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“OBEIDENCE CAN BE FUN”

(ON THE WAY TO A CD)

By

Kyloe Treking LK Dreamweaver, RE, JH, CDX (“Spinner”)



I’ve spent a lot of serious time thinking of ways to make obedience fun and would like to pass on my words of wisdom. I’ve discovered that the most fun in the whole wide world is letting the person who thinks she owns you and has taught you so much (called a “handler”), find out that you are the teacher -- and your lesson is humility.

HEELING (The handler follows the judge’s instructions while walking around the ring with the dog’s head near the left knee.)

It’s so much fun to see the look on your handler’s face when you pretend you’ve completely forgotten what you’re doing.

The trick is to stare adoringly into her eyes while staying in heel position, but only until the last about turn. Then, well, there’s bound to be some great smell in the ring (if there isn’t, pretend). Like any self-respecting Griff (Wirehaired Pointing Griffon) with a mind of her own, it’s then time to check out that smell. The idea is to show that you’re versatile and know how to track. Ideally, you can actually find something at the end of your track. Doesn’t matter what it is, even a hair-bunny will do. After all, you stayed in position for most of the heeling pattern; and let’s face it, heeling is boring, and boring is not fun. Now, I, for one, am of the firm belief that being good for that long deserves some freedom. Let me caution you, though, if you’re given a second command, you need to run right back, get into proper heel position, and once again stare up with that adoring, too cute look.

After doing the straight heeling pattern, you get to do what is called a “figure 8”. All sorts of possibilities open up as you and your handler heel in a figure 8 pattern around two people standing there as if they were wooden posts with their arms crossed. Are you ready for this – they are actually called “posts”! Don’t forget to check out their pockets as you go by; lots of times there are really good smells. The fun really starts when you get to do off-lead healing. That’s right it’s just like it sounds, there is nothing tying you to the handler. **YOU ARE FREE!** If the mood hits you, you can take off and run around the ring, you can walk on the right side instead of the left. (Whoever decided that the dog must always be on the left side? What if your handler is left-handed, wouldn’t it make more sense to walk on their right side then?) You can now get your nose to the ground and learn all about the other dogs and handlers who have been in the ring before you. This is a time to learn so much.

STAND FOR EXAM (The dog must stand steady with the handler six feet in front and facing him while the judge touches him. The dog should not move until



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"You can say any fool thing to a dog, and the dog will give you this look that says, 'My God, you're RIGHT! I NEVER would've thought of that!'" - Dave Barry





the handler is back in heel position and releases him.)

If you want to frustrate your handler, you can move around and refuse to stand still. You can squirm, sit, or even lie down. Keep in mind, though, that the handler can physically put you in a stand. You can do all this and not get penalized if you finally stay in position after being told “stay”.

The stand doesn't give you a whole lot of time for having fun, but you can wiggle your entire body (remember, to do it correctly, your feet should stay in place and only swivel – it leaves neat little wet spots on the mat). Don't forget to follow the judge's hand with your head as far back as you can without losing your balance. With practice, you should be able to do at least a 180. Both of these actions are great crowd pleasers. Don't you just love laughter and applause?

RECALL: (The handler will leave the dog on a sit stay and go to the far side of the ring. The dog will be called upon the judge's command and will run to a sit position directly in front of the handler and await the command to finish, and go to the handler's left side.)

There's not a whole lot you can do on the recall, but it is possible to make it much more fun than trotting in and sitting in front. Try leaving on the judge's command, don't wait for your handler. That shows initiative. Course, you shouldn't overdo it. It's necessary to sometimes actually wait for a command. Never forget that the faster you go, the more force you have. If you get up the right speed, you can actually push off the handler before you slam to a sit right where you're supposed to be! Warning – only make contact with the two front paws; using all four will have you landing in a down and not a sit. Also, actually knocking her down is a definite no. If you are showing inside and get up the right speed, you can even slide into a sit.

