

Canine Good Citizen

A little self-control and manners!

All of the exercises are done on a leash

Test 1: **Accepting a friendly stranger**

Test 2: **Sitting politely for petting**

Test 3: **Appearance and grooming**

Test 4: **Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)**

Test 5: **Walking through a crowd**

Test 6: **Sit & down on command and staying in place**

Test 7: **Coming when called**

Test 8: **Reaction to another dog**

Test 9: **Reaction to distraction**

Test 10: **Supervised separation**

Canines Need Brain Work

Are you and your 4-Legged missing out on fun activities around town because your pooch lacks self-control or manners? Too bad.

SWCDP supports our members by providing ongoing educational information in training, health and safety issues. One sure way to have a happy 4-Legged is to help your canine learn basic manners. Humans will be able to take their best pals with them to more places & share more experiences, if their canine knows how to behave in a reasonable way. The **CGC designation** is about basic manners and not on the same level as formal obedience training. It covers simple commands that most dogs learn easily.

Training

Humane Society of Missouri – Trainer Recommendations
www.hsmo.org/pet-training/area-trainers-list-1.pdf

Greater St. Louis Training Club – Multiple Classes
www.gsltc.org/

CGC Testing – \$10

Sunday – May 10, 1:00pm

Evaluator, Amy Horton

Humane Society of Missouri

1201 Macklind, St Louis, MO 63110

www.gsltc.dogbizpro.com/public/registration/index.aspx?tab=events&event=941



SWCDP Stars



Bisky, Golden Retriever – 2013 (Human: Joan L)

Caika, German Shepherd – 2014 (Human: Joan L)

Coach, Dutch Shepherd – 2013 (Human: Lynn W)

King, Husky/Shepherd – 2013 (Human: Bob H)

Maggie, Border Collie – 2011 (Human: Susan B)

Willow, Doberman – 2011 (Human: Judi N)

Come on, join the stars

Why Does My Dog Do That?

Veterinary Behavior Consultations



Thank You, Dr Pike

SWCDP General Membership Meeting 2014



GMM SPEAKER
Amy Pike, DVM
Behavioral Therapist

We are all a "work in progress" to one degree or another and that includes our 4-Leggeds. We commend our members who have gone the extra mile in seeking help for their canine family members and thank them for their willingness to share their behavioral therapist experiences. Completely unrelated cases but similar circumstances & outcomes. Frenetic barking, anxiety and general freaking out comes from uncertainty and fear, not knowing how to act, and therefore – reacting (*sometimes in a not so great way*). All agree, better understanding their dog & realizing improvement is possible, made the effort and hard work worth it. These member dogs have all shown progress thanks to their humans commitment.

A work in progress.

CASE STUDIES – 10 Month Update



Dog 1

Current Age: **2 yrs**
Adopted at: **10 weeks**
Breed: **Boxer-Shepherd**
Sex: **Female**
Weight: **45 lbs**

Situation Prior to Consult

Very anxious, barks a lot, mainly to keep others from coming close to her. She feels trapped by being on a leash and is uncomfortable being approached when on a leash. You wouldn't know her anxiety at the dog park, she plays fairly well with dog park friends.

Evaluation Diagnosis Suggestions

After a 2 hour interview & evaluation session which included the family cat, it was determined Dog #1 had anxiety and territorial issues. All their concerns were addressed; several suggestions offered. Humans admit that to do everything – all the time – might not be realistic so they honed in on a few things they viewed as doable. Some of the top ones were:

Blocking access to the front windows to reduce "chasing off bad guys"; herbal green tea extract pill; and a pheromone collar.

Green tea pills seem to calm Dog #1 and they continue to use. The collar was short-lived because they did not see any improvement plus it could not get wet and Dog #1 loves the dog park pools so the collar was off more than on. When they block the windows it does cut down on barking but Dog #1 still barks when

the curtains are left open.

Therapy Response, Outcome

She liked the increased attention during the work on relaxing and calming. Over a few weeks, Dog #1 learned to relax on command. Their command is "Chillax".

They feel good about having a better understanding of why Dog #1 behaves as she does and the changes made – understanding there are always more they could do. Dr. Pike provided a call service for 6 months after the initial appointment.

Although Dog #1 will probably always be a bit anxious, they have learned to avoid direct contact with other walkers, when possible. They understand that taking her to large dog-focused on-leash events are just not enjoyable for her and so they simply avoid such events. Slowly, they will try to introduce her to new situations to help her gain a level of confidence.

Dog 2

Current Age: **3 yrs**
Adopted at: **3 mo**
Breed: **Boxer-Lab**
Sex: **Female**
Weight: **50 lbs**



Situation Prior to Consult

Very shy around most people; often frightened of her humans when they try to give her a bath, medicine or

anything she deems unpleasant. Dog #2 will often bark or jump at people who intimidate her. Dog #2 visits dog park frequently, mostly avoids the humans but pretty good in doggie play but once did get into a tussle over a rope toy – with one of her usual playmates.

Evaluation Diagnosis Suggestions

The evaluation was an intensive round of questions including relationships, eating, sleeping habits, activity level. Dr. Pike & Horwitz took turns throwing string cheese towards Dog #2 to gauge her reaction. Diagnosis was fear-based aggression; some territorial aggression towards other dogs and fear-based reactivity towards her humans when she was unsure of a particular situation.

It was stressed that treatment plan for would not "cure" the aggression but rather help the humans learn how to manage it. Results would depend on how much effort and commitment the humans were willing to give. The goal was to significantly diminish Dog #2's reactivity and anxiety level. First, a pheromone collar, pheromone spray for the home & calming supplements were recommended. Second, with regard to dog park play, directed them to avoid high-traffic times, either pick up toys or closely monitor play to head off any escalation of aggression, and make use of the Alternate Dog Park if issues come up – take Dog #2 out of situation. Third, training techniques, trainers, and training videos were recommended.

