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By Anne Legge

Ellie May: A Win, Win Story

There is a lot we don't know about Ellie May. We don't know her breeder, her birthplace, or her pedigree. About her former life, we know only that her owner died and that is how she landed in the Burlington County (NJ) Animal Shelter, where she was determined to be spayed and about seven years old.. Fortunately, the Volunteers for West Jersey found her there, and a member of that group, Jerilyn Dean, who owns two Bloodhounds, recognized her breed.

Then the network swung into action. Jeri and Janet Kelly, another Bloodhound owner, arranged for Ellie May to board at the Willingboro (PA) Veterinary Clinic, where she was vetted, treated for as serious flea infestation, and given necessary inoculations. At 72 pounds, she was underweight, but otherwise in good health. Meanwhile, Janet, who is vice-president of the Colonial Bloodhound Club, put out Ellie May's description to CBC contacts.

As American Bloodhound Club Puppy Referral Coordinator for the Northeast, I receive notices of homeless Bloodhounds as well as litter announcements. I field inquiries, answer questions, and disseminate breed information. Unfortunately, at present we do not have an official organized Bloodhound rescue program in the Northeast. If you have any experience with rescue, you know that such programs are thankless, all-consuming, and chronically underfunded. We have had effective programs in the Northeast, but for a variety of reasons, they folded. Now all we have is a loose and informal network that sometimes functions remarkably well, thanks to dedicated volunteers.

So what do we know about Ellie May? She is unquestionably an attractive Bloodhound with a sweet temperament. She should probably be classified as a dun red, a coloration not addressed in the breed standard, likely the result of a red bred to a liver and tan. A typical red Bloodhound would have a coat that is some shade of red with dark eyes and nails and a black nose. Ellie May's eyes are amber, nails light, and nose pink. Her coat is an attractive but atypical light apricot.

We believe that she has not been mistreated because she is confident and trusting. She bounced into our home, tail up and wagging, and went to greet each person and each dog. Seeing that the sofas were occupied, she made herself at home in a comfy old leather chair.

She is still adjusting to her fourth home in a month and has some separation issues. When parted from my roommate Adriana, her primary caregiver, she jumps up at the windows with the "elephant ears" (flattened and fanned out) which are Bloodhounds' mode of expressing anxiety. However, she is easily reassured.

Although some people would hesitate to adopt a veteran, Ellie May is perfect for us. No pushover, she stands up for herself in the pack. As Adriana says, she has no idea she is a veteran. Puppylike, she romps, plays, and barks merrily at the others. She has a great nose, cruising counters in search of treasure. On an outing, she ran a beginner's trail and identified her quarry by sitting in front of him. Now she has a PAL (Purebred Alternative Listing) number and can enter a trailing trial.

Thanks to Jeri, Janet, the Burlington County Shelter, and the Willingboro Veterinary Clinic, Ellie May has found her forever home, but it is we who are the winners!



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AKC TO ACKNOWLEDGE TITLES EARNED IN NORTH AMERICA DIVING DOGS EVENTS

New York, NY -The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) will now recognize titles earned by dogs competing in events sanctioned by North America Diving Dogs (NADD), an independent governing body for canine dock diving. NADD offer two types of competition for all dogs -- distance jumping and air retrieve.

"NADD events are an exciting activity that can be enjoyed by all purebreds and mixed breeds. The AKC is pleased to now be able to acknowledge the achievements of all dogs in this sport," said Doug Ljungren, AKC Vice President of Sports and Events.

"North America Diving Dogs strives to promote the sport of canine dock diving in a setting that is convenient, safe and enjoyable for all dogs and owners," said Debbie Markwardt, President of NADD. "We welcome all dog owners to try out dock diving. We know you'll enjoy the camaraderie and fun!"

In the distance jumping competition, there are two classes -- Open Class (any size dog welcome) and the Lap Class (for dogs under 16" at the withers). A division title is earned by accumulating five qualifying jumps within one division. There are five divisions ranging from Novice to Elite.

After earning the initial division title, dogs can earn Advanced and Excellent level titles by completing additional qualifying jumps.

In the Air Retrieve competition, a dog and handler team earns one qualifying grab towards a division title based on their longest grab in the Air Retrieve. Like distance jumping, a division title is earned by accumulating five qualifying grabs within one division, and there are five divisions ranging from Novice to Elite. Additional Advanced and Excellent titles can be earned with additional qualifying grabs.

