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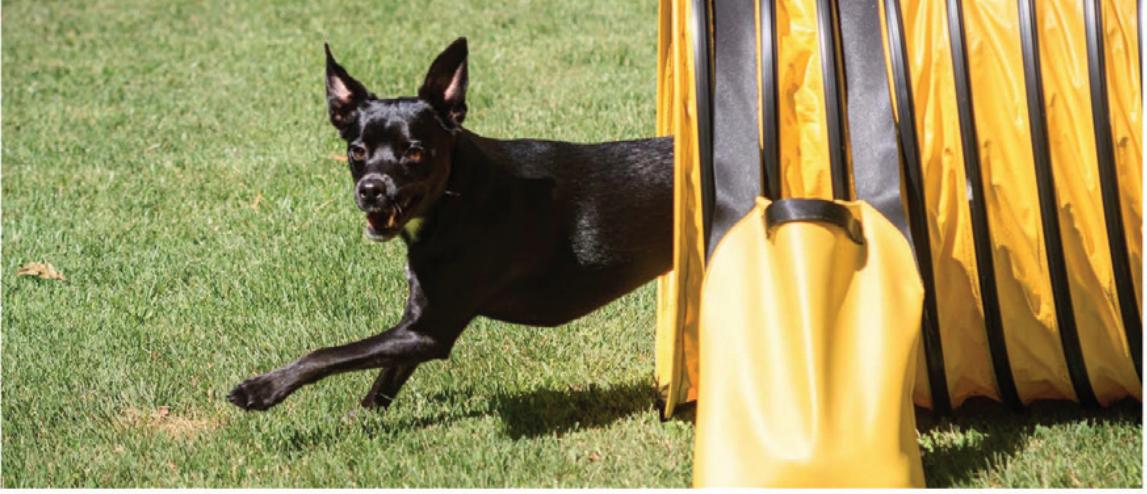


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**By Penny Leigh, CPDT-KA Program Manager**

## Mixed-breed Dogs Now Eligible for AKC Events

When Jeff and Sue Kotlarek started searching for a dog, they had one requirement. “We just wanted a dog that would fetch a ball,” Sue, a resident of Romulus, MI, said. They found the perfect candidate in the Dearborn Animal Shelter. Jazz was a bouncing Staffie mix who loved toys. But once Jazz joined their family, the Kotlareks realized they got way more than a dog that chased balls. She also practiced gymnastics on their furniture and ran laps around the living room. “She had so much energy that I had to find an outlet for her,” Sue said.

Jeff and Sue had never heard of sports for dogs; they desired a pet to accompany them on family outings. They had no idea that Jazz would change their lifestyles forever.

They researched and discovered the sport of flyball. It sounded like the ideal activity for Jazz as it required running, jumping and retrieving balls. “That was the beginning of my sport dog career,” Sue said.

Before long, they adopted a second rescue dog, Rodger, an Italian Greyhound mix, to join their flyball team as a “height dog” - smaller dogs that set the jump heights for flyball teams.

Friends told her about the other events in which their dogs competed, and soon Jazz and Rodger were in training for agility, obedience, tracking and more. But competition opportunities were limited for Jazz and Rodger as mixed-breeds. Sue found some venues in which they could compete, and they brought home plenty of awards. “My dogs and I were having a ball,” she said.



Then she heard a monumental announcement. The American Kennel Club (AKC) had opened the door to mixed-breed dogs. The AKC would start enrolling All-American Dogs, the “breed” name for mixed-breeds, in October 2009 through its new AKC Canine Partners program. All-Americans could start entering AKC competitions on April 1, 2010.

“Wow! That was great! I was first in line to get Jazz and Rodger registered with the AKC,” Sue said. “I am very lucky because in my area, I have an AKC show within one hour of my home almost every weekend.”

Seven years later, there are now around 700,000 mixed-

breed dogs in the AKC Canine Partners program, and they account for more than 100,000 entries in AKC sports annually, including agility, obedience, rally, tracking, coursing ability, and Fast CAT. They compete head-to-head with purebreds and have risen to the top ranks of winning national championships and top-level titles.



The first All-American Dog to earn the highest honor in AKC Agility – the Master Agility Championship (MACH) – was Prince Doggie, owned by Tacarra Andrade and Michael Marshall of Novi, MI. Prince achieved this feat on Feb. 20, 2011, at the age 5 years old. What made the feat even more impressive is that Prince is the first dog

that Tacarra has owned, and she had never heard of agility until she viewed a competition on television.

