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Scout Scoop & Troop Talk

Dog Scouts Saved Lizzy's Life!!!

We had to rush Lizzy to the emergency vet after midnight one night recently. When we got home late after being out with friends I noticed that Lizzy was acting a little sluggish and didn't want to take her Melatonin pill which she usually gobbles down. (You know something is wrong when a Corgi doesn't want to eat!). Then I noticed that she was really bloated. Thanks to Dog Scouts I was able to recognize the signs of bloat and know that it could lead to a stomach torsion which acts quickly and is life threatening! Luckily when we got her to the emergency vet and they took x-rays, although she was very bloated, the stomach had not twisted. They treated her and although they don't encourage vomiting because it can cause torsion she vomited on her own and had a large BM and was much improved when we left. We took her to our own vet today and he said it was very fortunate that we got her to treated as soon as we did. Aside from a secondary reaction on her back where they gave her the injections resulting in a rash and a shaved spot now on her back, she is doing great!



A very grateful,
Diane Baughman

THANK YOU DOG SCOUTS!



Sally Cookie Day at University!

Dog Scout, Sally, was in the local newspaper for her therapy work-exam stress relief with students at Michigan State University. Check out the pictures and video:

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/picture-gallery/news/local/2017/04/27/photos-therapy-dogs-at-msu/100991700/>

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Amy Schupska

2017 Goals Updates

Wyatt DSA has now achieved all four trail dogs titles - Pack Dog, Trail Dog Excellent, Geocache Dog and Letterbox Dog (which is now being reviewed and should be certified by the newsletter deadline). So he has met the goal of achieving GeoD and LBD in 2017.

We still now need to work on our obstacle badges.

Lori and Wyatt DSA
Troop 219



Tachi

- Barn Hunt badge
- Puppy Paddler badge
- Frisbee (throw/catch) badge—submitted
- ATTS badge—to submit
- Manners badge
- Obstacles badges

Nim

- Barn Hunt badge
- DMWYD Expert Trick Dog title
- AKC Trick Dog Performer title
- ATTS badge—to submit
- Manners badge
- Obstacles badges



I've made some adjustments to our 2017 goals, as opportunities have presented themselves, so we'll see where the rest of the year leads us.
Shirley Conley—Troop 183

2017 Goals Updates

Drake Romano (10 yrs old) passed his DSA test!!
His challenge was a down stay. Tada!!!

We did it!

He's my 4th dog scout.

Connie Romano
Troop 119



AWESOME!



LeeRoy earned his Advanced Rally title.
We are still working on his out of sight
stay for open obedience—he just doesn't
want me to leave him!

Both LeeRoy and Bling are ready to test
for the advanced AKC Canine Good Citizen
titles, I just need to find someone testing
for that.

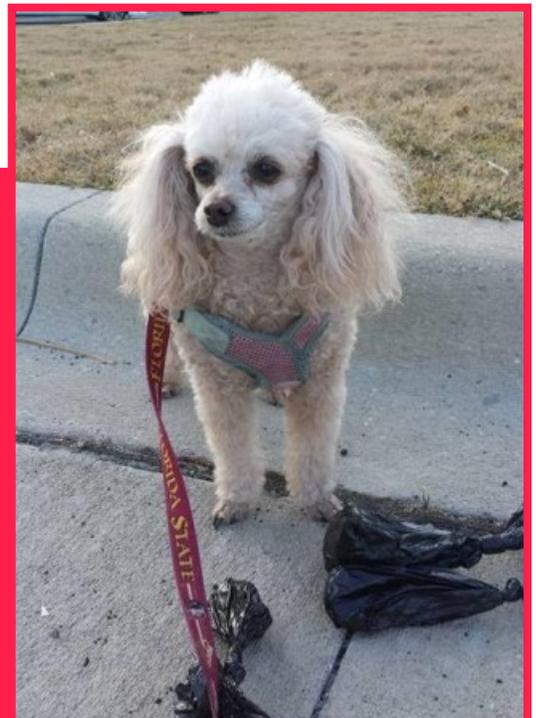
Mary Ann
Troop 183

Mimi's 2017 Resolution was to qualify for 2 new DSA
Badges. She has received her Clean Up America –
Poop Badge in April. We are working on one of the
Agility Badges next.

At the end of April Mimi qualified for AKC Trick Titles,
TKN, TKI and TKA.

We live in the Panhandle of Florida and do not have a
Troop near us. We love DSA and all the fun we have
earning Badges.

Bette Holden



Troop 119—TX

Cindy Ratliff—Troop Leader

Troop 119 is having a fun and eventful spring!



Making friends at Bark for Life



Alex collects donations at Bark for Life



Pet Pawlooza event



Boomer makes a new friend at Pet Pawlooza

In April we had three booth events to introduce the community to DSA! One was Pet Pawlooza that was to benefit the Irving, TX animal shelter, one was the American Cancer Society's Bark for Life in Ellis County, TX and the other was Yappy Hour Dog Social in Arlington, TX.

At all events, we got to talk to attendees about Dog Scouts, introduce them to different activities we participate in and hand out free rolls of poop bags to everyone who stopped by our booths. We have already had some feedback and hope to get more folks involved in DSA!



