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What you get by achieving your

GOALS

*Is not as important as
what you become
by achieving your goals.*

~ Zig Ziglar



Abby is looking forward to nose work (where the dogs are trained to find a certain scent), camping/hiking, water badges, meet up with other troops in different areas, and paint your paws.



This year, we hope to complete Alex's Search and Rescue and Retrieve badges. We would also like to get her therapy dog certification.
 Mart & Cindy Ratliff
 Troop 119



Arden's goal for Claudette Smith is to turn in our community service forms. (Arden is the one looking at the camera.)

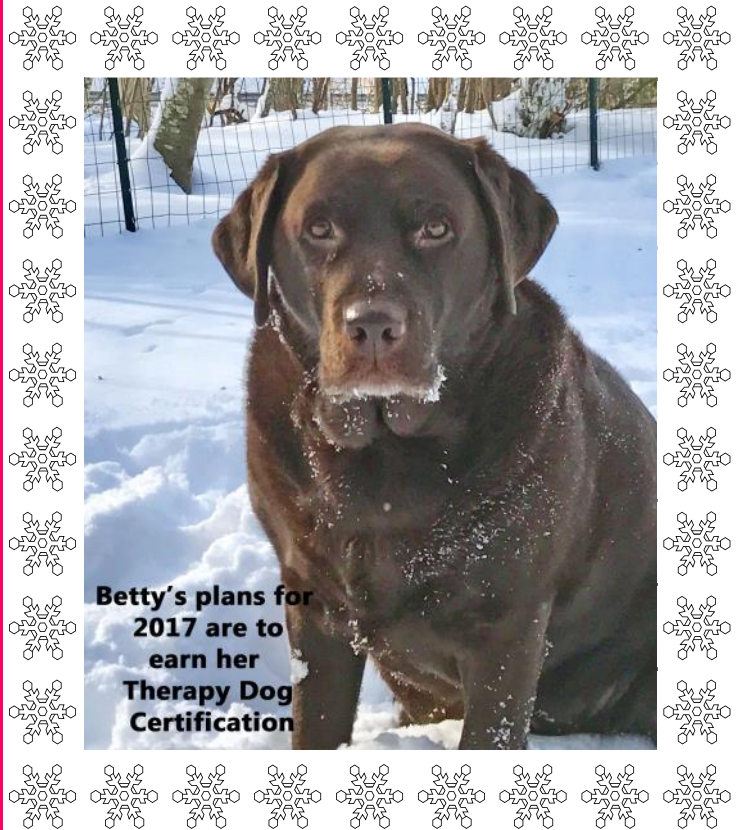
Claudette's goal for Arden is to earn our biking badge.

Autumn and Grandma's goal this year is to be more reliable in picking up things grandma drops and let her know when someone comes to visit or the alarm rings. Autumn's goal is to get more treats.

Fay Reid
 Troop 101



Belle is working on her obstacle badges in 2017



Dog Scouts: Betty, Ellie, Sally and Louie



In 2017, I would like to work with my dogs learning core exercises on FitPaws equipment. I would also like to work on taking pack walks with them and continue our therapy dog work. My goal is to teach Betty to have calmer interactions with guests when they arrive at our house.

Amy Schupska



Biscuit and I can hardly wait for warmer weather so we can get to work cleaning-up America this year, and finish our Sign Language and Photography requirements. We're looking forward to spending more time hiking and are definitely looking forward to this year's mini camp. Also, I would love to get involved with the Oxygen Mask Committee.

Cheryl Nava & Biscuit
Troop 119

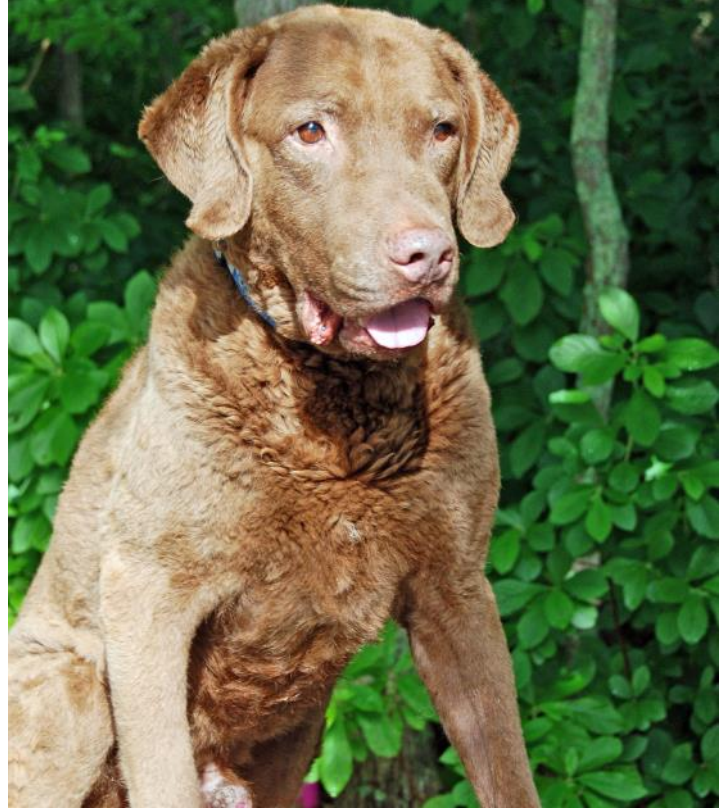
My goals are to somehow create more time (or do a better job of delegation) to plan more troop activities throughout the year.

My original goal was to finish Caper's RATO title—we achieved that in January, so I'll have to set some new goals for the remainder of the year. I want to start exploring the DSA trail dog titles with the girls. I'm bad at keeping records, but with the "Walk for a dog" app, it makes it easier.

