

The Dog Scout Scoop

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Did you join the DSA Fundraiser? We're looking forward to seeing this artwork on the Sparky's Turkey Trot medal and the Mile Gobbler patch. Be sure to e-mail a picture of your team (either you and your dog, or your group) by January 15th to thescoop@dogscouts.org

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Deadline: for the next newsletter is
January 15th

Please e-mail your news, articles, and pictures to thescoop@dogscouts.org

How to teach your dog to paint (and other at-home tricks) with Lonnie Olson

THRIVING DOG OCTOBER 17, 2019 PAWCAST

Founder, Lonnie Olson was interviewed by Tim Berthold of Thriving Dog Pawcast in October:

Highlights:

- [1:57] How Dog Scouts of America started
- [8:12] Why you should or should not go to dog scout camp
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Listen to the Pawcast at

<https://thrivingdog.co/how-to-teach-your-dog-to-paint-and-other-at-home-tricks-with-lonnie-olson/>

Other Pawcast interviews with dog aficionados, brands, and vet professionals committed to helping dogs live happier and healthier lives can be accessed via:

Website - [ThrivingDog.co](https://thrivingdog.co)

Apple Podcasts - <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/thriving-dog-pawcast/id1477890065?mt=2&app=podcast>

Spotify - <https://open.spotify.com/show/2R6JS2G6hYAKKfgW0Fchbt>

Stitcher - <https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/tim-berthold/thriving-dog-pawcast?refid=stpr>

Castbox - <https://castbox.fm/channel/Thriving-Dog-Pawcast-id2309283?country=us>

Dog Scouts have learned how to learn!

Have You Decided On Your 2020 Goals?

What badge(s) do you want to earn next year? How about a [Trail Dog title](#)? Attend [Michigan Camp or a mini-camp](#)? Find 2 more households and [start a local troop](#)? Become a [Scout Master or Badge Evaluator](#)? Take a more active role in your troop—perhaps arrange an activity, take pictures and post on social media, participate in hosting an information table at a local event? Attend a seminar and share what you've learned in an article for *The Scoop*?

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Be sure to check out the badge requirements by clicking on any of the above links, learning what's involved, what the video requirements are if you don't have a Badge Evaluator near you, and start planning the steps you need to take to achieve your goals. If you have a new puppy, check out the [training pages](#) on our website.

Share your goals (with a picture of your dog) in the January-February 2020 newsletter. Goals submissions may be e-mailed to your Troop Leader by January 1st or directly to thescoop@dogscouts.org no later than January 15th.

Thanks Be To Dogs . . .

Part II

Continuing Lonnie's Thanks Be to Dogs article from the last newsletter, here's Lonnie's "Thank yous" for her current dogs followed by some of our members "Thank you" notes:



To Kozette (Boxer Mix): I'm so thankful for all that we've gotten to experience together. Who knew, that a Boxer (a breed I swore I would never own, because of all the health issues) would enter my life and steal my heart? You even chose your own name, because of your ability to curl up and get "Cozy" anywhere. I love how you invented your own tricks, like "Hi-Ho Silver" (combining wave, wipe nose, and stand high all together at once), and the "Fancy Prance" by trying to perform "cross paws" while standing. I thought I'd die the day you decided to balance all four paws in the rim of a mini laundry basket. How do you come up with these things? I'm glad Joanne captured that one on camera. I laughed so hard when we were on the cruise ship, and I said, "Kozi, come and meet our steward, Peter." You thought I had asked for the trick, "Pee Mail," and ran right over to the huge flower planter and lifted your leg. Peter thought you were really peeing on it! I love watching you hunt for cadaver, and the cute way you indicate on it by freezing in position with your chin pointing at it. I love how you assume your "Egyptian Cat" pose when you want something. Oh, the things we've done together. I love how when you want something, you never bark or nag, but just gently come and put your paw on my heart. I love how you get so excited in

anticipation of something wonderful that you just jump straight up in the air, wiggling, like a fighting salmon. I love how you opt to heel next to me as I drive the golf cart, even without me asking, and even though the other dogs may be exploring the bushes, or zipping past at top speed.

To Caper (ACD/BC Mix): Thank you for being my little clown. After 20 years of someone else picking out the family dogs for me, I finally got to choose one of my own desire: A Border Collie/Blue Heeler cross. I love how you love everyone and every dog you meet. I love watching you try to figure things out. I love how super cuddly you are. It was cute when you invented your own trick, called "Duck," when I was trying to get you to hide your eyes (chin) in the basket, but you didn't want to take your eyes off me, so you kept popping your head up and peeking. I love how you're up for anything I ask you to do. I look forward to a lifetime of great moments with you.