Also in April we had our annual troop Easter Egg Hunt, that is a favorite of many! We gathered at the grounds of YMCA Camp Carter and the dogs searched for a total of 648 plastic eggs with freeze dried liver inside. The eggs were hidden over many acres and the dogs were able to find all but 9 eggs! And 5 of those had blown into the lake, so the dogs did a great job!



Troop 119—TX (cont.)



Prizes were awarded to the most festively dressed team, the dogs who found the most eggs and the dogs who found the special prize eggs. We had a great time and the dogs really got to put their nose-abilities to work.



On May 9 we had our most important event yet this year – and for many years.

Troop 119 was able to make its largest animal oxygen mask donation ever to the city of Fort Worth, TX. **We donated 70 animal oxygen mask kits for the 60 engines of the FWFD, 2 kits for the two arson/bomb dogs of the FWPD and some spares for the fire department to have on hand as replacements.** We were invited to make the donation presentation during the city council meeting in front of the Mayor of Fort Worth and the city council. The story was covered on the local news and we hope more departments will hear about the program and recognize that they need this life-saving equipment as well. We are revamping our oxygen mask program this year and are looking forward to even more donations to area fire departments.



Troop 183—FL

Shirley Conley—Troop Leader

In April we had another canine fitness activity. Before the activity got started some of our members worked on Frisbee throw and catch. Once Troop Leader, Shirley, arrived with her equipment we set up a course of stations that would work-out our dogs.



1. Straight cavaletti—Cavaletti is supposed to be done slowly so the dogs focus on the concentric and eccentric contractions of their legs.



2. Platform on which our dogs had to sit with their front feet on and back feet off the platform - we worked on getting a sit, stand, sit, stand, sit.



3. Figure 8 Limbo - our dogs had to crawl under a bar, circle around one of the posts, crawl under the bar again, circle around the other post, and then crawl under the bar a final time.



4. Wobble Walk - a series of balance disks, donut holder with a board on it, and a donut. Our dogs had to walk along the wobble walk. The more confident dogs (LeRoy in particular who "loves this stuff") were asked to either sit or down on each part of the walk.

The wobble walk may not seem like a lot of work for us, but it is a lot of work on our dog's core muscles, with rapid contractions taking place as they kept their balance on the unstable surfaces.



5. Platform on which our dogs had to sit on the platform, then bring their two front feet off the platform for a stretch, then push back into a sit on top of the platform - back feet remaining on the platform.

6. Circle cavaletti - pool noodles were set up in a circle, some raised on the inside, some raised on the outside and others flat. Our dogs had to slowly walk in the circle in each direction. Walking in a circle and having the slanted noodles caused additional proprioception/balance work.



Once everyone had taken a turn at the course, we worked on some rear end awareness, getting our dogs to pivot in a circle left and right, and getting them to step onto balance disks with their rear feet while their front feet stayed in one place - lots of work on the adductor/abductor muscles on the rear legs.

Finally we sat with our dogs and watched part of a video on canine massage and encouraged our dogs to relax after their work-out. We were reminded to not expect our dogs to do any overly strenuous exercise for a day or two to allow their muscles to recover from this activity if they were not used to this type of work-out, and we all had tired and relaxed dogs when we got home that evening.

Troop 188—CT/RI

Amanda Wacasey

2017 started with many of our Troop members passing their Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dog test. We all looking forward to a productive year visiting and helping people in our community.



Ella intends to earn her Scent Discrimination and Beach Buddy Badges



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



For National Train Your Dog Month, we set goals for the upcoming year. Everyone will be busy working on new skills and polishing up old ones.



Valentine's Day was bright and sunny. After a wonderful visit with everyone at the Senior Center, we took advantage of the beautiful weather and passed out cards and candy door to door at the near by Senior Housing Community.



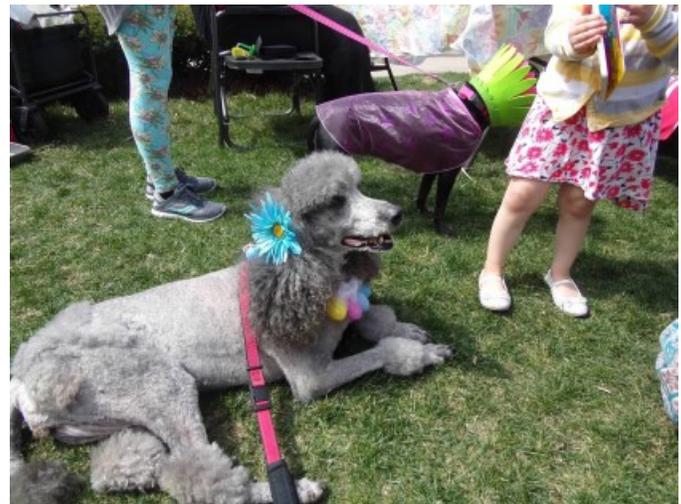
March was spent Practicing for the CGC, and the CGC Urban. We made some new friends and even got a chance to practice riding in an elevator!