“As soon as I saw it, I knew that this is what Prince Doggie was meant for. He was so rambunctious and would often make up his own little obstacle courses around the house...I thought he would eventually hurt himself,” Tacarra said. “Agility seemed like the perfect activity for Prince to be able to use all of the energy he had, but in a more controlled and safe way.”

In addition to being an agility dog, Prince is also a certified therapy dog who visits patients in hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities around the metro-Detroit area.

All-Americans Dogs also earn AKC Canine Good Citizen, AKC Trick Dog and AKC Therapy Dog titles. And, AKC recognizes the titles of several other organizations in which mixed-breeds compete, including North American Flyball Association, Barn Hunt Association and North American Diving Dogs.

Jazz and Rodger were ready to join the ranks of AKC titled dogs in 2010. Soon, they were among the first mixed-breed dogs in the country to earn the advanced titles of Rally Advanced Excellent, Utility Dog and Master Agility Excellent.

When the sport of tracking opened to mixed-breeds in January 2014, Rodger had the honor of being the first All-American in the country to earn the Versatile Companion Dog (VCD) for holding Agility, Obedience and Tracking titles.

Sue now belongs to an AKC club, the Ann Arbor Dog Training Club. “My club friends are very supportive of the All-Americans and are impressed with my dogs ‘rags to riches’ history in AKC events,” she said. But the best part of getting involved in training her dogs and competing has nothing to do with the trophies and accolades. It has brought her closer to her dogs and introduced her to many close friends. “All in all, I feel that the AKC Canine Partners is a fantastic program that helps develop and strengthen the bond between human and ALL dogs,” Sue said.

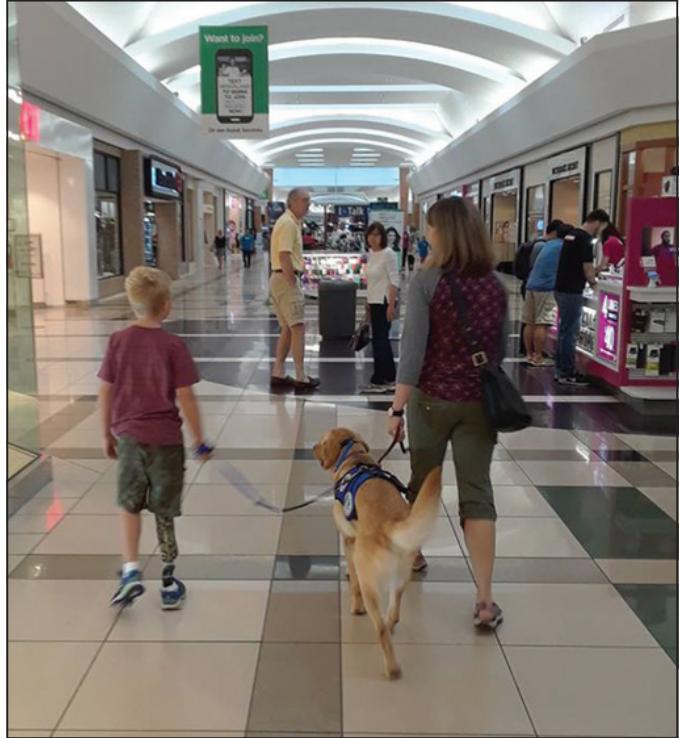
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By Kari Norton

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As you might imagine, training a dog to perform customized tasks is a lengthy process. There is a lot that goes into training and placing. Dogs stay with breeding host homes, puppy raisers, and even spend some time in prison programs before working with trainers on specific tasks. In 2016, PAWS served 432 teams in 35 states. Despite their best efforts, not every dog is cut out to be an Assistance Dog. Last year, about 40 dogs were placed in other working careers such as arson detection and PTSD work with other organizations. Others were placed as pets or demonstration dogs for presentations.



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***Kari Norton is a certified instructor and volunteer with the Michigan Humane Society, as well as a field representative with Paws With a Cause. She has had over 15 years experience with training dogs and currently offers private lessons and group classes with Four Legged Rascals, as well as Canine Good Citizen evaluations. Kari also has a son with autism at home and a PAWS demo dog. She is happy to share information about PAWS. Contact [kari\\_norton@yahoo.com](mailto:kari_norton@yahoo.com) for details.***





