

# LEAD AND COLLAR



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## Recipe: DIY Dog Paw Balm

### Supplies

21-24 standard lip balm tubes OR 6 1-oz. tins

a small digital kitchen scale, optional  
small pot or double boiler

### Ingredients

2 oz. (approx. 2 tbsp.) olive, sunflower, or  
sweet almond oil

2 oz. (approx. 2 tbsp.) coconut oil

1 oz. (approx. 1 tbsp.) shea butter

4 tsp. beeswax

### Directions

1. In a small pot or double boiler over low heat melt the oils, shea butter, and beeswax. Stir continuously until all is melted and well blended.
2. Carefully pour the mixture into lip balm tubes and/or tins.
3. Let them cool on the counter until hard.
4. Cap and label.

5. Keep away from extreme heat.
6. Apply the balm as a preventive treatment or to help soften dry paw pads or noses. Use within 1 to 2 years.

*“Anyone who doesn’t know what soap tastes like never washed a dog.”*

### Rick Darnell

10/20/04 - 2/16/21

Much loved and missed by Gerianne Darnell

[http://www.sunshineobedience.com/pdf\\_files/ATributetoRick.pdf](http://www.sunshineobedience.com/pdf_files/ATributetoRick.pdf)



## **In Memory of Rick**

**10/20/04 – 2/16/21**

**CH CT OTCH MACH HC VCCH UCH UOCH  
UUDX UROG URX2 SCH NGC EN NHD C-ATCH  
ARCHMX**

### **Skyland Ricochet**

UDX10 OGM VST TDX TDU PUDX VER GN GO  
RAE2 HXAsd HXBsd MXS MJB MFB T2B SWM  
SWNE CGCA CGCU TKI FDC VHM, EAC OJC  
WV-N TN-N NCC, RL1X3 RL2X3 RL3X3 RLVX  
RL3-AOE RLV-AOE RL2-AOE RL1-AOE, NW1,  
SPOT, CCSS-L1

I was there when he was born, and I was there when he left this world. Rick was the fourth born out of a litter of four, and as he appeared I said "There he is!". He was marked just like his sire, Raymond, and we called him "Baby Ray" until he came home. I visited Rick's litter every other day, and at 4 ½ weeks he started playing tug with me, and at 5 weeks he started voicing his displeasure when I would leave. He then voiced his displeasure every single time I left him for the next 16 years.

Rick was a beautiful dog in every way. He was sweet, mischievous, and full of life. He was the first puppy I raised with a dog door, and he drug many, many objects out in to the dog run the first few years of his life. If you couldn't find something, that was the first place we would look.

Rick's first exposure to sheep was notable, as were so many of the events in his life. I was in the sheep barn, scooping up corn to feed the ewes, and as I was bent over I saw sheep feet go by, followed by little border collie feet. I rushed out the door to watch 12-week-old Rick moving sheep around the pen, it was amazing to watch. I remember smiling thinking, oh, I like the way that looks! Rick proved to be a sheepdog who was well-suited to me, he was quiet, and reliable, and the sheep liked him. He was a great farm dog, and he helped me lamb for many years. He handily earned his Herding Championship, and he especially loved to herd ducks, just like his dad before him.

But then Rick loved everything that we did together. I didn't think he was going to make much of an obedience dog, as he couldn't walk with his head up until he was almost a year old. He made up for that slow start by showing in obedience until he was 12 years old. He and I disagreed over where heel position was for most of those 12 years, until I finally gave up and let him heel where he wanted to. When I see pictures of us heeling

together, I always wonder how I didn't trip over him. But the big smile on his face made it all worth it, despite all of those 196 ½ scores that could have been 198 ½'s had he chosen my version of heel position and not his. That said, Rick was a very accomplished obedience dog, earning his OTCH, his OGM, his UDX10, and he was the first dog in the country to earn the PUDX when it came out. He was also a UKC Obedience Champion, and he was the number one UKC Utility dog in the country in 2014. His crowning obedience achievement was to place in the Top 50 at the 2016 National Obedience Championship at the age of 11 ½. I still marvel that he got invited, much less made the Top 50. I was SO proud of him.