If you are feeling contrary, try strolling over to the handler and just stand in front looking at her. It's like saying, “You called, I came; but I came on my terms, not yours.” Sometimes you just have to make a statement.

STAYS: (The dog will stay in position while the handler stands across the ring facing the dog until commanded to return. A sit stay will be held for 1 minute and a down stay will then be held for 3 minutes.)

Make sure you always do stays in practice regardless of the distractions. You even want to do nice solid stays for the first couple of trials you're entered in. Then, when your handler is sure you at least have the stays down pat, get creative. After all, sitting or lying in one position for the allotted amount of time is very boring. Stays can be broken by getting out of position, for example, by laying down on a sit or sitting on a down, or by having a good scratch and forgetting what you are supposed to be doing.

It's possible to get very creative with stays. By all means, keep your handler off balance. Wait until the judge says “return to your dog”, and show her who's really in charge: get up and meet her at least halfway wagging your whole body all the way to her. After you've tried this a couple of times, it gets old and it's time for something new. Try getting up and giving a good friendly sniff to the dog sitting next to you. Invite another dog to come out and play with you. You can even take a quick tour of the ring.

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Even with all the fun things I've told you about, you do want to qualify at least 3 times. To qualify means that you followed the rules and did enough things in each exercise correctly that you did not fail. The handlers call qualifying “getting a leg”. Now, how silly is that? You've already got 4, how many do you need? If you don't qualify at least 3 times, you never get to go to the next level which is called “open” (and please don't ask me why). But, let me tell you, there are LOTS more chances in open to have fun!

Racer (Duck River's Dreamchaser) got his Championship at the Penn Treaty show on August 10. Now, it is on to the fun stuff.



Hi all

as I mentioned at the August picnic for those who were there, I need a volunteer or pair of volunteers for hospitality for the obedience and rally trials in November. It really is not as difficult as you would think. Friday needs to have some snacks and drinks set up for the stewards and judge. Saturday and Sunday also need snacks set out but in addition we will need lunch both days. Last year we just had someone pick up sandwiches which were preordered at Subway. You would not need to be there all day each day- just to set up the snacks

and make sure the lunch is there. If anyone would be interested in taking on this job, please email me privately. Thank you. The dates for the obedience and rally trials are November 15, 16, and 17.

Donna Richardson

Ms, Thompson

I am an activities assistant at The Willows at Meadow Branch

([_http://www.thewillowsatmeadowbranch.com_](http://www.thewillowsatmeadowbranch.com) (<http://www.thewillowsatmeadowbranch.com/>))

and I am seeking volunteers to bring their pets to visit the residents here. Pet visits seem to bring them much happiness! I would appreciate it so much if you could respond to my email. I am looking for visitors for the week of September 4-13th, specifically, and also continuing visits as the volunteers wish. Thank you for taking the time to help us; it would be greatly appreciated by so many people. Thanks so much, have a wonderful day!

Allison Walker

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Well, it's that time for me to badger.....errrrr....I mean, implore club members to referee.....errr.....I mean, steward the obedience trial in November. Those of you that helped last year must remember your fun meter being pegged from the experience. Not only that, we didn't lose one steward to the fury of the Cape Buffalo in the B classes. Please let me know as soon as possible if you're interested in the adrenaline of being part of our obedience trial. Don't make me proceed to steps 2 and 3 of steward procurement as I had to last year. That's just plain ugly!

Thanks so much!

Patrice Leipham



Doggie Liverwurst Cake

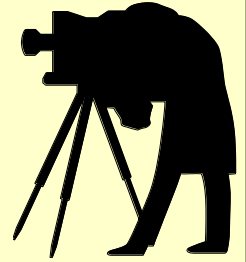
1/2-3/4 inch slice of Liverwurst

1 egg, beaten 1 cup flour

1 tsp baking powder Milk

Mix all together & adding just enough milk to make a normal cake batter. Pour into a well greased muffin tin or baking dish. Bake at 350 20-30 minutes. Cream cheese or yogurt would make a good icing. Refrigerate in air-tight container or freeze to keep longer then 3-4 days.

