

The Dog Scout Scoop

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*Ready, Set, SNIFF!
Zoey Bahr
participating in
DSA's Right on the Nose
Scent Challenge
running throughout the
whole month of September*

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Badge Bulletin & Title Tales

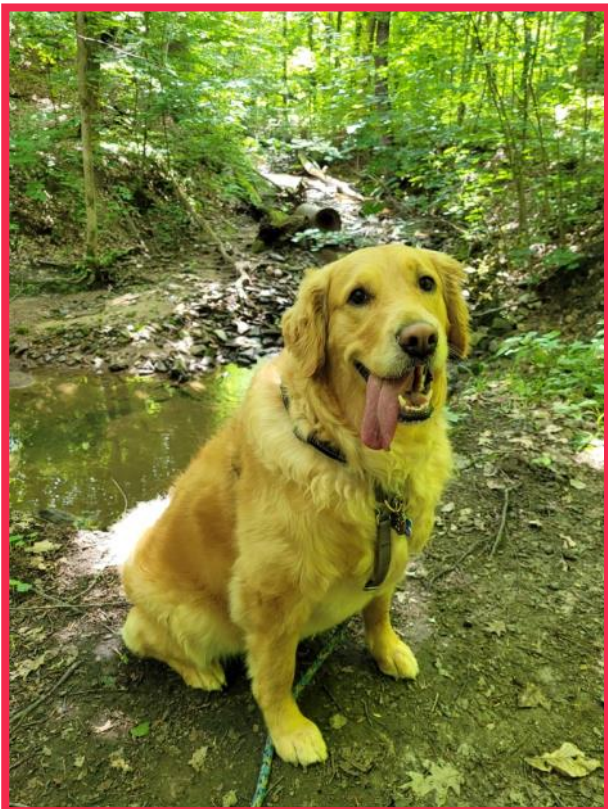
By Kristie Iwamoto (Maurice's Mom)



Congratulations to Our New Title Holders!

Congratulations to all of the teams who braved the summer heat and received new titles between June and August. It is worth noting that not only do we have our very first UT7K title awarded in Dog Scout history, but we have TWO in the same month! That's a lot of miles!

Also, a special shout-out to Pumpkin Neu, who managed to get two Letterbox Dog Titles AND a Trail Dog title!



TRAIL DOG

Zebi's Some Kind of Wonderful (Taika) Almann (UT7K)

Pumpkin Neu

Patch Walker (UT7K)

LETTERBOX DOG

Jax Long

Molly Long

Pumpkin Neu (LBA, LBX)

If you're interested in learning more about Trail Titles, please visit our website's [Trail Dog Titles](#) page, and if you have any questions at all, feel free to email me at titles@dogscouts.org

Dog Scout Class of 2022

By Sally Hoyle, DSA President

We have new Dog Scouts to add to the class of 2022 from the past few months. Please join me in congratulating these dogs and their handlers for this accomplishment.



Pennybelle Kraus
Troop 177
Greenfield, IN



Willow Derisse
Troop 177
Brownsburg, IN



Dakota Nordman
Troop 243
Neenah, WI



Zoey Rose Kraus
Troop 177
Greenfield, IN



Lexi Phillips
Troop 119
Glen Rose, TX

Congratulation all!



Sprocket Zemke
Troop 198
San Jose, CA

These dogs join Ace Lampert, Bobby Love-Bucy, Kiltie Love-Bucy, Dayton Armstrong, Memphis Armstrong, Finn Angel, Luna Gumbin, Willa Gamage, Basil Gamage, Trevor Lane, and Quinllin Blue Turnbow, all pictured in previous issues of *The Scoop* as a part of the Dog Scout Class of 2022.

DSA

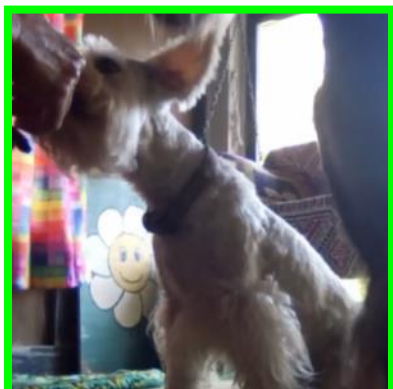


Right on the Nose Scent Challenge



We're having fun sniffing and snuffling to finding scented targets
60+ challenges for the whole month of September . . .

30
Novice
Nose
Challenges



30
Super
Sniffer
Challenges



Plus
19
Bonus
Challenges!

Summer is done . . . Get ready for Sparky's 8th Annual Turkey Trot!



<https://runsignup.com/sparkys8thannualturkeytrot>

Looking forward to seeing those who
will be participating in the
Freaky Fall Festival
at the Michigan camp in St. Helen,
Oct 7-10.

Last minute attendees welcome, but
don't forget to contact Lonnie if you need
lodging dogscoutcamp@gmail.com

All members of DSA can attend, and
there's no cost to attend the event.
The plan is for a fun-filled and educa-
tional weekend, with a Turkey Dinner,
games, goodie bags and prizes.



Attitude of gratitude

A huge THANK YOU goes out to our wonderful volunteers, who
do a lot of work for DSA and don't collect any payment for it:

- ☺ Kristie Iwamoto (CA)—Trails Titling
- ☺ Leah Lane (CA)—Director
- ☺ Lonnie Olson (MI)—Founder, "Workhorse" Team ,
Calendar Fundraiser, Michigan Camp Administrator,
Newsletter Editor
- ☺ Maureen Callahan (TX)—Director
- ☺ Melissa Matteson (OH)—Director, "Workhorse" Team,
Leadership Training
- ☺ Mart & Cindy Ratliff (TX)—Texas Camp Administrators
- ☺ Martha Thierry (MI)—Director, Calendar Fundraiser,
Graphic Design
- ☺ Sally Hoyle (MI)—President, "Workhorse" Team, Calendar
Fundraiser, Michigan Camp Administrator, Turkey Trot,
Newsletter Editor, Recognition Program (badges)
- ☺ Sheri Throop (CT)—Director
- ☺ Shirley Conley (FL)—Vice President, "Workhorse" Team,
Turkey Trot, Newsletter Editor
- ☺ Sonja Klattenberg (IL)—Webmaster, Newsletter Distribution
- ☺ And all of our Troop Leaders, past and present, who have
helped grow our organization.

*The "Workhorse" Team creates the virtual fundraisers (camps, challenges, etc.)

We are currently working on the 2023 DSA Calendar and have asked Troop Leaders for their help. Our themes for each month of the calendar are listed below.

If you have any photos from your troop activities that fit these themes, please **forward them to your troop leader before September 30** for possible inclusion in the 2023 calendar.



Please **identify the dogs and people** in any photos you submit.

2023 DSA CALENDAR THEMES

January: New Scouts & New Experiences

February: What Do You Love About Your Dog?