Kozi and I would like to have more Mom and me time together, doing anything or nothing.

Lonnie Olson, Caper & Kozi
Troop 101

Calypso will continue
his Therapy visits in 2017



GOAL





My goals for my Golden Retriever, Cassidy is to earn our Utility Dog title through the AKC. We are also competing at the AKC Rally Nationals in March and hope to place in the top 20% in the RAE division competing against close to 160 competitors!
 Karen Deeds
 Troop 119



Cutter, DSA and I will be working on the Clean-Up America Badge and the Hiking Badge. I might get Kathy to assist me and Cutter in training for the Phodography Badge.

Cutter will continue in his agility classes and enter a few trials. I might try some Rally trials since Cutter loves Rally.

Rebecca Roberts
 Troop 119



"I'm Shark Dog! I want to swim!! My goals are to lure course!! And Swim!"

Danica Joy DSA,
 Kelly Ford
 Troop 219

ready. set.
go! 



Our goals for 2017:

- Become a Crisis Response Dog (team) with Oakland County
- Compete in Rally Obedience and Novice Obedience
- Continue our work as a Therapy Dog team and earn the Therapy Dog title
- Earn the CGC Urban title
- Continue to earn Dog Scout badges.

Carrie & Darby Jones
Troop 217



Darra and I are going to work on Carting and the Phodography, this year. We ordered our cart for Christmas and are taking it slow.

MarSue Freeman
Troop 119



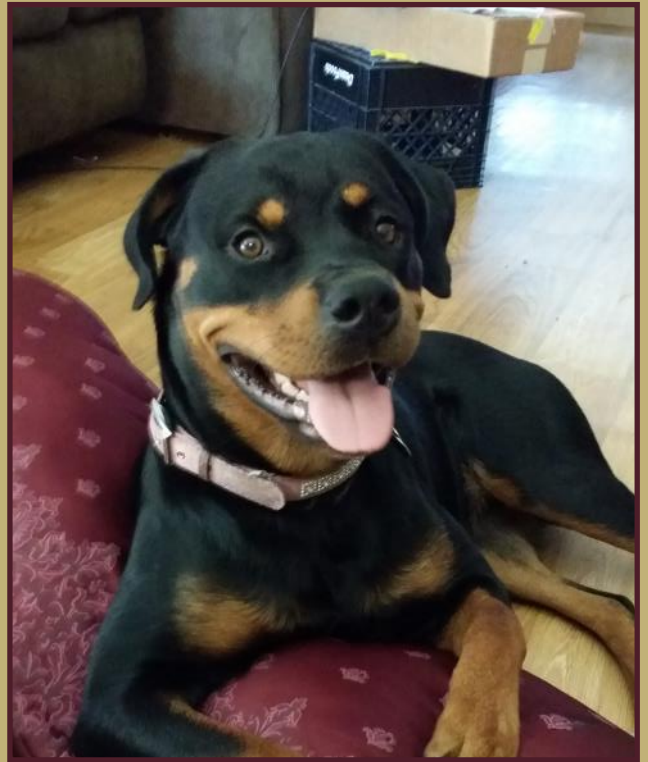
My goal for Delta is to train a reliable recall.

Claudette Smith



My 2017 goal is to have my whippet puppy, Diesel, earn his Dog Scout Badge and to start working on badges for him.

Diana Cognigni



Our goal for Duchess for 2017 is to earn the AKC Canine Good Citizen title.

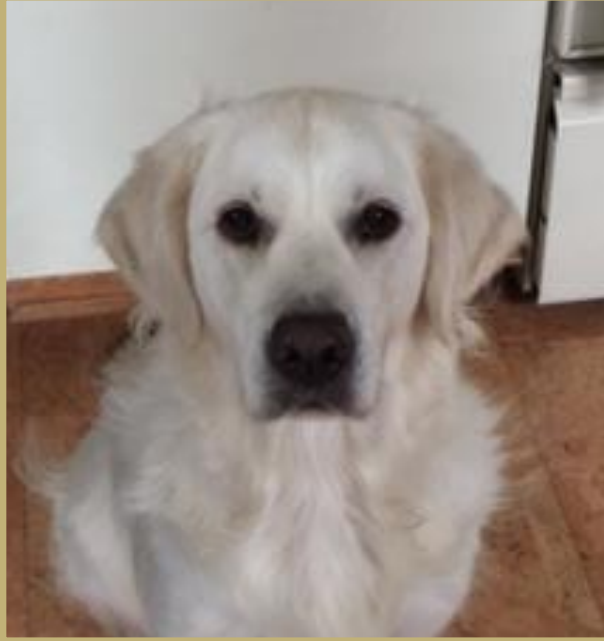
**Diane & Wade Johnson,
proud human parents of
Duchess von Johnson
Troop 119**



GOALS GOALS GOALS GOALS

Ember and I will try a new sport, attend June Dog Scout camp, try and earn 1 badge per month, and attend the Golden Retriever National show in Salisbury, MD and compete in Rally Novice there.

