



Newsletter Winter 2013

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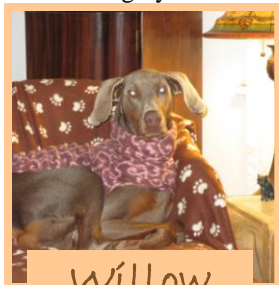
President's Message

60-Day Countdown By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have begun our final two months of the season. Over the last several days, we have had it all...temps from the high 60s to single digits, wind, rain, ice snow, and plenty of mud. Some of our members have suggested that this is a good time to think about play dates for April and May. If you and your 4-Legged have members you enjoy hanging out with – maybe you could organize a few off-site get-togethers while we prepare for the new season.

Debunking a rumor Recently I heard that some of our members were asking about the validity of “talk” about the St Louis City Parks and Forestry Department using our dog park space for other uses or the City taking over the management of SWCDP. I have communicated with the Parks Commissioner – and he assured me there is no such thing planned. In fact, we just submitted a copy of our annual insurance – in prep for the City to issue the SWCDP annual dog park permit. Relax – we are good.

Special Shout-Out Most of you are aware of our Doggie Sweater project and while we are winding this down – we can report that by Christmas we delivered 85+ and have around 50 in various stages of production and delivery We'll have the final net profit figure by the Spring Newsletter – but what we know today is that the fund raiser was wildly successful. We used the first profits to pay for the materials for our new Temp Shelter. The balance will likely be donated to our Dog Wash fund.

The sweaters were made possible by the amazing design by Phan (Blake, Prima, Ruby, Scheegwa) – and her willingness to make so many sweaters for the benefit of our dog park. When you factor in the measuring and delivery appointments, as well as the pattern making – each dog has it's own pattern – and then the sewing and miscellaneous tasks – each new order is roughly a 3 hour time commitment; repeat orders, 2 hours. **WOW!**



Willow
Dobie Girl

And please thank Tom the next time you see him for lending his wife to the dog park for over 4 months. Phan has worked tirelessly on the sweaters while Tom has had to give up a few home-baked cupcakes—maybe, meals, too.

Best Wishes to All

Judi N

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One of our members, John (Mac), gave me a surprise recently. This paws magnet is now

on my fridge – wish I could put it on my car window. And, oh yeah, there have been those days – when I would be tempted to wear it on my forehead, too. What fun – thanks, John.

Fall Memories

We sure had a busy fall – especially **October**. We held three on-site Meet and Greets, a free CPR class, a Senior Social, the debut of our fall Dog Park Gear, the launch of our Doggie Sweater project, the final 3 agility tutoring classes – and some of us met for the annual Canine Games at Purina Farms. In **November**, in time for the Thanksgiving weekend – we installed our new Temporary Shelter. Have you tried it out yet?



Thank you **Southampton Neighborhood Association** for ongoing sponsorship and friendship.

Top 100 Dog Names 2012

According to 2013 data from **VPI pet insurance**, Max and Bella remain at the top of the 100 most popular dog names. <http://vpihamboneaward.com/blog/>

Boys

Girls

1. Max (3*)	26. Shadow	1. Bella (1*)	26. Missy
2. Buddy (6*)	27. Gizmo	2. Molly (5*)	27. Lilly
3. Rocky	28. Bentley	3. Lucy (4*)	28. Mia
4. Bailey (2*)	29. Zeus	4. Maggie (8*)	29. Katie
5. Jake	30. Jackson	5. Daisy (7*)	30. Zoey
6. Charlie (9*)	31. Baxter	6. Sophie (10*)	31. Madison
7. Jack	32. Bandit	7. Sadie	32. Stella
8. Toby	33. Gus	8. Chloe	33. Penny
9. Cody	34. Samson	9. Bailey	34. Belle
10. Buster	35. Milo	10. Lola	35. Casey
11. Duke	36. Rudy	11. Zoe	36. Samantha
12. Cooper	37. Louie	12. Abby	37. Holly
13. Riley	38. Hunter	13. Ginger	38. Lexi
14. Harley	39. Casey	14. Roxy	39. Lulu
15. Bear	40. Rocco	15. Gracie	40. Brandy
16. Tucker	41. Sparky	16. Coco	41. Jasmine
17. Murphy	42. Joey	17. Sasha	42. Shelby
18. Lucky	43. Bruno	18. Lily	43. Sandy
19. Oliver	44. Beau	19. Angel	44. Roxie
20. Sam	45. Dakota	20. Princess	45. Pepper
21. Oscar	46. Maximus	21. Emma	46. Heidi
22. Teddy	47. Romeo	22. Annie	47. Luna
23. Winston	48. Boomer	23. Rosie	48. Dixie
24. Sammy	49. Luke	24. Ruby	49. Honey
25. Rusty	50. Henry	25. Lady	50. Dakota

SWCDP Volunteer Thank You Party at Winehaus

Wednesday, February 20, from 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Reservations are required

Restaurant needs head count no later than February 12

Send to Judi now!

willow.nic07@yahoo.com

We luv our
volunteers!



This party is for you

If you have donated time or talent, whether on a turf crew, special event or project, or donated goods or money – for the enhancement of the SWCDP, regardless of the item or cash amount – we invite you to join us for a celebration of volunteerism and the winding up of yet another fantastic season at the dog park. This is an honor-system invitation – you know who you are. **Please come**

3500 Winehaus

on Watson, 2 blks north of Pernod



<http://www.3500winehaus.com/Menu.html>

We plan a relaxing evening for our volunteers. Tasty treats and 2 drinks are on us (after that, you are on your own). Nothing formal. You can drop by for a quick hello – or settle in and enjoy the entire evening. We shall have a section of the restaurant reserved for our group, along with a buffet table and wine bar. You can walk around with your goodies or settle at one of our reserved tables. *Just be sure to try everything!*

Nose Work



K9 Nose Work is a popular new sport where dogs learn to utilize their impressive sense of smell to search for a hidden scent, one of three essential oils on a cotton swab.

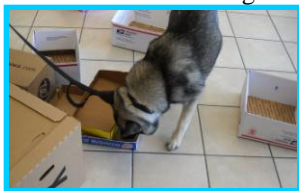
Look at it as the urban equivalent of the rural sport of tracking.



The way the scent game works is a series of boxes and obstacles is set up around a room. One person holds the dog while the other person pretends to hide the treat bag or "hide." The sneakier the better, because dogs are very good at getting cues from humans. The dog is then let loose in the room and encouraged to sniff. If the dog asks for help from the human, none is given. The reward for the game is the dog finds the treat, gets a reward and the

chance to play the game again. Some people use food, but toy driven dogs will search and search for their favorite toy.

Although your dog already knows how to use his ability to find and identify scent, in K9 Nose Work® classes you teach them to find and identify things for you. It's a lot of fun, and it builds teamwork between you and your dog. And because the dogs work individually instead of in a group, it's great for dogs who may not get along well with other dogs and who might not be suitable candidates for a group agility or obedience class. It also builds confidence in scared or insecure dogs.