March: Parades!

April: Canine Cognition

May: Letterboxing Event

June: Superstars!

July: Camp Staff & DSA Leadership

August: GeoScent

September: Right on the Nose

October: Where You Live & Cool Travels

November: Thankful for Senior Dogs

December: Community Service & Donations

If you want to add your dog's photo for their special day (birthday, adoption day, etc.) use the link [Order a Dog Day \\$5](#) to **order one or more Dog Days by September 30th**. (Yes, you can purchase multiple "Dog Days" for all the dogs in your life!)

As always, the proceeds from the sales of Dog Scouts of America calendars are used to the welfare of Dog Scouts and to promote education and awareness of responsible dog ownership.

Dog Scouts calendars make great gifts and can be used to show friends and the public our activities and how our dogs' lives make a difference.

Calendars can be pre-ordered through the Camp Store using this link: [2023 Calendar Pre-Order \\$19.95](#) Shipping and handling is included!

Scout Scoop & Troop Tales

Troop 101—MI

Goldy Reid (with help from Fay)

TROOP 101 Northern Michigan Trailblazers spent time helping with the MI Camp clean up. Their efforts paid off with renewing old friendships and making new ones at the June and July camps.



Members also spent time enjoying nature whether on the trails; hiking, geocaching, letterboxing or out on the river kayaking and canoeing as well as the dogs swimming.



Goldy, Booker, Laurie, Kaylene, Jax, & Molly

Laurie, Booker, Lonnie, Kismet, Scallywag, Diane, Jaxson, Diane, and Angel walked 3.7 miles and found 56 letterboxes with friends from Troop 217



Sally, Kozi, Caper, Lonnie



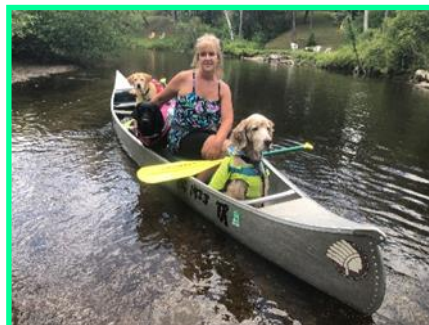
Booker & Laurie



Caper & Lonnie



Goldy, Teryn, Jasmyne



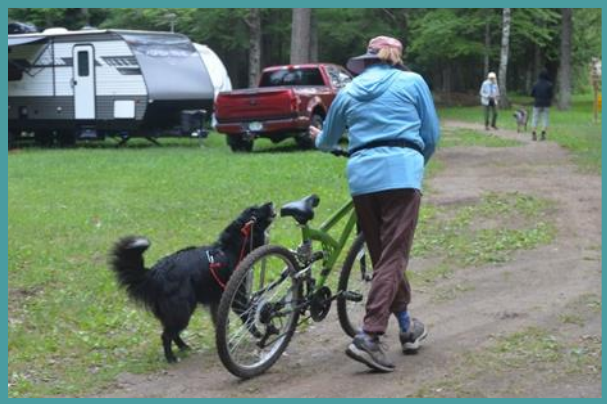
Jax, Kaylene, Molly, Goldy



Jax, Molly, Goldy

Troop 101—MI (cont.)

Booker and Scallywag have gotten their moms out on the trails biking.



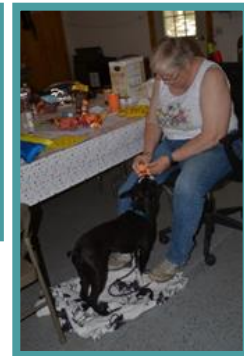
Booker & Laurie and Lonnie & Scallywag

Learning to walk beside the bike before hitting the trails for the Biking Badge.

We have been busy learning lots of new skills with the new badges offered this year Canine Cognition and GeoScent.



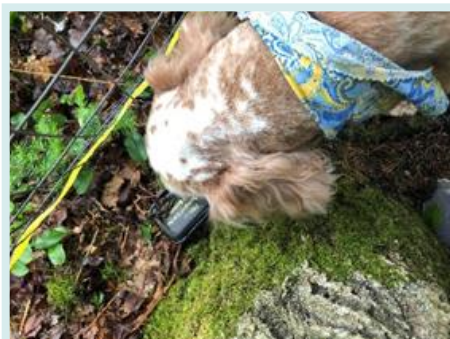
Matching



Learning clove scent can be anywhere!



Goldy
&
Booker



Jax
Molly
&
Kismet

Troop 101—MI (cont.)

Fay & Goldy represented our troop and participated in the SOS Animal Rescue Dirty Dog trail run/walk to raise awareness and money for two local organizations Shelter House and SOS Animal Rescue.



Continuing with Individual troop members goals for the year of completing some of the badges started in prior years we have the following successes: Jax – Parkour, Dog Care, GEO2, Letterbox 3, beach buddies, Letterboxing title; sister Molly – GEO2, Letterbox 3, Letterboxing Title.

Booker has earned his CPR and Copy Cat badges. Booker has been putting in lots of miles for his Trail titles.

The Olson gang: Kozi, Caper, Kismet & Scallywag earned their Biking, GeoScenting, Copy Cat, Scent Discrimination, Advanced Scent and CPR.



She-Ra & Razzle have been busy competing in agility. She-Ra & Pauline received their Mach in July. Razzle is so close to getting her Mach, just 5 more double Qs to go. They have been busy working on distraction training.

Some of our members did Barn Hunt for the first time while others gave it another try.



Goldy



Molly (earned her badge)



Jax



Kismet (earned her badge)



Many of us are looking forward to the Scent Challenge in September. Hope to see you there!

Goldy on GeoScenting and Canine Cognition

Hi! It's Goldy from troop 101. I haven't written in awhile, but I could not let another month go by without giving a SHOUT OUT to the creators of the new badges GeoScenting and Canine Cognition. Thanks for giving us another reason to be out in the woods and sniffing! A huge thanks for giving us another way for our parents to understand our way of communicating to them.

The hard thing about the GeoScenting badge for our parents is using and understanding the GPS. As you can see from the photo on the right, humans can get confused when trying to use their GPS. It doesn't always take you to the exact spot of the cache depending on the satellites.



This means they really need our help and noses in finding these caches in the woods. If they would only listen and let us take the wheel we would find so many more....

One of my favorite things aside from swimming and going for hikes is using my nose.



This new GeoScenting badge combines my love of nature and using my nose to find these boxes in the woods that my mom goes crazy excited for.

So, if you like to hike and want to make your mom or dad happy, find out about this boxed clove smell and start tracking it down. You will have one happy parent and you get extra yummy treats for finding them.



Troop 101—MI (cont.)

Now lets talk about this Canine Cognition badge. I've been trying to communicate to my mom for years to let her know things that "I know" and she is finally getting it with the help of this badge. Things like, "You know the pool is empty, right?" "You know it's time to eat."