Rules governing NADD events, the complete titling requirements and information about how to sign up to host a NADD event can be found at <http://northamericadivingdogs.com/>. Specifics about the NADD/AKC titling program and the AKC title application form can be found in the AKC Title Recognition Program section of the AKC website at http://www.akc.org/dog_shows_trials/titles/index.cfm.



Holly Hammerle Seminar

We had a weaves focus seminar with Holly Hammerle over the weekend and we took in \$1065 and had expenses of \$521.47 for a profit for the club of \$543.53.

Donna Richardson

Picture Of the Month



**"NAP
TIME"**

Breeze
Rich

Bag Lady Volunteers

It is now time to get serious about our agility trial!

How would you like to have the honor of being a "Bag Lady"? You could choose one of the 4 days and work from 10 to 2 with the members who have more fun than anyone else. If you want to accept this honor, please email me privately and let me know what day or days that you want to join us.

Now to the food--people really look forward to the homemade desserts and fresh fruit that you all have donated in the past. Please let me know if I can count on you by sending an email to me privately.

Thanking you in advance!

Donna T. - dbpridejoy@aol.com

"Doggie Horoscope"

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

He loves to communicate with others by eye contact, intense body language, or well-intentioned sounds.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Do not yell at your Cancer dog. Avoid any family upsets or emotional distress. This sympathetic, tender dog would not fare well as a result.

"Dog Trivia"

Dogs can smell about 1,000 times better than humans. While humans have 5 million smell-detecting cells, dogs have more than 220 million. The part of the brain that interprets smell is also four times larger in dogs than in humans.

Some dogs can smell dead bodies under water, where termites are hiding, and natural gas buried under 40 feet of dirt. They can even detect cancer that is too small to be detected by a doctor and can find lung cancer by sniffing a person's breath.



Studies show that some dogs can detect cancer by smelling a person's breath



Mark Your Calendar



Lure Coursing Trial

The CHAMP coursing club is giving an AKC Sighthound-only trial on 16 & 17 Aug.--- with practice for anyone after the trial on Saturday only. Practice is \$3.

Closer to the date, the premium list can be obtained either from our website --

www.champlurecoursing2.org or AKC's



Obedience Trial Sponsors

Hi Everyone, We have two obedience trials coming up this year. One the beginning of August and one in November. I am once again looking for sponsors.

This year it has been decided that we are only offering trophies to the high in trial, the high combined and the high combine in rally. If you would like to make a donation to the trials it would be much appreciated. In the years past we have done \$50 for each of those trophies. Any amount you would like to donate toward the trophies would be much appreciated.

Thank you so much,
Jan Burgan

VFDCB invites you to a Mini-Seminar featuring Frank Losey - Attorney
July 13, 2014 from 1:00 - 3:30 pm \$35.00 per person

Update on the Lawsuit Against USDA/APHIS

Retail Pet Store Rule

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Battle with the IRS to Revoke HSUS Non-profit Status

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IRS/Lois Lerner Ongoing Investigation by Congress

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
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Frank Losey is one of the attorneys conducting the lawsuit against USDA/APHIS to get the Retail Pet Store Rule struck down. He has also been leading the multi-year effort to get IRS to revoke the non-profit status of HSUS. Come hear what he has to say on these and other issues.

Attendance is limited to 80 people. Register early to guarantee your spot!

Name: _____

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City: _____

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lunch included each day

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Active Shawnee KC Members (before August 4): \$100.00

About the Speaker: A breeder of Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Myra Savant-Harris is a retired Registered Nurse with many years of experience working labor/delivery and neonatal ICU. Her seminars and books translate her experience into canine reproduction, whelping, and puppy intensive care.

Learn from her seminars how to get bitches in whelp, keep them in whelp, deliver puppies, and keep them alive. Savant-Harris covers how to collect canine semen and inseminate a bitch, timing for chilled and frozen semen, diet for the bitch in whelp, and the role of calcium and pitocin in whelping. Other topics include assessing a sick puppy, tube feeding, hydrating by subcutaneous fluids, and administering oxygent.

**For More Information, contact: Anne Legge,
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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





Pets and Summer Activities

Summertime Fun Can Send More Pets to the Vet

Summer is here and more families and their pets will spend extended hours outdoors enjoying the sun. Pet owners should take note: A recent VPI Pet Insurance analysis of 2007 policyholder claims for dogs and cats shows an increase in ailments during the summer.

Pets Should Play With Caution

“Pets are treated more frequently in the summer due to their increased exposure to the outdoors,” says Dr. Carol McConnell, vice president of Underwriting and chief veterinary medical officer for VPI.