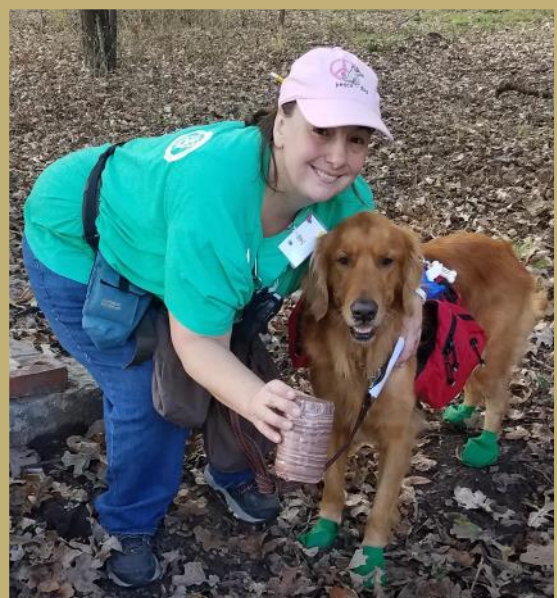
Sue Szeremet
Troop 217



Firefly is looking forward to earning her DSA and competing in her first Flyball Competition



Flynn is looking forward to earning DSA badges in hiking and swimming



Our plan is for Geo to earn the Geocaching 2 badge and the Canine Good Citizenship title.
Casie Wood & Geo
Troop 119



Goldy's goal for 2017 is to go on more hikes to different places. My goal for Goldy and I is to do more outreach to others regarding the DSA mission and to work on building her confidence in working away from me.

Our most important goal is to do more things with her that brings the sparkle of her smile shining thru to her eyes. Taking the time to just retrieve, retrieve, retrieve - I mean to throw, to throw, what you want me to throw again? That is our Goals for 2017!

Fay Reid
Troop 101



Gracie is hoping for her CGC. I also want to get her back packing badge and she is going to compete in lure coursing this year.

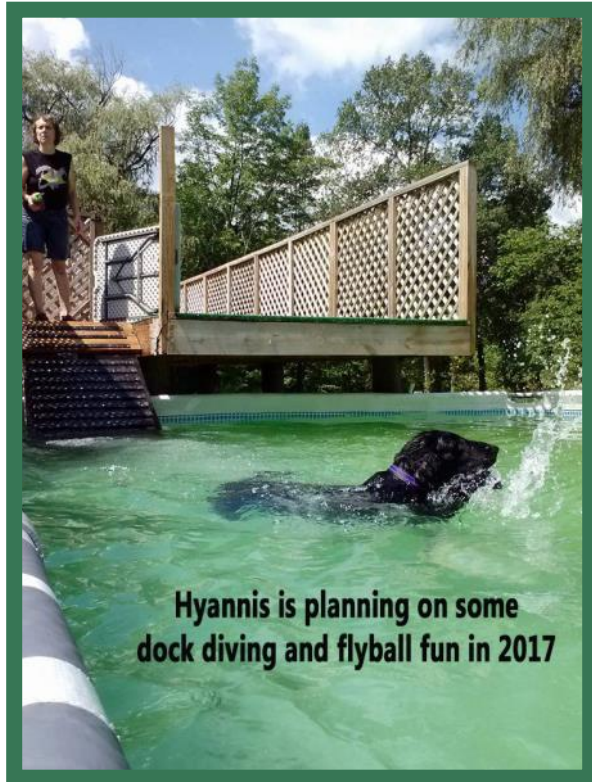
Gus is hoping for play dates and movie nights in 2017



The Hampton Family is looking to become more active Troop 188 members earning their DSA and other badges



**My goal for 2017 is to have fun working with Heikki to achieve our goal which is to earn an agility championship title.
Tina Patterson
Troop 217**



Hyannis is planning on some dock diving and flyball fun in 2017



We want to earn our RallyO 2 badge, Pack Dog title, next Trail Dog title and Messenger Dog badge and work on our Letterboxing 1 title and GeoDog 3 titles. We also are going to work on learning the "Do-As-I-Do" training thru the Facebook DSA Virtual Learning group.

We're also working on a scent challenge title our local trainer has made, and iZAR will be learning 3 more scents for that, and for the intermediate and advanced levels, he'll have to discriminate one scent in a hide with 2 or more that he knows! 😊

**Mary Blackstone
Troop 229**

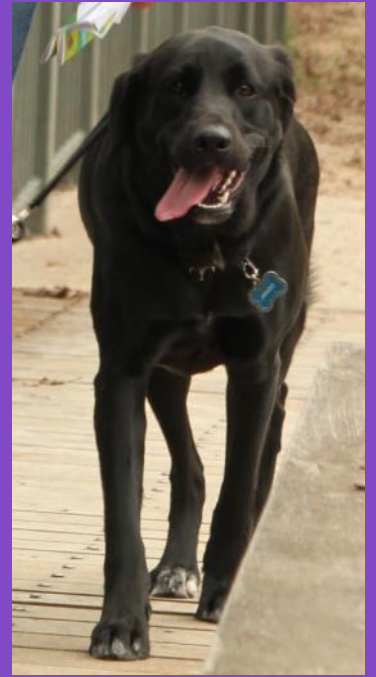


One of the things that I plan to work on with Jake this year is loose leash walking consistency. Tammy Doak Troop 119



Imagine

I plan to start geocaching with Jango and continue to work on his stay so that he doesn't feel compelled to follow me when I step too far away. Tammy Onufreiczuk Troop 119



Believe



JoJo is planning on catching a frog in 2017

Achieve



Jolee is looking forward to nose work, camping/hiking, water badges, meet up with other troops in different areas, and paint your paws.