Dog 2**Therapy Response, Outcome**

Dog #2 did very well in the shy dog training class and the trainer, Cinder Wilkinson-Kenner (Best Friend Pet Care), was wonderful – providing very good tips and techniques. The humans tried some at-home remedies, but were more successful with training, although Dog #2 responded well to a treat ball and other puzzle-type toys that kept her mind busy and gave her a “job”.

After 10+ months, Dog #2 has shown pretty good progress, improvement at the dog park and at home with meds, baths, etc. Her fear issues are very deeply rooted, so her humans have patience with her progress and do not set expectations too high. Dog #2 still has some issues with strangers – but they are working on it.

The clicker training method was great; the humans were taught how to gauge Dog #2's fear level – a new concept for the humans and most helpful. They also benefited from the “scary man” class (*humans wearing hats, carrying bags*) & introducing children into the mix so Dog #2 got used to unfamiliar stimuli. One of the best tricks was the U-Turn. Quickly change direction when a potentially stressful situation is about to happen. Humans said it was a fun and upbeat way to get Dog #2 out of overwhelming situations. They liked that Dr. Pike didn't try to inflate results and feel the best part of the experience was learning why Dog #2 acts the way

she does. It is easier to help Dog #2 now that they have an understanding of the cause of her behavior.

Dog 3Current Age: **4 yrs**Adopted at: **5 mo**Breed: **Hound mix**Sex: **Female**Weight: **50 lbs****Situation Prior to Consult**

Dog #3 may have had underlying issues for a long time but seemed to regress quite a bit when the family's older dog passed away. Dog #3 had developed a close relationship with the already established family dog and they lived together for many years. After his passing, Dog #3 had to get used to a new family addition, an exuberant puppy. Dog #3 was ok at first, but soon the dynamics at home & at the dog park changed.

Evaluation Diagnosis Suggestions

The evaluation session with Dr. Pike was very thorough; Dog #3 was given treats while being closely observed throughout the session; was off-leash. The questions focused on Dog #3's background, relationships, especially with the older family dog, other dogs and people, and the new relationship with the family pup.

Dr. Pike determined that Dog #3 has socialization issues with fear-based aggression especially towards people,

particularly children and unfamiliar situations. Also has some territorial aggression. Dog #3 had parvo as a very young puppy and being quarantined at such a young age, she missed the critical window of opportunity for proper socialization and building self confidence, learning how to play.

The humans were given a specific plan including anti-anxiety management using all-natural products, pheromones and Anxitane. Because pinch-collars are considered aversive, a form of punishment, the humans discontinued the use of pinch-collars for both Dog #3 and the puppy, who by now has grown up to be a strong young dog. They switched to a Martingale collar.

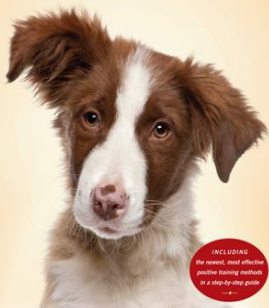
As an added precaution, they taped Dog #3 and the pup when they were at work – to rule out separation anxiety. Both dogs passed with flying colors - no issues there.

Therapy Response, Outcome

This will be an ongoing process and they still need to work on various behavior modification techniques but they have become alert to situations which cause anxiety and aggression – and keep Dog #3 away from them.

The humans have seen progress since they changed collars and are hopeful their progress will continue. The best thing for them, is understanding the why behind the behavior – and knowing there is help and choices.

The Ultimate Experts Explain Common Dog Behaviors and Reveal How to Prevent or Change Unwanted Ones

Decoding Your Dog

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY BEHAVIORISTS
EDITED BY DEBRA HORWITZ, DVM, DACVB AND JOHN CIRIBASSI, DVM, DACVB WITH STEVE DALE

Since helping our SWCDP members, Dr Amy Pike has relocated to KY and Dr Debra Horwitz has retired and closed her practice. Sadly, we are not aware of any board certified Veterinary Behaviorists in the St Louis area. However, Dr Horwitz's book is available and can be a great resource, perhaps, along with seeking help from a good trainer who specializes in reactive dogs and problem behavior. For starters, check out the resources offered at Greater St Louis Training Club.

Puppy foundational skills, manners; basic training, obedience training, **reactive dog and behavioral issues**, prep for Canine Good Citizen (CGC) designation, and more.



www.gsltc.org/



ACVB American College of Veterinary Behaviorists

www.dacvb.org/



AMERICAN VETERINARY SOCIETY OF ANIMAL BEHAVIOR

www.avsabonline.org/

Sharon A
(Margot, Stewart)



Most of us are aware that chocolate is toxic to dogs, but did you know that onions, grapes and artificial sweeteners are also toxic? The info below is an easy to scan list of food, household products and plants that should be kept out of reach at all times.

Can't remember? Print it off

Foods that are toxic to your dog

Think you're giving your dog a treat? Think again! The following foods will make them sick:

- Sugarless products that contain xylitol (gum or other food products)
- Chocolate
- Foil wrappers
- Coffee grounds, or any products with caffeine
- Avocados
- Fatty foods, such as fat from meat, many nuts
- Pan drippings
- Macadamia nuts
- Grapes or raisins
- Alcohol
- Garlic
- Onion
- Raw meat
- Dairy products
- Baby food
- Yeast dough
- Unripe tomatoes
- Spinach
- Mushrooms



24/7 Animal Poison Control Center

855-764-7661

www.petpoisonhelpline.com/poisons/

Household Chemicals

The following chemicals should be kept locked or out of the way:

- Antifreeze
- Paint
- Paint thinner
- Expandable foam insulation
- Tar
- Pool chemicals
- Drain cleaners
- Lead (lead paint chips or dust)
- Zinc (pennies made after 1982)

Household Drugs

Many people get in the habit of leaving medications and drugs on a nightstand or dresser. Out in the open, your dog could get into pill bottles or pick up a dropped pill. Here is a list of most common hazards:

- NSAIDS (non-steroidal anti-inflammatories) such as Advil (ibuprofen), Aleve (Naproxen) & Motrin (aspirin)
- Acetaminophen (Tylenol)
- Antidepressants such as Effexor, Cymbalta, Prozac and Lexapro
- ADD/ADHD Medications such as Concerta, Adderall and Ritalin Benzodiazepines and Sleep Aids such as Xanax, Klonopin, Ambien and Lunestra
- Birth control such as estrogen, estradiol and progesterone
- ACE (angiotensin-converting enzyme) inhibitors such as zestril and altace
- Beta-blockers such as Tenormin, Tropol and Coreg Thyroid hormones such as Amour dessicated thyroid and Synthroid
- Cholesterol lowering agents such as Lipitor, Zocor and Crestor
- Human supplements, nutraceuticals or herbal remedies that haven't been recommended

Garden or Indoors

Here are a number of plants to keep away from your dog:

Autumn Crocus - Azalea - Cyclamen - Daffodil
Dieffenbachia - Hyacinth - Tulips - Kalanchoe - Lily
Oleander - Sago - Palm - Foxglove - Rhododendron
Compost - Mushrooms - Salt water

Thank You



Southampton Neighborhood Association is the initial SWCDP sponsor and played a large role in helping the original group of volunteers develop and open our dog park. Over the years, SNA has been a great partner and even today, since we are now our own entity, continues to stand ready with advice or guidance as things pop up in the community or related to SWCDP management.

SWCDP 4-Leggeds Having Fun

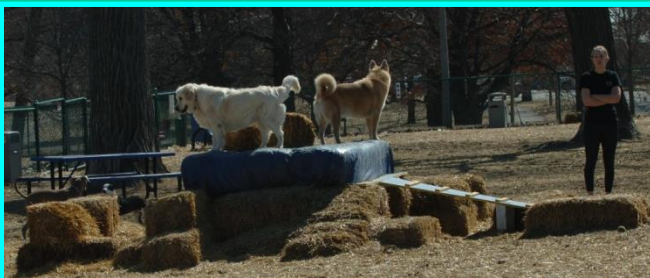


Lost & Found



Last call to claim items lost on playground. Please pick up before 10pm, Sunday, April 5. Or contact Joan at

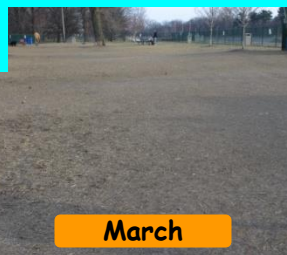
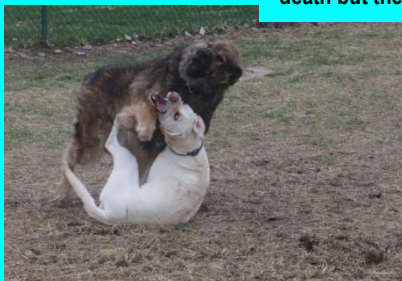
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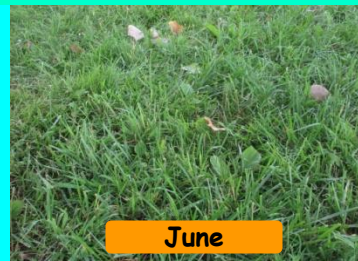
By February end, our maze was loved to death but the doggies are still having fun.

Spring Break

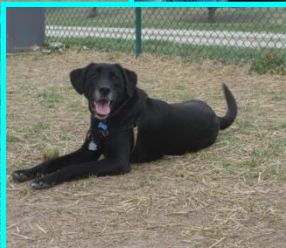
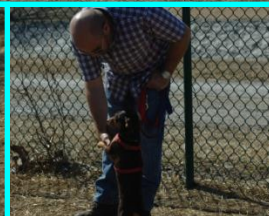
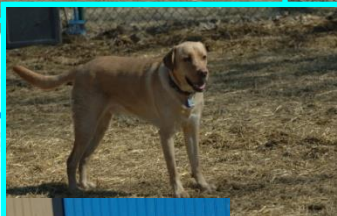
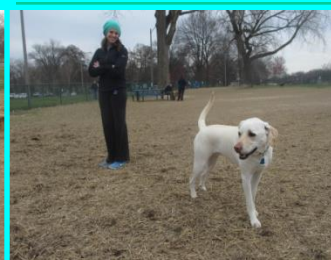
What's It Good For?



March



June



Willow, snuggled under covers - Willow dreaming of new SWCDP season. This is how she spent the winter - and waited for the newsletter to be written. Patient girl.

Have You Seen This?



Whistle Activity Monitor

Helps you stay connected to your dog no matter where you are. Whistle provides pet parents with a central communication hub for your dog, filled with actionable information to better understand your dog's health, behavior, and well-being. Whistle's sleek, lightweight device attaches to your dog's existing collar and tracks their daily activity and rest. Keep track of how much activity your dog is getting

while you are not there to personally monitor. It wirelessly sends that information to an app on your smart phone, giving you a visual summary of your dog's day. Whistle is waterproof, has a 10-day battery life, and is ready for any adventure with your best friend.

<http://www.whistle.com/>

Rainbow Bridge

Tonya and Maddi's Journey . . .

Far away in a Spanish countryside, a shelter volunteer found a starving puppy with a wounded adult Galgos. Because most shelter puppies were dying, this volunteer convinced SOS Galgos to place the pup in foster care while searching for a forever home – anywhere in the world. Around this time, in grad school, Tonya was determined to “get a big dog”, like a Great Dane, but changed direction after her family suggested a lighter eater might be best on a student budget. Why not check into Greyhounds? Well, first research led her to a Spanish Galgos adoption site. It was just meant to be, she supposed; Tonya did a residency in Granada for 2.5 years.