Picture Of the Month



**Mom,
We need
Tissues!**

Zoey Lutz

Congratulations AKC Agility Judge John DeFilippini!!!

**Thanks guys for all your love and support!!
Stacy, the labs, and the MTs!!**

“Doggie Horoscope”

Leo
July 23 to August 22

Your dogs demanding nature puts him constantly in the center of the family's attention. Assumingly he waits for fresh and tasty food, regular grooming, and patting. He enjoys being the king of all. He is extremely affectionate, faithful, confident, and proud.

“Dog Trivia”



The earliest European images of dogs are found in cave paintings dating back 12,000 years ago in Spain.

The dog was frequently depicted in Greek art, including Cerberus, the three-headed hound guarding the entrance to the underworld, and the hunting dogs which accompanied the virgin goddess of the chase, Diana

During the Renaissance, detailed portraits of the dog as a symbol of fidelity and loyalty appeared in mythological, allegorical, and religious art throughout Europe, including works by Leonardo da Vinci, Diego Velázquez, Jan van Eyck, and Albrecht Durer.



Mark Your Calendar



BLUE RIDGE DOG TRAINING CLUB & SHAWNEE KENNEL CLUB

AKC RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS DAY

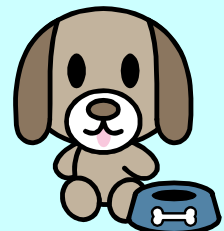
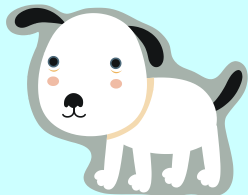


**SEPTEMBER 10, 2013
MEET THE BREEDS & DEMOS
CALL 540-662-1664 or 540-295-1409**



**Knowledgeable Club members will be available to
answer questions.**

**SPORTSPLEX,
221 COMMONWEALTH CT.,
WINCHESTER, VA
7 TO 9 PM**





Crystal Kennels is sponsoring an 'ALL BREED' health clinic on November 17, 2013

The clinic will be held at Loudoun Veterinary Service in Purcellville, Virginia

Dr. Nancy Bromberg will be doing OFA Eye Exams (previously known as CERF exams) Dogs for OFA eye exams ONLY. Please no exams for eye problems

Dr. William Tyrrell will be doing exams for OFA cardiac clearances.

Dr. Bromberg & Dr. Tyrrell are board certified in their specialty field

Dr. Stephen Stang will be taking radiographs for OFA hips and/or elbows.

A mild sedative will be given to dogs being radiographed. Dogs will be able to walk back to their cars.

Radiographs for OFA prelims are welcome. Pre-anesthetic blood work is not required. We will not have time for pre-anesthetic blood work. If you want this done, please have it done at your regular vet prior to your appointment.

We will also be offering micro-chipping for those who need to meet the OFA & CERF permanent identification requirements or just want to have their dogs micro-chipped. We will be offering Thyroid & Patella checks.

All dogs attending the clinic must be up to date on vaccines.

Costs:

OFA Eye Exams: \$40 per dog (previously known as CERF exams) CERF forms available upon request

OFA Cardiac exams: \$45 per dog

Micro-chips: \$35 per dog

OFA Patella & dentition checks: \$10 per dog

OFA Hips Only Radiographs: \$150 per dog

OFA Hips & Elbows Radiographs \$225 per dog

OFA Elbows only radiographs \$100 per dog

OFA Thyroid tests: \$120 per dog

Any dog requiring general anesthesia for the radiographs will be an additional \$50

These prices are discounted for this date only. Loudoun Veterinary Service will not honor them at any other time.

The above prices are for services only. You will still be responsible for the cost of registering your **dog's results with the OFA and CERF.**

Those having radiographs taken & thyroid testing must bring a check made payable to the OFA for submitting the films & the blood samples. Loudoun Veterinary Service will submit them.

