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Newsletter for Dog Lovers

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General Meeting Dates:

2nd Tuesday each month
7:30 pm at the United Way
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Board Meeting Dates:

4th Tuesday each month

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December 13th Meeting
Christmas Dinner Pot Luck &
Special Guest Speaker!!

GGDFA WELCOMES:

Terry Marie Curtis, DVM, MS, DACVB



College of Veterinary Medicine

Scaredy Cats and Fraidy Dogs

Fear of various stimuli is not an uncommon complaint in many of our cats and dogs. Felines and canines can be afraid of people, conspecifics (other cats and dogs), and various noises – including storms, fireworks, trucks, etc. – just to name a few. Some cats and dogs even have “neophobia” – which is the fear of anything new (such as grocery bags, packages, etc.). Treatment includes the behavior modification techniques of desensitization and counter-conditioning (DS&CC) and classical conditioning (CC) – to teach the pet that the scary stimulus means something different and is less threatening. Many cats and dogs need a short-term course of anti-anxiety medication to get them relaxed enough so that the re-learning can take place.

Dr. Curtis graduated with honors from the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine in 1997. She worked in feline-only practice in Florida until the summer of 2000 when she began her residency in Veterinary Behavior at the University of Georgia. Concurrently, she received a Master of Science in Psychology investigating grooming behavior in the domestic cat. Completing her residency in June 2003, she joined the team at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, heading up the Clinical Behavior Service. Dr. Curtis is one of 54 Board-Certified Veterinary Behaviorists – a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists. She does house calls in Florida and South Georgia and teaches 2 behavior courses at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine. Author of a number of articles, including book chapters in *Veterinary Clinics of North America* and the 5th Edition of *Blackwell's Five-Minute Veterinary Consult*, Dr. Curtis has worked with the Hemingway House cats in Key West – discussing the subject on ABC's Nightline (July, 2007), and was on the NBC Today show (July, 2008)

News From AKC

Published www.akc.org

American Kennel Club Marches in the New York City Veterans Day Parade
[Tuesday, November 15, 2011]

On Friday, November 11, the American Kennel Club was an honored participant in the New York City Veterans Day Parade. The AKC marched in the parade with dog breeds most commonly used to defend and protect the United States alongside our dedicated service men and women. Among them, the German

Shepherd Dog, the Belgian Malinois, the Doberman Pinscher, and the Boxer. In addition 11 members of the MTA K-9 unit and United States Police Canine Association marched with the AKC to honor our nation's veterans and celebrate AKC Meet the Breeds, where the public can get up close and personal with all the breeds marching in the parade and enjoy live demonstrations by United States Police Canine Association.



AKC/Eukanuba National Championship

The show will be held on December 17th & 18th, 2011 in Orlando, Florida.

All Sporting, Hound, Toy, Non-Sporting breeds and Junior Showmanship will be judged on Saturday. All Working, Terrier, Herding breeds and Miscellaneous will be judged on Sunday.



AKC would like to thank the following national therapy dog registration/certification organizations for their assistance during the launching of the AKC Therapy Dog title:

- Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs
- Delta Society Pet Partners Program
- Love on a Leash
- Therapy Dogs Incorporated (TD Inc.)
- Therapy Dogs International (TDI)

Therapy Dog Organizations

Since the 1980's, there have been significant advances in the field of animal assisted therapy and the use of therapy dogs. Organized therapy dog groups provide educational material to volunteers, they screen both volunteers and dogs, and they provide liability insurance for when the dog and handler are volunteering in a therapy setting.

Therapy dog certification organizations are the experts in this field. It is their dedication that has organized and advanced the work of therapy dogs and their efforts should be acknowledged and appreciated. The following certification organizations are recognized by the AKC. A dog must be certified by one of these organizations to be eligible to receive the AKC Therapy Dog title.

What is a Therapy Dog?

Therapy dogs are dogs who go with their owners to volunteer in settings such as schools, hospitals, and nursing homes.