To Kismet (Boston Terrier): Though you're still a puppy of only 9 months as I write this, I'm so thankful you came into my life. The way we found each other was kismet, as there were so many signs pointing to you that day. I think Teapot had a hand in it... I love how you potty-trained at lightening speed, and have since never had an accident in the house. You are so eager to learn everything and anything, and are racking up the merit badges like crazy. By the time you've stopped growing, and I get you a Dog Scout uniform, they won't all fit on it. You are my first small dog as an adult. I made the right decision to "downsize." I'm breaking all the rules with you... Sleeping under the covers, kissing on the mouth... Although you are aloof, I know that you secretly love me. I like how you need to be near me where ever I am, and so I have put soft beds in each room, so that you can be comfy while lying near me. I'll always remember you as my little "bed worm," burrowing your way under the covers without being invited, and climbing out from under the covers with no thought for your mom, who is left completely uncovered in the bed. I look forward to many adventures with you.



Thanks Be To Dogs (cont.)

In Honor of Annie (pictured) and Elkie and In Memory of Mopsy, Rusty, Lucy, Lilly, Desi and CJ:



Thank you for cuddling up next to me at night and keeping me warm. Thanks for always being so excited every time I walk through the door. You have taught me to live for the moment. You have taught me to live for our walks where I can clear my head. Thanks for cleaning up spilt food on the floor so I don't have to sweep it up later.

Thank you for never leaving my side when I need you. Thank you for the years of unconditional love; those beautiful eyes looking at me so trustingly, knowing I will always take care of you and you of me.

Thank you for always knowing when I am sad and then cheering me up. Thanks for providing me with endless smiles and laughs. It's impossible to stay in a crabby mood when someone is so happy to simply be with you.

Thanks for teaching me to enjoy the little things in life. Thank you for all the puppy kisses over the years. Thank you for allowing us to dress you up in ridiculous clothes.

Thanks for letting me pet you during stressful times in my life. Thank you for being there through our bad times and our happy times and just our simple together times. Thanks for making sure I am never lonely.

Thanks for all the cuddles and snuggles. Thank you for being my best friend. Thank you for introducing me to the new neighbors and their pups to start a new community. Thank you for the fun times participating in our DSA group events and meeting more pups and their humans. Thank you for the joy you brought to everyone you meet.

I am so lucky to have you in my life and I give thanks every day that you are. I love you with all my heart. And when we are forced to part, at the end of your life, know that you are in my heart to the end of my days.

Jeanette Heideman

I'm thankful for Daisy:

Thank you Daisy for being the dog you were that brought me to Dog Scouts. Thank you Daisy for being afraid of things so I can learn how to sooth your fears. Thank you Daisy for the gentleness you showed towards people so that we could become a Therapy Team to help others. Thank you Daisy for teaching me more than I could ever know about how to keep you safe, happy and comfortable no matter where we traveled.

Nancy Strack



Thanks Be To Dogs (cont.)

Danica Joy taught me to appreciate all of life's joy, both great and small. She is always happy and enjoys all of life's adventures.

Kelly Dean



Thanks to HRH Princess Grace: 15 years young and still going strong, and DSA since 2009, I have a tribe of friends. She is an infinitely better "person" than I am, and I strive every day to live up to her standards of kindness and love. She is my world.

*Christine Geschwill, CPDT-KA
DSA Troop Leader*



I'm thankful for Hank: Thank you Hank for teaching me that worrying will not change the outcome. You taught me to live in the moment and enjoy life.

Nancy Strack

Thanks Be To Dogs (cont.)



Thank you Rosie: for being the most animated, energetic, pushy, spirited, intelligent, never stop for anything dog. I'm thankful for you keeping me on my toes mentally and physically and for the continued journey we will share.

Nancy Strack



I'm thankful for Sadie: for teaching me to have confidence in myself.

Nancy Strack

Dear Shol'va (shih-tzu, pug, American Eskimo mix) (2012-03-02 to 2014-12-19),



Thank you for being my first dog and for teaching me how amazing dogs can be. I thought dogs weren't cuddly but you sure proved me wrong. Thank you for bringing DSA into my life. I've met so many amazing people and had such great experiences because of DSA. Thank you for showing me everything a small, mixed breed dog can do. You showed me that even though there were things that you couldn't do, there were so many things that you could. In your short life you achieved so much. My heart will never be the same but I'm glad I have you in it.