Rick also LOVED LOVED LOVED rally. The AKC Rally Championship came along a couple years too late for Rick, but he earned all of the top titles in UKC, AKC, and WCRL rally, forging and barking and biting signs along the way.

Rick adored agility. I had had several agility dogs by the time he came along, but it took years for us to finally become a team. He was always one of the fastest dogs at the trial, whereas I was never one of the fastest humans, far from it. I think it took three years to get his first ten Double Q's for the MACH. I was thinking the summer that he turned 8 that it might be time to give it up and move on to something else, and then he got his next ten Double Q's in just a few months. He didn't want to quit!

After Rick got his MACH, he was then a Quadruple Champion. I had always hoped to try for a second Quintuple Champion to go along with Riva's CH CT OTCH MACH HC, but I always thought the MACH could possibly keep Rick from that goal. After Rick got the MACH and I knew the Quint could happen again, we started serious tracking. Unlike his sire Raymond, Rick very much enjoyed our tracking training. He earned his TD in a ground blizzard (half the dogs didn't get past the first turn), and on a lark I entered the new "TDU" test a month later, as we were going to be in Wichita anyway, and I wanted to see what it was all about. The night before the test, Rick ended up at the emergency clinic in Wichita, and all I can think of is that he ate something when we stopped to exercise on the way down there that afternoon. I truly thought he was dying in front of my eyes, and it's the only time he was ever sick in his life. The emergency vet never did give me a definitive diagnosis. The next morning he was certainly feeling much better, and since the toy dog conformation show that Robert was entered in didn't start until that afternoon, I decided to drive over to the tracking test and watch. I had no intention of participating after the

night we had been through. Long story short, I ended up trying Rick in the test, and he was the only dog to pass, becoming one of the first TDU's in the country. Rick and I then VERY much enjoyed several years of advanced tracking training. He earned his VST at the age of 12, and when a couple more years went by with some near misses and bad luck in TDX tests, I figured that our window had closed to earn the coveted CT for his Quintuple Championship. I should have known to NEVER count out Rick, as he delighted me by earning his TDX at the age of 14 years, three months, to become a CT and my second Quintuple Champion.

When Rick was 11 ½, I decided that he needed something to do in his "old age", never dreaming that his old age would last so long. There was a new sport out there called "nosework", so I brought in an expert clinician to teach those of us in the area how to get started. An activity that I thought was going to just be something that Rick got a few titles in turned out to be a full-blown new career for Rick. He was the first dog in the area to make it to the Elite level in UKC nosework, and then the first dog to earn the AKC Master Nosework title, earning his Master Buried title in three tries, under the old rules when the hides were buried eight inches in the ground! He was also one of the first dogs in the area to earn an NACSW nosework title, and he was still earning High in Trials with the fastest times of any dog at the age of 16. In fact, he did nosework on the day he died. How lucky for both of us that he found a new career as an old dog, as I firmly believe that is what kept him going for so long. Rick was legendary for "biting the hide" and I apologize to the thousands of boxes, objects, and vehicles that he bit over the years.

Rick also nipped a person or two (or three) in his life. He was a fierce watchdog, and he did not appreciate any stranger coming on to the deck uninvited, or in any way, in his opinion, threatening me. I couldn't say that any of his nips were unwarranted, with the possible exception of that boy scout that one time...

Rick was a hoot to live with, and like his dad before him, he made me laugh every day. When I would give the dogs their marrow bones to chew outside, Rick would make a couple circuits around the yard to find just the right place to bury his. I can't imagine how many bones are out there. He also loved running circles around the big sheep tank when another dog was in it. He was always a gentleman in the house, and he slept on a blanket next to my side of the bed his entire life. That spot will now always be a huge hole in my life.

Rick also sired eight wonderful puppies, who earned an OTCH, several MACH's along with UD/UDX's, rally titles, herding titles, they are an accomplished lot, just like their dad. Luckily I had Rick collected when he was a young dog, so maybe one day I can have one of his puppies; I so hope that works out.