From working with a child who is learning to read to visiting a senior in assisted living, therapy dogs and their owners work together as a team to improve the lives of other people.

Therapy dogs are not service dogs. Service dogs are dogs who are specially trained to perform specific tasks to help a person who has a disability. An example of a service dog is a dog who guides an owner who is blind, or a dog who assists someone who has a physical disability. Service dogs stay with their person and have special access privileges in public places such as on planes, restaurants, etc. Therapy dogs, the dogs who will be earning the AKC Therapy Dog title, do not have the same special access as service dogs.

It is unethical to attempt to pass off a therapy dog as a service dog for purposes such as flying on a plane or being admitted to a restaurant.

How to Earn the Title: Qualifications

To earn the AKC Therapy Dog title, you and your dog must meet the following criteria:

1. Certified/registered by an AKC recognized therapy dog organization.
2. Perform a minimum of 50 visits.
3. The dog must be registered or listed with AKC.

All dogs are eligible to earn the AKC Therapy Dog title, including purebreds and mixed breeds. To earn the AKC Therapy Dog title, dogs must be registered or listed with AKC and have a number in order to earn a title. This includes any one of these three options:

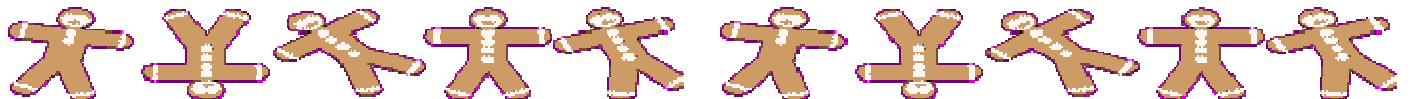
1. AKC registration number – used by purebred dogs.
2. Enrolled in AKC's PAL Program. PAL is Purebred Alternative Listing. PAL (formerly called ILP) is a program that allows unregistered dogs of registerable breeds to compete in AKC Performance and Companion Events. PAL dogs include the many wonderful purebred dogs who may have come from shelters or rescue without AKC registration.
3. Enrollment in AKC Canine Partners Program – used by mixed breed dogs. A special Canine Partners enrollment form is available for mixed breed Therapy Dogs — AKC Therapy Dog Enrollment Application.

This form must be submitted along with the Therapy Dog title application form.

Application: Apply for the AKC Therapy Dog Title

If your dog meets the criteria and you would like to apply for an AKC Therapy Dog title, please complete this AKC Therapy Dog Title Application and mail to the AKC address shown on the application with a \$20 recording fee. AKC accepts the following forms of payment: Check or money order made out to "American Kennel Club" and Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express. If your application is not approved due to not meeting the qualifications, you will be notified and your fee will be refunded.

For more information go to www.akc.org.



Ask AKC with Lisa Peterson with her Norwegian Elkhound Jinx.

Lisa Peterson, a long-time owner/breeder/handler of Norwegian Elkhounds, is the AKC Director of Communications.

Dear Lisa:

We have an eight year old Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier. He has been swimming in our chlorinated pool since day one eight years ago. This is the first time we noticed that his hair is turning green. Yes, actually changing color to "green". Could it be the chemicals in the pool? He has no other adverse reactions to the pool water such as irritated eyes, dry skin, ear infections, etc. – "Luck" of the Irish.

Dear Luck:

Perhaps your Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier is just trying to show his Irish heritage by turning green? But seriously, it appears that hair turning green happens to blond or light-colored hair people more often when it comes to this phenomenon. And not only do Soft Coated "Wheaten" Terriers have that fair golden hue but they have "hair" versus a dog coat which might also make them more susceptible. It's a myth that it is the chlorine that actually turns the hair green, but it does play a role. When there are dissolved heavy metals in pool water - like iron, copper, manganese - and they come into contact with the chlorine, they can oxidize and cause a greenish residue which then attaches itself to the hair shaft or cuticle. Chlorinated pool water also tends to strip dogs of their natural oils which might make their hair more susceptible to turning green from the residue.

