The Heart of America Boxer Club Newsletter

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Newsletter for the Heart of America Boxer Club

The next HOABC club meeting – February 1, 2014 in St Joseph, Missouri. Held at the Holiday Inn – Pony Express room, across the street from the Civic Center. 102 S 3rd St, St Joseph, MO. We will be gathering for lunch at 11- and meeting to follow.

December/January Member Brags

So...you say you DON'T have a spiffy Heart of America Boxer Polo shirt?? You don't want to be the Odd Man (or woman) out at our next function!??!! Well.. Get with Mark Ewing!

2013-2014 Club Members and their New Title Holders

GCH Emerson Breho Soul Patrol of Windwood BN and CD “Reuben” (BN) May -13 (CD) October -13 Jim and Karen Emerson

Remember April 1 is the cut off for plaques – be sure to get information to Amber Gates farmoreboxers@yahoo.com if your dog is missing or information is inaccurate.

December/January Member Brags

• Encore’s Ulterior Motives “Dover” receives RWD under Dana Cline at the Central Iowa KC #2 January 19, 2014

IF you would like to be included in the newsletter brags…please send them to farmoreboxers@yahoo.com by the 20th of each month!
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

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**For those interested- Greater St Louis Boxer Club is offering a Obedience A match at their annual specialties on Feb 28, 2014. You can gain more information- and enter this and their regular Conformation shows online at their club site http://www.greaterstlouisboxerclub.com/**

**ABC is fast approaching!!!**

**Event Dates:** Saturday, May 3, 2014 - Friday, May 9, 2014

**Closing Dates:** Wednesday, April 16, 2014

**Event Location:** Wyndham West
2544 Executive Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46241-5013

Website: [http://www.wyndham.com](http://www.wyndham.com)

**Telephone Number:**
Toll Free: 877-361-4511
In Indianapolis: 317-248-2481

**Judges:**
Futurity Judge - Tami Mishler
Specialty Judges - Butch Engel & Pat Mullen
Helpful Links

Kansas all breed clubs
http://sunflowerkc.wordpress.com/
http://www.heartofamericakc.org/
www.wichitakennelclub.com
www.gardencityKSkennelclub.com
www.hutchinsonkennelclub.org/
www.ljkc.com/
www.salinakennelclub.org/
www.TopekaKC.org
Kansas Obedience Clubs
www.wichitadogtrainingclub.com

Missouri all breed clubs
www.JCKC.org
http://www.stjosephkennelclub.com/
www.missourirhinelandkc.com
www.heartlandkc.org
joplindogs.com
Missouri Obedience Clubs
kansascitydogtraining.com/
www.gsltc.org
www.mcotc.org
www.showmek9.com

Important Links - health/clinics

BLUE PEARL
http://kansas.bluepearlvet.com/

Overland Park
913.642.9563
11950 West 110th St
Overland Park KS 66210

Kansas City North
816.759.5016
139 NE 91st Street
Kansas City, MO 64155

www.offa.org
http://www.merckmanuals.com/vet/index.html
http://www.cavalierhealth.org/Cardiologists.htm

NORMA SMITH HANDLING SEMINARS
Now is the Time to Learn to Show Your Dog Like a Professional

2014 SEMINAR SCHEDULE
Fox River Valley Kennel Club
Happy Tails Ranch: Island Lake, Illinois
January 11-12, 2014
Contact: Norma Smith
Email: norma@normasmithhandlingseminars.com

Northstar Working Group Association, Minnesota
Tails Up Dog Training
May 3-4, 2014
Contact: Diane Levin Email: SerendipityDanes@aol.com

http://www.normasmithhandlingseminars.com/

CLUB HOLTER

The club has an analog Holter that is available for use by club members.