Directions:

The address is 1043 East Main Street Purcellville, Virginia 20132. You can use www.mapquest.com to map out directions, or email Jenifer Witkowski at crystalkennels@ymail.com

Pre-registration is required. To pre-register, contact Jenifer Witkowski at crystalkennels@ymail.com

We ask that dogs arrive 30 minutes prior to their scheduled time to fill out required paperwork. Please

bring a copy of your dog's AKC registration form as well as any permanent identification information

you may have for your dog, as this is required for the certification.

If you have any questions concerning the clinic contact Jenifer Witkowski at crystalkennels@ymail.com

Because of bounced checks at previous clinics, we will not be accepting checks. We also can not accept credit cards for payment of services. Cash only please



Wendy Volhard's "Healthy Dog Conference" is being held in early September. This is a fantastic conference for anyone interested in learning about holistic and natural means of caring for your dogs. Nutrition plays a vital role in the physical and mental well-being of our dogs and I've learned so very much from Wendy and the other presenters at her conference. This year's conference includes lectures on Nutrition; Supplements, Homeopathy, Kinesiology, the Endocrine Gland and how it affects every aspect of your dog's health & behavior, Sports Medicine, Behavior, Traditional Chinese Medicine, Massage, Laser Therapy, and puppies. If you are interested in learning more you can find information at www.volharddognutrition.com. Or give me a call.

Sandy Stokes
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FREDERICK COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

They are in need of the
Following items:



- Brooms & Dust Pans
- Plain non-clumping cat litter
- Window cleaner
- Liquid dish soap
- Liquid hand soap
- Paper towels
- Ink Pens
- Multipurpose copy paper
- Latex gloves
- Canned dog & cat food
- Dry puppy & kitten food
- Cheap disposable cat toys
- Kong dog toys
- Clorox bleach
- Post it notes
- General office supplies (staples, paper clips)
- Large industrial trash bags





How I see my dog

By The Oatmeal

Latin name: *Canis lupus familiaris*.

Common names: Dog, Rambo.

Primary occupation: Best friend / Furry midget bodyguard

Secondary occupation: Squirrel enforcer*

*Note: My dog is not actually effective at policing squirrels. He's more like a mall cop with severe ADHD.

My dog's tail has two functions.

1. Indicating to me when he's happy
2. Getting stuck full of leaves, insects, and poop.

(It's like one of those dream catcher things, except instead of dreams it catches crickets and feces.)

Drinks water by dipping his entire face into the bowl, usually eyes-first.

It's okay to sit on my ass and watch Netflix all day, as long as I do it while frequently telling my dog how handsome he is.

The speed at which he eats food indicates to me that his taste buds are located in his bowels.

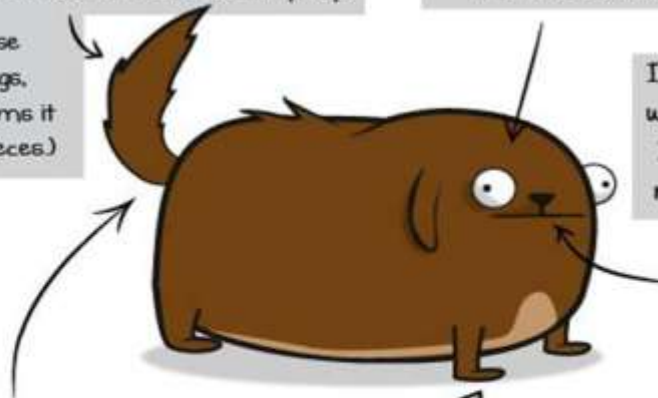
I can't seem to avoid making eye contact with his gross buttock. It is ever-watchful, like the eye of Sauron.

His legs can conveniently leap onto forbidden objects, such as couches and coffee tables, but tremble in fear when faced with a staircase.

My dog's torso contains an artificial gravity well that can make him heavier when I try to pick him up.