Rick and I ADORED one another, from the moment we laid eyes on each other. Some partnerships in life are just meant to be. I think his making it to such an advanced age was somewhat attributed to him not wanting to leave me, along with me not wanting him to go. I had him for a QUARTER of my life, and at my age, that is really saying something. Rick had the best old age of any dog I've ever had, along with outliving any of my previous dogs by a year. He earned his last title in January of this year, the new "home manners" title, and he barked and cavorted his way through that, I wish I had a video of it. Rick earned his first title in 2006 at the age of 22 months and his last title at the age of 16 years, 3 months in 2021, which made for an incredible 16 years in a row to earn a title, beating my dear old pap Zack's record of 15 years in a row.

Rick was actually entered in a nosework trial the weekend following his death, and he was still doing well until the weather turned so cold and snowy the two weeks prior that we couldn't get out and walk every morning. I think his body really needed that movement, and that is when he stopped eating and started to struggle. I have always been an obituary reader, and I don't like the kind of obit that just lists all of a person's accomplishments and affiliations and a lot of dry facts, so I don't mean for Rick's last story to just list all of the titles and things that he did. But the titles for me have always been a reflection of the training and the love that went in to every single one of them. So, the titles are important. But what is MOST important is the relationship that forms because of all of those thousands of hours spent working with a dog. What I always remember most about showing a dog is the goofy, funny things that they did, and yes, I also remember some of those amazing, fantastic days that everything just lined up perfectly. It all becomes a journey that is never forgotten. It is why I am making a scrapbook of each dog's journey so that I can make sure I don't forget any of it.

So, today I honor Rick, and I humbly thank him for choosing me. I have no regrets, and my only wish is that he could be two years old and we could do it all again. I love you Rick, and I will miss you always. Say hi to Raymond for me, hopefully he'll be nice to you at the bridge and show you where the sheep are.

## Fix 'n Go

by AKC Companion Events Department

This is a new concept, and new things can create anxiety. After all, just like our dogs, we're all creatures of routine who take comfort in the familiar. To alleviate any anxiety you might be feeling with respect to this new change, here are some things to remember.

The new Fix 'n Go concept will be offered on a one-year pilot basis beginning April 1, 2021. The concept will be evaluated throughout, and a survey will be conducted prior to the end of its term.

The Fix n' Go concept is intended to allow the handler to reattempt the exercise to help their dog while performing in the obedience ring. Historically, any attempt to help the dog was considered 'training in the ring' and has not been permitted. Such training was penalized; however, these penalties sometimes have been inconsistently applied by judges and misunderstood by handlers. Our goal is to bring clarity to what a handler may and may not do, in the spirit of good sportsmanship, to help their dog be successful at future events.

Please remember that we are all guided by the principles of good sportsmanship. We ask our judges to be kind and patient, and our exhibitors to be thoughtful and respectful, while we work together to implement this new procedure.

### Dogs Can Outpace a Cheetah

Though some dogs are faster than others, every dog was made to run! In fact, some breeds of dog could actually beat a cheetah in a race!

While cheetahs can manage speeds up to 70mph, they can only maintain that for around 30 seconds; while the fastest dogs, greyhounds, have a top speed about half that, they can keep running at their top speed for several minutes before getting tired, so that cheetah's early head start would soon disappear!

### Dogs Can Be Right or Left Pawed

Just like us, dogs can have a dominant "hand" that they tend to use more often. However, while only about 10% of humans are left-handed, research indicates that dogs are about equally likely to be left-pawed, right-pawed, or ambidextrous.

If you're curious about your dog's dominant paw, there are a couple easy ways to figure it out. If they tend to step with a particular side first when they start walking, or if they tend to use one paw more than others when playing with toys, that paw is their dominant.