1. No rental fee
2. Member needs to purchase the number of tape kits needed
3. Rental time is 10 days- adequate to test 5 dogs
4. Shipping to and from the member is the members’ responsibilities.
5. Member is responsible for the condition of the Holter and accompanying vest.
6. Members must sign the usage agreement prior to use.
7. Contact Sabrina @ sabrina@lattahomes.com for availability
Officers & Directors 2013-2014
President: Janet Ewing (2014)
Vice President: Thomas Latta (2015)
Secretary: Amber Gates
Treasurer: Sabrina Jay (2014)
Board Member: Karen Emerson (2015)
Board Member: Joyce Peckham (2014)
Board Member: Mark Ewing (2015)
Board Member: Jeanine Millard (2015)

Committee Assignments for 2013-2014
Show Chairperson: Joyce Peckham
Photographer: Jeannine Millard
Hospitality: Amber Gates, Daniel Gates, Nicki McFarland and Scott Reiser
Trophies: Karen Emerson and Mark Ewing
Fundraising: Jeannine Millard, Carol Latta and Hailey Feldkamp
Topeka Show Site/Judges Liaison: Tom Latta
Advertising/HOABC ads: Amber Gates
Public Education/Programs: Karen Emerson and Jim Emerson
Nominating: Jeannine Millard
Cards & Flowers: Sabrina Jay
Historians: Karen Emerson and Peyton Richardson
Website/FB: Thomas Latta
Breeder Referral: Carol Latta
Boxer Rescue: Elizabeth Phillips
2014/15 Zone B Director: Karen Emerson
Newsletter: Amber Gates and Tom Dobbs
Legislation: Joyce Peckham

Rescue Corner

WE NEED HELP!

URGENT need for foster homes!!!
Please! Help get the word out! MO/KAN Boxer rescue is in need of qualified Foster homes.

Some BASIC requirements to be considered for a Foster Home.....
•Fencing is not required but is preferred; not having a fence will limit placement options.
•All other pets in the home must be UTD on shots and on HW prevention year-round.
•Contact Elizabeth or Joyce for more information at mokanboxerrescue@earthlink.net

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Ten Fun and Easy Dog Tricks
By Amy Bender

When most people think of dog training, they think of the basic dog training commands - sit, down, come, stay. While those things are important, don't underestimate the benefits of training a dog to do tricks. Dog tricks are a great way to offer your dog some mental stimulation, and many of them build from the basic commands. Plus it's a lot of fun to train a dog some cool dog tricks to show off for friends!

Here are some dog tricks that are fun and fairly easy to train a dog to do:

1. Back Up

Back up is a fun dog trick, and it can come in handy in a variety of situations. Once your dog knows how to back up on command, you can use it to keep him from rushing out the door, crowding you at the refrigerator, or just to entertain your friends.

Back up is fairly simple to teach a dog. All you need is some patience and a handful of treats, and you can quickly train a dog to back up a few steps when you give the command.

What You Need

You don't need any special equipment to train a dog to back up. As long as you have your dog and a handful of treats, you are ready to go. If you are clicker training, you should also have your clicker on hand.

Here's How to Do It

Start off by giving your dog the stay command. If your dog doesn't know how to stay yet, it would help if you went back and worked on that before moving on to the next step.

Take a few steps away from your dog, and then turn and face him.

Give your dog the command "back up," and then begin moving towards him. Some dogs will take a few steps back the minute you start moving in their direction.

If your dog doesn't start stepping back as you move toward him, keep going forward, and try to lean your body forward slightly.

As soon as your dog takes a few steps back, tell him "good" or click your clicker, and give him a treat.

Most dogs learn to back up quickly. Practice the steps above for a few minutes each day, and your dog will soon be responding to the back up command.

Troubleshooting

If your dog fails to step back when you are following the steps above, he made need a little more encouragement. Continue to walk towards him as explained in steps 3 and 4. When you reach your dog, use the part of your leg above your knee to very gently nudge him backwards. Your dog will take a few steps back as you use your body to gently push him. Tell him "good" or click your clicker and give him a treat as soon as he moves backwards.

Some dogs will get up and move away rather than backwards when you attempt the steps above. If this is the case with your dog, you may need to move your dog training sessions to a narrow hallway or other enclosed space. Follow the steps outlined above, and make sure that your dog has no place to go except backwards.