Troop 188—CT/RI (cont.)



Being indoors is also lots of fun when it means spending time with the After School Pet Club.



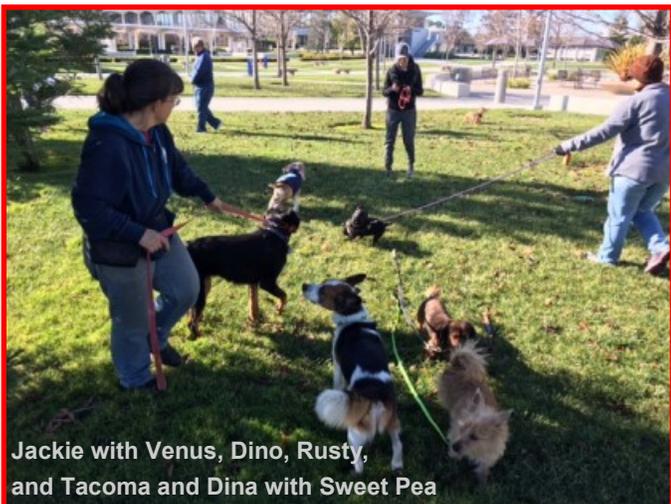
April is our most colorful month with the Easter Bonnet Parade and Contest. Everyone enjoyed the sunshine and colorful contestants!



Troop 198—CA (together with Troop 233 and Pre-Troops SF Peninsula and SF East Bay)

Leah Lane—Event Coordinator

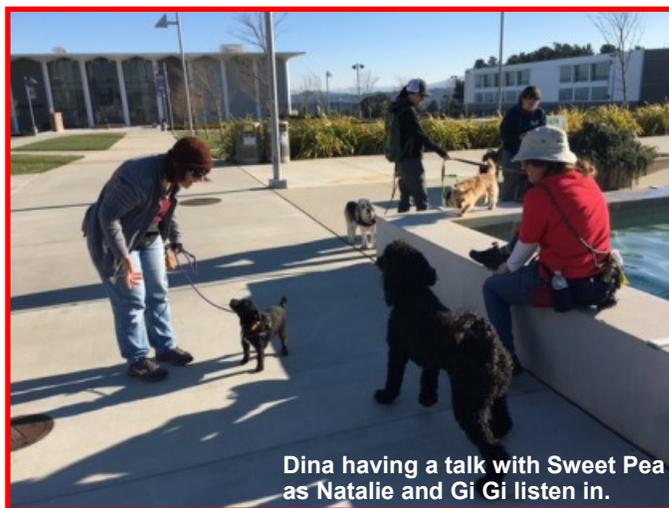
On Jan 15th, the SF Peninsula Pre-Troop had a Happy New Year Walk, Meeting and Dog Play Time at San Mateo College.



Jackie with Venus, Dino, Rusty, and Tacoma and Dina with Sweet Pea



SF Peninsula Pre-Troop pose for a group shot.



Dina having a talk with Sweet Pea as Natalie and Gi Gi listen in.

On January 28th and 29th for the second year in a row we had our booth at the 2017 Golden Gate Kennel Club Dog Show in the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

Ruth from the SF East Bay Troop 237 poses with Jan and Natalie on Saturday. On Sunday, thanks to Troop 198 Member, Debee Armstrong, we had Cadet Maxwell, her guide dog, at our booth to replace our stuffed model pictured here.



Jan and Natalie from the SF Peninsula Pre Troop did a super job setting up the booth.

The Dog Scout booth was in a high traffic area at the entrance to the North Exhibit Hall and we handed out over 100 Dog Scout Pamphlets over the two days of the show. The SF Giants and 49er dog blankets and tug toys made by Judy Rowlee from Troop 198 were a big hit!



Troop 198—CA (cont.)

On February 4th, the SF East Bay Troop #237 practiced for the Dog Scout Test.



Ellie eyes the treats on the floor as Stephanie maintains a loose leash and Gracie waits for Delores to signal her turn for the "Leave It With Food"



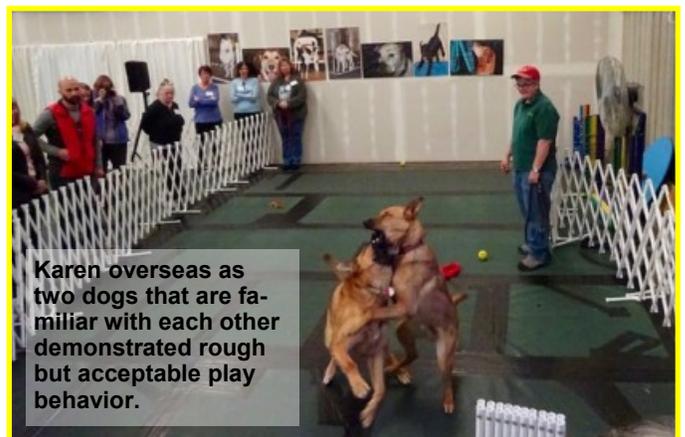
Big Cooper hesitates to follow directions from Pat as Norine, Fanshen, Kaiwe and little Yuri observe.