### Show News

From the Woodke household: **Echo** and **Wicket** have had some great Barn Hunt weekends the past couple of months. In February, we went to Grinnell, Iowa where Echo earned his RATChX and Wicket went 4/5 with all first places at the Novice level (and I got a new car battery). Then, the weekend of March 19-21, Wicket went 3/5 with two first places and a second place at the Novice level (we are working on his Novice Championship -- you need 10 additional Qs after obtaining a Novice title). During that same weekend, Echo earned 200 Crazy 8 points and had his retirement Master level run. Also, in early February, Wicket had his WCRL Rally debut and had what would have been a second place in the Intro class. But since we were in the judges' class, no placements were given for that run. I was pleasantly surprised with the crazy little dude's first Rally performance. So glad we have been able to still do some of our doggy sports during these crazy times.

### MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF BELLEVUE DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB

February 6, 2021

Sunshine Obedience School, Council Bluffs, IA

**Board Members Present:** Gerianne Darnell, Erin Embrey, Deb Selden, Kris Woodke, Alberta Gray and Linda Puckett.

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Minutes of last General Membership meeting** – Since the minutes were published in the last newsletter, a motion to waive the reading of those minutes was made by Deb Selden and seconded by Alberta Gray. Motion passed.

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**Report of President (Gerianne Darnell)** — Gerianne reported on a new member application she received from Kathy Hirz. Due to Covid issues and not being able to have an in-person meeting until later in the year, a motion was made by Linda Puckett to present Kathy's application to the membership for a vote via the online IO group. Motion seconded by Erin Embrey; motion passed..

**Report of the Vice President (Erin Embrey) –** None.

**Report of Treasurer (Deb Selden) –** Deb passed out copies of the most recent Treasurer's Report. A short discussion of those entries took place. The ribbon expense for 2020 were all charged to just one trial, and Deb was going to split that up over the other trials. Deb is working on the biennial report that is due April 2, 2021. A motion to approve that report was made by Erin Embrey and seconded by Linda Puckett. Motion approved.

**Report of Secretary (Kris Woodke) –** Nothing new to report.

**Report of Training Director (Devetta Hill) -** Since Devetta was not present at the meeting, no report of the Training Director given. However, Gerianne did report that Devetta would like to plan another game night for some time in 2020.

#### **Upcoming Club Events:**

**UKC NW trial, Feb. 19-21, 2021 –** Teresa Carlisle, Chair; Rhonda Pratt is in charge of stewards. Linda will order food, and Jim will pick it up on the day of the trials.

**AKC Scent Work Judges Education Seminar,** March 27, 2021 – Gerianne, Chair. Working spots are not for working dogs, but more for educating people for working at trials. The seminar currently has a good number of participants.

**AKC Obedience/Scent Work trials, April 2-4, 2021 -** Gerianne and Erin Embrey are chairs for both events. Deb Selden is the Chief Ring Steward for Obedience, and Rebecca Erickson is the chief ring steward for Scent Work. Linda and Bert are doing the food for the weekend. Scent Work will start at 12:00, limit to 60 runs of interior and exterior searches.

**CPE Scent Sport trial, May 8-9, 2021 –** Shelley Rehmeier is the chair for this event. The application was recently submitted to CPE. We are still looking for a Chief Ring Steward for this event.. Gerianne is taking care of the food for that weekend.

**AKC Herding trials, May 8-9, 2021** (Chairs Gerianne Darnell/Sharon Dowell). Deb Selden will be in charge of food for the weekend.

**UKC Obedience/Rally/NW/SPOT, June 11-13, 2021** (Obedience/Rally Chair Gerianne Darnell/Nosework Co-Chairs Sharon Dowell and Teresa Carlisle/SPOT, Alberta Gray). We are still looking for someone to be Chief Ring Steward and also someone to be in charge of food arrangements.

**AKC Obedience/Rally, August 6-8, 2021** (Chair Gerianne Darnell) – Devetta Hill will be our Chief Ring Steward, but we are still looking for someone to be in charge of food arrangements.

**AKC SW trials August 20-22, 2021** (Chairs Gerianne Darnell/Erin Embrey). We are still looking for someone to be Chief Ring Steward and to be in charge of the food for this event.

**AKC Herding trials, September 18-19 2021** (Chairs Gerianne Darnell/Sharon Dowell) – Details are currently being worked out for this trial. We do need someone to make arrangements for food for these trials.