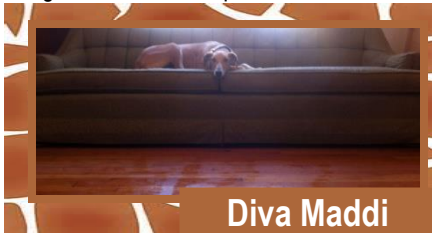
Maddi & Tonya



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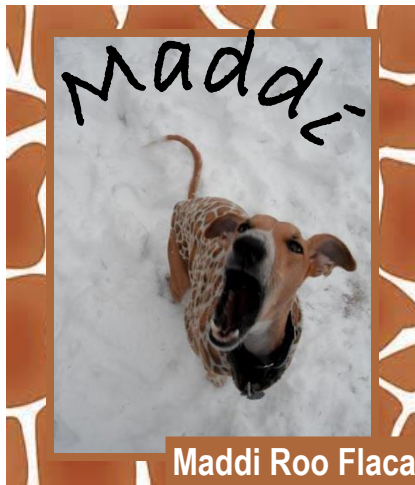
January, 2010. Tonya & Maddi clicked right away, bonded immediately. Shared bed in Madrid hotel, sat like a pretzel in Tonya's lap for a cab ride in Spain, then a 14 hour flight to USA, car ride from Memphis to StL. So bonded, Maddi's early life as a City Girl included separation anxiety. Only thing she knew to do when Tonya left her was to eat drywall, pull wine off the counter, chew cutting boards, spatula handles, and such.

Tonya quickly learned that Maddi was intelligent, clever, and had a great sense of humor and play, making normal training a real challenge for a first-time dog owner. Over time, they worked it out. Maddi was destined for Diva status; didn't take long to claim the green vintage couch as her fav stretching out spot. She loved the “finer things” in life: cheese, peanut butter, deli



Diva Maddi

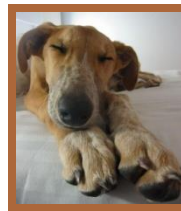
meats, & rotisserie chicken; scrunching her lanky body into ball while riding in the car; learning to play with a ball or frisbee – she would blissfully chase a lacrosse forever. Maddi was usually a pretty good hostess, always willing to share her space – even



Maddi Roo Flaca

with stray dogs Tonya found wondering South City streets. Well, except for the unruly puppies who nipped at her heels. Maddi was ready to play and boss around any dog who would listen, especially the ones who would obey her. Moses, a 12-day old kitten, arrived in 2013. Maddi was initially afraid of him, but they learned to co-exist and even play chase. Maddi taught Mo how to ring the bell to go outside. Mo, occasionally would annoy Maddi, stealing her pig's ear. After Maddi passed away, Mo sniffed around a lot looking for her.

A month or so before Maddi passed, two more adopted Galgos, Arley and Moss, moved in. Maddi tolerated the puppy, Moss – but she immediately fell for Arley. To Maddi, Arley was just her kind of guy. She taught him how to enjoy living in the lap of luxury; and he was the only canine ever allowed to cuddle close to Maddi. Maddi went



everywhere with Tonya – visiting friends, going to work, or helping Tonya train for marathons. Maddi met Layla on SWCDP playground and became BFFs. They often shared a ride to the dog park and howled together during the car ride in anticipation of the fun ahead. Maddi also loved Ellie, a stray she shared her home with for awhile, and Luna, who she met at a very favorite place, The Greyhound Hotel, Pacific, MO. Maddi learned how to play frisbee here

and also lived up to her puppy nickname, Traviesa (*Mischievous in Spanish*). Maddi's



Traviesa

report cards included: “so much energy, hard to stay out of trouble; sink diving, aerating the lawn, reaching high books & having book shredding party, stealing 2 birthday cakes before the parties. And, she learned to open front door and let out all the Greyhound guests.

Tonya said Maddi was very vocal and expressive, having hundreds of tones and barks. Their interactions were priceless. Maddi would cock her head to the right, shake it, almost as if she were sneezing, except she was barking, arguing, debating about something – pleading her case! Maddi knew very well Tonya understood. Maddi would wedge her nose under anyone's arm just perfectly to keep getting petted; she loved ear and belly rubs. A favorite daily routine was Maddi, paws propped on the window sill, eager to greet Tonya after work, and get to the backyard for a beloved game of catch or chase. She also developed high standards. On her first try at lure coursing she did awesome – but on 2nd round, she realized it was a bag of wind and turned her nose up at the game. Maddi spit out dog treats from the PetSmart cashier; apparently, they did not pass her quality test.

Maddi had a wonderful and full life but passed away 12/30/14, after 7 emergency vet visits in 3 states over 6 days. Even after biopsy, vets are still puzzled about what came first and what was actually going on. For certain, a mild inflammatory bowel disease, complicated with heart failure and pulmonary clot. Tonya stayed with Maddi as she passed peacefully.

Tonya shared, “I miss her demand to join me every time I put on my jogging shoes and her waking up in the middle of the night to be covered again with a blanket”.



The Plight of the Galgo

February 1 is World Galgo Day – the end of hunting season – when Galgos are dumped or killed.

Inhumane just doesn't sufficiently describe the way these exquisite creatures are treated in Spain – more to the point would be barbaric, gut-wrenching, outrageous.

During the annual hunting season that runs from October to January, many live in cramped dark sheds



when they are not coursing, spending their days confined and neglected. Training techniques include towing Galgos from cars, motorcycles, trucks at high speeds. And, believing Galgos hunt better when hungry, they often starve the dogs before a hunt and barely feed them in between hunts.



Hunters dispose of Galgos in the most horrific ways. Custom has it, they throw into empty wells and cover with burning wood, beat them to death with rocks or abandon them. If abandoned, they often

gouge out their eyes so the Galgos cannot find their way home.

But the favorite among hunters is to dispose of unwanted Galgos by what they call "piano playing". The Galgo is tied around the neck and hung in a tree so that the dog barely reaches the ground with its hind paws, trying to balance and "dancing" back and forth with the back legs and paws, barely on the ground, to avoid strangulation. Being killed in this way is a slow death and the dog experiences panic, anxiety, despair, unimaginable pain. The suffocation can take hours and sometimes even days. The long-time traditional belief is that the more brutal the death, the more robust the following hunting season will be. Spanish countryside is massive; very difficult to stop these barbaric ways. Even today, it is estimated that 60,000 Spanish Galgos meet a horrible death each year.