Coming to SWCDP – 2013 Summer/Fall

On-Site Tutoring for Agility & Nose Work

Fee-based Reservations Required

Back by popular demand, **Sylvia Oglesby** will return

to our dog park for special training in the sports of Agility and will introduce and hold classes for Nose Work, if our members show an interest in this. A sign up schedule will be available in the Spring Newsletter.



www.smartypaws.biz

Classes will begin in June



SWCDP Pet Food Drive

Saturday, March 23

6:00 am – 3:00 pm

This 501c3 non-profit group provides dog and cat food to qualified low income families. SWCDP members have given generously throughout the year. This is our last donation drop-off day for the 2012-2013 season. Please drop a bag of any size (or cans) of quality dog food (meat as first ingredient).

Can you help?

You Are Invited



2012 – 2013 Season

Celebration of Spring

Saturday, March 23

(dog park closing is 10 pm on March 31)

The activities are under development – we need helpers for this event. A separate email will be sent in March as a reminder – but mark your calendars now.

Easter Egg Hunt – Doggie Style

All-In Doggie Hunt



Hounds Hunting

Hounds Hangin' Meet-Up



Different is Beautiful

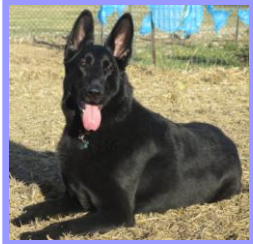
Two 4-Leggeds That Nobody Wanted . . .

Today, Nubi and Lucy are dearly loved by their new families

Nubi

Black German Shepherd

Anubis came to us through a connection at my previous job in a veterinarian's office. We got him in May almost 4 years ago. He's 5 now. We rescued him



from an abusive situation where he spent the first 1 ½ years of his life sharing a crate with another dog for 18 hours a day.

Since we adopted him, he has grown about 8 inches taller and put on about 30 pounds. After 2 years of training from my husband, 6 months of which were very intensive, "Nubi" is a very well adjusted and docile dog. He spends much of his day playing with three small children and two other smaller dogs in our home. He is a "Gentle Giant" and really enjoys

spending time curled up on the couch next to you or on the floor at your feet getting attention.



We are currently training him to be a Therapy Dog to go to children's hospitals and rehab centers.

All Black German Shepherd Dogs, although rarely seen in this area of the United States, are not particularly rare. The trait is AKC accepted but not widely sought after by many GSD enthusiasts. There are varying reasons for this. Many different sources give differing numbers for how often all black coloring occurs in the breed and, in some areas, GSDs are bred specifically for that color trait. To give an idea of the numbers, the AKC registration figures for German Shepherd Dogs in 2005 have 6.6% of the GSDs registered categorized as being all black in color.

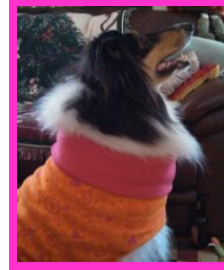
Caryn & Ben R

Lucy

White Collie

In December of 2011, we heard on the local news that 60 to 80 collies had been rescued from a puppy mill in southern Missouri.

So, though I didn't want a dog, I told my husband about the collie adoptions. (When my husband, Joel, was a boy in Virginia, his aunt's collie risked its life and prevented him from



being attacked by a water moccasin. The collie was repeatedly bitten by the snake and survived. Hence, a life-long desire of my husband was to have a collie of his own.) We agreed the last thing we needed was a dog (much to my relief,) but two days later Joel texted me a picture of Lucy, with a message "how about this one?" So Lucy became a part of our family! The Humane Society believes she had been bred once before the rescue. She was a year old when we adopted her, and now is 3. People have stopped



their cars in the middle of the street to ask what kind of beautiful dog we have – little kids have asked me if we own a polar bear!

White collies are bred to be white; therefore, must be bred only with other white collies or collies that carry the white gene. Some say that the white collie is the rarest type of collie. Back in Scotland, the white collies used to be killed because they were not the preferred colors for a collie. The white collies have the typical collie face, a white body, and a brown marking usually on either their backside or tail. They are AKC recognized. Lucy is a very sweet, gentle, loving dog who LOVES her peanut butter, going to the dog park, snuggling with the family, and going out in cold weather (the colder the better) – and stealing my gloves from my pocket. We just love her!

Joanne & Joel M



We held an on-site Canine CPR training class last fall, courtesy of Larry Zeis, DVM, one of our **SAFETY FIRST** sponsors at Watson Road Veterinary Clinic.



Remember ABCs

Airway

Breathing

Cardiac Compression

Lay dog on right side, pull head back, clear airway, use hands to cover muzzle and blow 5-6 quick breaths into nostrils, 1 every 3 seconds, check for pulse, if none, put both hands on chest cavity, where the elbow touches the middle of the chest, with palms down between the third and sixth rib - 10 quick compressions, alternate this with continued mouth to snout blowing. Once dog begins breathing again – take to Vet immediately.



Dog's Vital Signs

Heart:

70-160 beats/minute

Respiratory:

10-30 breaths/minute

Temperature:

101 – 102.5°F

Just for Fun

Do you and your 4-Legged look alike?

SWCDP Contest

Win a FREE SWCDP 2013-2014 Season Membership

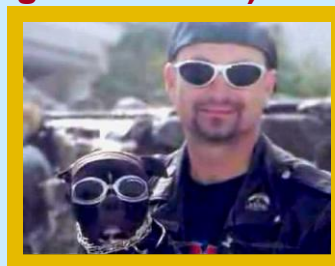
Send your photo to:

willow.nic07@yahoo.com

(All entries must be received by midnight March 31)

Entries will be reviewed by a special panel. They will select the “Final Five” photos, to be presented at our GMM (General Membership Meeting) in May. SWCDP members who attend the GMM will vote for the winner (*one voter per household / membership*)

Winner will receive a courtesy SWCDP 2013-2014 season membership (good for 1 dog)



Dog Wash Update

Lots of activity going on – but nothing solid to report for the Winter Newsletter.



This is indeed a “work-in-progress”. We used the last 3-4 months to work on fundraising for the Temporary Shelter and additional Dog Wash funds. Progress has been made. Today we have **\$3,972** in the Dog Wash account. No dog sweater funds have been added yet. We will know our net profit from sweater sales soon, and anticipate making a nice contribution to the Dog Wash.

Initially, we had an ambitious goal of having the Dog Wash installed during the winter – but several things have popped up, some related, others not related but may have potential to tie in – so we ask that everyone “hang in there”. We will get this done!

The Adjusted Goal: Dog Wash should be operational in time for the opening of 2013-2014 season. The project is likely to be broken into Phase 1, Phase 2, & Phase 3. The final phase is more complicated as it relates to the management of waste water rather than using whatever temporary solution we come up with. We do not have a report or cost on Phase 3 yet.

More to come ... as the information is developed.

I'm Adopted???



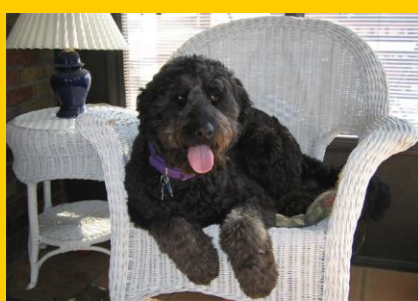
Wonder how many SWCDP members are rescues?