On February 5th, Troop 198 had their Mall Walk About at Stanford Shopping Center in Palo Alto.



Debee with Maxwell and Spike, Luigie, Ruby, Wyatt, Duncan and Baily posing for the camera

On February 11th, Troop 237 had a special event entitled "Dog Play: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly, where one of their members, Karen Oliver, did a 3-hour presentation on dog to dog behavior.



Karen oversees as two dogs that are familiar with each other demonstrated rough but acceptable play behavior.

Troop 198—CA (cont.)

On February 18th we had both a booth and put on a 20 minute demonstration at the Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show at the Santa Clara County Fair Grounds. Before the groups judging, Dog Scouts took over the ring as Donna the leader of Troop 198 narrated as our members demonstrated the behaviors our dogs had to learn to pass the dog scout test. We did demonstrations for Pet Therapy, Agility, Flyball, Carting, Nosework, Community Service, Backpacking, Retrieving and Tricks Badges.



Dave with Crystal demonstrating nose work badges



Jackie with Dino demonstrating carting badges



And at the end of the demonstration we all circled the ring as Best In Show Dog Scouts to a round of applause from the audience.

Also, on February 18th the SF East Bay Troop 237 was at Karen Oliver's Bring Rover Over training facility in Martinez where they were practicing and videotaping for their Dog Scout test.



Senegal practicing "Leave It" with David subbing for Dani.

Troop 198—CA (cont.)

With finally getting a break from all the rain and flooding, on February 25th members met at Coyote Creek Trailhead at the Anderson Visitor Center in Morgan Hill for the “If Dogs Could Talk” Walk led by Shea, a dosen of the Santa Clara County Park system.

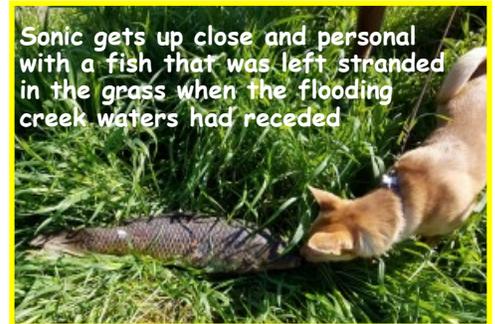


From top left down, Jada, Brenda, Guppy, Cherell, CasiBlue, Spike, Donna, Khanh, Tiger, Sonic, Gretchen, Donna, Booker, Cesar, Sharky, Baily, Erin, Wyatt, Leah and Duncan posing for a group shot. Thank you Shea for taking the picture!

Another group shot in front of an abandoned Winery we passed along the walk. We got Shea to pose in this picture with her black and white collie mix Sharky, third from the right.



Sonic gets up close and personal with a fish that was left stranded in the grass when the flooding creek waters had receded



For the March 4th meeting, Troop 237 set up different stations at their meeting location of MetroDog in Richmond to discuss different materials Dog Scout Parents need to know to pass the Dog Scout written test.

This is the station that covered the calming signals lesson.



Troop 198—CA (cont.)

On March 11th, Troop 237 hosted a leadership luncheon meeting at Arlington Community Church in Kensington where leaders from all over the San Francisco Bay area got together to share ideas and knowledge about everything Dog Scout and to strengthen our network and support of each other.



Stephanie and Ellie on the left, joined by Bill and Maddie next to Ruth and Kobi in the center, then we have Denise and Kokoro and Laakea and Maui on the right side.

On April 1, Troop 237 had a pack walk in Piedmont.



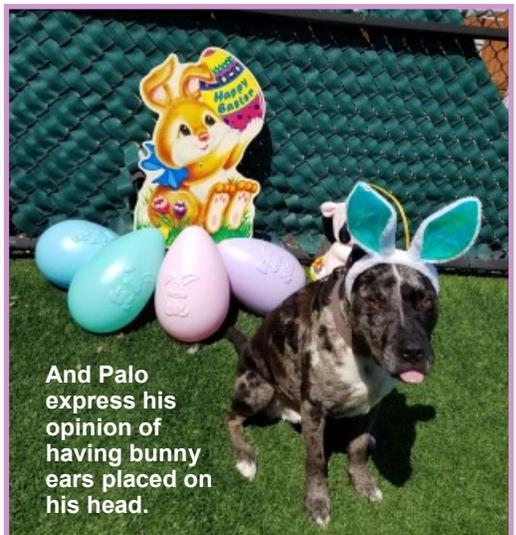
On April 2nd Troop 198 hosted a Mall Walk About training at Stanford Mall in Palo Alto.

Everyone practicing their stays.

On April 9th after training, at the Humane Society of Silicon Valley in Milpitas, Troop 198 set up a fun photo op for those that wanted to take Easter pictures.



Benny & June pose wearing bunny ears.



And Palo express his opinion of having bunny ears placed on his head.

Troop 198—CA (cont.)

On April 15th Troop 237 had an Easter Egg hunt with dog treat filled Easter Eggs at the Contra Costa County Animal Shelter in Martinez.



Harper finds the last egg.



A group Easter pose.