But there is hope – and progress. Changing the canine culture in Spain is paramount. Spanish Galgos were once revered, a valued hunting dog and status symbol. Over thousands of years, they became "trash" and viewed as nothing more than hunting "tools". Dealing with the root cause, education and legislation are key. Over the past couple decades, many rescue organizations have become very active in saving lives, restoring health, finding homes – often in other countries. USA and UK are two popular destinations. We name only 3 below – **they are doing fantastic work.** For more Galgos info – visit those websites and from there you can link to others.

Spanish Galgos are treated as tools – it is cheaper to buy new ones each season than to go through proper care



Spanish Galgos are comical, playful, intelligent, gentle & loving. But mostly they excel at sleeping & cuddling. **Appreciate nice home**



The Galgo Rescue International Network

<http://www.galgorescue.org/>



Need a couple more orders to justify production run
<http://teespring.com/dia-del-galgo-world-galgo-day>

Will You Order a Shirt Today?

Wellington, CO

The Sighthound Underground

<http://sighthoundunderground.com/http/>



McLean, VA

SOS Galgos

http://sosgalgos.com/?page_id=8045&lang=en



Barcelona, Spain



American Greyhound

Spanish Galgo

The Differences Between American Greyhounds (AG) – Spanish Galgos (SG)

If you teach a Galgos to “sit”, they say OK. If you teach a Greyhound to “sit”, they say NO WAY. AG are less angular, more square with muscles round, noticeable stop at forehead; SG are rectangular, long muscles, steeper tuck chest to waist with longer nose, tail, paws. Both have short coats, some SGs have rough coat. AG bred to race on flat track, sprint; SG bred for coursing, hunting open terrain, change speed & direction often. AG usually have 18 months & 6 chances to finish in top four, then returned, retired, euthanized. SG are normally kept for one season, abandoned or killed (sometimes brutally) by age 2 or 3.

About American Greyhounds Greyhound Origins

www.greyhoundinfo.org/?page_id=22

Information about the positive side of racing Greyhounds. These dogs love to run and USA protocols have greatly improved over the years. Although Greyhound racing has decreased, there is still a significant need for forever homes for these athletes. Also, another way to look at origins. Interesting info with factual based data suggesting Celtic origins rather than Egyptian so often written. Get a new perspective of AGs.

Greyhounds Need Homes, Too

Greyhound Companions
Missouri – St Louis

www.gcmo.org

Rescued Racers – St Louis

www.rescuedracers.com/index.asp

Greyhound Pets America-
Springfield

www.gpamo.org



Greyhound Pets America-
Cape Girardeau

www.gpacapemo.org/

KC Retired Greyhounds

www.kcregap.org

Happy Endings!



Meet Arley and Moss – look for them on SWCDP playground. These two Spanish Galgos befriended Maddi before she moved to the Rainbow Bridge. Lovie doxies, all.

Arley, Mister Arlequin Mero

In Spanish, “mero” means “at just the right time” – and indeed so true for Arley. He was turned in to an animal shelter by his hunter/owner in Toledo, Spain, not far from where Maddi originated. Arley has a scar all the way across his neck. It looks like a clothes line was wrapped around his neck. It is not known whether this was hunting accident or caused by his owner. With a euthanize date looming, Arley was rescued by Baas Galgo in the nick of

time and later flew to the DC area when Sighthound Underground offered to find him a USA home. After a couple foster homes, Arley got his forever home with Tonya in Nov 2014.

Also known as Mr Zen

At 5 years old, Arley is majestic and proud and he prances like a show horse. But in spite of his magnificent presence, he didn't know his name, look humans in the eye, or have a clue how to play. Maddi immediately fell in love with him, and so, Maddi, Moss, and Mo, the cat – all helped Arley gain confidence and slowly learn that it was OK to be a player. All skin and bones except for his back hindquarters which are sculpted muscle – Arley is adjusting very well to a stable and safe home and seems to appreciate all the lounging and snuggle time. Arley is a natural hunter, 100% sighthound; he can run like the wind – and spot a squirrel's tiny, twitching ear from far, far away. Arley is a great jogging partner; always ready to go.



Both give nibble kisses!

Moss, Mossie Roo Marzipan

Ibizan Hound Rescue, Almeria, Spain, found Moss in a dump truck, curled up in a tire. She was 10 weeks old, belly swollen from a rare parasite, which had been difficult to diagnose. Moss spent time healing with a super foster Mom in Almeria, who had lots of land – and lots of fosters. The only traffic Moss ever saw was a solo car or herd of



goats. Moss made her way to Tonya in November 2014 via Sighthound Underground.

Also known as Miss Mardi Gras

Maybe petite, but oh this one year old girl has a lot to say. Moss is quirky as all get out. She will moan & groan, a very talkative girl – sort of chatty like Maddi. Still learning city sounds, initially terrified of trucks, Moss burrows down as far as possible in back floorboard & pops head & radar ears out when stopped. Moss can entertain herself in backyard, spinning in circles, throwing a toy in the air & spin to catch; bounces like a kangaroo- looks like one, too because of her ears. She loves dog park straw maze; loves to climb & chew on everything. Little goat! Moss befriended Mo, the cat. Mo even initiates hide & seek games with Moss. Unlike most sighthounds, Moss likes to put her nose to the ground when she walks. And if she gets annoyed with you, she knows how to flash her teeth. Working her way to diva status, for sure.



If you would like to volunteer as a foster family or visit to socialize with the puppies, give them a call.

Who doesn't love a puppy?