From time to time our members send great photos, captions, stories, and dog related events and information. We use what we can in our SWCDP communiqués. **Thank you, folks!**

Surgery Re-Hab Triumph

Girl with the Golden Knee

Mable's Story By Jerry S



On a sunny October Sunday, Mable and I stopped at the Dog Park on our way back from our lake house. Mable, eager to run off some pent-up energy, was more than happy to join a herd of friends but midway through a top-speed sweeping arc she froze with her left rear leg tucked. She would not use that leg again for weeks.

We visited **Watson Road Veterinary Clinic** several times and after a course of meds and radiographs, **Drs. King and Zeis** determined that Mable would require a complex surgery beyond what could be done at their clinic and they referred us to **Veterinary Specialty Services**.

A Very Big Deal



In December, Mable underwent a **Tibial Plateau Leveling**

Osteotomy (TPLO) with **Dr. Mary Jean Gorse**. Essentially it involves reshaping the top of the tibia and installing a metal plate that is held in place with 6 screws.

Mable's pre-op workup revealed elevated liver enzymes. Potential cysts/lesions were eliminated by an ultrasound; Mable was taken off the anti-inflammatory meds thru surgery and recuperation.

After the operation Mable came home 2 days later, sporting the "funnel" collar to keep her nose away from her incision. She would wear this whenever she was out of our sight for the next two weeks,

a time of collisions with doorways and the entrance to her crate due to her limited side vision. She was to be kept in confined spaces – usually the den or kitchen during the day and a barricaded area in the guestroom to create a nighttime sleeping area without using her crate. I slept there in case of overnight problems.

Over this time, Mable would not put her left rear foot down, likely because she had become patterned to a three-legged gait. We went back to **VSS** to get advice on how to get her back in stride – current techniques not working consistently at home.

At the two week mark, stitches were removed, along with the ungainly collar. Occasional use of her leg began to occur, but strictly on her terms. Next stop – doggie therapy.

Healing Paws Rehab

Mable, a Goldendoodle with absolutely NO swimming ability (go figure!), was placed in a harness tied for support to the sides of a tank. The floor of the tank is a treadmill. The tank was flooded up to her stomach and she walked the treadmill, on all four feet for 20 minutes.



A constant supply of praise and treats kept her motivated until she decided she'd had enough and vainly attempted to sit down.

Toweled off and rewarded (again) she was put on an incline treadmill for a short while. Mable ambled well on all fours and looked as amazed, as did I.

Since then she has continued to make progress. At this writing, we continue four-legged short walks (and potty trips) on a short leash. Our block affords the slight incline recommended by her physical therapist.

We've had a second session (yes, it is a participatory experience with homework!) and on January 22 we "graduate" from PT just before seeing Dr. Gorse for our next-to-last appointment.

We see our regular Vet again in early February for a release, with a couple of months-long strength-building plan that may allow a return to her normal activity and her favorite spot, the Southwest City Dog Park, in the late spring, hopefully, before the end of the 2012-2013 season.

[Do internet search for more info](#)

Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy

Veterinary Specialty Services
<http://vssstl.com>

Healing Paws Rehab
<http://healingpawsrehab.com>



Trendiest dog names for 2012

Fast rising names – Climbing the charts!

#1
Dexter
Luna

T
O
P
T
E
N

#2
Thor*
Layla

#3
Gunner
Piper

#4
Bentley
Nala

#5
Jax*
Stella

#6
Ace
Willow

#7
Leo
Maya

#8
King
Athena

#9
Simba
Charlie *

#10
Milo
Ella

To determine the 10 trendiest names of 2012, Vetstreet looked deep into their data, which included information for about 1.26 million dogs. They examined where the names were in 2003 and 2012; **those that moved up the most made the list**. So...this is not the top ten Most Popular list – but rather – the names that are *trending to the top*. We seem to have some trendy 4-Leggeds at our dog park, sweated and non-sweated!

www.vetstreet.com

* Thor didn't even appear on the Most Popular list back in 2003, it climbed to No. 27 in 2012.

* Jax isn't on Most Popular list - but it's moved up the ranks quickly – and may soon replace it's longer counterpart, Jackson.

* Charlie is becoming a popular name for girls

Does your dog

need a shrink?

Does your dog

need a shrink?

Faces

If you keep doing what you are doing – you will keep getting what you are getting . . .

Some Dogs Do Not Know How To Be A Dog

This applies to life in general – but especially as it relates to your dog's behavior. Our dogs are learning all the time – every day, with every move we make. The **Good and Not-So-Good**.

We are fortunate to have access to many excellent dog trainers, some we have used for on-site activities – but there are many more within reach. **Is your dog having problems fitting in at the dog park?** Have you reached out for help?

We're not talking about the usual dog wrestling or rough play. Or even the occasional brawl. Just like humans, some canines just get on each other's nerves – or don't like each other

Or, they may not have skills necessary to read what other dogs are saying.

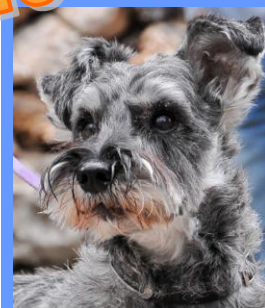
If your dog is consistently lashing out at the dog park – or you have identified specific things that set him off – but you do not know what to do about it...you may want to get your dog evaluated by a Veterinary Behaviorist – or experienced trainer with emphasis on behavioral training, just to put your pal on the right track.

Dogs Are Social Pack Animals

We want all dogs to be successful at our dog park . Some dogs have a history of troubles, others have been over-protected by well meaning humans. In either case, the dog has lost the ability to interact with dogs, or read cues sent by his counterparts. Your dog deserves to have a full, well balanced life. Have you given him the right tools?

Hero,

10 year old Schnauzer-mix, has excelled in agility as a student at our on-site Intro to Agility, and advanced training with Sylvia Oglesby at SmartyPaws. Bruce had Hero's portrait done to capture Hero's spirit as well as likeness.



Hero
(Bruce)

Portrait by

Jane Troup

www.janetroup.com

Secretary Report

By Joan L (Rusty, Casey, Bisky)



2012 – 2013
Season Closing
March 31, 10pm



YEAH! I hope everyone is enjoying the park.

We are still getting lots of new members. We currently have **435** memberships with 163 of them being new families. The Board welcomes everyone. We currently have **621** 4-Leggeds. We are up 10 % from last season. WOW!

I will be mailing new applications the first week of May. They will be sent by email unless I don't have an email address for you. Then it will be snail mail. Applications will be available on our website and the application box at our front gate after that.

If anyone has lost the gate code, a tag, or has a membership question, please contact me at

secretary.swdogpark@gmail.com

Till next time. Woof, Woof, Woof

Joan L
(Rusty, Casey, Bisky)

Please do not give the gate code to anyone. Ever!