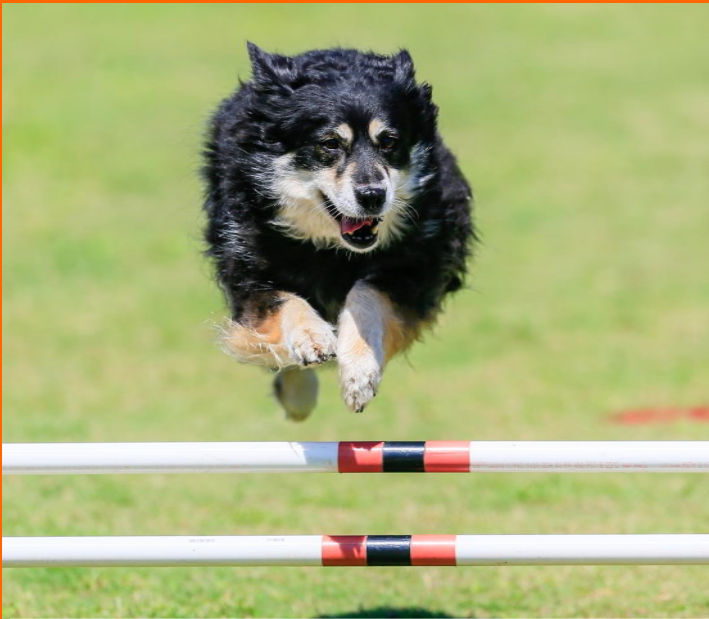
People rarely
succeed unless
they have **FUN**
in what they
are doing.

- Dale Carnegie -

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Kapri is looking forward to earning her Therapy Dog Certification and her hiking badge



**Kay-cee, DSA will continue competing in agility trials until she tells me no more. She will be 14 this year but going strong. I would like to try some scent trials with her or continue training in scent. She still loves hiking. We may try to earn the Hiking and Backpacking Badges. She is up for anything.
Kathy Tucker
Troop 119**



Kayla is looking forward to earning her Therapy Dog Certification and swimming

In 2017 I am hoping to share more kayaking, hiking and geocaching adventures with him, advance our agility skills and participate in some trials. A continuing goal is to improve Keenan's recall in the presence of distractions. If there is any time leftover I would love to continue our Nosework training.
Victoria & Keenan Severns
Troop 119

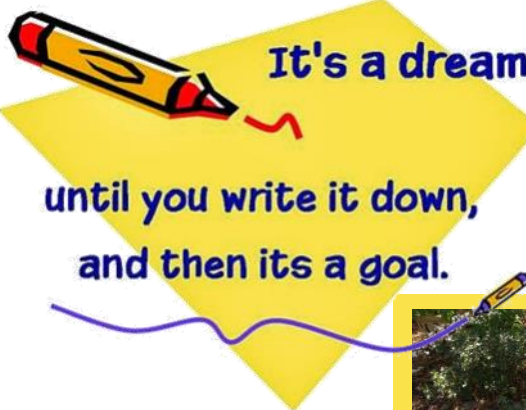


My goals are for Kingston to lose weight by reducing some food amounts and adding more green beans. Also, adding daily walks to our schedule. I intend to spend more time training and reinforcing behaviors we have worked on or have been introduced to through our Dog Scout meetings and begin to work on what we need to acquire some badges.

In June we will participate in the DSA Hike-a-thon again to raise money for the national DSA.

Kingston and I will continue to work as a reading therapy dog team at school with the elementary students and will educate the children about being safe around dogs.

Carol Czwarnog
Troop 183



Kip and I are planning to work on Agility and Search and Rescue, along with Kips dog scout friends, Izar, Lilura, and Mick.

Karla Grasser
Troop 229



LeeRoy and Bling enjoy visiting people who are in resident care facilities. They will work on some therapy dog activities this year.

LeeRoy needs to work on an out-of-sight stay for AKC Open Obedience. Bling needs to work on AKC Rally Excellent.

LeeRoy and Bling need to work on advanced CGC titles and more merit badges.

Mary Ann Sanford
Troop 183



I'm looking forward to working with Leia to get her Dog Scout title and to start geocaching this year.
 Tammy Onufreiczuk
 Troop 119



Our goals for 2017 are to learn the Messenger Dog, Naked Dog Obedience, RallyO 1 and 2, and Scent Discrimination skills. We also want to sharpen Lilura's agility skills so I can stand in the middle of the course and cue her to take obstacles.
 Sharon Boone & Lilura DSA
 Troop 229.



Goals and Activities I would like to achieve in 2017 with Linc: AKC CGCA title, RAE2 title, work towards his Graduate Open title, and possible a leg or two towards his Utility title, most importantly spend more time having fun.
 Merrillyn Jones
 Troop 183



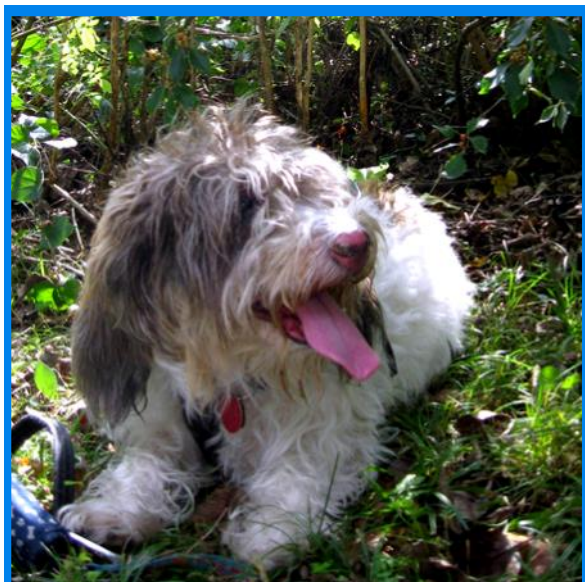
Luke is looking forward to nose work, camping/hiking, water badges, meet up with other troops indifferent areas, and paint your paws.



Luna is looking to use her new Therapy Dog certification and met and greet more folks in our community.