My theory is that there is something different about your pool water and / or sanitizing chemicals this year versus previous years. It's time for some detective work. Is the pool's source water different this year maybe ground or well water versus a municipal source? Do you have your pool filled professionally versus using the garden hose? Maybe the pool water company used a different source water this year that happens to have a slightly higher copper content than previous years. Also, maybe your sanitizing chemicals aren't quite addressing that shift in the dissolved metals enough to keep them from oxidizing with the chlorine and turning your terrier to a touch of green.

Recommendations (for humans) to keep this from happening have ranged from conditioning the hair prior to swimming to protect the hair shafts from absorbing the green residue to washing and shampooing right afterwards to rinse the residue out of the hair.

In the interim, I would definitely rinse him after playing in the pool to keep that residue in check. You might also want to find a doggie conditioner to spray on before he plunges into the pool. Good luck and keep me posted on the results.

Dog Treat Recipes for Christmas

By Karen Ellis, eHow Contributor

Christmas Dog Treats Dog Treat Recipes for Christmas Dog owners feel, as you do, that their pet is another member of the family. When Christmas rolls around, your dog deserves a special treat to celebrate the season. Make some healthy homemade treats for your dog this year. And, while you are at it, make some extra as gifts for your friends who love their dogs.

Dog treats don't have to be shaped like bones, but they can be. Actually, dog bone cutters come in many sizes. Choose the size that will be the easiest for your dog to eat. If you already have a drawer full of cookie cutters, pull them out and see what shapes you can make. Gingerbread men, Christmas trees, snowflakes and snowmen will all make cute dog treats for Christmas. Don't be concerned that someone might mistake the treats for human food. All ingredients in the following recipe are human-grade.

Treat Recipe

Mix 2 cups all-purpose flour, 1½ cup whole wheat flour, ¼ cup cracked wheat, 1/8 cup dry milk and ½ teaspoon salt. Add ¼ cup water, 1 tablespoon raw honey, 4 tablespoons olive oil, 1 beaten egg and 1 capsule of vitamin E. Poke a hole in the capsule and drain the oil out. The vitamin E acts as a preservative that will keep your dog treats fresh. Mix well. When it gets too hard to mix with a spoon, use your hands to work the dough into a ball. Roll the dough out onto a floured work surface to ¼ inch thick. Cut shapes with cookie cutters and place the dog treats on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake the dog treats in a preheated 300-degree Fahrenheit oven for 30 minutes.

When all the batches of dog treats are cooked, pile them all on one cookie sheet and leave them in the oven at 175 degrees Fahrenheit for two hours. This will remove the moisture, which will allow you to keep the dog treats in your cupboard shelf rather than in the refrigerator.

You may change out the ingredients to this basic recipe to create your own signature dog treat recipe. Replace the olive oil with peanut butter or flax seed oil. Replace the cracked wheat with flax seeds, sunflower seeds, cornmeal, crushed pumpkin seeds or liver powder. Replace the honey with molasses.

Your dog will enjoy these healthy low protein treats. Low Protein Dog Treat Recipes Dogs generally thrive on high protein diets. However, if your dog has kidney disease, your veterinarian may have prescribed a low protein diet. The proteins to avoid for kidney disease are those that come from red meat. To give your dog a healthy low protein dog treat, try these recipes that rely on vegetables and dairy for protein.

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Low Protein Treat

Combine two and a half cups of rice flour or white all-purpose bleached flour and a half of a teaspoon of garlic powder. Mix this with six tablespoons of low fat, low sodium chicken broth or vegetable broth and one cup of cooked ground-up vegetables (winter squashes, zucchini or sweet potatoes). Add enough cold water--about half of a cup--to create a ball of dough that can be rolled out to half-inch of thickness. Cut your cookies and place them on a nonstick cookie sheet. Bake them for 25 minutes at 350 degrees.

