

LEAD AND COLLAR



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Bone Broth and Berry Pup Pops

- 7 oz plain yogurt
 - 1 tbsp the honest kitchen's Bone Broth dry mix
 - 1 cup water
 - 1 handful fresh berries
- ♦ Instructions
1. Mix 7 oz plain yogurt with 1 tbsp of the honest kitchen's Bone Broth and stir until completely blended.
 2. Slowly mix in 1 cup of water and stir until it's combined.

3. Pour mix into ice cube trays, until they're $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
4. Add 3-5 berries to each cube.
5. Freeze until solid.

Dog Party

Dog trainers have a saying: the hardest part of training a dog, is training the owner.

That's because our behavior has a direct influence on how our dogs react to commands, and not always in the ways we expect or want. Sometimes, if we're not careful, our attempts to train them can even reinforce their disobedience!

But if you follow these simple guidelines when teaching your dog to behave, you can be sure that the training will stick!

Stay Calm and Confident

This is one of the hardest parts of dog training for many people to learn, because sometimes, it's impossible not to get frustrated when our dogs just don't seem to get it! But dogs are very sensitive to our emotions, and can react to them in unpredictable ways. The best attitude to maintain when interacting with your dog is one of quiet, indifferent confidence.

Because dogs are pack animals, they evolved to challenge authority, and when you react to them with anger or fear, their instincts tell them that their challenge is working. If you're trying to curb your dog's bad behavior, less is more - your punishment should be simple, and delivered immediately and without emotion. In fact, sometimes, putting your dog in timeout for a minute or two and just ignoring

them is the best way to convince them to give up on that misbehavior.

Training needs to be a positive experience for your dog, especially when they are having trouble, so if you feel yourself getting upset, it may be a good time to take a break. At the same time, getting too worked up and excited when your dog gets it right can distract them, making them forget the good behavior that got them your praise in the first place! So keep your praise quiet and understated, and move on quickly.

Make Training Sessions Productive

When training a new behavior, it's important to accept that it will likely take multiple sessions. Be patient! Dogs don't usually have very long attention spans, so it's better to have a bunch of short training sessions than a few long ones.

Ideally, every training session should continue until your dog has made some progress. This doesn't mean you have to keep going until your dog learns the trick, but even a moment of focus or an unsuccessful attempt to perform should be rewarded - and then the session should end. You can have another session later in the day, but giving your dog a break will keep them from getting bored.

And because you'll need your dog to be obedient not just at home, but out in the world, too, where there are lots of interesting smells and exciting, scary noises, make sure you vary your training settings too. Your first sessions should be in a quiet place free from distractions, but as your dog gets the hang of it, try holding your next session somewhere busier, like the sidewalk in front of your house, or your local dog park.

Never Stop Training

Training is just like any skill: practice makes perfect! A common mistake of many dog owners is to teach their pup the basics, and then set training aside. But if we don't keep rewarding our pups for their obedience and developing their skills, over time, they become less responsive to our commands and more difficult to train.

Even if your dog knows all the basics, at least once every month or two, have a quick training session at home to run through their various commands and work on new behaviors. This will keep their minds sharp and attuned to obeying you.

Make your own Pet Bed

◆ Instructions:

1. Find out how big the bed needs to be. You can measure an old pet bed to find out how much fabric you need, or you can eyeball it. (*One yard of fabric for the top piece and one yard of fabric for the bottom was perfect for my 100-pound mastiff to curl up on.*)
2. Decide what shape you want the pet bed to be: square, oval, rectangle or round. (*I chose to work with the rectangle shape of my fabric since cutting in a straight line isn't a talent of mine.*)
3. You'll need two big pieces of fabric; cut both pieces of fabric into the shape and size you need. Leave plenty of room for a hem on the outside—you'll use this area to create strips.
4. Lay the two pieces of fabric on top of each other.
5. Cut strips around the entirety of the fabric (slicing both layers). Be consistent with the thickness and length of your strips. I measured 1.5 inches thick and 3.5 inches long on mine. If you go too wide on the strips, it'll be more difficult to double knot.
6. Take one strip from the top layer and double knot it with the corresponding strip on the bottom layer. Repeat all around the bed, but remember to leave an opening to insert the stuffing.
7. Stuff the bed and tie the rest of the knots! (*I used two 16 oz. packs of polyester fiber fill.*)
8. It's really that easy! To wash, all you have to do is untie a few knots and remove the stuffing. As always, keep an eye on your pet if he becomes destructive with the bed. The knots can be chewed off and swallowed.