She is not assuming anymore but letting me make more choices; which treats I want today, which direction to take on walks, do I want to go to my dads house or not, and more.

Mom has found out that we dogs see the color blue and yellow better than other colors. So, we have been working on distinguishing between the two colors and different shapes. We play the shape game with my Kong shapes or the cut out ones. I like the Kong ones better—they sometimes have treats in them.



I've always been very helpful around the house but now she trusts me to get the right shoe or sock when she shows me the "matching one" she has.

I have additional duties now helping mom with the finances by "counting" what we have left so we don't over buy.



The Leave it portion of this badge goes beyond the normal walk by stuff we've been subjected to.



This time they are playing the "I know you know" game by covering their eyes, turning their backs and believe it or not, leaving the room for a minute. This can be a challenge especially if its something really good. My suggestion is to have your parent take it slow, start with low value stuff and get some distance and duration and time. Only work on one of those at a time. Give really high value rewards. My mom never lets me have what she has told me to leave. She says its because you never know when it could be something really dangerous like a pill. So instead of me trying to second guess her whether she's going to let me have, I know I will never get that one, but she always gives me something else. The only exception she makes is the "leave it" game on my paws. Those I always get when she says or signs "EAT IT". This game she puts a treat on each of my paws and makes me wait for the cue "EAT IT".

I would recommend that you get your parents interested in these two badges. Mom and I have been having a lot of fun with them. Goldy signing off for now. Time to play with Mom.

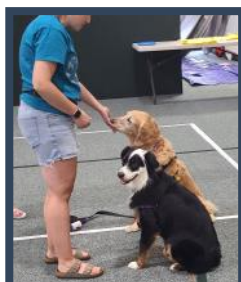


Troop 119—N TX—Lone Star Paws Squad

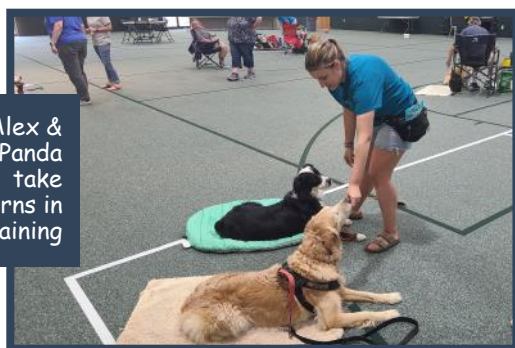
Cindy Ratliff—Troop Leader

Troop 119 has been enjoying a great summer! We've added some great new members and have had some awesome troop meetings this year.

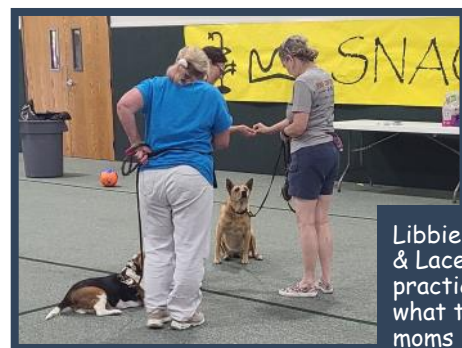
One of those meetings was in June when troop member and trainer, Traci Betts, did a great presentation on Training in Multi-Dog Households. Traci introduced concepts relevant to multiple dog households with tips and techniques for getting the most from each dog. We got to work in groups throughout to practice what we were learning. The dogs enjoyed the opportunity to learn with their friends and the humans got to sharpen their training skills and go home with a better grasp for training their pack.



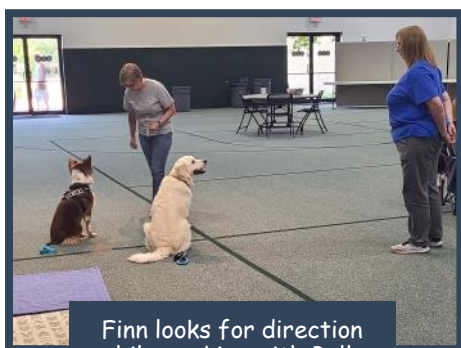
Panda & Alex
share time with
Panda's mom



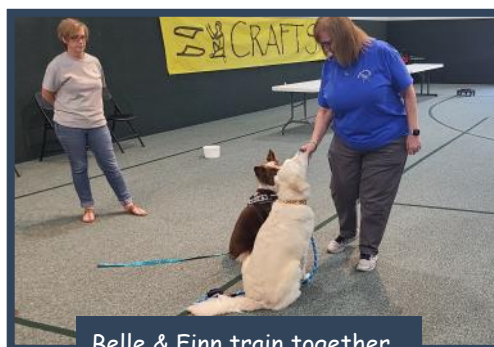
Alex &
Panda
take
turns in
training



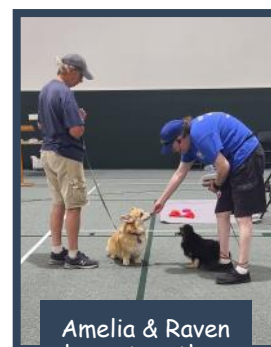
Libbie Bell
& Lacey
practice
what their
moms
learned



Finn looks for direction
while working with Belle



Belle & Finn train together

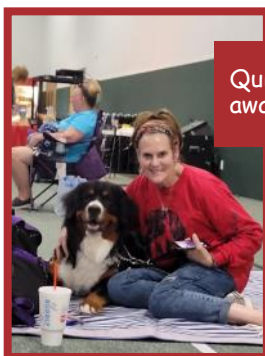


Amelia & Raven
learn together

Troop 119—N TX (cont.)



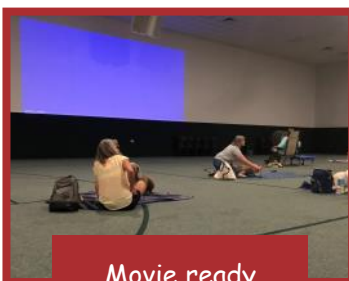
In July, we had a Movie Night. We blacked out the doors and windows to turn our usual gym location into a make-shift movie theater, complete with movie popcorn, drinks and concession stand candy. Members brought human and dog mats to settle in for a training “movie” of Bob Bailey on Operant Conditioning.



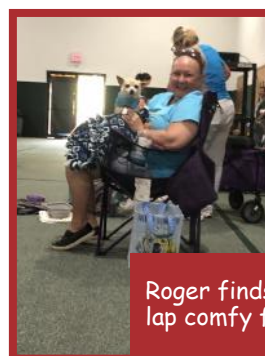
Quinlin & Shaun
await the movie



Becky & Essie
ready to learn



Movie ready



Roger finds Debbie's
lap comfy for viewing



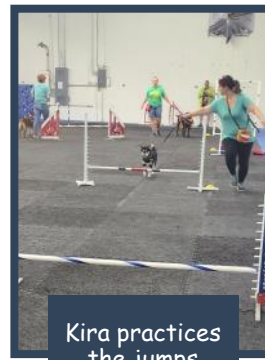
Settled in &
ready to watch

We got to see a glimpse of Bob Bailey's chicken camps, where he trains trainers/owners to be better trainers by training chickens. There was a lot to be learned from this video and it was very interesting to watch (training not just chickens, but horses and bears and tigers! Oh my!)