Vegetable Dog Treats

Mix together one and a quarter cups of rice flour or white all-purpose bleached flour, one quarter cup of low fat dry milk powder and two tablespoons of nutritional yeast. In a separate bowl, mix together one quarter cup of low sodium, low fat chicken broth or vegetable broth, a quarter cup of safflower oil and a quarter cup of ground or shredded vegetables (carrots, zucchini or sweet potatoes). Combine the wet ingredients with the dry ones. Create a well in the dough and add an egg or egg substitute. Mix everything together. Roll the dough out on a floured surface to an eighth-inch of thickness. Sprinkle with garlic powder and cut the treats with a cookie cutter. Bake them on an ungreased cookie sheet at 300 degrees for 15 minutes, turn them and bake an additional 10 minutes.

Cheese and Vegetable Dog Treats

Mix together a half of a cup of shredded low fat cheese or low fat cottage cheese, three tablespoons of vegetable oil and three teaspoons of applesauce. Add a half of a cup of cooked vegetables (zucchini, carrots or sweet potatoes) and one clove of minced garlic. Mix in one cup of rice flour or white all-purpose bleached flour. If necessary, add small amounts of low fat milk until the dough forms a ball. Knead well and chill for an hour. Roll the dough out on a floured surface to a quarter-inch of thickness. Cut the treats into shapes and bake them on an ungreased pan for 15 minutes at 375 degrees.



**YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK LIKE
YOUR FRIENDS TO BE A FRIEND**

Submitted By: Pati Colvin



*HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!!
WOOF!!*



Brag:

Kathy Davis' dog Crosswind's Compass Rose "Rosie" won WB & BOS at the Lake City show. Also, Kathy's dog Jessee had 2 puppies! Congratulations Kathy!

Dot Nash's Crosswind's Gale Force "Abbey" won WB and BOS at Lake City Show and WB and BOS at DeLand Show. Congratulations Dot and Abbey!

Juliana McKamey and Bentley had 2 BOB wins and Group 3 and 4 wins at Lake City. Her dog Bobalou's sister took a BIS at the National Specialty.

Claire Hedrick and her English Spaniel "Jack-Jack" took a Major in DeLand and "Charlie" took BOB in Lake City.