SWCDP Members Stick Together

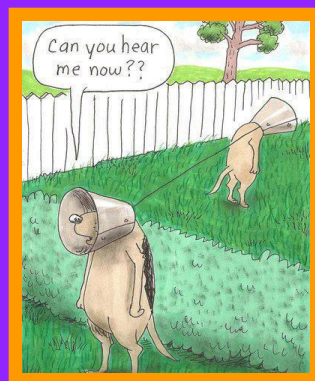
Please help enforce the rules required by the city ordinance and our own membership. SWCDP rules are clearly listed and each member agreed to abide by the rules when signing the application. This includes having every **dog wear the current season tag while in the dog park**. Members who are trying to enforce our rules should do so in a courteous and helpful way – and when necessary – other members should provide back up so no one member has the sole responsibility.

Help us keep the trespassers out.

**No green tag
No admittance
No exceptions**

SWCDP Member Roster is posted in entry way

Communicate Communicate Communicate



Art
Imitating
Life?
←
Or
→
Life
Imitating
Art?



Adam with Marlie & Lilly

Lost Tags: Contact Joan immediately.

Lost & Found Items: Place general items in L&F blue container. Contact Joan if item seems valued over \$50 or if it has confidential information, like a wallet or credit card.

Incidents: Send Incident form to incident.swcitydogpark@gmail.com

Annual Membership Survey



Now that the Winter Newsletter is published, we are working on the annual membership survey. Last year was successful and informative – with 62% member participation. You will be notified via email, or USP, of the start date, late Feb/early Mar. The survey will be open for 3 weeks. The responses will help shape the information discussed, and in some cases, voted on – at our annual GMM (General Membership Meeting) in May. Gaining insight from our members helps shape short and long term plans, repairs, maintenance, upgrades, improvements, activities-events for SWCDP.

Remember these important contacts for

Lost or Found Pets

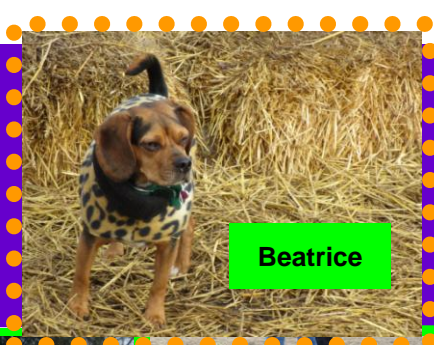
<http://www.stllostpets.org/>

<http://stlouis.craigslist.org/laf/>

http://www.facebook.com/groups/STLM_Olostfoundpaws/

Works of Art

Our 4-Leggeds Wearing Their
Custom-Designed and Custom-Fit Sweaters



Beatrice



Fall Sweater Kick-Off



Tucker gets measured



Mack orders his sweater



Frankie



Judi's Fabric Warehouse



Cruz, Selena



Jake (above)
Gracie (below)



Lily



Hudson, Jasper



Ollie



Willow



Prima, Blake, Ruby

Our 'practice' group photo was like
like herding cats! We shall work on
this & do a final group shot after all
the sweaters are delivered. We also plan
to invite media; will post pics in our
Spring Newsletter. *Tentative date:*

Sunday, March 3, 2:00-3:00pm



Sylvia, Arya

SWCDP Winter Amenity

Temporary Shelter

The Story . . .

Some of you may remember winter of 2010 – and prior. We were freezing and enduring the brutal winds whipping across the dog park. Then one day, Tom (Blake, Prima, Ruby, Scheegwa) – and others – got the idea of piling up some of the straw bales and throwing a tarp over it...so the humans could get out of the wind as the 4-Leggeds played on with little notice of the weather. Good try, but



the mighty wind that we know too well wouldn't let it be. So the humans moved the bales and the

tarp to the fence line – and tried to partially tie the tarp to the fence.

Thanks, Tom! This primitive shelter got us through that winter – and this sparked ideas for what was to come.

Ideas percolated through the summer – and it doesn't hurt to have a carpenter as one of our more active volunteers. The following year – our members were delighted by a new make-shift shelter, compliments from

Bob's shop wood scraps. This shelter was an awesome place to hang out; it gave us reprieve from the

winter wind. Our members loved it – and the minute this year's fall temps arrived – members were asking about the temp shelter. "Where is it?" "When will the temp shelter be put up?" "We want our shelter!"

SWCDP management was impressed with Bob's shelter and we

asked him to help us with a new and improved version. We took some time to design a shelter that first and foremost would be sturdy enough to withstand Mother Nature's gifts.



Next, we wanted to expand the space so more people could gather without feeling

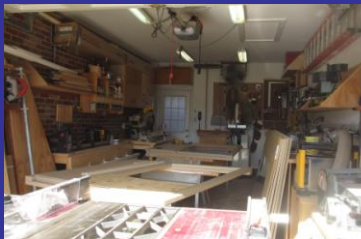
as though they were on top of one another. Keeping an eye on our 4-Leggeds at all times was the next consideration – hence, the Plexiglas sides. The clear sides created another set of considerations – making sure our canines did not think it was a "jump thru" – so we put up blue tape and painted the bottom part blue, too. So, we built the slanted roof to deal with rain and snow, we had plenty of room for two benches and several bales of straw – and stand up room, too. The final design element was to make sure we could take it down in panels, store for the summer, and put back up next fall. **Bob** did a fantastic job in meeting the criteria and building it, with help from **Tom Z** (Mario) and **Wade J** (Meatball, Luke) for the installation.

Thanks, guys

The wait was worth it!

**Shelter Materials
Purchased with
Doggie Sweater
Proceeds**

Bob's Shop and Shelter Installation



Turf Report

Turf management at the dog park

~~ ongoing, challenging, necessary ~~

Thanks to SWCDP members – leaders and crews, all

Need we say more?



**See muddy, slippery spots?
Help distribute straw, as needed**



Krause Lock Company, has been a valuable SWCDP vendor – having fixed our lock many times over the years. Tim recently collected lock parts to build a “back up lock” and Tim donated the “back up” and a lever handle to reduce down time.

Denise (Daisy), one of our newer SWCDP members, donated a new lock, compliments of Brad, her customer, Midwest Hardware.

Thanks Tim, Denise and Brad!



Story of Our Front Gate

**Donated
Goods & Services**

Access to the dog park ... important – but easily taken for granted.

SWCDP entry gate has endured incredible high traffic, season after season – opening, closing, slamming, rain drenched, frozen, and baked. No doubt about it...we have gotten our money's worth.

The Kant-Slam door closer finally wore out. Thanks to Bob for sounding the alarm and to Tom for doing the research. Tom found a source and great price for the closer. We talked directly to the manufacturer, and he said these closers usually last 3 years in high traffic areas – we got 6 years! The gate lock has a tendency to cop an attitude from time to time. It usually has something to do with the bolting mechanism, etc. This season we were given gifts from two sources. Our regular vendor, Krause Lock, worked on building a “back up” lock for us – Tim also was busy switching out the knob for a lever handle so we can get a better grip as we juggle our excited canines and the heavy gate. This is a bit of an experiment, because the locking system we have - Kaba Simplex 1011 Series – only comes with the knob. The lever version (lever on both sides) will not work for us because of the housing box that surrounds the lock. We are hopeful that over time, we will discover that the make-shift lever handle on one side will work for us. And – thanks to Denise – we also have a brand new Kaba Simplex lock – waiting in the wings. So, we should be in good shape for a while.

Bob also noticed that the housing box and lock area was fractured – so we took the entire gate to Affton Muffler and Brake, where one of their welders, Tim, did the work as a courtesy to the dog park.