Troop 119—N TX (cont.)

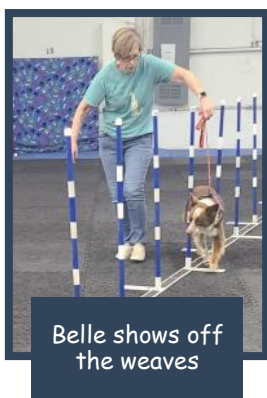
We had a very active and very fun meeting in August. We were able to rent the agility space for the afternoon at All FUR Fun Training and Event Center, which is the largest indoor training facility in Texas. We were able to split into 3 groups and work on agility fundamentals.



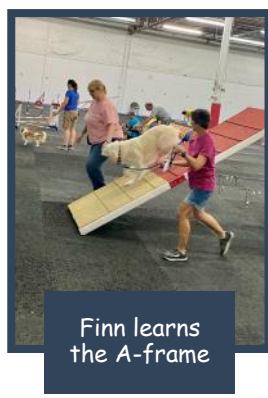
Kira practices the jumps



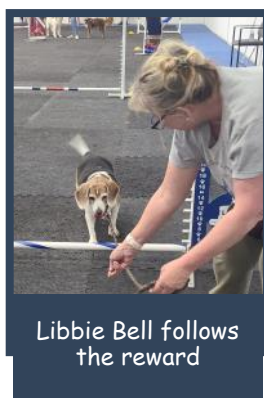
Lexi learns tunnels aren't too scary



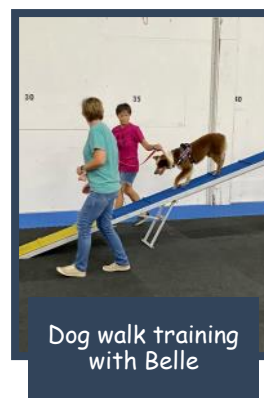
Belle shows off the weaves



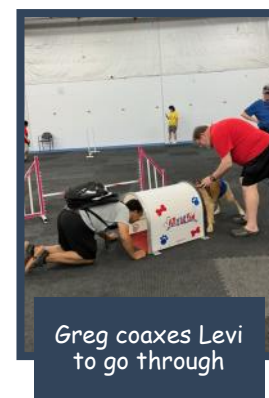
Finn learns the A-frame



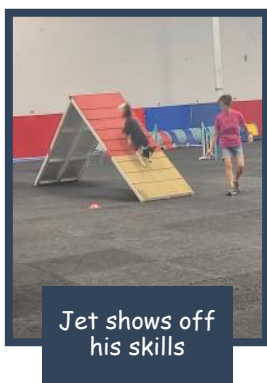
Libbie Bell follows the reward



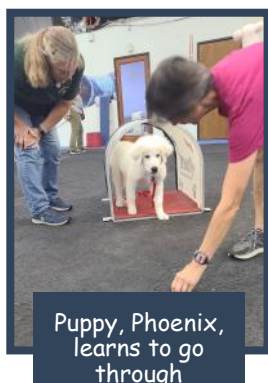
Dog walk training with Belle



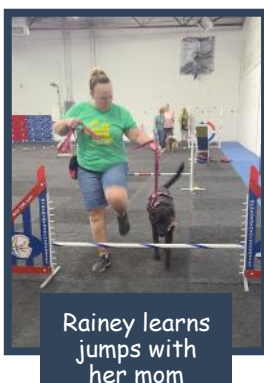
Greg coaxes Levi to go through



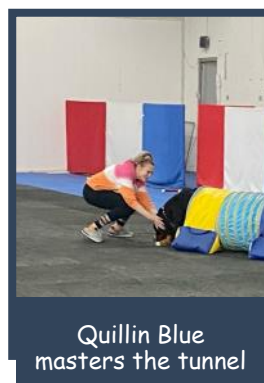
Jet shows off his skills



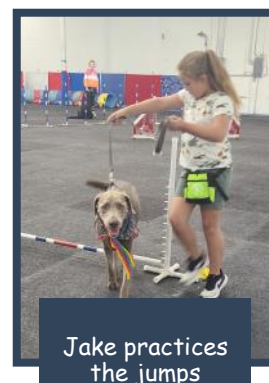
Puppy, Phoenix, learns to go through



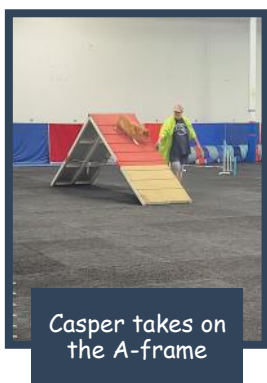
Rainey learns jumps with her mom



Quillin Blue masters the tunnel



Jake practices the jumps



Casper takes on the A-frame

We had the space for several hours so each group could work in an area, then take a break before moving on to the next set of obstacles.

For most of the dogs in attendance, it was their first introduction to agility and they did an awesome job and had a ton of fun, along with their humans.

Troop 119—N TX (cont.)



Also in August, we were asked to participate in a Responsible Dog Ownership Day event at the Arlington, TX animal shelter.

We had our booth table set up and talked to dog owners about DSA and handed out rolls of poop bags to everyone who came by our table.

There haven't been many events in the last couple of years and even though it wasn't a huge turnout, we welcomed the opportunity to talk to people about DSA and being responsible dog owners.



Troop 149—MO ~ River City Rovers

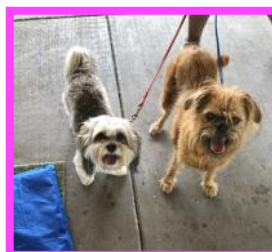
Submitted by Fran Beezley and Dog Scout Barney

Happy Birthday, Lou!

Lou is our oldest scout in Troop 149 and on May 31st, he celebrated his 16th birthday. To help him celebrate such a great event, he invited his Dog Scout companions plus a few other four and two legged friends to a party. He said you can never have too many gifts, especially if they are yummy treats. It didn't make any difference that the weather was hot and humid, everyone enjoyed the party.



Zoey poses nicely



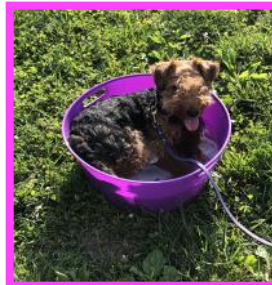
Sweetie Pie and Luckiedog have arrived.