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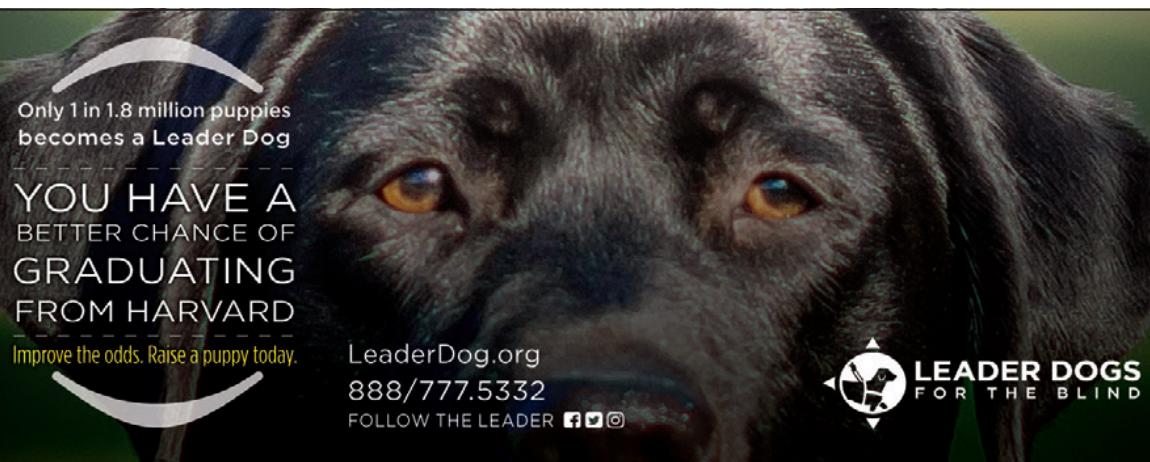
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## SUMMER FUN AT DOG SCOUT CAMP

*By Martha Thierry*

If you want to bond with your dog, meet fellow canine enthusiasts and enjoy all kinds of dog activities at a beautiful northern Michigan location, you may want to plan on attending the Dog Scouts of America camp this summer. I found out about the camp from DogFancy magazine several years ago. I was just looking for a place that would welcome dogs, but found much more.

My rescue dog, Murphy and I had attended obedience and agility classes and I just wanted to take him on vacation. We took a chance on going to Dog Scout Camp and it changed our lives. At camp, we learned about positive training methods and humane education, the foundations of this organization. Fun and informative sessions are available throughout the week and we just loved the experience. We loved it so much that I have been back every year for 17 years. I have 2 new dogs that come with me now. Maia and Riley are always so excited when we turn down the dirt road that leads to camp. I treasure our memories and the friends we have made.

At camp, dogs may take a class to get their Dog Scout title and earn badges — much like Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts. We learn, using safe and positive methods. Campers learn the “Dog Scout Way” and dogs have the time of their life. They swim, hike, boat, bike, play games and paint pictures (yes, they really learn how to paint). How does camp change lives? Learning to communicate, depending on each other and knowing that our dogs come first here. We bring out the best in each other when we work as a team.



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All dogs are welcome at Dog Scout Camp — any breeds or age. Dogs range in age from puppies to seniors, and backgrounds from family pets to active competitors to service dogs. Campers stay in a lodge, campers, a tent or a cabin, as available. Meals and classes are held in the lodge and on the beautiful grounds of Maple Valley.

At camp, we enjoy all the best things of camping: campfires, games, friendship and fun.

But the best part of camp is we share it with our best friends.

Martha Thierry is a member of DSA Troop 217, Motor City Canines.

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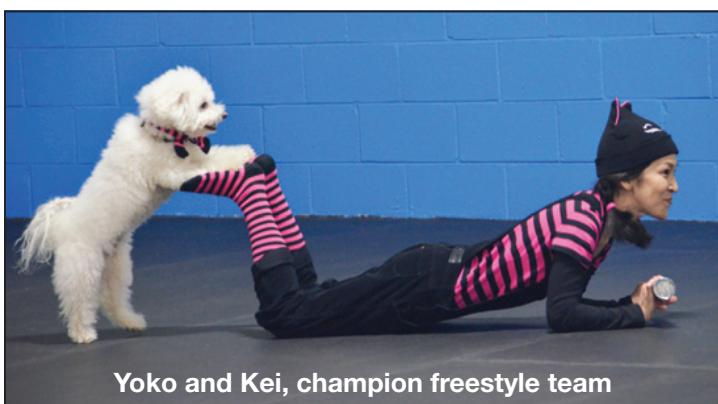
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## DANCING WITH YOUR DOG

*By Elaine Chan-Whitlow*

When someone asks me what canine freestyle is, I quickly answer: "I DANCE WITH MY DOG!" To quote the founder of World Canine Freestyle Organization (WCFO), Pattie Ventre, she defines musical freestyle as "a choreographed musical program performed by handlers and their dogs. The object of musical freestyle is to display the dog and handler in a creative, innovative and original dance, using music and intricate movements to showcase teamwork, artistry, costuming, athleticism, and style in interpreting the theme of the music."