Thanks Bob H (King), Tom Z (Mario), and Tim



Wally
(Julie, Dave)



Faces



Lloyd
(Denise)



Apollo and Vinnie
(Angie)



2012-2013 SWCDP 4-Leggeds SWCDP Most Popular Names

Dog names listed have at least 2 dogs with same name

Lucy ... 15	Maddie/Maddi... 4	Addie ... 2	Macy ... 2
Molly ... 7 (Mollie/Molley)	Maggie ... 4	Anubis ... 2	Maisie/Maizy ... 2
Duke ... 6	Milo ... 4	Astro ... 2	Missy ... 2
Gracie ... 6	Murphy ... 4	Augie ... 2	Mitzi ... 2
Sadie ... 6	Penny ... 4	Beau ... 2	Mona ... 2
Zoe/Zoey ... 6	Sophie ... 4	Bennie/Benny .. 2	Moxie ... 2
Abby/Abigail .. 5	Barkley ... 3	Boo ... 2	Ollie ... 2
Daisy ... 5	Biscuit .. 3	Casey ... 2	Otis ... 2
Frankie/Frank .. 5	Buddy ... 3	CiCi ... 2	Phoenix ... 2
Jack ... 5	Charlie ... 3	Coco/Cocoa ... 2	Piper ... 2
Jake ... 5	Dexter ... 3	Fiona ... 2	Rex ... 2
Louie/Lou ... 5	Finn ... 3	Gibson ... 2	Riley ... 2
Max ... 5	Ginger ... 3	Gizmo ... 2	Rosie/Rosey ... 2
Sammy ... 5 (Sam/Sammie)	Izzy/Izzie ... 3	Gus ... 2	Roxie ... 2
Bella ... 4	Jessie/Jesse ... 3	Hank ... 2	Ruby ... 2
Emma ... 4	Lola ... 3	Harley ... 2	Sandy/Sandi ... 2
Joey ... 4	Maya ... 3	Honey ... 2	Sasha ... 2
Lilly/Lily ... 4	Rufus ... 3	Hudson ... 2	Seamus ... 2
Mack ... 4 (Mac/Macgregor)	Shadow ... 3	Jackson ... 2	Scout ... 2
	Mallie ... 3	Lacy ... 2	Sheba/Sheeba .. 2
	(Mali/Mally)	Layla ... 2	Stella ... 2
	Oscar ... 3	Leo ... 2	Stewart ... 2
	Tucker ... 3	Lucky ... 2	Sweet Pea ... 2
	Xander/Zander . 3	Luke ... 2	Wally ... 2
		Luna ... 2	

Winter Fun at SWCDP



King, Lucy, Jackson



Polly



Wilma



Max jumping



Macklind, Augie

Doe



A girl with a past

Growing up on the streets, then
shacking up in a vacant house
with another rogue dog...

As the story goes, about 9 years ago in East Saint Louis, Doe was just trying to stay alive. She wandered the streets with a male German Shepherd mix called Buddy. Doe and Buddy became the best of friends and set up a home base in a vacant house. They also became quite infamous!

A neighborhood woman named Lori, who had a soft heart for strays, dropped off dog food from time to time – and she named the dogs, Doe and Buddy. Lori also notified Stray Rescue of St. Louis. The first time they came, a Chihuahua who was hangin' with Doe and Buddy, attacked them – and the rescue team returned to St. Louis empty handed.

Celebrities .. Doe & Buddy

*Featured in St Louis Post Dispatch
Article in June 2004*

Doe did not usually warm up to people, but when she had a litter of sickly puppies, she sought help from her human neighbor, Lori, insisting that the woman come to her offspring. The puppies died, but Lori called StrayRescue of St. Louis again hoping they might help Doe & Buddy.

StrayRescue set traps for Doe and Buddy. On the first try, the dogs got the little morsels of food but escaped the traps. On the second try, Doe was caught in a trap. Buddy, who was not

trapped, stayed at her side until StrayRescue showed up to take both of them to the shelter. Buddy was adopted right away, and Doe never saw him again. She became terribly depressed. Doe was kept at the shelter for **nine months**, waiting to be adopted by just the “right human”.

Doe would not be an easy adoption: the dogs of her family tree had been feral for three generations, and she had grown up on the streets. Doe was cautious of everyone and everything. She did not like to be touched.

Rita M (a current
SWCDP member)

was a friend of Lori's
and had been following



Doe's story. Rita decided to adopt Doe, but because of Doe's history, StrayRescue required Rita to come to the shelter for several visits to learn how to communicate with Doe. Rita had a great feel for working with Doe, and Doe was a quick study. With space at a premium, and Rita gaining confidence with Doe, the shelter allowed the placement after only three weeks of training.

Doe Networks Her Way to New Life

When StrayRescue delivered Doe to Rita's house, Doe went immediately to her new bowls, toys, and bed. She seemed to know that she was “home,” but Rita still had plenty of slow, patient work to do.

Rita worked with Doe for years, sometimes “losing hope”, but always trying again and again. It took a year for Doe to get into Rita's truck and eventually Doe learned to walk on a leash, advancing a few feet each day until she was able to take trips to Forest Park with Rita. Through friends Dennis & Piera (and their Collie Twinkie), Rita discovered Southwest City Dog Park. Rita wanted Doe to be able to run free and have a good time with other dogs and people,
Story continued ... next page

StrayRescue's Panda Program

is a Hospice program for dogs. The dogs in this program have been diagnosed with a terminal illness or may be very old or both. They are deserving of a home

where they can live out their remaining life with love and dignity and not have to die alone. Quality of life is the most important part for us all, and together we can



give these dogs a happy, safe and loving end of life. Randy, founder of StrayRescue named the program after **Panda** – whom he brought into his home. If interested, you can fill out the foster form to participate in this unique program. Here is link to form:
<http://strayrescue.org/content/panda-program-foster-application>

StrayRescue's WISH LIST

- Purina ONE adult dry dog food
- Pop-Top canned dog food
- Braunschweiger, Cheese Whiz, peanut butter, hot dogs
- Dog & Cat treats
- Blankets & towels (gently used)
- Bleach and all cleaning supplies
- OdoBan, Lysol, or other sanitizers
- Garbage bags (55 gallon)
- Litter and litter boxes
- Liquid fabric softener and dye-free laundry detergent
- Paper towels, toilet paper
- Surgical gloves
- Dog & Cat collars and leashes, *especially* Martingale/No Slip dog collars (Med & Lg)
- Dog harnesses (Med & Lg)
- Dog & Cat beds
- Large Wire Crates (36" - 52")
- Toys, especially Kong toys and Nylabones

www.strayrescue.org

You can bring any of these items to our dog park on March 23 (only) – we will organize delivery to shelter.

But she just didn't know if Doe would be able to do it.

Two seasons ago, Rita brought Doe to SWCDP and stayed outside the fence while Twinkie came to the fence from inside the park play-bowing and rolling upside down, trying to show Doe how much fun it could be. Doe was still on watch and on guard and couldn't yet relax.

One day Doe and Twinkie, through human arrangements, met on Target's parking lot – just to see what would happen. After the greeting – they sent each other approvals and decided right on the spot that they would become friends.