Margo and Abby



Roxie is waiting for her slice of cake



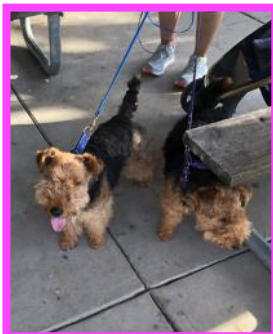
I'm cooling off!



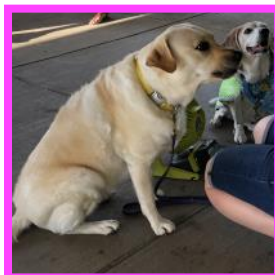
This is mine!



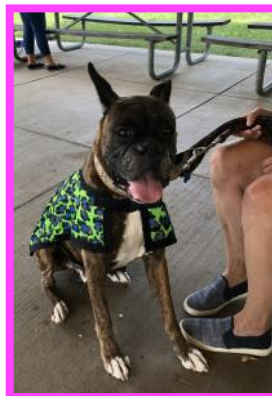
Barney want to go camping



The Welshies - BonnieBlu and LilliePot



Phoebe & Lou need a treat!

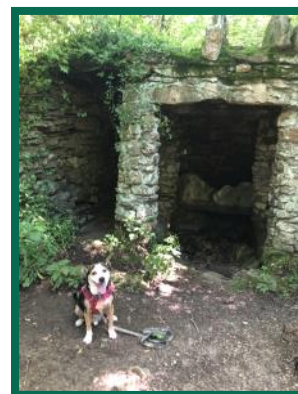
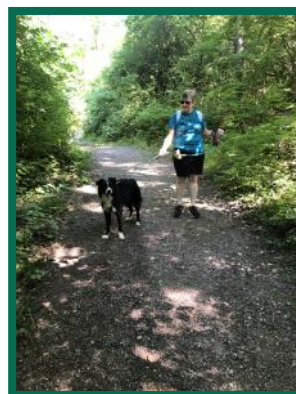


Mason is cool in his cool coat

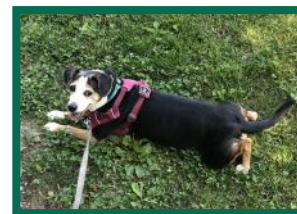


Lou has his own flag

Laumeier Sculpture Park



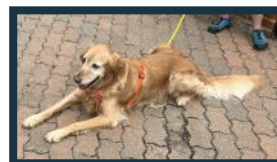
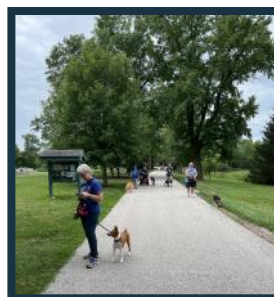
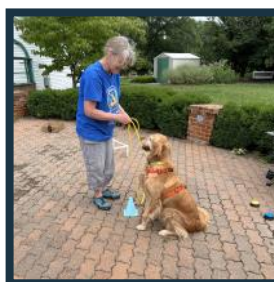
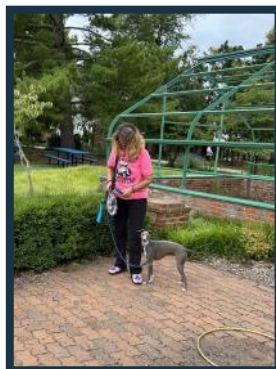
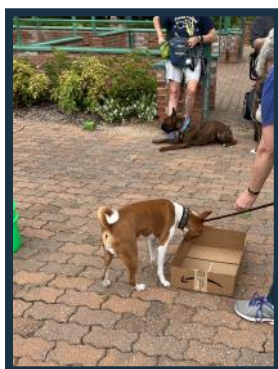
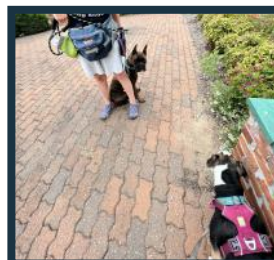
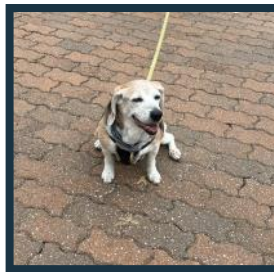
Another hot day in June. We tried to find somewhere shady to hike and it started out cooler but by the end, we were all panting.



Troop 149—MO (cont.)

Working on badges

In July, we had a cooler day, so we hiked a bit in Queeny Park and then Sandi talked about the Tricks badge. We all got a start on learning some tricks.



Kids who KARE

In August we got a last-minute request for Dog Scouts to talk to kids involved in a Kids who KARE summer camp.

The kids work on different projects to make items that they can donate. They were making snuffle mats to give to the local Humane Society. They wanted to know about our mission and what we do.

Barney and Lou were available at the last minute so they represent Troop 149 and all of Dog Scouts.



Troop 157—FL ~ Broward County Paw Patrol

Teresa Irvine

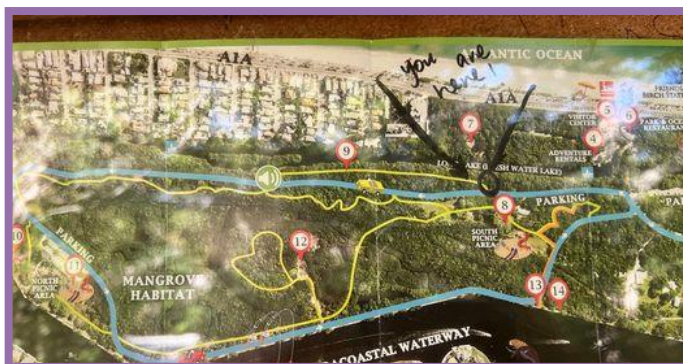
Our traditional **July 4** “Pre-Armageddon/wear out our dogs” hike was attended by Dog Scout River and Cadet Scouts Penny and Luna at Tree Tops Park.

We walked 3 miles and, this year, added a letterbox planting to our agenda. Our team worked together to find the best hiding spot and document the clues. Shari Hain carved a beautiful Independence Day themed stamp for our box. If you’re ever in Davie, FL, here’s our troop’s letterbox

<https://www.atlasquest.com/showinfo.php?boxId=345858>



On **August 4th, 2022** our very own Dog Scout River was chosen by our local weather forecaster Adam Berg to be featured on NBC “Its Time to Walk Fluffy” morning weather. Every morning Adam features chooses a local dog that has been posted to his Facebook/Instagram account. It was so cool to turn on morning weather and see River – she is such a beauty and deserved the attention.