My goal for Luna this year is to compete in our first scent work trial. The second goal would be to have Luna earn her Dog Scout title. We really enjoy our nose work classes, and she enjoyed the agility things we tried at camp so I would like to start her in some basic agility too.
Jennifer Page



Our 2017 goals:

- To finish our Phodography badge
- To do more overnight camping
- To learn one new thing every month

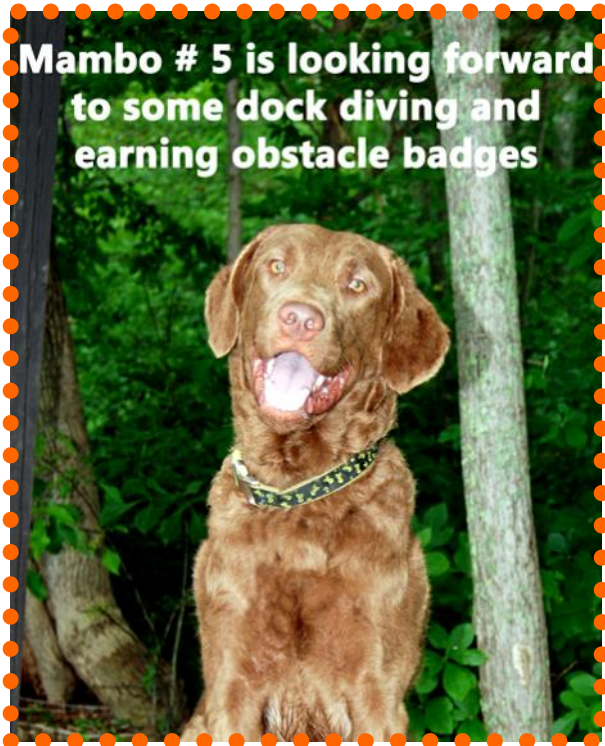
Sharon Branyan
& Maddy, DSA
Troop 150

I want Malu to get her Naked Dog badge this year.
Pam Barnum
Troop 119



EVERY ACCOMPLISHMENT

Mambo # 5 is looking forward to some dock diving and earning obstacle badges



**My goal for 2017 is to get out and walk/hike more with these sweet babies – Marla and Mason.
Lisa Hamilton
Troop 119**



With Marvin I will continue with obedience training classes and visits to places with people, dogs and other distractions to keep up his good social skills.



Dottie enjoys Barn Hunt, agilure and lure coursing so I want to do them with her this year.

**Amy Beer
Troop 183**

BEGINS WITH THE DECISION TO TRY

We have signed up to do the Columbia Gorge Dog Leg Half-Marathon in October.

We plan to walk. We both have a bad knee that is better with exercise, but maybe not that much exercise!

However we know we will at least have fun training together.

**Julie & Max
Baumler
Troop 119**



Max is going to learn retrieve by back chaining as described by Lonnie in last summer's Dog Scout Scoop. At least we'll try.

☺

**Marcia Odal
Troop 119**



Dog Goals for Meika - Dog Scout title, Trail Dog, Pack Dog, Therapy Dog, TDx, Community Service, complete RA title (2nd and 3rd legs), begin CDX title (1st and 2nd legs), begin trialing in agility.

**Blake Forkner
Troop 183**



Our goal for 2017 is to learn more tricks to bring smiles to our friends who live in nursing homes. And earn another badge this year.

Beth & Meme Holden

For 2017 our goals will be to continue on the road to exemplary behavior. To that end, we want to work on Rally Obedience. We also want to work on Trail Dog, Messenger Dog and Herding dog badges.

There is so much more but only so much time.

Jeanne & Mick Bonomini
Troop 229



Millie, DSA and I will try for the Agility 2 badge this year. I plan on entering her in some ASCA agility trials in the Fall. We will go for the Clean-up America 2 badge. She loves to swim so we can try for the Puppy Paddler badge too. She also enjoys hiking so we will work on the Hiking and Backpacking badges. We'll see what else piques our interest.

Kathy Tucker
Troop 119



My goals for Milo (Papinese) are earning his DSA title, his Backpacking, Art of Shaping, and Beginner Freestyle badges. We also plan to enter the Dogs Can Dance titling events this year.

My goals for Tim (Shetland Sheepdog) are centered around Rally FrEe both in DSA and in Rally Freestyle Elements competition. Also we hope to enter Dogs Can Dance events and earn our DSA Freestyle badge.

For myself, I hope to continue learning/teaching Rally FrEe and DCD Freestyle. I also am interested in Parkour.

Barb Foy, Milo & Tim
Troop 101

Mojo wants to learn to ride a skateboard in 2017



Mojo and Brock are planning a year full of hiking fun



Work hard and be proud of what you achieve

Right now with Molly, our goal is to get her well. Before she got sick, we were attempting to get her therapy dog certification (national) through Pet Partners.

Another goal for Molly has been the K-9 Fitness badge. We have been keeping a log of our walks/runs, and just need to get going on the video submission.





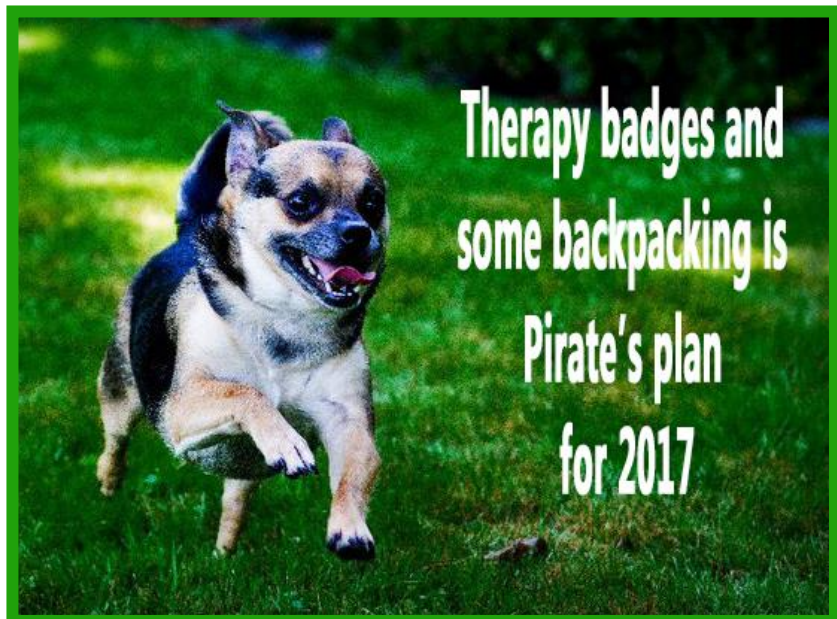
Our goals for 2017:
1) Title as a Canine Good Citizen,
2) Start scent training.
Gary & Mozzie Sabrowsky
Troop 119



Nala and Lana are staying focused on learning more standard commands such as stay and down.