**Doe and Twinkie
With Piera & Rita**

Twinkie would become Doe's mentor and show her the way at the dog park. Slowly, at off hours, Rita would meet Piera and Twinkie in the Alternate area.

The first few times Doe sniffed every inch over and over again.



She watched all of the comings and goings with a wrinkled brow – not exactly the relaxing and enjoyable experience Rita had hoped for. Rita kept bringing Doe. **Twinkie never gave up trying to get Doe to play.** Twinkie would play-bow and run circles around her. Finally Doe answered Twinkie's play-bows and circles with antics of her own. She was learning to act like a domestic dog.

Little by little Rita exposed Doe to

other SWCDP members. If the new friends got a little rambunctious in their play, or Doe got a little worried, Twinkie would distract them and herd them away from Doe. Doe started to relax and graduated to the big park. She started to run with Bruno the Pug and hang out with King. Then, for the first time ever, she play-bowed Milo the German Shepherd as he was coming into the park!



**Doe Hangin'
With Boris & Elvis**

Now Doe and Twinkie often run to the gate to greet the newcomers. Doe lets Twinkie know when someone is coming, and off they go with tails swinging.

Doe – after all her experiences, and in her senior years – has blossomed! She loves going to the dog park. She runs, plays, relaxes and smiles. Twinkie still keeps an eye out for her, but Doe is making friends on her own – she particularly likes the German Shepherds and those dark haired boys...No more puppies in her future though, just lots of new friends.

Other Stories ?

If you have a story about rescue or any other kind of heart warming experience – please contact Judi. We all enjoy reading success stories about other member dogs.

willow.nic07@yahoo.com

Greater St. Louis Training Club

Great resources ...

GSLTC offers **ongoing**, inside dog training and evaluation. While SWCDP does not recommend any trainer specifically, we want our members to be aware of valuable resources close by.

Shrewsbury Recreation Center

5200 Shrewsbury Avenue

Humane Society of Missouri

1201 Macklind Avenue

Most classes are fee based, require reservation and proof of current vaccinations

Puppy Elementary
Foundation Manners

* Orientation to Rally and Competition
Rally Obedience
Clicker Training
CGC – Canine Good Citizen Prep/Test
Tricks
Behavior Evaluations
Dogs with Issues and Shy Dogs
Reactive Dogs

*** Rally Orientation is free**



www.gsltc.org

SPREAD the Love

Haircuts for a Cause!



Where: Celestie's Salon & Spa

When: Tuesday, February 19th
4 - 8 pm, walk-ins only

How: Get a free haircut with your donation. Cash, checks and credit card payments accepted. Spread the word and help us spread the love!

All proceeds from this event will benefit the:



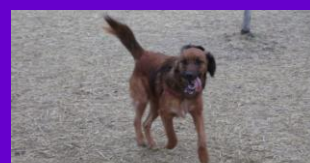
Autumn Activities



Our first **Senior Sunday Social** was a lot of fun. Yes, we had a few young ones crash the party – that's what happens when your humans are great volunteers. This particular day was quite eventful as we held a couple Meet and Greets, and an afternoon of dp gear selling.

Kay & Steve (Cinnamon, Gus) brought tasty donuts for the 2-Leggeds (yum) – and some 4-Leggeds got a nibble. But only after they snacked on hot dogs & took the peanut butter licking challenge, donated by **Judi** (Willow) & **Joan** (Rusty, Casey, Bisky). Joan also brought prizes – and Shadow, a 13 year old, won a free spa day. **Shannon** (Angel, Sydney) donated free nail trims to our canine guests. **Phan** (Blake, Prima, Ruby, Scheegwa) and **Sloan** (Augie, Sylvia) were on hand with new dog park gear. **Rosemary/Seth** (Tyler, Skit, Sammy) did a great job running the dp gear table, and **Bob** (King) & **Vickie/Mike** (Jasper) – and others, helped with the set-up and tear down. Thanks to all for making a busy and fun day possible.

Bits and Pieces Of Too Cute



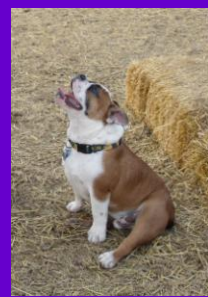
Savannah
Newbie, Youngster



Fun Meet-Greet
Quinn
Got a giant cookie!



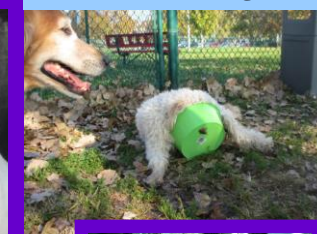
Drink or swim?
Sweet Pea
Where did she go?



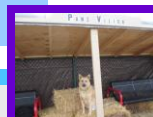
Murphy
Newbie, Youngster



Wrestling Partners
Maggie & Rex
Who is who?



Layla
Lookin' Cool!



King
PawsVillion

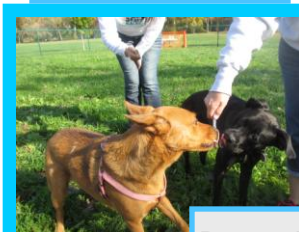
Fun Fall Day



Is that a donut?



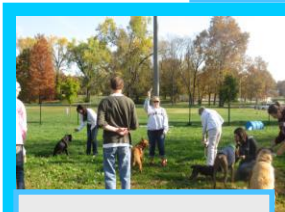
Hot dogs, yum!



Peanut butter contest



Tristan, a senior
Gets free nail trim



Cinnamon wins
What a fast licker!



Tom
(Mario)
worked
with the
city until we got
the light bulbs
replaced. Let us
know if any of
the bulbs go out
– and Tom will
get right on it.

Thanks Tom

Shadow's Spa Day

Shadow's Humans
Tina & Bill

Spa Team



Senior Sunday Social Winner

Hey, that's MY ear

Yikes, tools



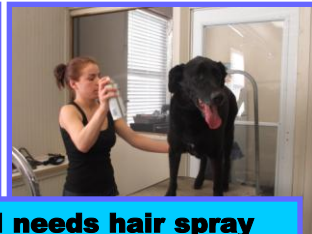
It tastes pretty good!



I can relax, now that I know they aren't going to hurt me!



Every girl needs hair spray



St. Louis Muttropolitan Pet Grooming

sponsored our **Senior Sunday Social** drawing & gave Shadow, a 13 year old lab, a courtesy certificate for a full service spa visit. Shadow had a great morning – and she looked beautiful when she left. **Thank You – excellent team!** We hear Shadow will be back.

5280 Fyler (at Sublette)

www.stlmpg.com



Thanks, Mike!

Mike (Lucy) is doing a great job keeping bags replenished & hauling out the dog waste while Ron enjoys his annual winter RV trip. Mike and Ron are both valuable volunteers.



StrayRescue Running Buddies

<http://strayrescue.org/runningbuddies>
<http://www.gostlouis.org/>

Ongoing StrayRescue Running Buddies program encourages you to pick one of their rescue dogs and take them for a run or walk. This exercise & socialization gives these dogs a better chance for adoption. This activity is solo, you cannot bring your own dog.