On April 22nd, Troop 237 showed their love for Mama Earth and worked on their community service badges by participating in clean up along the Ohlone Greenway in El Cerrito,



Ruth with Kobi, Susan with Ellie and Pat with Cooper and Stephanie deep in the vines.



Half way through the Clean-Up, they stopped for a great group shot

On April 22nd Troop 198 was doing the Dogs Gone Wild Hike up on Mt. Madonna in Watsonville led by Ranger Blake. After the hike, we posed for a group shot.



The dogs and people check out the White Fallow Deer Pen.

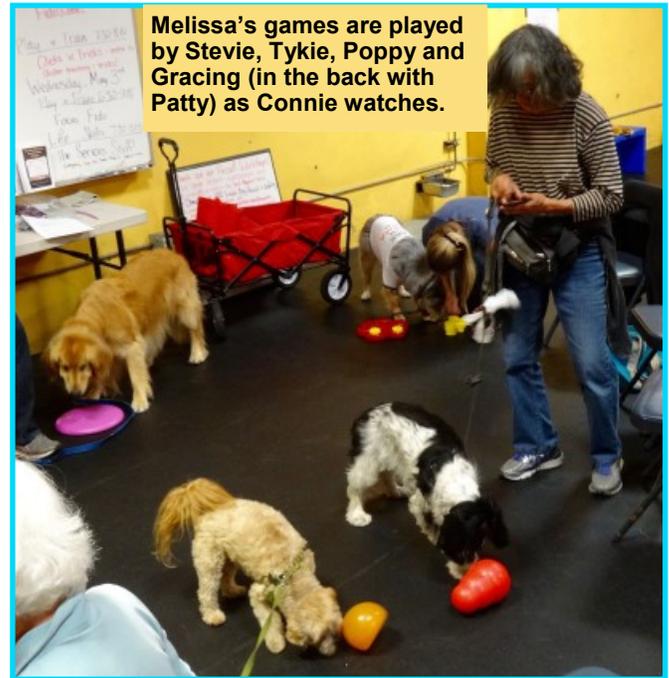


Back row left to right, Ranger Blake, Yeti, Maxwell, Wyatt and Duncan and in front Denise with Kokoro and Debee. Maxwell is Debee's guide dog and did a great job guiding her on the trail.

Troop 198—CA (cont.)

On May 6th, Troop 237 had Brain Games for your Dog at their meeting at Metro Dog in Richmond.

The treats in the cups game is played by Cash, Tykie and Poppy as Tome, Nancy and Connie assist.



Melissa's games are played by Stevie, Tykie, Poppy and Gracing (in the back with Patty) as Connie watches.

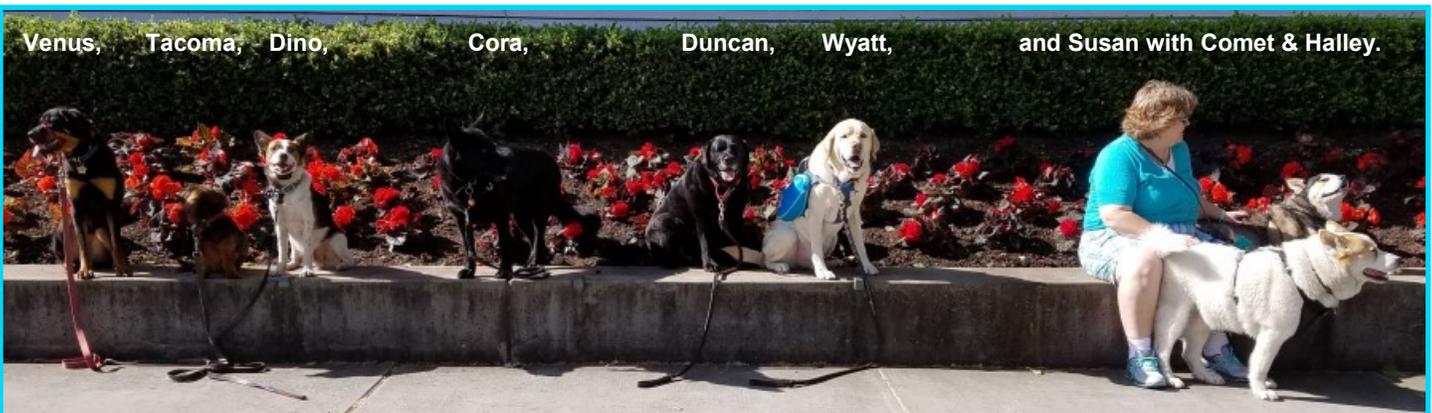


Maurice found the hidden treat on his first try in the muffin pan game as Kristie watched.

The dogs stop to pose on the giant Chess board in the ball. Left to Right: Lyn with Cloudy, Joe with Crystal, Kate with Cora, Kokoro, Duncan, Wyatt, Dayton and Maxwell.



On May 7th Troop 198 lead a Mall Walk About training at Santana Row Mall in San Jose.



Venus, Tacoma, Dino, Cora, Duncan, Wyatt, and Susan with Comet & Halley.

Troop 198—CA (cont.)

On May 10, we did the Sunset Hike, Dog Nights Of Summer at Anderson Reservoir.

