts of America is donating 26 sets of pet recovery oxygen masks to the fire departments and ambulance services in Hancock County that need them. Troop members and their dogs will deliver the pet recovery oxygen masks during the next few weeks. Fire departments from the following towns will receive mask sets: Brooklin, Bucksport, Castine, Cranberry Isles, Eastbrook, Gouldsboro, Mariaville, Osborn, Otis, Sorrento, Swans Island, Trenton, Waltham and Winter Harbor. County Ambulance in Ellsworth and Peninsula Ambulance Corps in Blue Hill will also receive mask sets."



"Pets are at risk of injury from smoke inhalation during house fires, however, human oxygen masks don't fit properly on animals and many pets die from smoke inhalation. Unlike humans looking to get out during fires, pets instinctively look for a hiding place to protect them from the fire and are exposed to more toxic fumes for longer periods of time. With the right equipment, firefighters and EMS rescuers can often save a pet's life. These lifesaving recovery oxygen masks come in a set of 3 sizes, enabling a rescuer to administer oxygen not only to cats and dogs but to other pets as well. The cone shaped masks are designed with a flexible, snug fitting diaphragm for around the muzzle. Emergency departments generally rely on donations to enable them to carry these pet oxygen masks because they are not applicable to human rescue. The Downeast Dog Scouts would like to thank all of those that have supported their fundraising efforts!" "Troop 159 is an affiliate of the Dog Scouts of America in Hancock County that promotes responsible dog ownership and increases the awareness of the human/canine bond. Information about the Dog Scouts of America is available at www.dogscouts.org. Anyone interested in learning more about the Downeast Dog Scouts Troop 159 may contact troop leader Robyn Douglas at downeastdogscouts@yahoo.com or P.O. Box 73, Salisbury Cove, ME 04672 or call (207) 266-5807."

The Downeast Dog Scouts Troop 159 and troop members received 2008 President's Volunteer Service Awards. The Troop received the Group Silver Level Award (500 - 900 hours) and five troop members received Individual Bronze Level Awards (100 - 249 hours). Troop members receiving awards: Pam Bourque, Pier Carros, Anne Czechanski, Robyn Douglas and Denise Houseknecht.



The Coastal Crescent Kennel Club and the Downeast Dog Scouts Troop 159 will host a Canine Carnival to celebrate AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day at Woodlawn Museum in Ellsworth, Maine. Canine Carnival activities include: Meet the Breeds, breed rescue groups, animal shelters, educational booths, canine sports demonstrations, working dog demonstrations, Canine Good Citizen testing, dog games and activities, crafts and activities for children, vendors, a canine photo contest and a Children's Dog Show. The event will be held in conjunction with the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce Autumn Gold Days, Friday, October 2nd through Sunday, October 4th. Representatives from pet food pantries in Hancock County will be available to accept donations. Canine Carnival, Sunday, October 4, 2009, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Woodlawn Museum, 19 Black House Drive, 1/4 mile from U.S. Route 1 - On Route 172 (Surry Road), Ellsworth, Maine 04605.

The Coastal Crescent Kennel Club and the Downeast Dog Scouts Troop 159 are sponsoring the Canine Carnival Photo Contest again this year. Photo contest categories



include: Dogs in Nature, Cute Puppies and Holiday Dogs. One photo per dog per category is allowed. \$5.00 per photo or \$10.00 for three photos. Send 4 x 6 photos to Downeast Dog Scouts Troop 159 PO Box 73 Salisbury Cove, ME 04672 by Saturday, September 19, 2009. Include your dog's name and your name, address, telephone and email. Make checks payable to the Downeast Dog Scouts Troop 159. Entry fees of the contest participants support the Canine Carnival. People who attend the Canine Carnival will select the winning photo in each category. Voting for the photos will occur at the Canine Carnival. Gift certificates will be awarded to the winners.

Troop 161 – Carlisle / Central PA

Troop 161 had a Water Safety Training Day on August 9th at our local state park. 17 people and 18 dogs came out to the lake to enjoy the day. Four new dogs earned their Puppy Paddler's, a few tried a paw at boating, and three dogs had a "go" at the new Water Retrieve badge (with videos pending...)! At the end, we "lost" our practice oar after we had already turned in our rented rowboat. That darned oar must have floated out over 100 yards from shore, and we were about to call it a day when Noelle Weeks sent out her all-around wonderdog Taylor, who skillfully retrieved the oar and brought it all the way back to shore! Wowza! A local police officer came and spoke to the group, enlisting our help in starting a much-needed K9 program at his department. It's pretty cool that the community is learning we're here to help out!



Heather Champion and Isabella.



Casey Bretz and Gabe.



