

LEAD AND COLLAR



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"Saylor" West Highland White Terrier

Des Moines Obedience Training Club Rally Trials
March 2, 3, 4 in Des Moines, Iowa qualified for her
first three Master Rally legs ~ three down seven to
go! **Sandy Crawford**



Training Games

We learn by repetition, and so do dogs. Training doesn't have to be laborious. In fact, it shouldn't be! Take some pressure off by turning your recall practice into fun and games. This can help you and your dog enjoy the training and take it to the next level. Some of these games focus on a specific element of "Come," while others help build enthusiasm for the recall.

Hide and Seek: Hide and seek is a fun game to play in the house, in your yard, or on off-leash walks. It can be played with your dog knowing the game is afoot or as a surprise game, played at unexpected times throughout the day. It helps your dog learn to look for you when he hears your recall cue and, when played randomly, it also helps your dog learn to come when he's otherwise engaged.

To get started with the basic game, have your dog wait in one place or one room. If your dog doesn't know how to wait (or "stay"), you can also have someone restrain or distract him. Go into another room, or, if you're outside, get behind a tree or around a corner and hide. Ask your dog to "COME find me" (emphasize your cue for the recall). When your dog finds you, celebrate with a game, some happy petting, or a special treat. Repeat a few times, and stop while your dog is still really engaged.

Once your dog understands the basics of this game, you can play the surprise version at various points during your day. For example:

When walking at the beach, while your dog is busy sniffing something, hide behind a nearby rock. Call him - "Come find me!" - and when he finds you, get crazy happy and play one of your favorite beach games such as tossing the ball or a Frisbee, or running into the water together. Note: If your dog doesn't head in your direction pretty quickly, pop up from behind the rock and wave your arms so he can get to you.

In the woods, duck behind a tree when your dog is just a

little way in front. Call him enthusiastically and when he gets to you, reward him with a small handful of great treats.

When your dog is hanging out at home or cruising the back yard, hide and call, "Come find me!" Reward him with a great game of tug when he finds you.

Tips: When you're away from home, avoid making the hiding place too difficult. This can be stressful for your dog, and it won't be much fun. Also, time your calls for when you know your dog will easily disengage from his exploring. We do not recommend hide and seek as a way to frighten your dog into thinking you've abandoned him because he wasn't paying attention. Make this game fun, upbeat, and full of happy reconnections.

AKC.TV

On Saturday February 10, AKC launched its brand new digital-first cable network called [AKC.TV](#). This new joint venture with B Live productions is an OTT (Over-the-top) digital channel that can be accessed via our innovative web-based platform [akc.tv](#) or from [akc.org](#).

Dog lovers will be able to connect to [AKC.TV](#) from any device including computers, tablets, phones, set-top boxes, and Apple TV with additional platforms to come. Viewers can browse the on-demand content library of dog training videos, puppy and breed videos, original programming, live coverage of AKC events and our brand new weekly TV show, **AKC Live!** which covers all that is new or noteworthy in the world of AKC and Purebred Dogs. Our first **AKC Live!** event will take place on Saturday Feb 10th at 1:00 PM. We will be broadcasting from the 9th annual AKC Meet the Breeds on Piers 92 & 94 in New York City. If you can't make it to AKC Meet the Breeds in person, we welcome you to tune in for this premier event.

This modern platform allows AKC to broaden its audience and will help us to expand the awareness of our mission, and promote the value of purebred dogs as pets and in society. [AKC.TV](#) will bring dog lovers into the world of the AKC through entertaining and educational content that they can access 24/7. New content will be uploaded weekly to keep the network fresh for viewers and give them insight into all aspects of our community including responsible breeders, our Parent Clubs, AKC events, AKC's charitable affiliates and anything that we can imagine to celebrate purebred dogs.

This digital-first approach is in line with the national trend; approximately 20 million consumers a year have "cut the cord" and are choosing streaming services over traditional cable services. It also allows for us to have complete control over our message while getting maximum visibility. Videos can be easily shared across social media platforms and embedded into your websites.

The channel is live now to preview at [akc.tv](#) and is also available on Apple TV (use the search term "Dogs" to find it).

It's Not Guilt In A Dog's Eyes

A familiar scene for every pet owner is to walk into a room and see something destroyed or used as a toilet. We look around and spot your furry friends hiding under a table or behind a couch with a big sad expression on their face. The meaning on their face does not show guilt but instead they show sadness and fear. They are sorry that they did it. By the tone of "what did you do?" might possibly be a cue that they have done something wrong and they fear getting punished or scolded. It's also possible that they realize there will be negative consequences for their actions and become sad because of it. It's more of a situation of regretting getting caught versus feeling guilty for having done something wrong. Now that explains the sad puppy dog face trademark!

Dogs Can Dream

At some point, dog owners notice that their dogs may quiver, twitch a leg, even growl or snap during sleep, giving the impression that they are dreaming about something. Stanley Coren, professor emeritus of psychology at University of British Columbia, said "Dogs do dream". Dogs sleep more than people do. At the structural level, their brains are similar to humans. During sleep, the brain-wave length of dogs are similar to that of people, and they exhibit the same stages of electrical activity that are observed in humans. All of this is consistent with the idea that dogs do dream.

President's Message for the 2017 BDOC Annual Meeting, February 23, 2018

2017 was an exciting year for the Bellevue Dog Obedience Club. We held our first UKC Nosework trial in February, followed by another UKC nosework trial in June, which was in conjunction with our annual UKC obedience/rally trial. We ended the year with our first AKC Scent Work trial. This past year we learned a lot about both the nosework sport with our own dogs and how to hold a successful and profitable nosework trial for the dog community.