On **August 14, 2022** our members enjoyed a water adventure at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park in Fort Lauderdale. We rented a canoe, two kayaks and one paddle board. Scout teams Patricia and Luna, Emily and Aurora, Teresa and Ripley, Shari and Penny, and Dawn and River, paddled around Long Lake which is a fresh water lake in the park less than a quarter mile from the beach. We enjoyed a relaxing morning watching birds and wildlife, taking in a little history, and the company of each other and our very brave dogs.

Troop 157—FL (cont.)



August 21st, 2022—Our Dog Scouts Troop visited Carrie B Cruises for some boating fun on the New River and Intracoastal Waterway. They promote their dog friendly policy on Bring Fido.

Our troop had a party of 7 humans and 6 dogs. The crew was so welcoming and wonderful. We all had so much fun. It was a great opportunity to play tourist in our own town with our awesome dogs. We thanked everyone for their amazing hospitality and kindness.

September 1st – 2nd Labor Day Weekend DSA Meet Up

—Our Dog Troop had some extra time on their hands, so why not use meet up to take your pups for a stroll and some socialization at the local parks to enjoy Food Truck Night with some “spooky” interaction and some possible Letterboxing.

There are always things to work on with your pups, and it’s an opportunity to spend time with them, and your dog-loving friends.



Troop 177—IN

Robyn Porter

Griffon standing in base
of large tree



Hallie standing in base
of large tree



Zena on a log

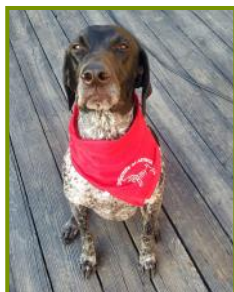


Troop #177 met for a hike 6/11/2022 at a local city park that has a freshwater spring available to fill your containers. Sharon Massey and Robyn Porter walked the dogs on paths through the woods at Flowing Well Park and took some fresh water home with them!

Tara and
beautiful Willow



DSA Willow in her
DSA Bandana

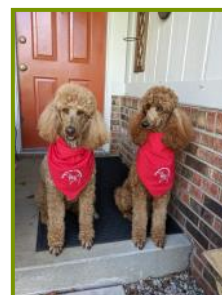


Congratulations to new Dog Scouts member Tara Derisse and her dog Willow on achieving the Dog Scout Merit badge in July! Tara was very enthused to learn about Dog Scouts and tackled the Dog Scout Merit badge with gusto! Willow is a wonderful dog and enjoyed the challenge. In addition, the two completed Boating Safety, paving the way to future water badges. Congrats to Tara and Willow!

Peggy with
beautiful
Pennybelle and
Zoey Rose



DSA Pennybelle
and Zoey Rose in
their DSA
Bandanas



Congratulations to new Dog Scouts Pennybelle and Zoey Rose. Both dogs are owned by Peggy Kraus and earned their Dog Scout Merit badges in August! This is a first for Troop 177. Peggy's previous Scout Casey sadly passed away in 2021, and now Peggy followed up with not one, but two new Scouts! Peggy enjoys agility and obedience classes with her two dogs. Congrats to Peggy, Pennybelle and Zoey Rose!

Hallie at 9/11
Memorial at the
downtown canal



Hallie with statue of former
Indianapolis Mayor Hudnut



Robyn Porter and Hallie got busy working on badges as soon as spring weather arrived. Hallie especially enjoyed hiking and sightseeing downtown as well as anything involving scent work. Hallie quickly grew bored with baskets but completed Fundraising I. They earned Advanced Scent Discrimination, Tracking I, Fundraising I, Disabled Dog and Urban Hiking. Way to go Hallie!

Troop 183—FL

Shirley Conley—Troop Leader

A couple of pictures from Troop 183's activities during the previous quarter . . .

Agility



Swimming

and

Scent Work



Troop 188—Ledyard CT

Kathy Freeman

It was a hazy, hot and humid summer but the troop managed to keep busy!

A low-cost vaccination clinic was held in early June after taking a year off due to COVID. It was great to see so many repeat customers from prior events. Another clinic will be held in October.

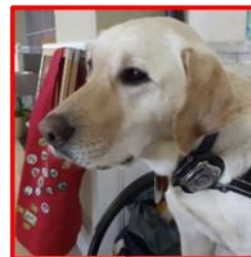
We have some newly certified therapy dog teams in our troop. Congratulations to Bailey, Sassy & Thunder!



The 188th day of the year is a reason to celebrate! Fun was had by all at our annual picnic. We played some Dog Scout trivia and had a swim in the river too!



Members were invited to a local Comfort Dogs symposium where we talked with Emergency Responders about Pet First Aid, and teams signed up to receive Pet Emergency Breathing kits.



Troop members attended National Night Out to deliver some Pet Emergency Breathing kits to Ofc Chase (left) Groton Town PD, Ofc Hodges (center) Waterford PD, and Groton Ambulance (right).

Troop 188—CT (cont.)



Summer means camp! Members visited children at local summer camps and shared information about how to greet dogs, how dogs help us, and what we can do to keep our dogs safe during the summer heat wave.



A scenting workshop was held in preparation for completing the steps for the badge requirements.

Members traveled to a “back to school, stuff a cruiser” event to deliver more Pet Emergency Breathing kits to the CT Comfort Dog Squad. Pictured are K9 Addison with the Torrington PD, Ofc Skipper with the Colchester PD, Ofc Heidi with Yale PD and K9 Jules with Southern CT State University PD. We also gave kits to K9 Mylo with East Windsor PD, and the South Windsor PD and Fire Departments. It was too hot for our dogs to go but this is a dog-friendly outdoor venue that would be great for some urban hiking in the cooler weather.



It was a busy season for members who participate in Frisbee and Dock Diving. Quite a few earned their personal best jumps, and some are moving onto Regionals.

Congrats to all!



Troop 198—CA

Janet Ngai

This summer, we bid adieu to a couple founding members including our fearless Troop Leader, Donna Johns, and congratulated our new Troop Leader, Carlotta Gumbin. Here's a sampling of our full calendar of fun, learning activities and accomplishments.

Troop Leader Donna's Farewell Party

Words cannot express how much we will miss our dear Scout-Master, her leadership, dedication, and sense of humor.

Here she is imparting her last words of wisdom to us, before she departs to be closer to family in Pennsylvania.

Of course, we will also miss Donna's pack, her hubby Buddy and cutie-pie Wishbone.

Despite our brave smiles, we are all feeling wistful, yet grateful -- we know that our loss is Philly's gain.



July 4th Parade in Morgan Hill is an annual event for us to celebrate the holiday and showcase our troop.

Trevor pulled our float with the troop banner, proud mom Leah waved the flag, with Lennie leading, pushing Duncan's stroller alongside her Sadie.



Carlotta, Scott, Bailey, Crystal and Luna represented the Gumbin Family, with Bailey pulling their float.



CowGirl marched with mom Susan.