Scarlette Dock Diving Star!
Bred by and Photo Submitted By Marj Spence



DOG SHOW	TYPE	CITY	SHOW DATE	CLOSES
Sunshine Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club	AG	Palmetto	Wed 12/28/2011	Fri 12/09
Sunshine Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club	AG	Palmetto	Thu 12/29/2011	Fri 12/09
Tailwaggers Agility Club Of South Fl	AG	West Palm Beach	Thu 12/29/2011	Thu 12/15
Dog Training Club Of St. Petersburg	AG	Palmetto	Fri 12/30/2011	Fri 12/09
Tailwaggers Agility Club Of South Fl	AG	West Palm Beach	Fri 12/30/2011	Thu 12/15
Dog Training Club Of St. Petersburg	AG	Palmetto	Sat 12/31/2011	Fri 12/09
Tailwaggers Agility Club Of South Fl	AG	West Palm Beach	Sat 12/31/2011	Thu 12/15
Dog Training Club Of St. Petersburg, Inc.	AG	Palmetto	Sun 01/01/2012	Fri 12/09
Tailwaggers Agility Club Of South Fl	AG	West Palm Beach	Sun 01/01/2012	Thu 12/15
Central Florida German Shorthaired Pointer Club	FT	Masaryktown	Wed 01/04/2012	Fri 12/30
Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association	AG	Pensacola	Thu 01/05/2012	Wed 12/14
Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc.	AG	Ocala	Fri 01/06/2012	Wed 12/21
Greater Jacksonville Collie Club	S/SWPC	Deland	Fri 01/06/2012	Wed 12/21
Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association	AG	Pensacola	Fri 01/06/2012	Wed 12/14
Mid Florida Brittany Club	FT	Masaryktown	Fri 01/06/2012	Mon 01/02
Greater Daytona Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.	AB/JSHW	Deland	Sat 01/07/2012	Wed 12/21
German Shepherd Dog Club Of Orlando, Inc.	S	Orlando	Sat 01/07/2012	Wed 12/21
German Shepherd Dog Club Of Orlando	S	Orlando	Sat 01/07/2012	Wed 12/21
Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc.	AG	Ocala	Sat 01/07/2012	Wed 12/21
Greater Tampa Bay Collie Club	S/JSHW	Deland	Sat 01/07/2012	Wed 12/21
Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association	AG	Pensacola	Sat 01/07/2012	Wed 12/14
Treasure Coast Retriever Club	FT	Okeechobee	Sat 01/07/2012	Wed 12/28
Mid-florida Australian Cattle Dog Fanciers	HRTS/HRTR	St Cloud	Sat 01/07/2012	Wed 12/14
Greater Daytona Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.	AB/JSHW	Deland	Sun 01/08/2012	Wed 12/21
Treasure Coast German Shepherd Dog Club	S	Orlando	Sun 01/08/2012	Wed 12/21
Treasure Coast German Shepherd Dog Club	S	Orlando	Sun 01/08/2012	Wed 12/21
Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc.	AG	Ocala	Sun 01/08/2012	Wed 12/21
Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association	AG	Pensacola	Sun 01/08/2012	Wed 12/14
Obedience Training Club Of Palm Beach County	VST	Palm Beach Gardens	Sun 01/08/2012	Thu 12/29
Obedience Training Club Of Palm Beach County	TX	Palm Beach Gardens	Sun 01/08/2012	Thu 12/29
Mid-florida Australian Cattle Dog Fanciers	HRTS/HRTR	St Cloud	Sun 01/08/2012	Wed 12/14
German Shepherd Dog Club Of North Florida	S	Orlando	Mon 01/09/2012	Wed 12/21
German Shepherd Dog Club Of North Florida	S	Orlando	Mon 01/09/2012	Wed 12/21
Great Dane Club Of Mid-florida	S/SWPC	Brooksville	Tue 01/10/2012	Wed 12/21
Great Dane Club Of Mid-florida	S/SWPC	Brooksville	Wed 01/11/2012	Wed 12/21
Manatee Kennel Club, Inc.	AB/JSHW	Brooksville	Thu 01/12/2012	Wed 12/28
Clearwater Kennel Club	RLY	Brooksville	Fri 01/13/2012	Wed 12/28
Clearwater Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW	Brooksville	Fri 01/13/2012	Wed 12/28
Inverness Florida Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW	Brooksville	Sat 01/14/2012	Wed 12/28
Inverness Florida Kennel Club	RLY	Brooksville	Sat 01/14/2012	Wed 01/04
Dog Training Club Of Tampa	AG	Brooksville	Sat 01/14/2012	Sat 12/31
Tampa Bay Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW	Brooksville	Sun 01/15/2012	Wed 12/28
Tampa Bay Kennel Club	RLY	Brooksville	Sun 01/15/2012	Wed 12/28
Dog Training Club Of Tampa	AG	Brooksville	Sun 01/15/2012	Sat 12/31
Pasco Florida Kennel Club	AB/O/JSHW	Brooksville	Mon 01/16/2012	Wed 12/28
Pasco Florida Kennel Club	RLY	Brooksville	Mon 01/16/2012	Wed 12/28

Secretary's Notice of GGDFFA Meetings

The next General Meeting of the GGDFFA will be **Tuesday, December 13^h**, promptly at 7:30 pm at United Way Building, 6031 NW 1st Street, Gainesville, FL

The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, **December 27th**.

Training Classes

LOCATION:

OAK HALL SCHOOL - Covered and lighted
Tower Road , Gainesville

Conformation classes—Wednesdays 7:00 pm
With GGDFFA members

Obedience/Rally classes— Thursdays 6:00 pm
With Denise Gaboury



Newsletter

The views and opinions in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Newsletter Editor or those of the GGDFFA Officers and Board of Directors.

The editor reserves the right to edit or withhold copy that which may be detrimental to the standards of this publication. The deadline for submission of articles, announcements, and brags to the newsletter is the 15th of each month. Materials received after that date will appear in the following month's publication, depending upon space availability.

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