In a few million years, dogs are going to evolve to have a pair of nards directly in their mouths, for easier cleaning access.

Unlike a cat, you can actually pet his fluffy underbelly without needing a first aid kit afterwards.





How I see my FriendBeast

by The Dog

Latin name: *Homo sapiens*

Common name: FriendBeast

Primary occupation: Opening and closing doors so I can go poop
Secondary occupation: Staring at computer screens until I need to go out and poop again

When excited, jump up and head-butt the FriendBeast in the skull.
Minor concussions = love. ❤️

The FriendBeast speaks mostly gibberish. You must listen carefully to decipher his two word vocabulary:

“ Blookitystorkblaplahoop
TREATS blerksplapboobfets
blargloo POTTY OUTSIDE
blergityboopthptblehgrmpf ”

His nose is for decorative purposes only; it can't actually smell anything, so don't be shy about ripping massive farts in his presence.

You can telepathically communicate with the FriendBeast by sniffing his crotch or using it as a headrest.

If the eyes are the gateway to the soul, the crotch is the slip n' slide to the heart.

The FriendBeast appears to be harvesting my poop into bags. This reaffirms my belief that all poop is precious and must be closely examined.

Salt-flavored meatpoles. Lick vigorously.

The FriendBeast likes to marinate these chew toys in foot-stink all day so they are tasty and ripe by evening.





VA Federation Report

August 7, 2013

Hi – We had a good outcome last night. I went to the meeting as did Lisa Auerbach and another local breeder. Also there were about 40-50 people from the VA Hunting Dog Alliance, led by Kirby Burch. Kirby lives in Powhatan so he is very well acquainted with all the Planning Commission members and the Board of Supervisors. <http://vahda.org/>

Over the last week, Kirby, I and Lisa and others spoke and/or wrote to staff and PC members outlining our concerns on the definitions of kennels. They have agreed to NOT make the proposed changes.

The official action taken last night was to postpone a vote on the definition changes as there were other concerns raised on other issues so the PC deferred action until September. They are revising the entire zoning ordinance so this is a major effort. They have the next 30 days to work everything out on the current “chunk” of changes being considered.

We will watch and monitor what happens but right now it looks like Powhatan County wants to stay a dog friendly place. It should be noted that any changes made would not apply to current property owners with dogs and kennels as long as they are currently in compliance with applicable ordinances. However, we do not want restrictions put in place that jeopardize future dog owners and breeders.

Both Kirby and I spoke last night and thanked the Planning Commission for hearing our concerns and agreeing to act accordingly.

Stay tuned, though, because these things are not over until the final vote.

So next steps are – Sept Planning Commission meeting to approve any definition changes.

Then their recommendations go to the Board of Supervisors. We will let you know of any upcoming dates.

Thanks for the support!

Alice Harrington

2014 Calendar - Mariane said calendar production is on schedule and they will be available at the September meeting. The printed copies will be shipped to Beth Grimm.

To encourage the clubs to buy more calendars and thereby supporting the Federation prices will remain the same as last year.

\$15.00 - each, includes shipping

\$5.00 each for bulk orders up to 24 calendars; does not include shipping

\$3.00 each for bulk orders 25 and over; does not include shipping

Legislative/Education Report - Alice Harrington

We have signed a joint letter with SAOVA to Congressman Eric Cantor outlining our opposition to the latest iteration of the PUPS bill, HR 847. July 11, 2013

Congressman Eric Cantor 303 Cannon House Office Building District of Columbia 20515-4607 Re: OPPOSITION TO HR 847 Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety Act (PUPS) Dear Congressman