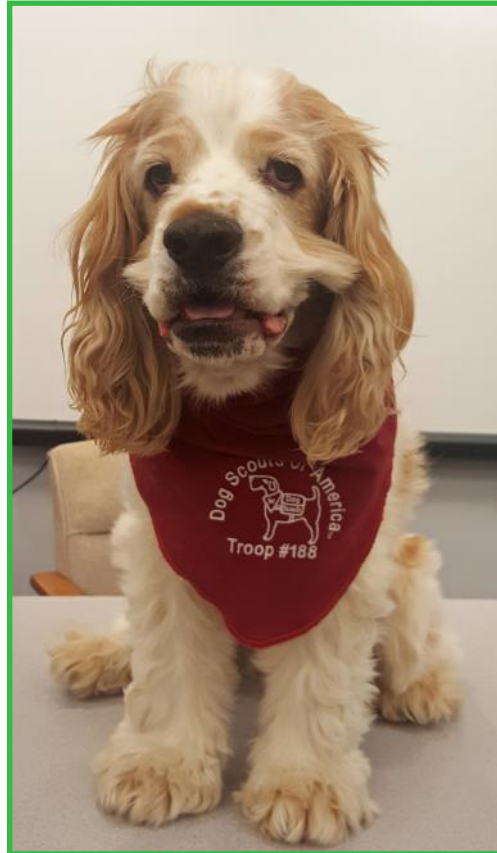


In 2017 Nim and I plan to work on the components for the obstacles and Treibball Beginner 2 badges, and prepare to show in AKC Open obedience. We'll also be starting on Parkour skills, and tricks for the Expert Trick Dog title, fund raising and carting behaviors, and get some video for the Manners and Barn Hunt badges.
Shirley Conley
Troop 183





Quinn wants to work on the following: DSA title, Backpacking badge, Pokémon walking, paint your dog (again), and a recipe exchanges for dog treats would be great.



Reuben is looking to earn his Dog Scout title and do some Barn Hunting with his friend Peter.



I would like to help Reid complete his AKC Companion Dog Excellent (CDX—Open obedience title) this year.
Valerie Carey



**THAT SOME
ACHIEVE GREAT
SUCCESS, IS
PROOF TO ALL
THAT OTHERS
CAN ACHIEVE
IT AS WELL.**

Abraham Lincoln

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With Reveille, she has been working on her K-9 Fitness badge and Manners badges. We just need to do the video submission.



**My goal this year is for Rosie to pass the Dog Scout test and become a Dog Scout. Rosie is 6 months old and we're working on her skills now.
Nancy Strack**



In 2016, Rouen was certified as a Therapy Dog with TDI. In 2017 we hope to do lots of work in our community in her new role. We have already started in one of the local libraries with a kids reading program. In turn that should earn a merit badge for her. Along with that, we have several other merit badges that we are very close to being done: Phodography, Manners, Obstacles 3, and Clean-up America 1, along with getting her next Trail Dog title-TDX.

**Debbie & Rouen Baker
Rouen DSA, CGC, TT, TD, TDI Therapy Certified
Troop 119**



**Sage is very active in scentwork and will continue to work on this activity. She has also started carting. We had a great time at Texas Mini-camp with carting and plan to continue in our local area. We also enjoy hiking and have discovered some wonderful hiking trails in North Texas.
Nita Lanter & Sanctuary Silver Sage, DSA
Troop 119**

Sam's goal is to continue to do his therapy work (which he loves!) and earn his next title, TDIRVA, TDI Remarkable Volunteer Achievement. He also wants to continue to go letterboxing with his "girls". Otherwise he just wants to spend time with his mama and continue to be his funny, goofy and lovable self.

Katie's goal is to learn a reliable retrieve and figure out a way to do IMPROV even though she is sight impaired. She also wants to learn new tricks since she loves doing that. She wants to continue to do fun things and she wants a new puppy!
Sally Hoyle



My dog, Sassy, and I have several goals this year. First, we want to spend more time on the trails enjoying nature. Second, we want to continue to add to all of the therapy and community service projects we do. Sassy and I love interacting with the community.
Michelle & Sassy Neu
Troop 217



Sawyer has plans to earn his Freestyle badge in 2017



I'd like to get Shadow that Hunt Retrieve badge...so the goal is really all about teaching him to WAIT until I release him AFTER the gunshot.
Vickie Lomas



Shazam is hoping 2017 is full of swimming and Flyball and wants to earn some nosework badges.

You cannot achieve one goal by working towards it in your mind. It takes effort and actions. ~ Janis



My goal with Shelby is to continue our therapy visits with our local libraries and grief/support group in addition to learning and doing new and fun things together.

Julie Benson

For Stevie Ray, we would like to complete his Art of Shaping badge that he's been working on for some time. He is less motivated to learn and work than Alex, so we'd like to find more things that would interest him in learning.