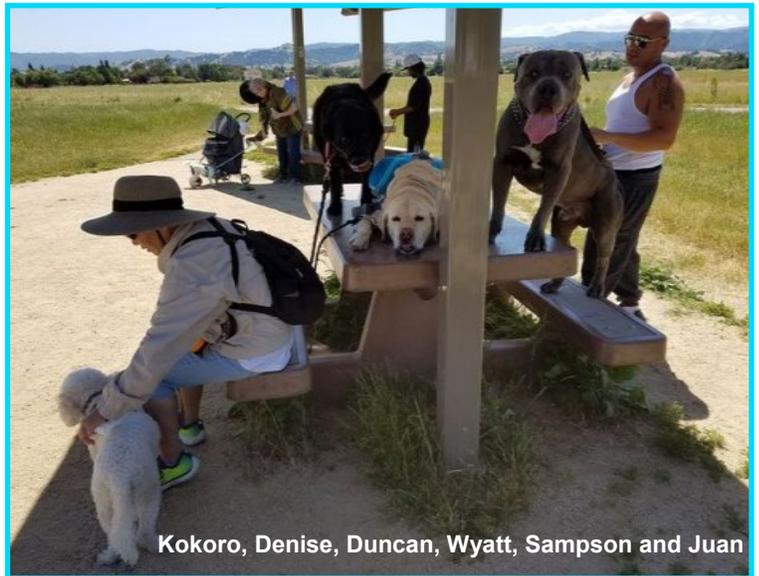


Duncan, Ranger Matt, Wyatt, Tribble,
Ranger Blake, Yeti, Cora, Kate,
Denise & Kokoro.

In the back Dakota with Carolyn, front and center Ruby with Judy, Shelby on the table and Tenacious laying down.



On May 13th we did the "If Dogs Could Talk" Trail walk at Harvey Bear County Park.



Kokoro, Denise, Duncan, Wyatt, Sampson and Juan

Then on May 14th Troop 198 had training.

Bob with Dayton and Frodo, Debee with Maxwell and Wyatt, front and center is Duncan and in the back is Lucie with Jimmy and far right is Patty with Crystal.



We have had a great first year working and playing together and lots of things planned for the future!

Troop 217—The Motor City K9s—MI

Sally Hoyle—Troop Leader

Our troop has been very busy recently but with almost a singular focus, K9 Nutrition. We have been testing what will become a new badge and working to make sure that everything is ready for others to work on. The topic is one that many of our troop members are passionate about so we are really excited that it will become a badge. Though achievable, the badge does take time and a commitment to meet the requirements.

Components of the badge include

- ⇒ understanding nutrition and
- ⇒ the specific diet the dog eats,
- ⇒ tracking the dog's weight over time,
- ⇒ activities the dog must do like standing calmly on a scale, and
- ⇒ activities in the community as well.



Sam checking out some of the donations he collected. We told him no sampling allowed!

One of the community activities we've focused on is a healthy dog food drive. We have collected countless pounds of high quality dog food that we plan to deliver to 3 different shelters in our area. Collecting healthy food requires educating people about nutrition for dogs and encouraging them to not only feed their own dogs healthily but to support canine nutrition within the community. Many of our dogs are participating in collecting food and our first delivery of about 450 pounds is ready to go. We also have collected monetary donations that will be given to a local shelter and earmarked for healthy food.



Katie looks pretty proud of what she's collected so far.

Troop 217—MI (cont.)



Julie Benson, with Shelby on her lap teaching the Girl Scouts about reading dog food labels.

We also recently had the opportunity to talk to a group of Girl Scouts about canine nutrition and teach them how to read dog food labels.

Our dogs Shelby, Sassy, Sam and Katie all enjoyed spending time with the girls and allowing them to see and feel their bodies to assess their body condition.



Sam showed the girls that you have to feel the dog and not just look to assess canine body condition. His fur fooled some of the girls.



The girls LOVED interacting with all the dogs!

The girls brought dog food donations and were very happy to interact with the dogs and contribute to our cause.

Troop 217—MI (cont.)



Shelby enjoyed attention from the girls.



Sassy was definitely in her element!



From left, Sassy, Shelby (in back), Sam and Katie with all the girls.

We look forward to continuing to educate the public with three different community events coming up in June.

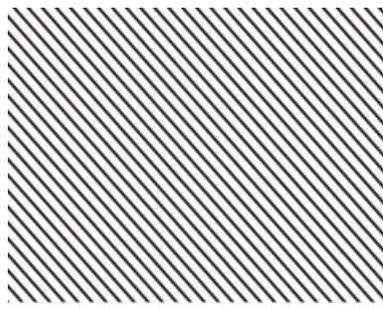
Troop 219—CT—New England Explorers

Kelly Ford—Troop Leader, CRN Secretary and Trails Titling Program Coordinator



Congratulations to Wyatt and Danica Joy for earning their Geocache 3 badges! Amazing teamwork went into finishing this off.

Congratulations to Danica Joy for earning her Letterbox 1 & 2 badges!



Letterbox Adventures

Danica Joy earned her Letterbox 1 & 2 badges



Troop 219—CT (cont.)