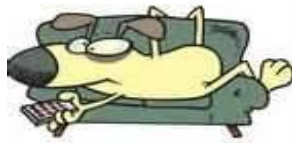
April 6 The 5K Run

April 7 Several marathon runs and walks, varying distances

StrayRescue has teamed up with Go!St. Louis – and asks that people form team, pledge to raise at least \$500 – and have fun. You may bring your own dog to this event. Registration is required. Check details at websites.

SWCDP is not officially forming a team – but we encourage our members to use the information as they see fit.

Get off the



Enough with the hibernating, already. There are plenty of walking and running activities – just waiting for you to show up ... and all for the benefit of a variety of good causes.

Wouldn't your 4-Legged enjoy a good walk and a chance to meet a new pal? Socialize and Schmooze.



Sunday, April 28, 2013
 Tower Grove Park
 9:00 a.m.

Register at www.apamo.org
 Or call 314/645-4610

<http://www.apamo.org/ff2013.aspx>



MARDI GRAS

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

Many activities – get details at website

Saturday, Feb 2

Mardi Gras Run for Beads

9:00am Proceeds benefit Cardinal Glennon Children's Center

Sunday, Feb 3

Petsmart Wiener Dog Derby

Noon – Register; **2:00pm** – Race
 Watch Dachshunds race, enter yours.

Sunday, Feb 3

Beggin' Pet Parade

10:00am – Register; **1:00pm** – Parade
 Proceeds benefit Open Door Animal Sanctuary (no kill shelter)



Tuesday, Feb 12

Fat Tuesday Night Parade

This one is fun for 2-leggeds – but you will need a very patient and brave 4-Legged to handle the noise, lights, and huge, boisterous crowds. Careful!



Have you seen this Goldendoodle? His name is Charles and he has become quite the celebrity. His owner keeps his hair cut like a lion, and of course, Charles stirs it up by running through the neighborhood, often being identified as a “lion on the loose”. Read more:

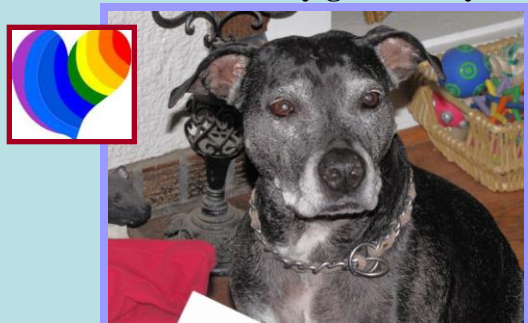
<http://hamptonroads.com.nyud.net/2013/01/dog-shaved-look-lion-generates-911-call-norfolk>

Rainbow Bridge



All too rare is the occasion that we meet a truly special person or soul. Someone who touches your heart on the most basic and absolute levels and who goes out of their way to make your life better just by being there.

That was my girl Mandy



Mandy was my beautiful American Pit Bull Terrier and we lost her on October 25th, 2012, which was just 15 days from her 15th birthday. A very good friend of ours once said that Mandy was the best person that they had ever known.

At 6 years old Mandy was diagnosed with a cancerous Mast Cell Tumor which resulted in a successful surgery followed by 5 more tumors and surgeries over the next 5 years until I found a wonderful holistic vet named Dr. Ava Frick. Mandy was then treated with a strict diet, many, many supplements and neoplasene to prevent cancer.

From 2008 until 2012 Mandy was cancer free. She was diagnosed with a nasal tumor in April 2012 which eventually took its toll and I, along with her wonderful doctor, made the decision to let her go. I wanted so badly for her to celebrate her 15th birthday...

I regret to say that Mandy was never able to enjoy the dog park, partly due to her age and balance issues and partly due to a little crabbiness she felt for the "younger generation of 4 leggers".

Over the years Mandy raised two human kids who are now 24 and 22 years old. She also raised 2 dog brothers (Husky and Shiba Inu) along with her most prized accomplishment and best friend of 2.5 years, Gigi, the Berner.

Just one week before she passed, Mandy and Gigi played a very loud and raucous game of rope and chicken leg. Gigi kept Mandy active and young.



Since Mandy's passing, Gigi has been noticeably down. Two months had passed without Mandy and Gigi seemed to lose her zest for life

until we rescued a little black cutie named Marlee a few days after Christmas. Gigi is looking forward to showing off her new baby sister to all of her friends at the dog park as soon as she is old enough and the weather gets a little less wet.

As cliché as it sounds, I know that I and everyone that knew Mandy is blessed to have known such a wonderful soul. Words can't express how much I miss her every day.

Deb K

Send info about memorials, or interesting stories
to Judi (Willow) – willow.nic07@yahoo.com

4-Legged Drivers, really?



We do not suggest you put your canine behind the wheel of your car – but thought this article was interesting...

A rescue group in Australia, frustrated by dogs in their care being passed over, again and again, set out to find a way to prove that dogs in rescue are smart, loving – and adoptable.

They developed a training program to teach dogs to drive an automobile – of course the car is fitted for the dog's body, and the canine is well supervised by a human trainer. You can read more at this web link.

<http://www.frasercoastchronicle.com.au/news/dogs-can-drive-heres-proof/1648559>



MO ranks 4th nationally In dog ownership

We luv our Canines!

The **American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)** recently released its U.S. Pet Ownership & Demographics Sourcebook, revealing which states have the largest number of pet owners and which have the fewest.

The Sourcebook reveals that the states with the most dog owners in 2011 were: Arkansas where 47.9 percent of households owned a dog, New Mexico with 46 percent, Kentucky with 45.9 percent, **Missouri with 45.9 percent**, West Virginia with 45.8 percent, Mississippi with 45.2 percent, Alabama with 44.1 percent, Tennessee with 44.1 percent, Texas with 44 percent, and Oklahoma with 43.2 percent.

For the full report, go to

<https://www.avma.org/News/PressRoom/Pages/TopBotomTenStatesForPets.aspx>

Beauty Pageant



2012 Westminster Winner

Ch Palacegarden Malachy,
Pekingese

Monday, February 11, 2013

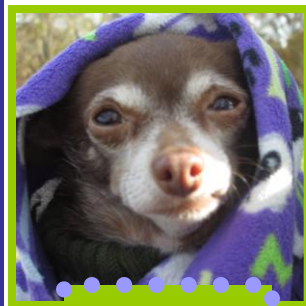
8-11 p.m. (ET) live on CNBC
Hound, Toy, Non-Sporting
and Herding Groups

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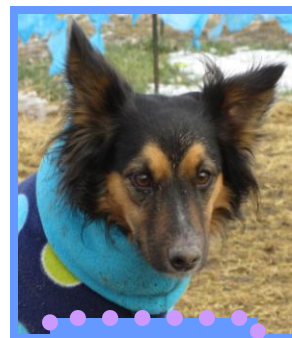
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<http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/>

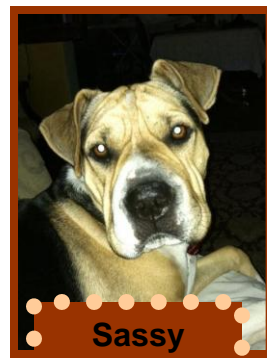
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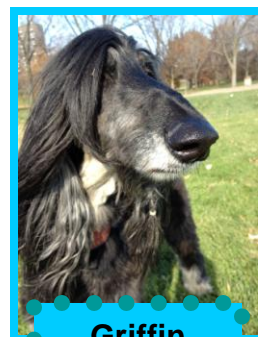
Maureen
(Bobbi, Mike)



Emma
(Lissa)



Sassy
(Tricia)



Griffin
(Susan)



We have ALL
been there...