Michele Kezar

Thanks Be To Dogs (cont.)

Dear Teyla (chihuahua, terrier mix) (2014-10-02 to forever):

Thank you for being there when I needed someone the most. Thank you for getting me through the hardest thing I've ever experienced in my life. I was so scared to love you, so worried that I shouldn't love you, but you just kept trying. Thank you for sitting with me and not caring if we did anything. You learned the random things needed to make my life easier without any proper training. Thank you for protecting me, even though some times it drives me crazy I know that you are just trying to keep me safe. Thank you so much for supporting me the past five years, we've been through so much and you have dried so many tears. Thank you for loving to travel and go hiking, even though you hate the rain. We have been on some great adventures and have so many more to come. Lastly thank you for living forever because now that you've made me fall in love with you I don't think I could ever live without you.



Michele Kezar



Thank you Tyler: for teaching me courage and strength. Even though there were things we didn't want to do, but we needed to do it, we had courage and strength to go through that door together (especially the vet's office).

Nancy Strack



Zora taught me to treasure all of my friends. She has so many friends and all of them are wonderful.

Kelly Dean

Scout Scoop & Troop Tales

Troop 157—FL

Teresa Irvine

Subaru Dog Day

On Sunday, Oct. 20th., for the 3rd year in a row Troop 157 participated in Subaru of Pembroke Pines Annual Dog Appreciation Pawty. We had a table where we discussed responsible pet parenting and positive reinforcement training as well as educated about Dog Scouts of America. Troop Leader Christine Geschwill discussed the importance of treating pets like family, positive training, the importance of appropriate socialization, and what appropriate socialization is, and the importance of good nutrition on the radio with local radio personality GiGi Diaz. It is our honor to partner with Subaru every year to promote responsible pet ownership.



Clover, Grace and Peanut



Christine and Grace



Clover, Grace, Ripley and Jessie



Jessie



Luna



Grace, Clover and River

Troop 157—FL (cont.)



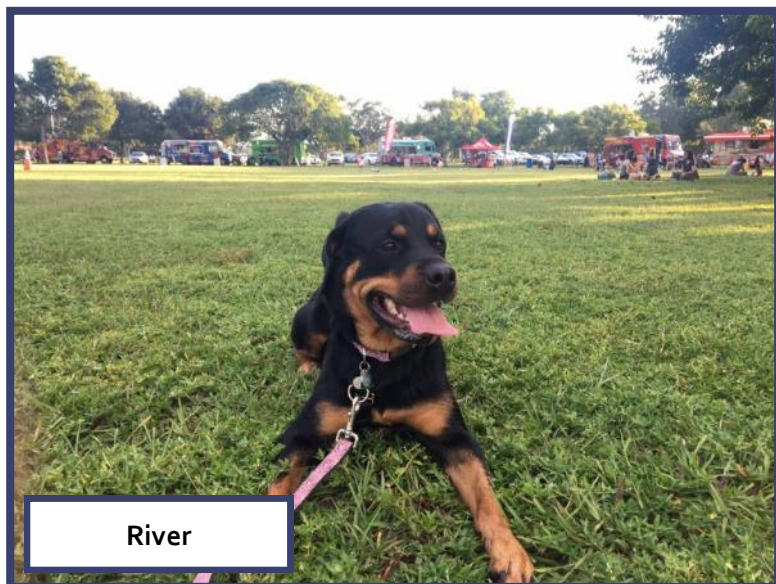
Ripley and River



Dawn and River

Food Truck Night at Heritage Park

On Tuesday October 22nd, a few of our troop members gathered together at a local park who hosts a weekly Food truck night. The event is a fun dog friendly event providing mental stimulation, enrichment, and exercise for our dogs. That's what responsible DSA parents do, right? :) So we worked on some skills like having our dog look at us on cue, greet strangers, heeling, down, stay, come and the all important leave it. All skills required for the dog scout badge. Thanks Dawn Hanna for organizing the event. We hope to attend again.



River



Teresa and Ripley

Troop 157—FL (cont.)