Pet owners should be cautious about overdoing summer activities with their pets, advises McConnell. For instance, high temperatures can lead to sunburn and heat stroke. Access to swimming pools can lead to [dog ear infections](#) or—worse case scenario—a pet accidentally falling into a pool and [drowning](#).

VPI’s statistics underscore the importance of summer-month precautions. Dogs and cats were treated more commonly for hyperthermia (heat stroke) in July and increasingly for insect bites and stings in August. Summer activities can be enjoyable for your entire family; consider these tips to prevent pet maladies:

Foreign Bodies

Foxtails—a type of grass with sharp, bristlelike fibers commonly found on paths and grassy hillsides—are a serious hazard. The sharp points extend forward, embedding the foxtail in the pet’s paw, ears, eyes or nose, inevitably causing an infection and potential death if digested.

Stings and Bites

Insects and spiders of all shapes and sizes come out of their hiding places during the summer. Mosquitoes congregate near water. Rid your yard of even the shallowest pools of water (including the toddler’s pool) so mosquitoes don’t breed. Keep your pet away from bees, wasps and woodpiles that may harbor spiders.

Hot sidewalks can be very painful for pets and may burn the pads of your pet’s paws.

Pet Hyperthermia

To prevent heat stroke, keep your pet indoors as much as possible during the warmest hours of the day (usually 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Never leave your pet in the car unattended, even with the windows open, and always have an ample supply of drinking water.

Pets Get Burns, Too

Hot sidewalks can be very painful for pets and may burn the pads of their paws. In addition, sunburn is common on body areas not protected by fur or dark skin such as the nose, tips of the ears and underbelly, and may lead to skin cancer. Consult your veterinarian regarding sunscreen; a light application on exposed skin may help prevent both sunburn and skin cancer, especially in pets with light fur and pale pigmentation.

Near Drownings

Although relatively rare, cases of near [drownings](#) do increase during summer. If your pet falls into a pool, inhales water and appears to be in danger, keep your pet warm and dry thoroughly. Contact your veterinarian immediately.

Otitis Externa

Ear infections are frequently caused by trapped water in a dog’s ear after swimming or bathing. If your pet is prone to water activities, speak to your veterinarian regarding specific ear cleaning products that will help dry the ear canal to prevent recurring [ear infections](#).

Have a safe and fun summer experience with your pet by familiarizing yourself with these conditions.

If you liked this article, you may enjoy reading about [pet olympics](#) and steps to take to [prevent pet drownings](#).



"WAGS & BRAGS"



Frosty had a pretty AWESOME DAY!!! He was High Combined, High in Trial, Best of Breed, and Group 3 Owner Handler today in Fishersville!

Margaret Bissell

Boomer and I had a good weekend; Boomer earned his JWW and Standard Novice Pref title. I really enjoyed seeing the whippets, pugs, labs, and everyone else from our club, since I have just started AKC, thanks to Theresa and Cowboy for information about the different venues, where to park, where the best place is to crate, etc. And I want to thank Amy for taking the time with me to watch dogs run and explain why they were getting called faults. I am looking forward to our trial.

Diane and Boomer

Of the last 3 days at the Beardie/MKC agility trials, my Tyler was pretty awful in Master-Pref Stnd & Jumpers classes -- although his excuse is his head isn't on straight right now because his 1/2 sis Ashley is in season. Travis finally earned 1 Q & a first place in Excellent Stnd. Preferred in that one class yesterday!

I watched some pretty awesome runs by club members over the wkend. Where're all the brags?

Bobbie Lutz

This past weekend at Mt Nittany Obedience Trial Brooks finally (key word finally) got his Utility Title. I am surprised you could not hear my shouts of joy all the way from PA. There were no tears just a lot of jumping up and down and shouts of joy. I am so happy!!! Brooks is now retired from Utility. He will be doing Rally and maybe a Veterans Obedience at the Nationals.

Just to make the weekend better Berri got High Combined in Rally!

Great weekend!!!!

Jan

I'm waking up with tears of gratitude in my eyes this morning. Tubbs competed at Dauphin Dog Training Club yesterday against 22 tough competitors. He scored a 198 1/2 in Utility B for a second placement and 7 OTCH points which finished his OTCH title. There is an overwhelming sense of gratitude to God, my dog, and my husband. Looking out in the crowd and seeing Neil and Donna R. when we knew what had happened is a moment I will remember as long as I live. It took a village to get this title and I really want to thank the friends that encouraged me, the competitors that inspired me, and the dog that gave me his heart on a platter. One last thank you to Bridget Carlsen who taught me how to form a partnership that could take us to this level. Stay tuned for party plans. All are going to be invited for cake and camaraderie. Agility, here we come!