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2. Take a Bow
Taking a bow is a dog trick which involves having your dog put his chest to the ground while keeping his rear end up in the air. It may sound like a difficult dog trick to train a dog to do, but the truth is that bowing is a natural behavior for dogs.
If you watch two dogs playing together, you will frequently see them bow. Trainers refer to this behavior as a play bow, and it is a dog’s way of asking another dog to come play. You can easily use your dog's natural playfulness to train him to take a bow. And it's a great way to end a demonstration of all the cool new dog tricks your dog has learned!

What You Need
All you need to train a dog to take a bow is your dog and some treats. You may also want to have a clicker on hand if you are using clicker training as part of your dog training.

Here’s How to Do It
Start with your dog standing up. It's helpful if your dog is able to stand on command. If he hasn't mastered this basic command yet, you may want to work on it before moving on to step 2.
Hold a treat at the tip of your dog's nose, and slowly move it down, holding it close to your dog's body. In this way, you will use the treat to lure your dog down until his elbows are on the floor with his rear end remaining up.
Hold your dog in the bow for a few seconds, and then use the treat to lure him back into a standing position.
As soon as your dog completes the bow and is standing up, tell him "good" or click your clicker, and give him the treat.
Practice the bow command with your dog several times a day for no more than 5 minutes each time. Before you know it, your dog will be taking a bow on command.

Troubleshooting
Some dogs have trouble keeping their rear ends in the air when initially learning this dog trick. To keep his back half up while his chest and elbows are resting on the floor, place your arm underneath his stomach while you use the other hand to lure his front half to the floor. Most dogs will quickly catch on, and after a few practice sessions, your dog will take a bow without you having to hold his back end up.
Some dogs have a difficult time learning this entire dog trick all at once. If this is the case with your dog, you can teach him to take a bow in smaller increments. This is called shaping a behavior, and works really well with clicker training. To do it, you need to begin rewarding your dog for moving in the right direction. For instance, if the best your dog can do in the beginning before making mistakes is to follow the treat half way to the floor, click and treat for that. Then start to give treats only when your dog is closer to the floor. In this way, you can select the behaviors that come closest to what you need him to do. In small increments over several training sessions, you can slowly train your dog to take a bow.

There are 8 more GREAT tricks you can try with your Boxer…if one doesn’t work…try another! © Have a GREAT time with your Boxer!
Helpful Hints

**Dangerous Foods for Dogs**

- **Alcohol**: Coma, death, intoxication
- **Avocado**: Contains persin: Vomiting, diarrhoea
- **Raisins, Currants**: Kidney failure
- **Cooked Bones**: Stomach lacerations
- **Walnuts, Macadamias**: Nervous system and muscle damage
- **Onions, Garlic**: Blood cell damage, anemia
- **Dairy**: Too much: Diarrhoea
- **Grapes**: Kidney failure
- **Mushrooms**: Some varieties: Shock, death
- **Fatty Foods**: Too much: Pancreatitis
- **Caffeine**: Vomiting, diarrhoea, toxic to heart & nervous system
- **Xylitol**: (Gum, candy etc.): Liver failure, hypoglycaemia, death
- **Chocolate**: Toxic to heart & nervous system, death
- **Medications**: (Tylenol, Advil etc.): Kidney failure, GI ulcers

If you think your dog ate something dangerous, call your vet or:
- ASPCA Poison Control Hotline (888) 426-4436
- National Pet Poison Helpline (800) 213-6680

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OMG!! Who is in?!?! I think this would be a HOOT!!!
Fun Stuff!

The McFarland clan…breaking in the snow!

If you are always trying to be normal. You will never know how awesome you can be.

Rev and Dega…snow dogs!

Which is why Boxers rule! There is nothing normal about them.

Carolina Boxer Rescue

Ellie and momma Candy *sharing*
Fun Stuff!

Sully (Tre) and his family…enjoying a warm couch on a cold day!

We’re never too old to love and be loved.

Cherish your senior companion.

Sully and Dover in for Winners Dog – January Des Moines

FarMore gang…sacked out on a cold winter’s day.