Jessie, Shelby and Jolie



Aston Gardens Halloween Parade

Halloween day at Aston Gardens was pawisitively spooktackular thanks to Linda Berindei who organized our 4th annual parade. Our Troop 157 and other local Canine Therapy teams came together to share their furbabies by parading through the assisted living facility dressed in their Halloween finest. The costumes were amazing, and the residents were so delighted to see the large turnout of dogs! It is such a fun event for everyone and residents are so thankful for the visits. Thanks to all who participated! ☺

Our next upcoming event will be participating in the virtual DSA "Sparky's Turkey Trot" 2019 walk, where several of our troop members will meet up at a local park the day after Thanksgiving, while others will participate from other locations including Costa Rica.



Lily



Jessie and Shelby



Troop 183—FL

Shirley Conley—Troop Leader



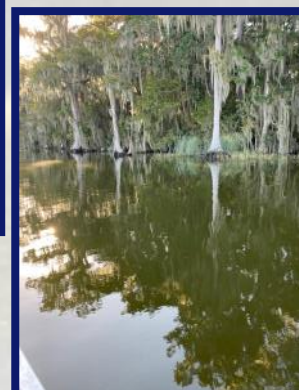
October: Latte on the Lake

Members and friends of Troop 183 went out early on Sunday October 13, on a pontoon boat belonging to troop members David and Jeanette. Seating 15, the pontoon boat was quiet and there was plenty of room for people to get up and walk around. Since the outing started at 8 a.m., we were encouraged to bring a breakfast beverage of our choice and a snack if we wished.

David skippered the boat through several lakes, but the main attraction was the Dora Canal. It is hidden and you have to know where it is or it's impossible to find!

Tall Cypress trees draped in moss line the Canal making it narrow and dark but providing a lot of shade in addition to the boat's canopy. This also made it cool and comfortable, which is a nice change from being trapped in the Florida heat . . . even on an October morning, troop members noted the temperature difference between moving through the canal and out on the lakes and especially compared to being still out on the lake rather than under the shade of the trees. Traveling down Dora Canal was like "going down nature's chapel," according to troop member, Mary Ann. The boat also passed areas where scenes from the African Queen and Tarzan movies were filmed.

Besides the trees, we saw lots of snake birds, egrets, a baby gator which hangs out in the slip where David and Jeanette store their boat, as well as a large turtle. There were also lots of jumping fish . . . but none jumped into the boat!



The trip lasted about three hours; the weather was perfect and everyone found it very relaxing and "good for the soul."

September: Dancing Dog

In September we adjusted our Freestyle activity and re-visited the novice-level Rally FrEe course from our August activity. We allowed our dogs to play for a little before getting started, making use of the carpeted flooring the dogs enjoyed chasing each other up and down the hallway while we set up the course.

During this activity we each got to work our dogs through the complete course a number of times, trying to figure out how to get our dogs to work on the left and right sides and change sides at signs. We laughed a lot as we worked through some sticky transitions and we sometimes realized we were working our dogs on the wrong side which made the next sign we came up to a little confusing, or we got lost due to the signs not being numbered and the sign placement wasn't always clear due to limited space to work in; but we improved each time we worked through the course.

We still have some practicing to do on the required behaviors, but we'll get there eventually. With all the circles and changing sides required for Rally FrEe, in the evening and the following day we messaged each other that we all saw that our dogs were very tired that evening, and some were a little stiff and sore due to lack of fitness caused by existing weaknesses. This in turn has given us a greater awareness of adjusting behaviors and future courses to protect our dogs' stifles and hips, while adding a few more conditioning exercises to strengthen the muscles around lax joints.

All the dogs did well and time with friends is always well-spent.



Troop 188—Ledyard CT

Amanda Wacasey

Our Scouts and their humans love doing activities that benefit our community. Fall is always full of wonderful opportunities to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather with our Troop members.



Helping out at the local low cost vaccination clinic



Doing what our Scouts do best! Swimming and hiking with friends!



Troop 188—CT

Troop 188 welcomed new Scout Enoki and Lauren to our troop this fall .

Lauren is a wonderful, fun and upbeat person who features a whole host of animal organizations on her YouTube and Local TV show.

Lauren does a wonderful job highlighting the beginning of Dog Scouts of America and all the fun things we do with our dogs.



Enoki proudly showing off her new bandanna



If you'd like to see the full Dog Scouts of America segment check it out on [YouTube Episode #6](#)



Lauren and Sheri share a laugh during filming



Troop 188—CT



The highlight of our fall was the Puppy-Up walk and fundraiser. The Troop raised a total of \$706.00 both cash and online donations.