A Mothers Safe Haven was founded in 2013 to save orphaned neonate puppies and pregnant/nursing canine moms and their puppies until they are weaned. They accept strays, dogs from rescue groups, dogs from shelters/animal controls and depending on circumstances and space sometimes from owners. They stay until the puppies are weaned. If they come from a rescue group the mom and puppies are returned to them for adoption. If they are strays or they come from Animal Control they are then placed with a partner rescue group for adoption. They do not handle any direct adoption services. Because of this, the only income for operational costs comes from donations, cash, goods, services. They are currently in between puppies as they paint and spruce up the puppy area – and should begin taking in Moms and pups Spring 2015. They rely on the kindness of their followers & rescue organizations for cash donations to fund Vet bills, food and supplies.

www.facebook.com/AMothersSafeHaven/timeline?ref=page_internal



I'm too cute

A Mother's Safe Haven

3336 Ridgeway Drive
St. Charles, MO. 63303
Phone: 636/448-8405

Email: amotherssafehaven@att.net

Did You Know?

"Doody Calls," one of the nation's top pet waste management companies, estimates that on average,

the 84 million dogs currently living in USA collectively deposit approximately 62.7 million pounds of waste every day and 22.9 trillion pounds of waste every year.

SWCDP members can relate to the importance of picking up after our 4-Leggeds – both at the dog park, home, and anywhere else they drop their "business" card. What do you think about the latest trend to DNA your dog for accountability purposes?

Condominium-DC area

The Rotunda, a condominium building in Tyson's Corner, Virginia has implemented a policy in which all new pet owners who are moving into the building will be required to have their animal's mouths swabbed in the presence of a building authority. If pet waste is discovered outside of the building, the waste will then be tested and matched up to the guilty animal's DNA. *Read full article*
www.mrcvtv.org/blog/apartment-building-require-dna-samples-all-pets#joBiHi:Lviy

Dog Park-Carmel, IN

City officials are quite interested in DNA testing to keep their parks clean; realize applying park-wide may be difficult, so they are looking into implementing as part of their roll-out of a new 2-acre dog park. With plans to open additional dog parks in their City, a committee has been formed to establish rules, fees, and consideration of requiring a DNA swab on each dog as part of the membership process. *Read full article*
www.indystar.com/story/news/local/hamilton-county/2015/01/25/csi-carmel-new-bark-park-may-test-dog-poop-dna/22310015/

PooPrints

Could this be in SWCDP future?



www.pooprints.com/dog-poop-management/pooprints-advantages

PooPrints has pioneered DNA testing for dog poop management and seem to be leading the charge with services at various condos & apartment complexes in 45 states.

SWCDP does not have a position on DNA testing nor do we recommend this particular company. But rather, we are putting the info out there for our members to think about.

Volunteers Make It Happen

Our dog park has room for all

It is not an official requirement of membership to volunteer your time, we do have room for all: those who only want to pay their annual membership fee and not get involved further; those who cannot offer time and talent but donate cash and goods for special projects; and those who contribute their time and energy in a variety of ways as a volunteer. And some who do it all. But the bottom line is – those helping – are ALL volunteers – and the continued success of Southwest City Dog Park is totally dependent upon members pitching in.

To keep our dog park vibrant, active, and appealing to 2 & 4 Leggeds, we need ongoing help. A well managed dog park does not happen by accident or coincidence. If we don't do the work – it simply will not get done. We currently have several volunteers serving in a few of the areas below but we need more. And we need to be planning for the future. We must be developing future leaders for our dog park. By sharing tasks we can generate good synergy, fresh ideas, and ensure that no member becomes overloaded or burned out. You can take on as small or as large a project as your skills, knowledge, and time allow. It is very important that members "give back" by helping out in a variety of ways. *Will you?*

Will You Raise Your Hand?



If interested, sign up on our volunteer page
www.surveymonkey.com/s/SWCDPvolunteersignup

Newsletter

- Manage event dates for "around town" calendar
- Take photos at SWCDP events
- Newsletter design & layout, write articles, research

SWCDP Merchandise

- Take & process orders, manage changes
- Work merchandise table at SWCDP events
- Pick up merchandise (Maplewood); distribute

Special Events

Social, Educational, Sports, Training

- Event planning, set up/tear down; assist with games or manage sign-in table, prizes, etc
- Obtain donations (cash, goods, services) to be used as gifts & prizes
- Serve as point person with SWCDP Vet Sponsors, trainers and dog sports contacts, rescue groups, and Bi-State Pet Food Pantry, as needed

Safety and Incidents

- Keep first aid & cleaning supplies stocked
- Review and rule on incidents, complaints
- Keep watch list updated; notify or counsel members involved with behavior issues

Grounds and Turf Management

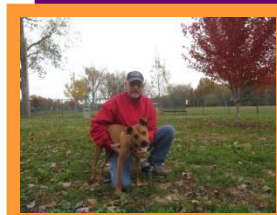
Trash: Empty poop & recycling cans, refill bag holders, pick up stray poop

Repairs & Maintenance: Shovel snow, keep walkways clear, fix fencing, agility equipment, or anything in need of repair

Turf & Garden: Season start-up, ongoing care, including dealing with hot spots, mud closings, keep gardens weeded, raked, trees pruned

Improvements & On-Call: Be on call list for small to large work crews, special projects

Thank You



Special shout out to Bill A (Cowboy) and his back-up team: Lin R (Max), Mike L (Lucy), Art M (Sofee). Together, they kept our cans emptied on an ongoing basis all season

We Luv Our Volunteers

Thanks to everyone who pitched in this year

Puppy Pool Party

August 24, 2014



Six pools and a sprinkler awaited over 100 SWCDP 4-Leggeds for our annual pool party. Doggies under



2 years old wore pink or blue ribbons for "pup status" and the older dogs served as role models. Everyone had a blast and enjoyed popsicles & watermelon for the humans and homemade yogurt & banana frozen treats for the doggies – plus favorite games of Peanut Butter Licking and our ever popular Find the Treat Course. It was an extremely hot and humid day – so we thank all who turned out for the event – and especially our volunteers who hung in there – and made it all possible.