Roger Knowlton remains unconvinced at this point... but so **handsome!**

Pat Rosetto with Abby's very first dog-paddle strokes!



Troop 166 – Marion, Ohio



Troop 166 held their meeting/ Doggie party at the Kaufman Dog Park in Marion, Ohio on Saturday August 15, 2009. Next meeting at Hocking Hills and our campout! In October.

Troop's new banner

Dave Knipp and Elton Shuster assemble new grill

Pictures taken by Anita Baker



Troop 171 – Harrisburg, PA

Many people think summer is a time for vacation, rest and relaxation, and fun in the sun. But the members of Troop 171, the Redfern Ramblers, have been hard at work kicking our merit badge efforts into high gear. In July, we had clinics on Teach Your Dog to Swim (to begin progress toward DSA swimming badges) and The Art of Shaping. Both were great fun for people and pups alike!

Next, here's a recap of what badges troop members earned lately:

- DSA Dale and Eleanor Parker – Rally 1 and 2, and Art of Shaping.
- DSA Dora and Betsy Howell – Obstacle 1
- DSA Julie and Betsy Howell – Obstacle 1, 2 and 3, and Therapy Dog
- DSA Maida and Paula Marinak – Backpacking and Art of Shaping
- DSA Misty Rose and Marian Masi – Clean Up America 1, Therapy Dog and Art of Shaping
- DSA Roo and Terry Barnaby – Rally 1 and 2

The troop is also excited to announce that we will be holding a mini-retreat on Labor Day weekend. While this will be a great opportunity for fun and camaraderie among members of Troop 171 and 161, we also plan to open it to the public in hopes that we can introduce more people to Dog Scouting. We look forward to a great time!

Last but certainly not least, we are thrilled to share some exciting news about one of our Scouts. DSA Julie, owned by Betsy and John Howell, became a first-time mom on June 19! She gave birth to six healthy pups – three boys (two black and one yellow) and three girls (two black and one yellow). Their new families are excited to welcome them, and we hope to have some future Scouts from this new litter of Labs!

Troop 185 – Northern Virginia/NOVA

We have been taken the summer months a bit easy due to vacation and the hot humid weather. We are meeting only once a month instead of two.

In June, we practiced for the Canine Good Citizen test and we were fortunate to have Lynne from Wonderful Friends come by and give us the test. Most of passed the Canine Good Citizen test and others now know what they needed to work on.

July we were scheduled to go to Head to the Beach in Annapolis, MD. Quiet Waters park is an actual dog beach with a fenced in dog park. We were planning a cook-out and everyone was bringing a dish to share. However, the rain held us away, so we have rescheduled for late August.

It may be the hottest time of the summer, but Troop 185 is going to the Dog Days, Peach & Sunflower fest in Berryville, Va. It is a fun day with family & canines. We will be romping in the sunflower fields and picking peaches. Live music and peach pies and slushes are the agenda for the day. A pond will help cool off our canines.

Orange County, CA forming a Troop!!

I'm Jennifer, the future O.C., California troop leader. We do not have anything official to include in the newsletter as we are just getting started. If interest in being a part of the new Orange County, CA troop which is now forming, please contact Jennifer Crouch at 714-585-3868 for more information. **Jennifer Crouch, Future O.C Troop Leader**

Attitude of Gratitude

Thanks to Sheryll Knipp for donating a whole box of CD cases. We can always use them!!!

Also, thanks to Joanne Weber and Lonnie Olson held a garage sale to benefit Dog Scouts of America. Items were donated from Joanne's family and Lonnie's family, and a total of \$1,007.00 was raised and donated to DSA!



eScrip Program – Helping DSA!

What is the eScrip Program? How Does it Work?

eScrip has created a system that rewards customer loyalty by contributing a percentage of purchases made by participating families to schools and non-profit organizations. Members and friends of DSA are encouraged to register their grocery club cards, and existing credit/debit cards as supporters. A percentage of all purchases made at eScrip merchants will be given back to the designated group. There are no receipts to collect, no vouchers or certificates to buy, no hassles for you - and every purchase counts. There are thousands of participating merchant locations and your credit cards are safe.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! It's simple. Sign up with eScrip, and you can earn \$200.00 annually for Dog Scouts! Here's how:

1. Go to www.escrip.com.
2. Click on "sign-up".
3. Follow the instructions to register your grocery cards and your existing debit/credit cards.
4. Designate Dog Scouts of America (Group ID 35961) as the organization to receive the funds.

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In Closing.... STAY!!!

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the local shopping center and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever Pup had fresh air. She was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there. I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me?" "Stay! Stay!" The driver of a nearby car, a pretty blonde young lady, gave me a strange look and said, "Why don't you just put it in Park?" Author Unknown, contributed by **Peggy Zweber, Editor**