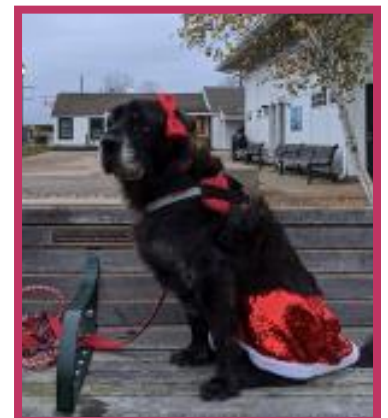


Top Fundraiser , Anne
and her scout JoJo, our
oldest Troop member at
16 years 7 months

It was a beautiful day to
walk for a great cause



And of course, what's fall
without Tricks for Treats
at the Senior housing
area and around town!



Troop 198—CA (together with Troops 233 and 237)

Leah Lane—Event Coordinator

Lots of exciting things happening in our neck of the woods, first off, BIG congratulations to our newest Dog Scout, Crystal, and her humans Patty & Dave. Crystal was given her Dog Scout Test by Donna Johns our troop leader and new Scout Master.

Teamwork makes the dream work!



Our next round of applause goes to Dino and his human Jackie for earning his Retrieve Merit Badge. Way to go team Dino!



We have another awesome achievement to announce, Cadet Sadie, a Border Collie mix passed her Temperament Test put on by The Northern California Working Group Association at the Dixon County Fairgrounds.

Here is a picture of Sadie sandwiched in between her cheering section, Wyatt & Duncan and holding the leashes is Sadie's human, Lennie. Go Team Sadie!

Troop 198—CA (cont.)

Another one of our cadet's, Dayton, received a hero award from the Golden Retriever Club Of America for his participation in the Morris Animal Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Cancer Study. It is the most extensive investigation ever undertaken in veterinary medicine, gathering information on more than 3,000 golden retrievers from across the country throughout their lives to

identify the nutritional, environmental, lifestyle and genetic risk factors for cancer and other diseases in dogs. Dayton annually undergoes a complete physical examination with a collection of biological samples including blood, urine and hair. His humans, Bob & Debee fill out extensive questionnaires about his diet and environment. The study is now in its seventh year and what researchers learn may not only impact canine health, but other species too, including humans. Here is the link to the webpage, they take donations for the study and some of our troop members have raised funds for the Morris foundation for their community service badges.

<https://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/golden-retriever-lifetime-study>

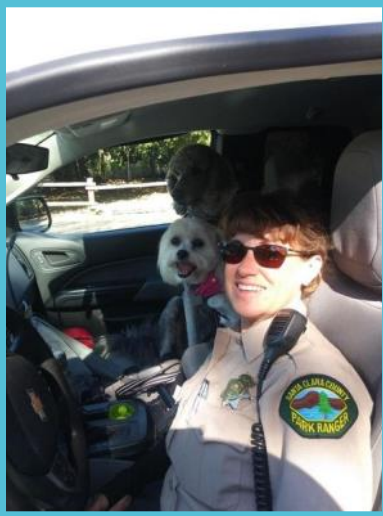
In addition to receiving his hero reward, Dayton and about 25 other hero dogs present were honored with a parade held at the GRCA National Specialty in Ontario California. We are all so proud of Dayton and his humans. Go team Dayton!



In the San Francisco Bay Area, we always have something going on with our dogs. On Sept. 20th, Troop 237 had a T.G.I.F. – Friday Pack Walk at Pt. Pinole Regional Park.

Resting after the walk on a beautiful Sunny afternoon we have from left to right is Rusty, Palo, Asia, Rebel, Tacoma and June.

Troop 198—CA (cont.)



On Sept 21st there was a Join The Pack Group Dog Hike at Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch County Park.

Here is Ranger Blake and her two dogs, Tribble and Yeti who led the hike



And here is a shot of Cheri with Lennie and Sadie enjoying the cool evening hike

On Sept 24th, Troop 198 had our monthly meeting at Armadillo Willy's Bar B Q in Santa Clara out on the patio.

The meeting was taken over by retrievers.

In the back on the left is Bailey and Crystal with their humans Carlotta and Scott and our troop leader, Donna. Then in the foreground from left to right is Maxwell, Aaron, Dayton and Memphis with Duncan and Wyatt on the right.



Bob and Debee had their pack's attention as they enjoyed their dinner during the meeting.

Troop 198—CA (cont.)

October is National Pet Wellness Month, and on Oct 5th, Troop 237 had their “K-9 Fitness: More Than Just Weight Watchers for Dogs” meeting at Metro Dog in Richmond and worked on the DSA Badge for K-9 Fitness.