**Peanut Butter Licking Contest
Several Prize Winners!**

**Find the Treat Course
Experienced players waiting**

**Frozen Doggie Treats
Yum – We Want More!**

**Olivine (t) Kolt (b)
Tongues are workin' it**

**Caika says the peanut
butter head was worth it**

Sammy (above right) enjoys the humans and hangin' with all ages of 4-Leggeds. You would never know that Sammy is 9 years old and dealing with a cancer growth on top of his head about the size of a tennis ball. **What a special and happy boy!**

Puppy Pool Party

August 24, 2014

Oh, What a Party ...

The Girls Say ...



Tillie



Sammy



Chloe



Fun & Treats for 2 and 4 Leggeds
Puppy Pools & Hose Sprayer
Find the Treat Course
Peanut Butter Licking Contest
Frozen Yogurt Puppy Treats
Watermelon & Popsicles

Even our seniors had a great time. Seamus, a 9 year old Boxer, loved cooling off in the pools and romping with the youngsters.



IT'S A PARTY



Annual Fall Celebration and Halloween Contest November 1, 2014

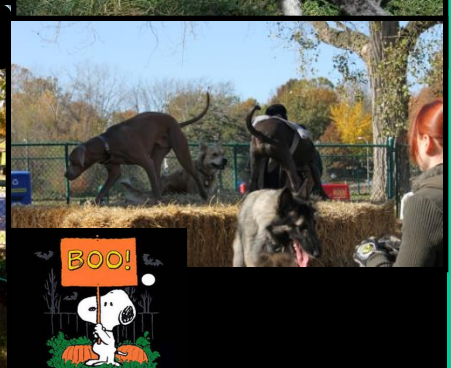


Photo Booth

On a gorgeous fall day, we introduced the jumbo straw maze, and the 4-Leggeds love it. We set up Find the Treat Course, 3 Game Booths: Bobbin' For Hotdogs, Scary Stuff, & Peanut Butter Licking – and our Photo Booth for Costume Contestants and others who just wanted a nice fall photo. We had a Snack Tent with homemade cupcakes, apple cider, water, and Halloween candies for the humans – hoola hoops and ghosts and scary things decorating the grounds.

Boo Bags



Every costume & cupcake
contestant got a Boo Bag

Thanks to Boo Bags sponsors, our contestants enjoyed a ball and a can cover from Petco, a koozie and a pen from Carrollton Bank (SWCDP bank), and a \$5.00 discount for lunch or dinner from Onesto and \$5.00 discount for grooming services from Flying Fur Grooming.

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- Multiple beef marrow bones
- 3 \$10 Gift Certificates from Failoni's www.failonls.com
- Assortment – dog toys & supplies

Trick Treat Bucket



Every partygoer dropped a
number into the bucket. We
had over a dozen winners

SWCDP Cupcake Contest



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Cupcake Contest
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Thanks to Alecia B (Sal)

for making this donation possible

Three Sixty

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Owl Cakes

Chocolate cupcakes with vanilla frosting,
Oreo and M&M owl decorations



1ST Place

\$50

Gift Certificate

Kim-Scott M
(Roger)

Puppy Cakes

Pumpkin, ginger cupcake with cream cheese
frosting, raisin faces, sugared ginger ears



2nd Place

\$25

Gift Certificate

Sandi L-Art M
(Sofee)

Cauldron Cakes

Chocolate cupcakes filled with
chocolate mousse, rimmed with
chocolate fudge frosting and garnished
with white chocolate shavings.



1ST Place

\$15

Gift
Certificate

Elena K
(Molly)

IT'S A PARTY



Annual Fall Celebration
and
Halloween Contest
November 1, 2014

Costume Contestants

Bisky - Honey Bee



Chloe
Granny's Jammies

Piper - Pirate



Walker - Shark

Otis - Pumpkin



Wilbur - Hot Dog



Luna
Football Player

Charlie - Hipster



Willow
Princess Girly Girl



Fozzy
Headless Horseman



Indi
Indiana Jones



Roger
Candy Security



Molly - Queen Elsa



Sofee - Deviled Egg



Coco & Mia
Mizzou Fans

Tillie - Biker Bitch



Arnie - Canine Coach



Mac - Hot Dog



Pacha - Sundae



Butters - Fairy



Oliver - Ewok of Endor

IT'S A PARTY



Annual Fall Celebration
and
Halloween Contest
November 1, 2014

Costume Contestants



Beatrix - Bumble Bee

Chloe - Bumble Bee



Arya - Angel



Briggs - Mummy



Nigel - Sailor

Costume Winners

Maggie
Biker Dog



Moby
Lion



Third Place

\$20 Gift Certificate
Flying Fur Grooming



Thanks to Aimee
(owner) for
grooming
certificate



Toby
Business Man



First Place

\$50 Gift Certificate
Onesto



Thanks to Onesto
for nice dinner
certificate

www.onestopizza.com



Second Place

\$25 Gift Certificate
Schnucks



Special thanks to Kay J
(Cinnamon, Gus) for personally
donating this gift certificate.