March ended with an April fool's blizzard, chasing us back indoors to watch the snow and rain. Fortunately, April 2nd dawned clear and sunny. We headed out to Rhode Island for a Letterboxer's Easter Egg Hunt. This was a unique event where over 50 stamps were hidden all over a letterboxer's property, in all sorts of containers. Some of the stamps were in camouflaged bags; some were in fluorescent orange boxes. Even more stamps were in pink or purple eggs and bunny containers. We searched for several hours with the dogs helping to look.



Troop 219 has been working diligently on their geocache badges. Several of our dogs only needed to plan their own event to complete their Geocache 3 badge. [Caching By The Sea - Is The Place To Be!](#) We love the ocean and geocaching, so we held our event at Bluff Point State Park.

Troop 219—CT (cont.)

Wyatt DSA, Danica Joy DSA and Cody DSA were the event hosts along with Lori, Kelly and Nadene. It was a beautiful sunny morning to gather and meeting new friends. However the windy coast brought in some cold air. We stuck it out and had a great time meeting area geocachers. A couple of geocachers were visiting from Albany New York! As gracious hosts, we provided some amazing shark cupcakes for our guests. We had a first to arrive prize. The raffle was lots of fun with some great prizes, including a really adorable squirrel tea holder. Danica and Wyatt were the only ones to come in costume, so they shared the prizes with the rest of our guests.

Caching By
The Sea -
Is The
Place To
Be!
With DSA
Troop 219



Geocache Event



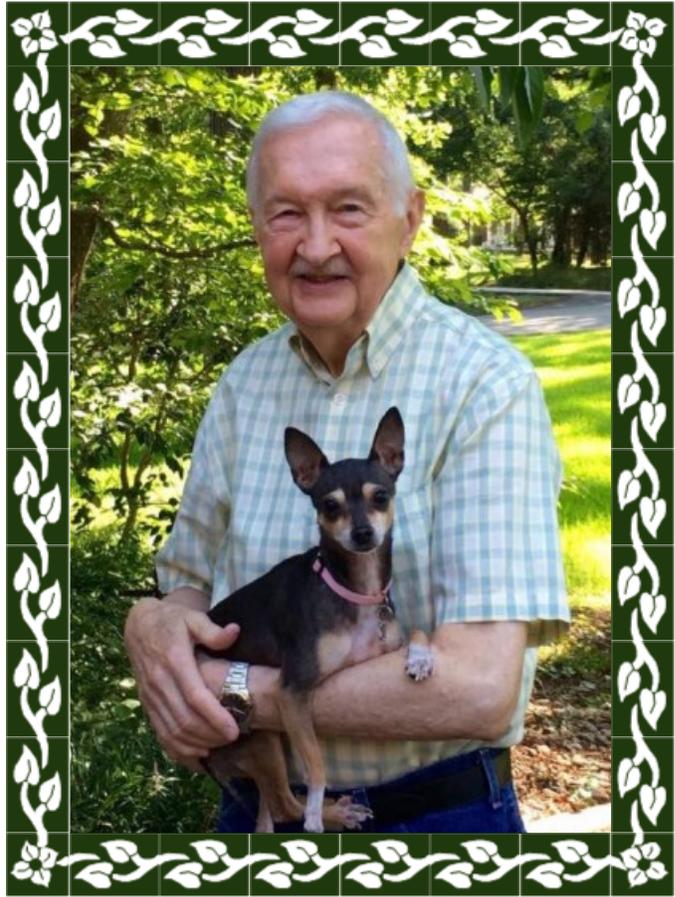
Girl Scout Troop 67911 invited us to their weekly meeting to teach about dog care and Dog Scouts. Danica Joy and I joined them on a sunny afternoon and told them about Dog Scouts. We discussed training, feeding and demonstrated the safe way to give a dog a treat. Each girl got to give Danica a small treat. The girls showed us how to “be a tree” if there is a scary dog near them.

We also talked about safety and dog care. We talked about how Danica gets buckled up in the car just like they do. And she gets her teeth brushed, just like they brush their teeth. Danica demonstrated playing the piano and jumping thru the hoop. The girls took turns holding the hoop so she could jump thru it.

Troop 230—TX Piney Woods Paws

Kristen Keeling—Troop Leader

We started off the year on a really sad note. January 26th we lost our troop Poppy. He was a gentle soul, a great fighter, a loving father and grandfather and a true champion of his little Chihuahua, Missy.



February 12th we held our 2nd annual Sweetheart Supper with Your Pooch. This time of year it is easy to remember your human loves, but who takes the time to give their loyal four-legged love some much needed attention? We do!



Even with a last minute change of venue due to rain, we still had a great time and our pups enjoyed their special Valentines treats .



Also in February our darling Quinn received her Dog Scout badge! We had no doubt Quinny new her stuff, but Quinn's biggest obstacle was convincing her human that she knew what she was doing. Congrats to Quinn and her humans Sandie and Chuck Barham.



Troop 230—TX (cont.)