Cantor: The Sportsmen's & Animal Owners' Voting Alliance representing responsible animal owners, sportsmen, and dog breeders nationwide and the Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders are opposed to HR 847/S 395 Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety Act (PUPS) in its entirety. PUPS amends the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) to reverse a long-standing, court tested basis for commercial pet business licensing and regulation. Bill proponents state their legislation "closes a loophole" in federal law although the AWA was never intended to apply to in-home breeders selling directly to American families. Without precedent, PUPS invades the privacy of American homes and sets questionable standards for pet care, sanitation, handling, exercise, and housing. As written, PUPS will negatively impact many private breeders who cannot comply with commercial standards in a residential setting or who refuse to have their rights to privacy in their homes and financial documents invaded by federal inspectors. PUPS new licensing criteria will even impact the dog rescue community by forcing them to redesign facilities in order to meet federal requirements. Through enforcement of these unrealistic commercial standards on the residential hobby breeder or pet rescue organization, PUPS would reduce the ability of the American public to obtain healthy privately bred or rescue dogs of their choosing. There is no substantive evidence to prove that expansion of the existing AWA to cover an entirely new sector of small private entities will raise animal welfare to a higher level than properly enforcing current regulations and licensing those kennels operating commercially without USDA licensure. A better plan would be to improve USDA's enforcement ability and ensure that commercial kennels are properly licensed. Expansion of regulatory responsibilities into the non-commercial sector, including shelters and VFDCB REGULAR Meeting 6 July 14, 2013
Mariane R. Herndon, President Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs & Breeders

Dear Dog Lover, The American Kennel Club® (AKC) and the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association (VVMA) have today issued statements to highlight their vehement disapproval of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)'s apparent policy of euthanizing animals frequently at its shelter in Norfolk, VA. Furthermore, the AKC has called for the PETA shelter to take steps towards balancing its adoption and euthanasia rates for dogs and cats in its shelter. "While most shelters strive for a 90% re-homing rate, PETA is apparently proud of their 99% killing rate and callously boasts that the animals it rescues are 'better off dead'. That is an alarming ratio that should be fully investigated. PETA's track record is absolutely unacceptable," said AKC Chairman Alan Kalter. "Legitimate animal shelters in America re-home most of their sheltered animals. If some of Michael Vick's fighting dogs can be rehabilitated and re-homed then PETA can — and should — do better. If they cannot — or will not — then they should leave sheltering to others." "Re-homing a dog is not always the easiest but it is AKC's preferred route. PETA's apparent lack of commitment to re-homing is hypocritical. Our experience, through AKC clubs' rescue network, proves that a rescued dog can often thrive if given the much-needed love, medical care, rehabilitation and responsible placement into a new home. AKC is disgusted that euthanasia is seemingly so easily employed by PETA." VFDCB REGULAR Meeting 7 July 14, 2013

July 20, 2013

here is a letter from Lindsey Wolko of the Center for Pet Safety. Please share it with your club members and friends. Setting standards for crates and harnesses is important to ensuring the safety



of our dogs as they travel in vehicles.

Thanks, Alice Harrington

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Since we have similar missions, I'm reaching out to determine if we can collaborate to further both of our goals in support of our beloved pets, show and service dogs.

The Center for Pet Safety (CPS), a non-profit research and consumer advocacy organization, is conducting much-needed research programs on travel safety for pets.

Why are we studying pet product performance?

- . Testing is not required by the manufacturer before bringing these products to market.
- . There are no standards in place for pet travel devices.
- . There is no oversight agent of this portion of the pet products industry - therefore manufacturer marketing claims receive no scrutiny.

The Center for Pet Safety is a 501(c)(3) research and consumer advocacy organization based in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area. We are currently involved in a pet travel harness study and baseline data collection effort sponsored by Subaru of America. We are working to author the first safety and testing standards for pet travel products to ensure measurable protection for consumers and their pets. The 2013 harness study is continuations of the 2011 Pilot Study on harness crash-worthiness where we experienced a 100% failure rate of the tested harnesses to offer protection to consumers or their pets should an accident occur. Our work has illuminated the need for formal product testing of pet products, something that is not currently required.