In 2017 BDOC also held two successful three day AKC agility trials at the Omaha Sports Complex, one in May and one in September. As our group ages, we continue to seek out solutions for the loading and hauling of the agility equipment and finding volunteers for these volunteer-intensive events. We definitely made improvements in all of these issues with our 2017 trials, coordinating with the Go Dogs club for the loading and unloading of equipment and hiring a local flyball club, the Ball Driven Bandits, to handle most of the stewarding needs for our trials. In May we again had our popular Veteran Agility Dog parade at our AKC agility trials, and our older dogs loved strutting their stuff one more time.

BDOC held three three-day AKC obedience trial events in 2017, two at Sunshine Obedience School in March and August, and one at the Companion Dog Club in October, which was our 30th Anniversary Obedience Trial. Our 30th Anniversary trial featured a neat coffee mug as a gift for all competitors, a memory table with catalogs from most of the past years' trials, cool gifts for our wonderful volunteers spearheaded by our chief ring steward, Kris Woodke, a cake for everyone to enjoy, and a Halloween costume party for dogs and people. All three of our AKC obedience trial weekends were well received and well attended, and many titles were earned. Unfortunately, all three of these events lost money. The board has come up with some new ideas for 2018 for all three obedience weekends in an attempt to mitigate some of these losses. Our March AKC obedience trial will be held in conjunction with a double Scent Work trial each day, and as I write this, the Scent Work trial is already full with a waiting list. In August we are adding rally to our obedience trial each day, and in October we have cut back on the money prizes, while still offering our very popular rosette and toy prizes. The BDOC board feels strongly that obedience is the backbone of every sport, and we would like to see all of our obedience events continue and succeed. Despite the loss on the obedience trials and a small loss on our herding/Farm Dog weekend, our other events all made money and the club broke even overall for the year.

BDOC returned to the AKC herding venue in September, holding our first herding trial in several years. We also held a two day Farm Dog test during the herding trial weekend, which was very popular and successful. I was reminded once again of what wonderful club members we have, as my dad passed away the week before the herding trial and his funeral was on the first day of the herding trial weekend. Sharon Dowell graciously stepped in to take care of everything in my absence, and along with her husband, Scott, and Deb and Dave Landon, everything ran very smoothly in my absence. Our ever capable secretary, Norine Nieman, not only was she secretary of her first three nosework trial weekends in 2017, she was also pressed in to service to be the herding trial secretary. Norine had never even been to a herding trial before, and we are all grateful to her for doing this for us!

BDOC members came together to do other things in 2017 besides put on events. Our club members enjoyed the 2016 Annual Meeting in February of 2017, where we enjoyed celebrating each other's accomplishments. We also had fun at the club's Summer picnic in July with our dogs in attendance, which included CGC, CGCA and Trick Dog tests judged by Sharon Dowell. We enjoyed dinner out at Valentinos in April and August, shared our dogs in costume with the residents of the Fox Run Retirement community in October, and we had a blast at our annual Christmas party in December, where, as always, the stealing of gifts was the highlight of the evening. We picked up some terrific new members in 2017, and we look forward to the addition of more members in 2018. We have welcomed these new members with open arms, and we look forward to their involvement.

As our club looks to the future, we continue to enjoy each other's company and our shared love of our dogs while we put on the best dog events in the area.

UKC Nosework Trial Feb. 17-18, 2018

By Sharon Dowell

Our club held its first trial of the year on Feb. 17-18, UKC Nosework at Sunshine Obedience School. The trial was completely filled within a few weeks of opening, and our smoothly-run sniffing event offered Containers and Interior elements judged by Johnette Ulch from eastern Iowa.

The trial resulted in a profit of almost \$1,000 for Friends of BDOC. This is our club's second year of hosting this new and fast-growing canine sport, and we expect many more years of continued success,

comradery, and team-building among participants and club members.

Our trial was created and run by dedicated volunteers, including secretary Norine Nieman, Gerianne Darnell, Scott and Sharon Dowell, Deb Landon and Erin Embrey. Stewards, set-up and clean-up crews included Devetta Hill, Teresa Carlile, Sue Volkmer, Shelly Rehmeier, Linda Haggstrom, Karen Stevens, Kris Woodke, Bert Gray, Linda Puckett and many more folks who pitched in when they saw a need. Non-club members such as Ron Weakes, Amy Hynek and Joanne Gast also had important volunteer roles in the trial.

UKC Nosework has been a sport for several years, and AKC started its Scent Work program on Oct. 1, 2017. The sport is modeled after canine detection dogs' work. Dogs earn titles by searching for specific, trained odors in different environments, called Container, Interior, Exterior and Vehicle Elements in UKC. AKC has a Buried Element instead of Vehicles. Classes are available at several local dog training organizations and online.

a) Dog biscuits:

- 1 cup pumpkin
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup oil*
- 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

b) Glaze:

- 2 tablespoons bacon grease, coconut oil, chicken fat, or any other fat that will solidify at room temperature, melted
- 1/4 cup smooth peanut butter

♦ Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Combine pumpkin, peanut butter, eggs, and oil in a bowl. Add in baking soda and whole wheat flour. Stir until a stiff dough forms. Knead dough or mix just until flour is incorporated.

3. Roll out dough with a rolling pin and use a cookie cutter to cut out dog bone shapes, or just bake into little circles like cookies. Bake for 15 minutes.
4. Whisk the bacon grease and peanut butter until very smooth. Drizzle over the treats and cool till glaze hardens (it does best in the fridge or freezer).