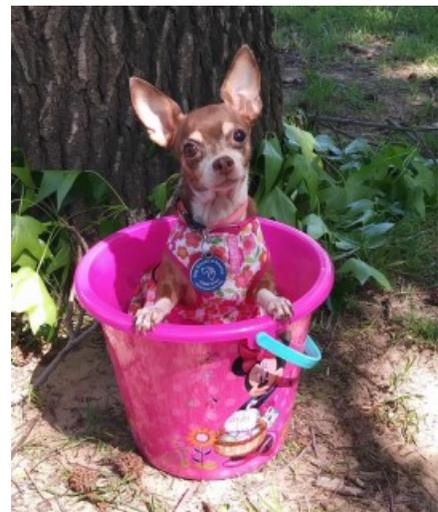
March 22nd was our monthly troop meeting learning about the backpacking badge. We learned about different backpacks for different size dogs, proper fit and how to know if your pack it balanced. Our troop leader gave a demonstration of a very small backpack and the creative thinking needed to get everything to fit. At one point her pulling out the items reminded us of clowns getting out of a small car trick.



April 9th we had a huge turnout for our 2nd Annual Doggy Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to the wonderful donations from our troop members of eggs, treats and effort we had close to 350 eggs “hidden” in the park for the pups to find. It is always interesting to watch the dogs and they pick up their new skill. They pick a favorite smell and will step right over eggs with other smells just to be rewarded with that new favorite treat! We had to watch the excited two legged kids to make sure they didn’t find a new favorite treat as well.

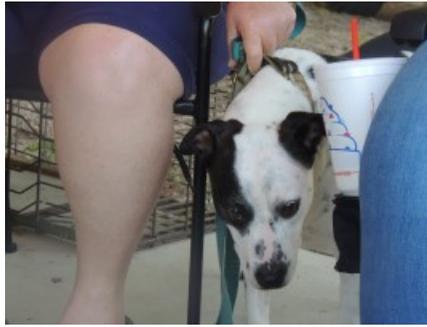


Troop 230—TX (cont.)



Troop 230—TX (cont.)

May 6th we were lucky enough to have some of our friends from Troop 119 come down to Tyler and help us put on a Free Canine First Aid seminar. The weather was beautiful and the dogs were well behaved. Earning their badges were Abby (and her human Beth Ann), Luke (and his human Beth), Quinn (and her humans Sandie and Chuck) and Turtle (and her human Donna visiting from Troop 119). Getting signed off but still needing her DSA badge was Zana (and her human Pat). Gracie was also present and supervising since she had already earned her badge.



We also want to take a quick moment to send a big THANK YOU to our Troop Photographer Kristin Eskind. She isn't always able to make every event but when she does we get the best photographs.

Coming up:
Campout and Backpacking on May 19th.



Rainbow Bridge

A dear DSA friend, Deb Schmitz, passed away May 23. Cancer took her from us too soon. She always made us laugh, and became a good friend to many of us. She joins Hogan, DSA, and Rudy at the rainbow bridge. Deb was from West Bend, Wisconsin, where she taught nursing at Moraine Park Technical College. She was 57 years old.



Rest In Peace

Newman

(2009 - 2017)

Sending our condolences to Pam Knowlton on the loss of Newman, DSA.

Rainbow Bridge (cont.)

In Memory of Emma

July 8, 2007—May 16, 2017

By Elizabeth Najduch

Troop 217

It is with a sad heart I share the passing of Emma to the Rainbow Bridge in Heaven. Her poor little body could not support her lively soul and spirit anymore. It was time to let her go run and *spin* to her heart's delight.

She loved you all and appreciated the respect shown by her Troop doggie friends too. I think she loved the walks with fellow Dog Scouts and dancing with our Drill Team the best.

Special Friend

I lost a special friend today
the kind you can't replace,
and looking at her empty bed
I still can see her face.

I see the endless energy
the sparkling Emma eyes,
Not the tired, fragile friend
I had to bid goodbye.

I know she's in a special place
our Lord has for such friends,
Where meadows, fields & flowers
help make them strong and whole again.

I remember how she'd run to me
to play her favorite games,
And how her ears would perk right up
When she heard me call her name.



My Emma was a special dog
I know she gave her best,
But as I looked deep into her eyes
I knew it was time, for her to rest.

It will truly be a struggle
I don't know how I'll face each day,
I have to let her go--I know
But in my heart she'll always stay.

This special place our Lord has made
Health and strength, wait for her there,
So with my very special friend
I'm sending all my prayers.

I know she's watching over me
She'll be with me when I cry,
So with one more kiss on her beloved head
I told my Emma Dog goodbye.

Adapted from a poem by Christina Tronnes

Emma was a longtime member of Troop 217. She put a smile on people's faces wherever she went and was a big hit when we did parades. Emma had a way of singing when she was with special friends and you could tell she was so happy when she sang. Watching Emma dance was really special. She loved dancing with Elizabeth so much and it was nice to see her continue to dance even after she got her "wheels". Emma was an inspiration to many and will be missed by all who knew her.

Sally Hoyle
Troop Leader, Troop 217—The Motor City K9s

Contact Dog Scouts of America

Learning new things that we may be more helpful

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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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