Marta seems confused looking at me with mask on.

Mia competed in her very first Nosework trial at the CPE trial put on by Friends of BDOC.

While doing the exterior search, Mia could not decide to follow her nose to the odor or herd the sheep calling her to the nearby pasture. Luckily Mia decided it best to follow the odor. She finished all elements to earn her title in Level 1 under Judge Sharon Dowell.



Boot Camp
Shari Mueller

Thank you Dick & Peggy Battig for an Amazing weekend at your two day Obedience “Boot Camp!”

I learned so much that I could write a book, “Dick Battig’s Obedience Training.”
Come to think of it, I think I did.

It was definitely an “Ah Ha” moment, kind of weekend.

I realized just how much Ollie & I have already learned & how far we have come in a very short time while at the Obedience “Boot Camp” clinic.
I could see the bigger picture and how it all starts coming together.

It truly is “poetry in motion.”

The Ah Ha! moment, was the entire clinic!

All of them, “that’s cool!” , “Wow!” , “Makes perfect sense to me!” , “Awesome!” ‘s that ran through my head all weekend, are too many to count. “AH HA!”

This is a new chapter in Ollie & my obedience journey. Which has already well exceeded my expectations!!

I have that fire and desire to not only succeed but to attain goals that go beyond anything I have ever dreamed of achieving!!

The Boot Camp Clinic couldn’t have come at a better time in our training.

The clinic not only I showed me just how far we have come. It also showed me where Ollie and I are headed and what it will take to get there.

Dick’s training techniques, tools, along with his keep it simple training methods, has changed our life when it comes to doing what we love, training obedience! The difference it has made is priceless!!

Their definition of SIMPLE:
K.I.S.S.

“Keep It Simple Stupid” □ □

I cannot thank Dick & Peggy enough for NOT cancelling this clinic due to the COVID-19 pandemic!!

You had everyone’s safety and best interest first and foremost. Along with bringing some normalcy back into our lives doing what we Love!! Our Dogs & Obedience!!!

We (Ollie & I) look forward to continuing this journey with you!!

Ollie Loves you Dick and what would training be without the “Dick & Ollie Show?” □ □ □

Thanks again for everything!



Shari & Ollie, Dick & Sammy, Peggy & Patton



All 12 Teams that participated in the Clinic & Dick Battig, Trainer/Instructor on the FAR right.

Note: The Team sitting on the floor with the sun shining down on them is, Gerianne Darnell & Rayna.

The event was held at Gerianne's building, Sunshine Obedience School. Thank you Gerianne!!!

West Highland White Terrier Club of America Special Awards

Saylor has won two 2019 Annual Awards and will be recognized at a virtual awards ceremony this fall.

"Saylor" Mardot Hot Lips UD PCDX BN GN GO RM RAE3 FDC CGCU CGCA TKA won the Obedience Utility Award

and in addition:

"Saylor" won the Rally Award All Legs

Team Crawford worked hard to reach our goals. What fun adventures we had!

Sandy and Marvin Crawford

Weimshadow N Greymist's Fall Colors, JH, TKN



Heidi earned her AKC Trick Dog Novice title in July. Thank you Sharon Dowell for evaluating her videos.