Troop 198—CA Cont.)

Daphne's ready to roll.



Sadie and mom Lennie take advantage of some shade.

Corgi gathering of Sprocket, Crystal, pawrents Dave and Patty, to finalize logistics with Trevor, mom Leah, and bun photobomber CowGirl.



Annual Camping trip at Mt. Madonna site, Huckleberry

We were happily reunited with Wishbone and Donna who returned just for our camping weekend.

Group morning hike.

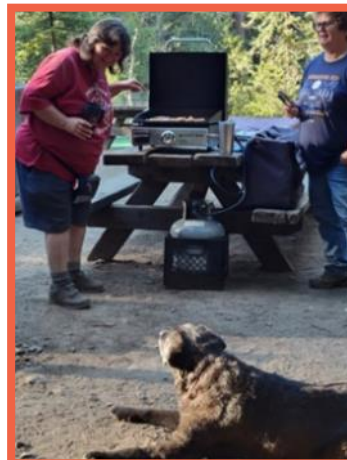


Luna and mom Carlotta do hurdles for the scavenger hunt.



Rylee shows off a down/stay, ready for the scavenger hunt reward after completing the hurdles.

Duncan waits patiently for his dinner order from Mom Leah and Auntie Lennie -- medium-rare, please.



Crystal, Dad Dave, and Buddy, Teddy and Mom Jan rest before the next activity.

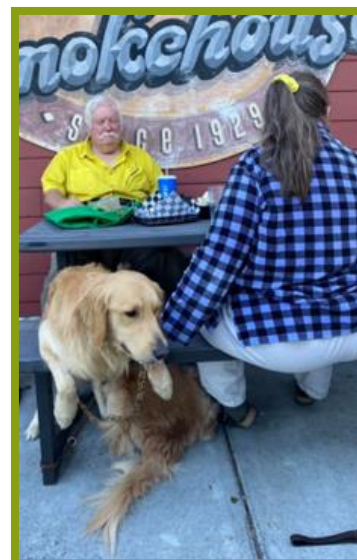


Troops 198—CA (Cont.)

Welcomes

Congratulations and thanks to Carlotta Gumbin for stepping up to be our new Troop Leader, a natural fit given her initiative, dedication and long-time contributions to our Troop. Here she and hubby Scott guard the fixins' from bears at camp.

Seager joins the Armstrong family, congrats on your new pawrents Bob and Debee, you handsome boy!



Bailey, Crystal and Luna Gumbin all earned their Doggone Dirty Dock Diving Ribbons. Bailey rocked the dock coming in 2nd in the finals, and shared the Weekend Warrior ribbon with Crystal and Luna.



Duncan and Trevor congratulate mom Leah for becoming a Backpacking Evaluator.



Luna Gumbin earned her First Aid Badge.



Sadie Randall earned her AKC FastCat Title.



Rylee passed her Dog Scout test, here with mom Lennie and tester Donna.



The Gumbin Goldens all earned their Dog Care badges.



Trevor Lane earned his 1st Aid Badge, thanks and congrats to Troop Leader Carlotta who is now a K9 First Aid Evaluator. We're all ready to be bandaged!

Troop 217—MI ~ Motor City K9's

Sally Hoyle—Troop Leader

Troop 217 has been quite busy over the last couple of months, though it seems we have fallen down on the job when it comes to taking photos. We will recommit ourselves to taking photos of each of our future activities. For now, I hope my descriptions can help you to create pictures in your mind.

Several of us participated in clean up activities at camp in the months preceding Dog Scout Camp. We cleaned up trails, cut down trees, burned brush and created a new activity area on camp property. We have all learned new skills with these activities, and we have found ourselves capable of adapting when things don't quite go as planned. In the photo you can see that the tree that was being cut down didn't fall outward as planned, but as it started to go the wrong way we quickly changed our approach and had the tree fall in the relatively small space between the craft building and the other trees, all while keeping everyone safe. We always do a lot of work when we get together for clean up but also find plenty of time to hike and play with our dogs.



All those hours spent doing clean up really pay off when it comes time for camp in June and July. Many troop members attended camp where we worked on our two new badges, GeoScenting and Canine Cognition, as well as other badges that are a part of our core. We did a lot of scent work at camp, offering both Scent Discrimination and Advanced Scent Discrimination. It was fun to see so many dogs be successful with these! We also offered Copy Cat as a prerequisite to Canine Cognition and lots of dogs had fun learning in new ways using fast-mapping.

A number of us participated in a Barn Hunt clinic where the instructor had a special session just for Dog Scouts. This provided us with an opportunity to earn the Barn Hunt badge while learning in a comfortable environment with people that we knew well. Not all of our dogs had the same level of experience with Barn Hunt, with some dogs having no experience and others often participating in Barn Hunt trials. Still, the instructor was so patient in working with us that most of our dogs were able to earn the badge. Even those dogs that didn't learned quite a bit and will be successful at our next opportunity. It was really quite a fun day!



Other than our big activities we have continued to hike, letterbox and geocache, including Doing some GeoScenting. Many of us are hooked on this new twist to geocaching and are actively working to get geoscented caches out in the wild so that others are able to do it too. So far, the boxes we have planted are very well received and quite popular.

Troop 217 (cont.)

We have a number of dogs in our troop who have been able to get almost back to normal with their therapy dog activities, including Tali McQuade and her mom Donna, who have been volunteering at Oxford High School, where a school shooting occurred in November 2021. Students, faculty and staff at this school really love Tali and love to see her coming.



Mackenzie has been learning new tricks and we've been working on her Trick Dog Masters titles. She has earned her Advanced Masters and is currently finishing up her Expert Masters.



Pumpkin Neu has been doing a lot of scent work and Pumpkin recently earned her C-WAGS Level 1 and Ranger 1 titles. She's also working on CPE scent titles. Our successes outside of DSA activities go hand in hand with our DSA achievements and we like to celebrate them all.



From a give back perspective, we are on track with our plans to contribute to the larger organization, with hours spent doing camp clean up, working to develop new badges, and exploring ways to boost overall membership levels. We are also on track with our troop and individual goals, by working on badges and titles, as well as non-DNA titles and other activities. To date this year our dogs have collectively earned 45 badges and 8 DNA titles. I'm sure there is much more to come this year!

Troop 237—East Bay, CA

Ruth Robinson—Troop Leader

Looking Back and Looking Forward

Sometimes reflection on what has gone on in our past activities helps us see what we'd like to do in the future. As a new school year is in front of us, we can focus on learning new things. And take pride in what we have already accomplished.

Last Pack Walk of the summer at our favorite place to practice on- and off-leash walking. We welcomed Aussie puppy Lily to the pack, plus big Nala, new to her rescue owner, and a huge mix of dog love.



Puppy Lily, Golden Retriever, is held by proud mom Kim at the last social gathering in August.