In 2011 the Center for Pet Safety also performed preliminary crate testing which illustrated the need for standards development, as well as the publication of a best practice to guide consumers using containment devices to keep their companion animals safe during travel. The testing illustrated how a crate carrying a 55 lb dog, can easily fail, breaking the seat back, and potentially impact human passengers, as well as catastrophically injure the canine occupant.

After harnesses, the majority of pet owners use a containment device to protect their pets during travel, especially those involved in the dog fancy. Unfortunately, there are no standards in place to ensure measurable levels of protection from this class of pet product. Additionally, consumers take it upon themselves to devise various ways to secure crates and carriers including bungee-style cords and rubber strap devices. We know from the forces indicated in our preliminary testing, these elastic strap products will likely not offer the protection intended by the consumer.

The Center for Pet Safety is a unique safety science entity working to become a nationally recognized oversight organization of the pet products industry. Once we publish the CPS standards we will work to begin a product certification program (likely starting in 2014). We intend to provide a versioned CPS certification seal to manufacturers who meet the standards we author to ensure consumers have a way to identify the better pet products. We will also work to make manufacturers accountable for the products they bring to market and the marketing claims behind those products.

Our initial goals for the containment study:

- . Collect baseline crashworthiness data.
- . Perform investigative testing to solve survivability problems associated with animal containment used in automobiles.
- . Author a containment product standard (crate, carrier and barrier).
- . Author a best-practice to guide the consumer on safe containment travel.

Additional product studies:



The Center for Pet Safety is also working to develop a scientific study of canine flotation devices. There is no standard for canine flotation devices and we are concerned about the interaction between the device and the animal. We want to ensure that these devices support the dog and do not impede flotation, cause the dog to tire, leading to an increased drowning risk. As part of this effort, CPS is working to partner with a School of Veterinary Medicine and certified animal behaviorists to evaluate and score product performance as well as author the standard.

I appreciate the opportunity to speak with you to discuss the important work that the Center for Pet Safety is undertaking on behalf of consumers and their pets. Our work requires significant investments and we need to develop important relationships with animal related organizations to help us fund our research and standards development efforts.

About the Center for Pet Safety:

Established in July 2011 after 8 years of consumer and pet product industry research, the Center for Pet Safety (CPS) is a non-profit dedicated to consumer and companion animal safety. In 2011 CPS published a Pilot Study on Pet Travel Harnesses that has received worldwide attention.

The Center for Pet Safety has captured the attention of pet advocates, journalists, bloggers and media world-wide, and has been featured in the following:

NBC Today Show

WJLA, ABC News Affiliate Washington, DC (and other affiliate stations around the US.)

KPIX, CBS News Affiliate, San Francisco, CA (and other affiliate stations around the US.)

The Washington Post

MSN

The Huffington Post

WTOP Radio

As well as thousands of blogs and social media sites world-wide.

CPS Initiatives:

- . In partnership with Subaru of America, CPS is finalizing a Pet Travel Harness Study to collect data to author the first pet travel product standard.
- . Additional scientific research is planned for other types of pet containment devices, including crates, carriers, barriers as well as canine flotation devices.
- . An education component will be added to further the consumer advocacy mission.
- . An independent pet product certification is being planned in 2014

2013 Partners:

Subaru of America - Sponsor of the 2013 CPS Pet Travel Harness Study.

Go Pro - In-Kind donation of camera equipment supporting the Pet Travel Harness Study.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration of sharing in our mission.

Lindsey A. Wolko

Founder, Center for Pet Safety

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Nov. 1 - Meeting - sportsplex
Nov. 29-Dec 1 Agility Trial
December 14 - Christmas Auction

month a visit to the
nursing homes

Envoy 2nd & 4th Monday 11am
Spring Arbor 2nd & 4th Tuesday
1 pm
Hill Top 2nd & 4th Friday 10:45 am

BLUE RIDGE DOG TRAINING CLUB & SHAWNEE KENNEL CLUB

AKC RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS DAY

SEPTEMBER 10, 2013



**September 11
General Meeting
at the Sportsplex
7:30 pm**