Sherry Rife

President's Message

by Gerianne Darnell

BDOC now has two events in the books during the pandemic era! The first event was our very first CPE Scent Sports trial, held on July 4-5. CPE is the newest organization to offer nosework, and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. The first couple of levels are wonderful for young/beginning dogs and handlers, and very motivational for seasoned dogs. The trial was

expertly judged by our own Sharon Dowell and chaired by Deb Selden. Those helping set up were Sharon, Deb, Gerianne, Linda, Erin, Rebecca, Bruce, and Sue, and I'm doing this by memory so I hope I didn't miss anybody. It went quickly! Thanks to the Embreys for bringing out the boxed lunches. Kris Woodke was in charge of stewards, and when Kris became ill Saturday night, Sue stepped in to help. A special thanks to Dee Nelson for bringing out a complete truckload (including the truck!) of "stuff" for us to use. We could not do any of these events without our wonderful trial secretary, Norine. Thanks again to all for your help, and we all are looking forward to our next CPE Scent Sports trial.

Our next trial was AKC herding, held on July 25-26. The horrible, hot, debilitating weather really DIDN'T show up for the weekend, it was just a little warm for the last classes on Saturday, and not a factor at all (except for the rain!) on Sunday. We had two great judges in Laura Kincaid and Ken Theus. Since I didn't get to trial because of Rayna's illness, Ken was able to stay with me Saturday night instead of a motel. The trial was chaired by Sharon Dowell and Gerianne Darnell. Gerianne, Jim, and Erin set up the A course and B course duck areas, and Jim, Sharon, and Scott tarped all of the holding areas and marked out several things to make our transitions go smoother on the weekend. Those working/sorting/setting out the sheep and ducks were Erin, Gerianne, Darrell, Scott, Jeanie Moline, and Jamie Evans. Sharon and Bert timed and scribed, and Deb Selden provided us with boxed lunches each day, along with doing her treasurer duties. Our secretary Norine, along with her herding paps, was here to support us all weekend. We were done and cleaned up by about 2:30 on Sunday. It was a very successful trial, and we had several club members earn titles, legs, and special awards. We look forward to our next herding trial in September.

As I write this, our August AKC obedience/rally trials and AKC Scent Work trials are coming up, immediately followed by UKC Nosework. We continue to have a super good time putting on these events! I look forward to the end of the pandemic, so we can have a club meeting!

The board has been meeting via conference call since last spring, but we are having our first in-person, socially distanced board meeting next week, on the patio of Deb Selden's new home. I wish you all continued good health. Enjoy your dogs!

**Your pooch got sprayed by a skunk
--now what?**

From Readers Digest

Mix 1 quart of 3 percent hydrogen peroxide, 1/4 cup of baking soda, and 1 or 2 teaspoons of liquid soap.

Scrub your dog with the mixture, then rinse him off with warm water. If he still stinks, wash him again and try not to get too cross with the poor guy!

Dear God: Why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not ONE named for a **Dog**? How often do you see a cougar riding around in a car? We love a nice car ride! Would it be so hard to rename The 'Chrysler Eagle' the 'Chrysler Beagle'?

It's Just an NQ

By Jan Molnar

I don't post a lot but my mentor/trainer said this to me yesterday and something so simple hit me like a ton of bricks. We are happy to share successes but this isn't a brag.

We had a terrible day in Obedience this weekend. Horrible. Like NQ nearly every exercise. If I was watching myself, I would have said no way should this dog be showing. This is not the norm for this dog but she is

young. But I am, of course, not minutes from home. I am over an hour way. An hour where I drove home and thought about what happened. I couldn't believe it, was ready to throw in the towel, was going through all scenarios in my head about what went wrong (training, building, dog). You name it, I tried to find a reason. I couldn't accept that we just had a bad day.

Then I am told it's just an NQ. And you know what, it made me cry and immediately stop worrying about it. While I was having a bad day, someone was retiring their dog and running it for the last time. Someone else was running their dog for the last time and didn't know it (dogs and people fall ill suddenly). But not me. I get to try again tomorrow, or the next day. I get to go back in that ring with my dog. I am lucky. So many people never get that chance

One day, when I am retiring her, I can look back at all the trouble she was, but oh how much fun we had. Enjoy your dog. Have fun. This was such an inspiration to me, I am hoping it can help someone else.

It's just an NQ.