Time to take a hiking break...

Big and little paws, and feet (!) get hot in the California sun. Lovely resting spot, watering hole, and general discussion area awaited us. Then, back we go to the other half of our Pack Walk – total is about 2 miles.



Each and Every Pack Walk is a Recruiting Opportunity

Dogs in the center of the picture, Blue and Ozzie, are certified therapy dogs here to check out the Troop.

Troop 237 (Cont.)

Meanwhile, other troop members are considering what's next...



Heavy Planning Discussion Going On

Toby and Chriss are in discussion with Maurice and Kristie.

What's up next, kids?

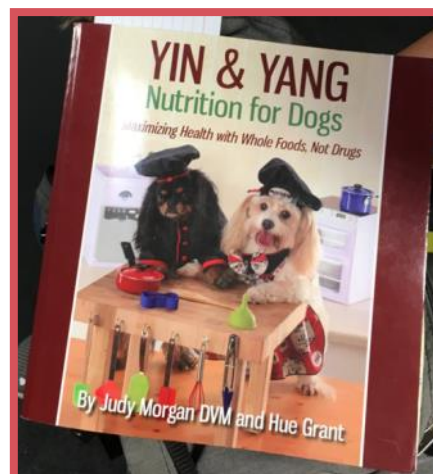
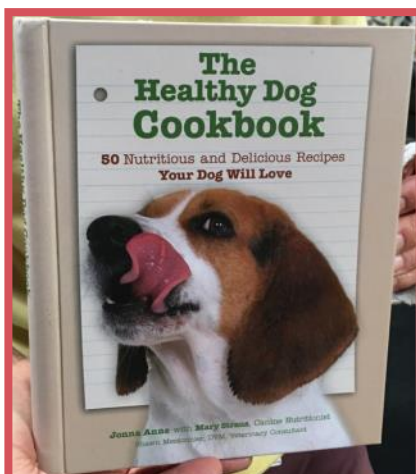
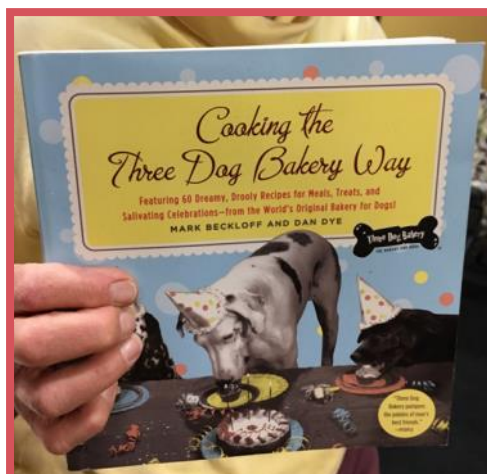
September & School starts soon! The Nose Knows...

Nose work exercises have already happened in past Troop meetings and in a special class designed just for Dog Scouts by our local Berkeley Humane. But we can all learn more! Looking forward to a month-long daily challenge and some group activities to work on our best sense of all...the Nose/Smell Challenges!



Learning is What we Do! And sharing our knowledge is Great!

One of our meetings revolved around healthy eating and nutrition for our dogs. Members shared some absolutely great homemade treats as well as books on this subject. Here are some of our favorites:

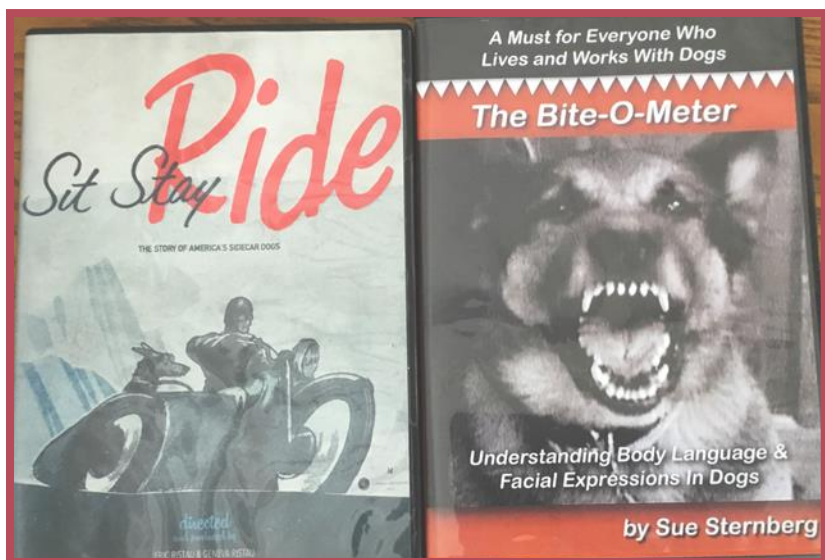


Troop 237 (Cont.)

Want to publicize DSA in your community? Have a Dog Film Festival!

People need to learn about us and other good dog related things, too. There are many wonderful DVDs available for purchase or through your local public library. All you need is an indoor space, DVD player and screen, and let the community know... oh, don't forget popcorn!

Here are a couple of videos our Troop used just before the health shutdown started in 2020. We had a good turnout and got the word out on important canine related messages.



Many of our Troop members are also Certified Therapy Dog Teams. And September is when our local reading programs with dog assisted teams see action!

Dog Scouts is all this and so much more. See you on the Pack Walk! Woofs and wags to all!

My one year old, Gabby girl earned three new titles before we went to DSA-Michigan camp this year—her Novice Flat for Drag Racing and her Novice and Advanced titles in Precision Coursing.

While at the June MI Camp, she earned her Dog Scout title plus the following badges:

- Art of Shaping
- Canine CPR
- All Dog Band
- Puppy Paddler
- Scent Discrimination
- First Aid

Erika Burdette



Great job Erika & Gabby!



Rainbow Bridge

Farewell to Dog Scout Dayton Armstrong



On June 7th Troop 198 was heartbroken to say good-bye to Dayton Armstrong who had to leave us to cross the Rainbow Bridge.

Dayton was a participant in the Morris Animal Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Study that helps both animals and humans in cancer research.

Because of his participation in the Morris Study, Dayton was awarded a Hero Ribbon at the 2019 GRCA National Specialty and was honored in the Hero Parade.



Dayton was a Guide Dog career change puppy who lived the Dog Scout Way and became a Dog Scout. Along the way he earned AKC titles in Trick Dog, Barn Hunt and Flyball and his Dog Scout Flyball Badge.

Dayton belonged to two pet therapy groups, Furry Friends and Love On A Leash, and earned his Dog Scout Therapy Pet Badge and his Pet Therapy Reading Badge as well as the AKC Therapy Dog Excellent title.



Dayton was a fur brother to Maxwell and Memphis, a fur son to Bob & Debee and a cherished member of Troop 198. See you on the other side Dayton...

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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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