Here the group gathers as Ruth goes over the requirements for the badge. From left to right is Kristie with Maurice, Teresa with Lulu, Kathryn with Charlie, Ruth with Kobi and Dyana with Samba on the far right.



Here is Kristie having Maurice warm and work his muscles by doing a front paw stand on a box, it looks like Kobi is more interested in working his jaw muscles on the treat.



Here on the right is Teresa having Lulu do a paws up and, on the left, Maurice has gotten all the way up on the box for Kristie. Ruth holds Kobi who is still thinking about working his jaw muscle on those treats.



Dyana and Samba show they know how to do the work out too!



The Dog Scout Scoop

Troop 198—CA (cont.)



On Oct 6th Troop 198 had their monthly Mall Walk training at Santana Row Mall in San Jose, where dogs and handlers worked on their manners and socialization skills.

Here the group is ready to start out, from left to right we have Janet with Molly, kneeling in front is Jackie with Asia, behind is Rod with Stretch, then Sondra with Kozmo, Sharon with Scout and Sadie, then Carlotta with Crystal and Scott with Bailey on the far right.



During the hike, Troop Leader and Scout Master Donna gave a lesson in the “Leave It Command” with Scout.

On the far left we have Sondra and Kozmo taking in the Lesson and on the right is Scout’s mom, Sharon with Sadie and Carlotta with Crystal and you can also see Bailey in the picture.



After the walk, all rested in the courtyard of the mall practicing their manners and socializing.

From left to right in the chair is Tacoma and Rusty with June in front



Here is Jackie with Palo and Rebel enjoying the courtyard.

Troop 198—CA (cont.)



On Oct 13th Troop 237 gathered at Kensington Park for the annual "Blessing of the Pets".

At the gathering, Dog Scout Kobi and Mom Ruth had the opportunity to meet two Girl Scouts. Scouts of a feather....



Reverend Nate Klug blessed the group of animals before individually blessing each of the dogs.



Troop members Ruby, a therapy dog, and Charlie were blessed as Kim and Katherine assisted.



Katherine comforted Charlie after he was "attacked" by a wandering tortoise.

Blessings



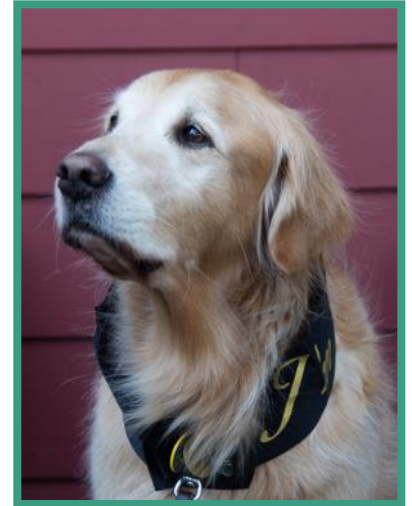
Dog Scout Kobi was blessed and troop leader Ruth thanked the new minister for carrying on the annual tradition.

Troop 198—CA (cont.)

Also, on Oct 13th, Troop 198 had their training early and then headed over to Armadillo Willy's BBQ in Santa Clara for troop member Maxwell's Retirement Party. Max's mom, Debee received a new guide dog, Memphis, a couple of months ago and Maxwell was retired as her guide. All of Maxwell's friends gathered to celebrate his service and retirement.



Here is a picture of Maxwell when he began his service as a guide dog puppy in training.



As you can see from this shot, the patio was FULL of Maxwell's friends both human and canine.



Here is a shot of Maxwell's humans, Bob and Debee as they prepare for the celebration. There were lots of Golden's, . . . the one behind Debee with the big black "I'm Retired" is Maxwell welcoming a canine guest to the party.



Of course, there was a cake, one for the humans and one for all the canine's in attendance.

Here is a beautiful picture taken by friend and professional photographer Kim Messmer of Debee and Maxwell. Of course, the love between the two of them will never be replaced, just Maxwell's service as a guide dog. He will always be a loved family member in their home, and he has not completely retired. He has received his certification as a Love On A Leash Therapy Pet with his dad Bob and he now provides comfort and joy to LOTS of people as a therapy pet.



Congratulations on your retirement and a job well done Maxwell!

Troop 198—CA (cont.)