**Patrice & OTCH Drydock's Scarab of Silverhill
UDX OM3 TD**

No competition brag here but, Mel produce a lovely litter of ten puppies on Memorial Day. We've got five chocolate females, three black females, and two black males. If anyone needs a puppy fix, we love visitors and it is time for the pups to receive visitors.

Sandy Stokes





Heatstroke



Heatstroke occurs when normal body mechanisms cannot keep the body's temperature in a safe range. Animals do not have efficient cooling systems (like humans who sweat) and get overheated easily. A dog with moderate heatstroke (body temperature from 104° to 106°F) can recover within an hour if given prompt first aid and veterinary care (normal body temperature is 100-102.5°F). Severe heatstroke (body temperature over 106°F) can be deadly and immediate veterinary assistance is needed.

Signs



A dog suffering from heatstroke will display several signs:

- Rapid panting
- Bright red tongue
- Red or pale gums
- Thick, sticky saliva
- Depression
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Vomiting - sometimes with blood
- Diarrhea
- Shock
- Coma



What you should do



Remove the dog from the hot area immediately. Prior to taking him to your veterinarian, lower his temperature by wetting him thoroughly with cool water (for very small dogs, use lukewarm water), then increase air movement around him with a fan. **CAUTION:** Using very cold water can actually be counterproductive. Cooling too quickly and especially allowing his body temperature to become too low can cause other life-threatening medical conditions. The rectal temperature should be checked every 5 minutes. Once the body temperature is 103°F, the cooling measures should be stopped and the dog should be dried thoroughly and covered so he does not continue to lose heat. Even if the dog appears to be recovering, take him to your veterinarian as soon as possible. He should still be examined since he may be dehydrated or have other complications.



Allow free access to water or a children's rehydrating solution if the dog can drink on his own. Do not try to force-feed cold water; the dog may inhale it or choke.

What your veterinarian will do



Your veterinarian will lower your dog's body temperature to a safe range (if you have not already) and continually monitor his temperature. Your dog will be given fluids, and possibly oxygen. He will be monitored for shock, respiratory distress, kidney failure, heart abnormalities, and other complications, and treated accordingly. Blood samples may be taken before and during the treatment. The clotting time of the blood will be monitored, since clotting problems are a common complication.

Aftercare



Dogs with moderate heatstroke often recover without complicating health problems. Severe heatstroke can cause organ damage that might need ongoing care such as a special diet prescribed by your veterinarian. Dogs who suffer from heatstroke once increase their risk for getting it again and steps must be taken to prevent it on hot, humid days.



Over...



Prevention

Any pet that cannot cool himself off is at risk for heatstroke. Following these guidelines can help prevent serious problems.

- Keep pets with predisposing conditions like heart disease, obesity, older age, or breathing problems cool and in the shade. Even normal activity for these pets can be harmful.
- Provide access to water at all times.
- Do not leave your pet in a hot parked car even if you're in the shade or will only be gone a short time. The temperature inside a parked car can quickly reach up to 140 degrees.
- Make sure outside dogs have access to shade.
- On a hot day, restrict exercise and don't take your dog jogging with you. Too much exercise when the weather is very hot can be dangerous.
- Do not muzzle your dog.
- Avoid places like the beach and especially concrete or asphalt areas where heat is reflected and there is no access to shade.
- Wetting down your dog with cool water or allowing him to swim can help maintain a normal body temperature.
- Move your dog to a cool area of the house. Air conditioning is one of the best ways to keep a dog cool, but is not always dependable. To provide a cooler environment, freeze water in soda bottles, or place ice and a small amount of water in several resealable food storage bags, then wrap them in a towel or tube sock. Place them on the floor for the dog to lay on.





If you find an orphaned or injured wild animal in VA (sorry, no rehabbing allowed in WV), please seek the help of a licensed wildlife rehabber by calling your local game warden, vet's office, or by searching the internet for a listing: (http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/licensed_rehabilitators.asp). Also, when possible, please support your local rehabilitators with supplies or a donation.

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almost all wildlife



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to leave message for your local
warden to call you back





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WHAT'S HAPPENING

July 3-6 AKC agility trial
Aug 23 picnic/meeting
Oct 31 meeting/Halloween party
Nov 14-16 AKC obedience trial
Dec 6 Christmas party

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



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