Mart & Cindy Ratliff
Troop 119





Goals for Sugar

1. Turn in paperwork for Clean-Up America badge
2. Finish Geocache badge
3. Finish Travel Safety badge
4. Work on:
 - Manners badge
 - Naked Dog Obedience
 - Tricks
 - Agility III

Janice Cannizzaro
Troop 119

*All Great
Achievements
Require
Time.*

Sunny and I would like to take a field dog training class and work on field trial skills.
Barrie Lynn Wood

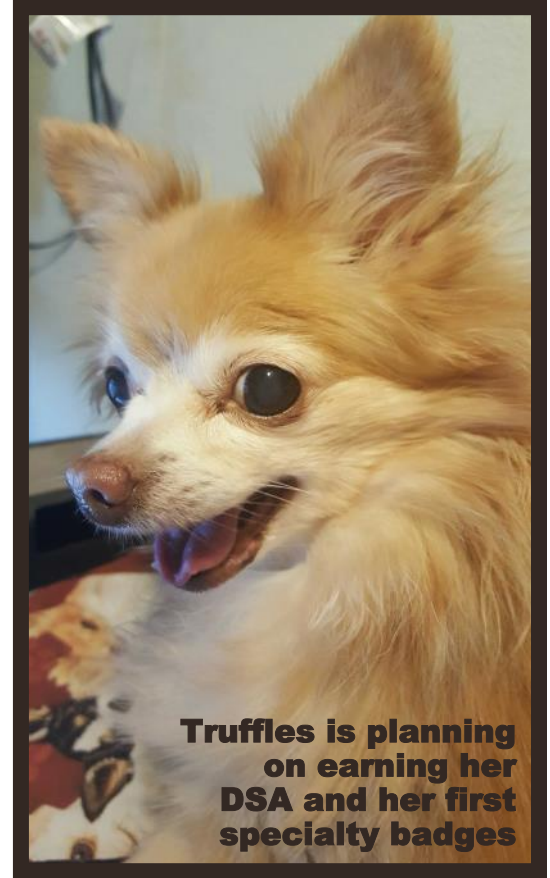
- *Maya Angelou*



Tachi earned his Dog Scout title at the beginning of January, so we'll be moving on to water fun (Puppy Paddler and possibly Beach Buddy) and Art of Shaping. We will also work on this retrieving fool NOT throwing his toy at me when he brings it back so we can get video for the Retrieve badge and start checking off the steps towards the Hunt Retriever badge. We'll be entering Barn Hunt trials and working towards our Obstacles merit badges.
Shirley Conley
Troop 183



In 2017 Tex will learn the necessary things to become a Dog Scout. Mark Nelson Troop 119

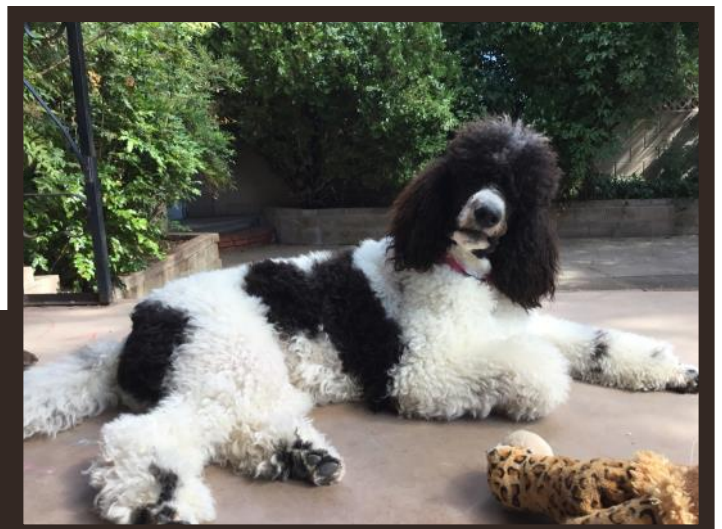


Truffles is planning on earning her DSA and her first specialty badges



Tucker would love to participate in a local tracking event. He also hopes for more camping and hiking activities in 2017.

Turtle and I have goals of becoming dog scouts, earning a letter box badge, and becoming a canine good citizen. We would like to to go to camp too. Donna Dudley & Turtle Troop 119

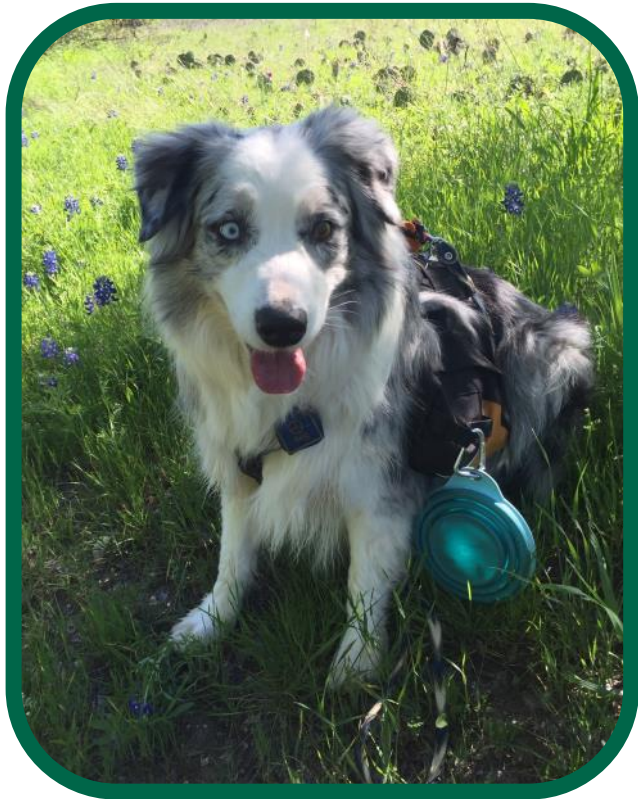




For DS Vera, I would like to Finish her in AKC conformation (she just needs 3 single points for her championship) and also do more Rally with her.
Vicki Howe
Troop 229