Rosemary
rounds up her
3 canines



Skit, Tyler,
Sammy –
lookin' good!



Oops,
where did
Sammy go?



Well, let's start
again.

Sit Skit.



Let's try Tyler.

Come back
here, Skit.
Where's
Sammy?



I give up!

Do we have to
do this?



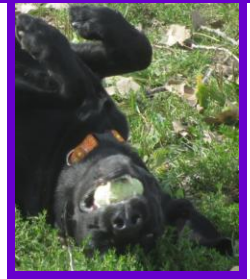
Hurray, click.

2 are better
than none!

A Little Comic Relief



Onyx
Ball Happy!



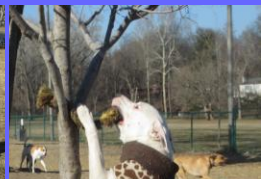
Inventive Canines

Beacon cannot get enough Tug It – so
when the humans put the rope in the tree –
she can tug until her heart's content.

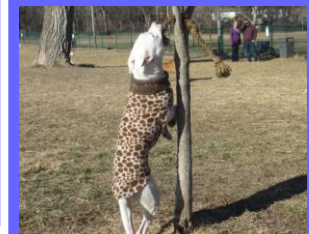
Casey and Sammie made up a new
game – they busted into the agility course
and played chase along the fence line.
Ahem, these sneaks are busted!



Need to work both sides



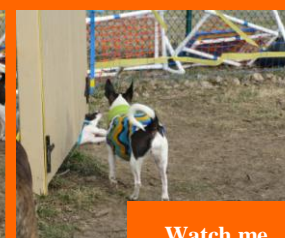
I can do this all day!



Be right back



C'mon, chicken



Watch me



I'm not doin' it

Double Oops
Who ate Tyler's sweater?



Whее! Good game!



Resource Guarding

Necessity in the wild

A problem in domesticity . . .



Patrick Tate, DVM

SWCDP SAFETY FIRST Sponsor



Raffi (L) and Reign (R)
Portuguese Water Dogs

Unfortunately, growling over food, toys, rawhides, bedding and other “resources” is a common problem among family dogs. This type of behavior is known as “resource guarding” and usually becomes worse if not addressed.



It is important for the owner to develop a plan of action before growling turns into biting (especially if there are young children in the home).

There are **two methods** that a pet owner can use to help alleviate the problem.

First, isolate

The first is to isolate the dog during feeding times, and remove ALL objects (toys, chews, bedding, etc.) that have been “guarded.” This method does not change the negative behavior, but it does prevent a biting incident and may keep the problem from getting worse.

Second, seek help

The second method is to utilize behavior modification techniques (desensitization, counter-conditioning, etc.) to help the dog understand that the approach of a human to the canine’s food, toys and space, etc. is a positive thing.

It is best to start these techniques when the dog is a puppy, but they can be successful with an older pet. A helpful source of information is Jean Donaldson's book called "Mine! A Practical Guide to Resource Guarding in Dogs" (available www.dogwise.com)

If the problem is mild, a pet owner may be able to improve or correct the behavior without professional help. However, for more serious resource guarding issues (or if young children are present), it is wise to consult an animal behavior specialist.

Talk with your Veterinarian for recommendations and visit American College of Veterinary Behaviorists at www.dacvb.org and Association of Pet Dog Trainers at www.apdt.com

Dr. Tate writes pet care articles at www.webstergroves.patch.com

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<http://www.vbcstl.com>

Flat fee includes consultation with owner and dog, written corrective action plan, and three months of unlimited phone follow up.
Check out bios at web.



Behavioral problems are a leading cause of relinquishment of dogs and cats to animal shelters in the United States.

Things To Do

Fun Activities

Educational Events

On-Site and Around Town



SWCDP Events

Around Town, Etc

<p>Wednesday February 20 5:00-8:00pm</p> <p>We Luv Our Volunteers</p> <p>3500 Winehaus</p> <p>http://www.3500winehaus.com/Menu.html</p>	<p>Sunday March 3 2:00-3:00pm</p> <p>Photo Op Sweater Dogs</p> <p>Alternate Dog Park</p>	<p>Saturday March 23 Afternoon</p> <p>All-In Hunt (Easter Egg Hunt doggie-style)</p> <p>Hounds Hangin Meet-Up</p> <p>Alternate Dog Park</p>
<p>Saturday March 23 6:00am-2:00pm</p> <p>Bi-State Pet Food Pantry</p> <p>+</p> <p>StrayRescue</p> <p>Drop off pet food for pantry Or Pet food, supplies from Wish List for rescue <i>Donations optional</i></p>	<p>Wednesday April 17 5:00-7:00pm</p> <p>Woof & Wine</p> <p>Bring your 4-Leggeds to outside patio</p> <p>3500 Winehaus</p> <p>http://www.3500winehaus.com/Menu.html</p>	<p>Wednesday May 8 Time tbd</p> <p>GMM (General Membership Meeting)</p> <p>Buder Elementary School</p>

<p><i>Saturday</i> February 2 9:00am Start</p> <p>Mardi Gras Run for Beads</p> <p>http://www.mardi-grasinc.com/</p> <p>+</p> <p>Barn Hunt</p> <p>Columbia, MO</p> <p>http://barnhunt.com/workshop_july_2012</p>	<p><i>Sunday</i> February 3 10:00am Register 1:00pm Start</p> <p>Mardi Gras Beggin Pet Parade</p> <p>+</p> <p>Noon Register 2:00 Start</p> <p>Mardi Gras Petsmart Wiener Derby</p> <p>http://www.mardi-grasinc.com/</p>	<p><i>Tuesday</i> February 12 7:00pm Start</p> <p>Fat Tuesday Night Parade</p> <p>+</p> <p><i>Tuesday</i> February 19 4:00-8:00pm</p> <p>Celeslie's Salon & Spa</p> <p>Free Haircut with donation to APA</p>
<p><i>Saturday</i> March 23 10:00am-1:00pm</p> <p>Funday Missouri Earthdogs</p> <p>Purina Farms Gray SummitMO</p> <p>http://moearthdogs.org/funday_s.htm</p>	<p><i>Saturday</i> April 6</p> <p>Registration required</p> <p>Team Running Buddies</p> <p>Go! St Louis Marathon</p> <p>StrayRescue Benefit</p> <p>http://strayrescue.org/runningbuddies</p>	<p><i>Sunday</i> April 28 9:00am</p> <p>Registration required</p> <p>Fast & Furriest</p> <p>Tower Grove Park</p> <p>APA Benefit</p> <p>http://www.apamo.org/ff2013.aspx</p>

Flyers will be posted at dog park, and email reminders will be sent, along with any final details or changes.