IT'S A PARTY

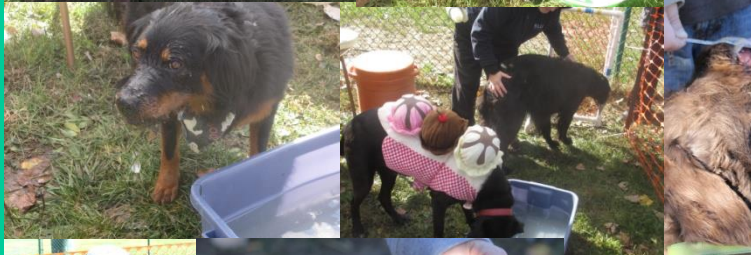
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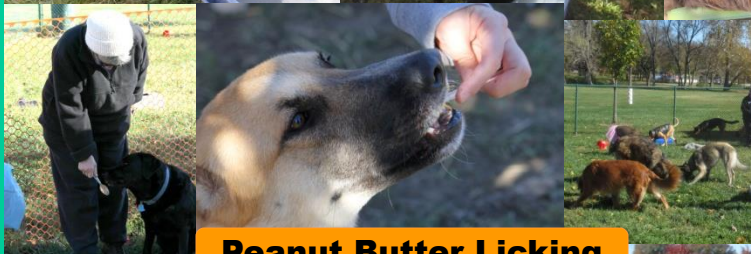
Bobbing For Hotdogs



Snack Tent



Scary Room



Peanut Butter Licking



Find the Treats



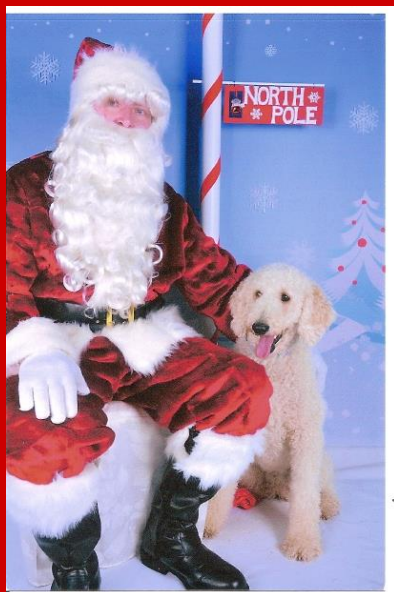
Ho Ho Ho...

Santa Visits SWCDP

December 7, 2014

Thanks to Art M (Sofee) for donating time and costume. We were able to offer a fantastic Santa Photo Booth. Many 4-Leggeds (39) dropped by.

Here is a sampling of our guests



Art and Sofee



Maggie



King



Nolan



Sammy



Willow



Mable



Mac



Sharing the Good Life

BIG EATS



BIG HUGS



BIG HEARTS



Photos Say It All



A Good Time Had By All

Our Annual Volunteer Celebration

This evening was for our members, who in a number of ways, have helped our dog park not only to be successful – but to thrive. Not every volunteer was able to come, but the following photos will give you an idea of the fun evening had by all who did attend. Everyone got a Swag Bag and numerous prizes were handed out throughout the evening. Failoni's food, drink, and hospitality – made for a great night.

February 25, 2015

Failoni Crew





Loads of Winners Loads of Fun



Woofie Wants Cookie

When the initial game didn't work as intended, — our partygoers made up a new game. Pooling their cookies - the bar side and café side competed; bar side won with a pile of 51 cookies.

The winners decided to donate \$25 gift certificate for the purchase of toys for our dog park. Jane A (Shadow) will hold certificate and make the purchases prior to our new season.

Pay it forward.



Beef Marrow Bones

Eight partygoers won yummy doggie bones, boiled for 3 hours, they last forever.



Rosemary K (Sammy, Tyler)



Nancy K (Sophie)

*We didn't catch a photo of
Bill A (Cowboy) & **Joan R** (Max)*



Art M (Sofee)



Davida D (Paco, Bella, Jeter)

Donna T (Spencer, Beatrice)
Julie M (Macklind)



Delicious and very cute cupcakes donated by:

Laurie M (Gomer, Jasmine)

Jae J (Tillie, Maizie),
Kimberly K (Reyna)



**Winners of SWCDP
T-shirt & Hoodie**



Jane A (Shadow)
Lin R (Max)

THANKS TO ALL SWCDP DONORS!

Please support companies who sponsor our events
We could not offer gifts and prizes to our members without
their generosity and general support of Southwest City Dog Park



And The BIG Winners Are



In total, SWCDP gave out prizes worth over \$2,000 in retail value.

We wanted all partygoers to be winners, so in addition to the many prizes given out from our drawings, we stuffed our Swag Bags with a variety of goodies. Every party attendee got a Swag Bag. Take a look at the goodies, outlined on the next page.



Buried deep in the Swag Bags were special tickets for winning:

First Prize (\$100 fire pit)

Second Prize (\$45 oil-tire rotate)

Third Prize (\$25 Failoni dinner)

And then, 2 final **major drawings**:

- One free SWCDP membership
- \$45 oil change/tire rotation

LOWE'S

NEVER STOP IMPROVING



Eric M (Gomer, Jasmine) won
FIRST PRIZE
(\$100 Lowes gift certificate)
Selected a great fire pit.

Mark B (Chirpa, Chewie) won the
SECOND PRIZE
(\$45 Zisser gift certificate) for oil change and tire rotation.

We didn't catch a photo of Mark B (Chirpa, Chewie)



ONLY AT FAILONI'S

Ron D (Elvis) won the **THIRD PRIZE**
(\$25 Failoni gift certificate) for dinner or drinks



Eric M (Gomer, Jasmine) won the special drawing at the end of the party - (\$57 SWCDP Membership for one dog in 2015-2016 season).



Amy L (Layla) won the special drawing at the end of the party - (\$45 Zisser gift certificate) for oil change and tire rotation.

Lucky Dog

It must pay to be a SWCDP volunteer. Eric & Laurie joined SWCDP in January 2015 – and won our top two prizes.

Welcome & Congrats!





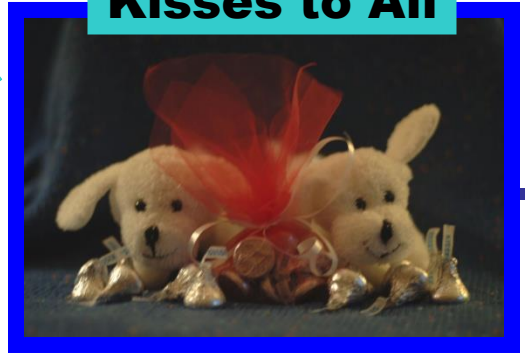
Swag Bag

We Luv Our Volunteers

Everybody is a winner!

A gift bag for every partygoer

Kisses to All



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