On Oct 27th, some of our Troop 198 members fund raised and/or attended the Sunnyvale Pet Parade. This year the pet parade was a fund raiser for a memorial in honor of K-9 officer Jax and for other past and working K-9 officers of the city of Sunnyvale. On Oct 31, 2017, K-9 officer, Jax died during a confrontation with a suspect engaged in domestic violence. When the suspect would not surrender peacefully, Jax was sent to subdue and apprehend him but was stabbed by the suspect. Jax was rushed to an animal hospital and passed away that evening at the age of four. Jax had served two years in Sunnyvale and had 26 arrests to his credit. The parade was a fun and light-hearted event attended by both human and non-human residents of the area.

Here is a great picture of Sue and her kitty Simba with a new canine friend. Simba is dressed as a surfer dude and his stroller is done up like a Woody station wagon complete with a surfboard strapped on. Sue came to Dog Scout camp with us up at Mt. Madonna County Park.



Simba and Sue with another “small” canine friend at the parade.

On Oct 29th, troop 198 held their annual Howl-O-Ween Party at Sports Basement in Campbell. It also happened to be Dog Scout Crystal’s 11th birthday.

Here is a pic of Crystal sporting a hot dog costume with an addition of a birthday hat. Mom Patty is wearing a chef’s apron as is dad Dave in the background holding brother Sprocket dressed as a hamburger. Bon Appetite!



Here is Nicole with Zen rocking it as a “Beanie Baby”



Troop 198—CA (cont.)

Maxwell is still partying after retirement.

Here is Bob with Dayton as the Cowardly Lion, (very ironic since he just received his Hero reward a few weeks earlier), Maxwell is next to Dayton dressed as a pumpkin, then Mom Debee and new guide dog Memphis is attending his first DSA Howl-O-Ween party as a Jack-O-Lantern.



Oh, and look who it is! Sue and Simba! We hated to admit it, but Simba was one of the winners of the costume contest dressed as a surfer dude and arriving in a Woody station wagon stroller with a surf board. Simba showed what a gracious winner he was by handing out the prize of doggie toys and treats for winning the contest to the other party goers!



Here is another group of winners of the costume contest. On the left is Crystal and the right is Bailey along with Mom Carlotta. They all came dressed as country folk wearing jeans, plaid and red bandanas. I wonder if Carlotta told Scott, she was going to cut a tail hole in his jeans for Bailey's costume....



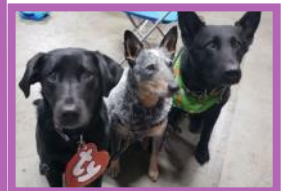
Here is a shot of the partiers enjoying some refreshments. Here we have Donna demonstrating the technique of sitting down to eat on a folding chair with a plate of food and a drink with a VERY interested Maxwell closely watching to see if anything is going to be dropped.



Another picture of the consumption of yummy Halloween fare. On the left is Dayton, then we have Donna with Maxwell the pumpkin, and Judy with Bocuse whose alligator costume is hanging over the back of Judy's chair. Bocuse thought it was much more fun to go a natural after the costume contest!



Here is Zen, Odin and Cora waiting patiently for their party treats.



Here is Sharon with Sadie the butterfly and Scout the superhero getting ready to play some games. To the right we have Bailey and Scott and behind is Jackie talking with Donna and Maxwell.



Troop 198—CA (cont.)



Of course, it wouldn't be a Howl-O-Ween party with playing Tic Tac Dog!

Here is Bob with Memphis holding the middle square, Leah has placed Duncan, AKA Batman on the side square and Super Dog Wyatt on the corner square.



We played multiple games of Tic Tac Dog.

Here in another game is Asia in the Jack-O-Lantern dress in the front left square with Cora in the next square with Kate handling. In the front right square is Rebel with Sue handling. Behind Rebel in the back center square is Super Dog Wyatt with Leah handling, in the bottom back square is Dayton with Bob handling. In the center square in his tail hole cut jeans is Bailey with Scott. Next to Bailey is Sprocket with Dave handling and in the front corner on a perfect sit is little Sadie.



After refreshments, it was time for the games to begin!

Here is Sharon showing super hero Scout how to play the muffin tin game with sister Sadie the butterfly watching and Sondra with Kozmo dressed as Nemo watching from his bed. Jackie is still hitting the refreshment table to the right. After the muffin tin game, they will play find the treat under the cup.