One goal we have for our two Dog Scouts, Waylon and Findley, is to continue working with the veterans, especially those with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.
Debbie Tomasik & Bill VonDrasek



Westen, DSA and I would like to continue working on the Phodography badge which we started at Texas Mini-camp in November. He earned his ASCA Rally Novice A title. We are continuing competing in ASCA Rally to earn the Novice Rally B title. I would like us to enter an upcoming CWAGS Rally trial. We might try AKC Rally and Agility. We will continue working on our ASCA Agility titles. With the warmer weather we'll continue working on the Backpacking titles. We just need a 10 mile hike to finish the second title. Whatever Westen and I do, we'll have fun doing it together!
Kathy Tucker
Troop 119

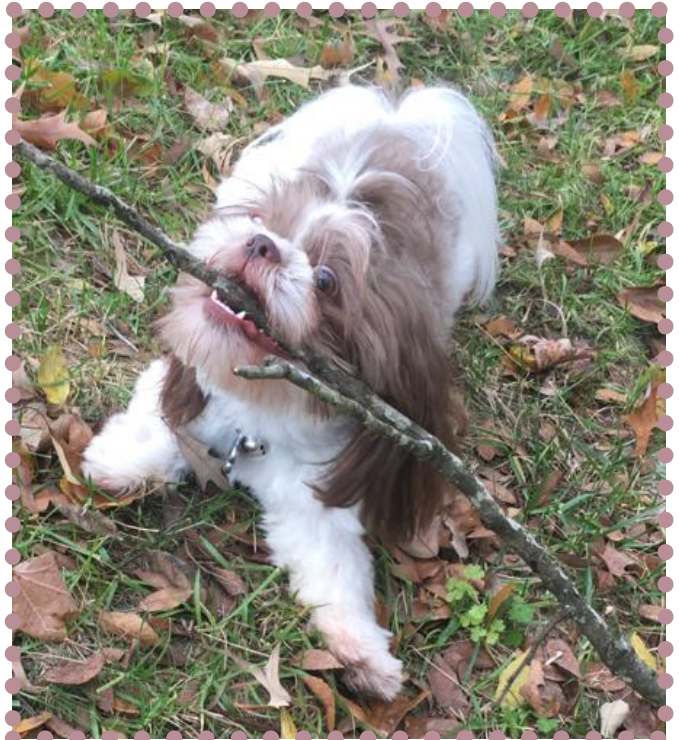
- **Goal: To have earned all four Trail Dog titles in 2017 (TD and PD earned in 2016) - to complete LBD and GeoD in 2017, but to also branch out and learn new things - my goal for Wyatt, DSA is to earn the Obstacle badges in 2017, which provides fun, exercise and also enhances team work and obedience through positive training!**
- **Lori & Wyatt White**
- **Troop 219**



Yippity will be working on earning his Clean-up America Badges for his 19th year.



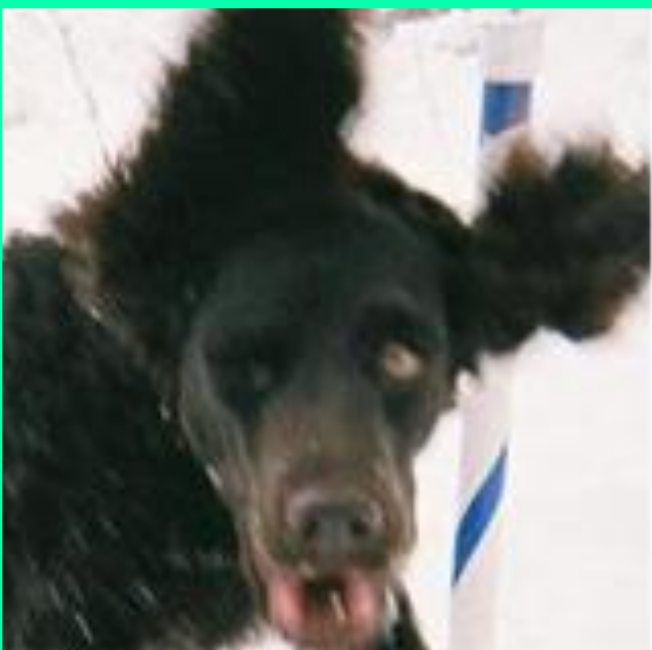
Zana is hoping for her DSA badge and for better health so she can participate in more events.



Zephyr is planning on more races with mom and wants to learn Freestyle



My goal for 2017 is to earn PhoDOGraphy. I am the loveliest model. I would also love to dance with my mom, Kelly. Zora Ford DSA Troop 219



Zumba is planning some barnhunting in 2017



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Dog Scouts of America (DSA) was established in 1995. It is a non-profit organization with people dedicated to enriching their dog's lives and the lives of others with dogs. Founder Lonnie Olson has made it her life's ambition to experience as many dog sports and skills as possible with her dogs.

If you believe that dogs really enjoy learning new things and spending time with their owners, you're our kind of dog person. Dogs were not meant to be "furniture." Working dogs want to work. Without having an acceptable activity in which to use up all of the energy that comes "built-in" with a dog, our canine companions often get into trouble.

By better understanding how your dog thinks, how he learns, and what drives his behavior, and by participating in a variety of dog sports and activities, you will become a more responsible dog owner.

We hope to prevent misunderstandings, communication failures, and behavioral problems which often lead to dogs being given up as a "lost cause."

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