**AKC Agility, October 1-3, 2021** (Chairs Linda Puckett/Alberta Gray) The trial secretary and judge have been hired, and the facility has been rented for that weekend..

**AKC Obedience/Rally, October 30-31, 2021** (Chairs Gerianne Darnell/Erin Embrey – We are still in need of a chief ring steward and food person for this trial. Our judges have already been hired, and the CDC building is reserved. Gerianne will check with Pam Fusselman to see if she would be able to be Chief Ring Steward for this trial.

**AKC Scent Work Trial, November 5-7, 2021** (Chair Erin Embrey/Deb Selden) – Looking for a chief ring steward and someone to do the food for this trial.

#### **New Business –**

1. Since we were unable to have an election meeting in February of 2021 due to Covid, the current board members whose terms were up at that time all agreed to stay on until an election can be held (hopefully May 28, 2021). Those board members whose terms are up in 2021 are Vice Present (currently Erin Embrey), Secretary (currently Kris Woodke) and one member-at-large seat (currently Dee Nelson). All of these positions would be for two-year terms.

2. Fast CAT – This will be tabled at this time.

3. Awards Banquet – We are planning on having our Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet on Friday, May 28, 2021. At this time, the board is still looking into locations, but we are hoping to find a caterer who will do some kind of boxed dinners with a couple of choices..

**Old Business –** None..

**Next meeting dates --** The next Board meeting will be in April. The Annual Meeting will be held May 28, 2021 in conjunction with the Awards Banquet, location to be determined.

**Adjournment –** There being no further business to discuss at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Deb Selden and seconded by Alberta Gray. Motion to adjourn carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

## Cicadas Can Cause Stomach Upset

Cicadas don't bite or sting, so no problem – right? Wrong. If you have a dog who likes to munch on whatever can be found on the ground, you need to prepare to stop him from devouring this plentiful treat.

"In most cases, your dog will be fine after eating a few cicadas," says Dr. Jerry Klein, AKC chief veterinary officer. "However, dogs that gorge on the large, crunchy insects will find the exoskeleton difficult to digest and can suffer serious consequences."

According to Dr. Klein, aftereffects can include severe stomach upset and abdominal pain, [vomiting](#), and bloody [diarrhea](#). Some dogs may require intravenous fluids, pain medications, gastroprotectants, or anti-nausea drugs.

### Dogs Overindulging in Cicadas Can:

- Experience mild to serious GI upset.
- Choke on the stiff wings or hard exoskeleton.
- Suffer an [allergic reaction](#).
- Consume unhealthy amounts of pesticides.

### How Long Will the Threat Last?

Cicadas live underground for most of their lives, where they drink from plant roots and develop into adults. They emerge from the ground to sing, mate, and lay eggs. The songs, sung mostly by males, can reach 100 decibels. Females lay fertilized eggs in the branches of plants, where they hatch and burrow underground. The adult cicadas die, and the world becomes a little bit quieter.

The cicada cycle will last about 6 weeks, so those emerging in mid-May should be gone by late June, depending on the weather. Then the babies or nymphs will dig into the ground to suck tree roots for another 17 years.

Of course, those tasty exoskeletons that adult cicadas shed will still be all over the ground. So you'll need to be vigilant with your dog for a while longer.

**Bottom line:** Preventing your dog from eating cicadas is the safest choice. Get ahead of the game and teach the ["leave it"](#) command. And if you have a pup who likes to act like an anteater, you

may need to be constant companions when he goes outside for a couple of months.

## Dogs Can Smell Illness

The canine nose is around 40x stronger than ours, allowing dogs to pick up on almost undetectable nuances in the scents they smell.

In fact, the doggy nose is so strong, that researchers believe dogs can pick up on subtle scent changes that occur when humans get sick, long before those illnesses can be diagnosed using traditional medical testing.

Many healthcare providers have begun using specially trained dogs called Medical Detection Dogs to sniff out certain illnesses. Some of these special pooches are even being trained to smell COVID-19!

### Rewarding Experience

Sharing our dogs with hospital staff!



***"Memories bloom forever in the garden of the heart"***