The pressure is on as Jackie adds Tacoma behind Memphis and Asia behind Duncan. In the background, Sue has zipped up Simba the kitty in his Woody Station wagon stroller and is handling Rebel in a in a football jersey costume, they are up next. Behind to the left is Patty with Corgi, Crystal and Dave with Corgi Sprocket. Off to the right and behind, is Debee sitting on the couch holding Dayton and you can see Bocuse the Springer waiting for a turn at the game.



To finish off the night, we had a raffle and Cora was the big winner.

She is very excited as mom Kate pulls out one of her favorite kind of toys from her raffle prize bag. Congratulations Cora and Happy Halloween everyone!

Troop 198—CA (cont.)



On Nov 2nd, Troop 237 had their meeting for K9 Fitness Part II at Metro Dog In Richmond. They started out the meeting with National Cook For Your Dog Day Recipes.



They had a class on learning about dog body types, and emergency over-heating treatments and explained about active and passive stretching.



Dyana and Samba practice weaving through cones as a way to warm up and stretch before exercising.



Chriss has Toby stretch his little legs and back.



Teresa lures Lulu with yummy treats. It works!



Poppy gets the whole weave thing and is looking for a treat.

Will you get a look at a sit pretty on a box? Toby rocks it!



Troop 198—CA (cont.)

On Nov 10, Troop 198 met at Calero Park in San Jose for our monthly training.

We welcomed two newcomers to our training session, Stephanie and Shasta, they are working hard making progress and having fun!



We also did some work on scent training.

Duncan is peeking as Scout Master Donna "loads" the scent into the boxes for his first scent training lesson. At 11 ½ Duncan is up for learning anything new that involves treats!



With Turkey Day just around the corner, Crystal and Sprocket donned gobbler hats to get everyone in the mood for the Dog Scout Turkey Trot Fund raiser and to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!



Troop 219—CT ~ The New England Explorers

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

To celebrate Dog Scout month, we had a fun Troop photo day. We met at a local park and took lots of photos of our Scouts in their uniforms. Our scouts have earned a lot of badges over the year and we are really proud of them. They are best buddies and love to hang out. We went for a walk and swim after our photo shoot.



Dog Scout Troop 219

best friends forever

At the end of September, we held our annual Pet Food drive with the help of local store Paw Print Pantry. Our food drive helps local rescues and local small business owners. This year everything we raised went to CT Animal House. We also offered Trick Dog Testing for anyone who came to the event. Our Scouts demonstrated playing the piano and lots of their favorite tricks. They had a great day saying hi to people.

2019 Pet Food Drive



3rd Annual Pet Food Drive with Paw Print Pantry was a success!
We had a great day greeting guests and showing off our tricks with CT Animal House.

We took a relaxing hike at McCook Park in Niantic for our aging Scouts. Some of our older scouts are not ambulatory and can't hike with us anymore. We chose this location because it is stroller friendly and everyone can come. All of our Scouts got to play and enjoy the day. We walked on the beach, found two geocaches and played on the playground.



We attended the annual Shoreline Puppy Up event this year.

This event raises money to study canine cancer. We are so happy to attend this great event again.

Our pups played at agility and loved the three mile walk or stroller ride for our older girls.



In November we took off on a search for the Christmas Gnomes. There are some beautifully carved letterboxes at Millers Pond State Park in CT. The trails are difficult and are frequently used by mountain bikers. We passed a number of ramps for mountain bikes that the pups loved to play on. The state park has some interesting geology. We found quartz and mica stones. Our pups had a great time playing together.

Search for the Christmas Gnomes



Dog Scout Troop 219 searching for the Christmas Gnome letterboxes at Millers Pond state Park, CT ~ November 2019

Troop 229—CA ~ Dogaholics Anonymutts

Mary Blackstone—Troop Leader



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Our troop put on our annual OcToBarkFest in October for the community. It's a day of fun and games for everyone. We set up games anyone can play with the average backyard dog. Those who come to it always tell us how much fun they have.

This year a couple came on motorcycles, and their dog rode in the side car! He said if we'd do it next year, he'd give people & their dogs a little ride around the parking lot. iZAR was eyeballing the sidecar, I think he was thinking of jumping in!

With some of our people having medical issues and others having other things pop up to take their time, our troop hasn't been as active.



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Troop 229—CA (cont.)



Our Adopt-A-Hiway clean-up contract came up for renewal and the troop voted not to renew it. However, iZAR & I still help the TREK 4 TRASH group and get out there and help our community.



iZAR & I are participating in a walking your dog for fun Facebook group (again), which keeps me moving & busy. We even found 2 geocaches. ☺

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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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