It is a fun sport where all dogs and their owners can compete and earn titles in. Regardless of breed, age, size, or physical limitations, there are divisions for juniors, adults, handicapped people/dogs, and senior dogs/people. A team can choose to perform as individuals, pairs, team, or brace. A common misconception is that you have to be a dancer to show in freestyle but a dance background is not necessary.

When I got my kooikerhondje puppy name Moo Moo Pie, I'd been a pet dog trainer for 8 years. At that time, I knew very little about performance dog sports and show dog, although I wanted to learn. Moo Moo was dog reactive and sensitive so I wasn't sure about finding something that would be suitable for her, where we both could have fun. When she was 4 months old, we attended a workshop (taught by Beverly Blanchard) and learned about freestyle. There we met our first freestyle trainer, Nancy VonKoehnen. After Moo Moo finished out her puppy class at 6 months, we began taking foundation dance lessons with Nancy. A few months after that, we competed at our first WCFO live show and joined the MI FREESTYLE FANATICS group. The group had so many incredible instructors and judges who offer lessons and teach workshops.



Regardless of your dog's experience when they start, freestyle training can help your dog tremendously in almost every dog sport they might venture into in the future. Foundation freestyle exercises focus on rear end awareness and strong muscle memory on positions, which helps to strengthen the dog's muscles and keep their body flexible, coordinated, and balanced. Using clicker training to teach freestyle tricks helps to benefit the dog's mind, keeping them mentally active and engaged, which enhances their problem-solving skills. Freestyle moves and tricks are also excellent for dogs who like to entertain and bring smiles to people, a great bonus for therapy dog visits.

If your dog already has an obedience background and competes in other sports like Rally-O or agility, many of the behaviors and skills used in these sports can be put together into a freestyle routine. Creating a freestyle routine brings joy and creativity into your training, expands your ability to teach complex behaviors, increases your handling skills, strengthens your connection with your dog, and helps to improve your self-confidence and showmanship. For dogs with special needs such as physical limitations, fear, anxiety, reactivity issues, you can still do freestyle. Many dogs that have suffered a bad past have found that moving to music can be therapeutic and it helps them to blossom out of their shyness.

In freestyle competitions there is only one dog in the ring during the performance, which is a great thing for dogs who are more sensitive or don't feel comfortable around other dogs. Unlike other dog sports competitions, everyone is given the same course to compete. In freestyle, "everything goes!" You and your dog choose your own music and decide what you want in the routine, allowing your dog to express themselves. Each dog has their own unique dance style and no performance is exactly alike. You can use any of your dog's obedience moves, tricks, or both (so long as it doesn't hurt your dog) and fits into an appropriate dance for the song. Your costumes and props should coordinate with the theme of the music selected.

To be successful in freestyle, attention and attitude is the key! A few helpful tips would be: practice your basic training around distractions and crowds whenever possible, introduce your dog to various props when training, and play games that build strong engagement.

Through dancing with my dog, I've discovered things about her that I would have never known. I have learned to pay attention to her preferences, her abilities and limitations, to respect her as my partner, honor her choices in the process when creating our routine, and trust her. I observe and listen to her when we choreograph our moves together to see what fits her and what she can create. Our relationship has grown so much deeper and our bond is what makes us successful when we do anything together.



**Elaine and Moo Moo Pie, 1st Kooikerhondje titled in WCFO.**

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**Nancy and Trav'ler performing their favorite move**

I am so glad I fell in love with canine Musical freestyle! It gives me the opportunity to combine my passion of the performing arts and dog training together and challenges me as a trainer. Being surrounded in such a people and dog friendly sport, that heavily supports positive reward-training methods, is great! Not to mention, we have met many amazing coaches and friends in our journey.

As the song goes, "keep on dancing!"

**For more information visit the websites of these Freestyle organizations; World Canine Freestyle Organization (WCFO), Musical Dog Sport Association (MDSA), Canine Freestyle Federation (CFF), Dogs Can Dance (DCD) and Rally Freestyle Elements (RFE). For online classes look up; Dogs Can Dance (by Judy Gamet), Fenzi Dog Sports Academy (by Julie Flanery) and Karen Prior Academy (by Michele Pouliot).**

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*By Rita Dunker*

Section 2

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Some dogs strike up friendships and cannot get enough of wrestling and chasing each other, some dogs enjoy being in our big outside yard sniffing, smelling and of course marking.

When parents drop off their dog for the first time at daycare, their dog comes in either tail wagging or a bit unsure why they're being left. Just like my daughters on their first day of kindergarten. While we thoroughly enjoy showering our dogs with love and affection, we sometimes need to break this cycle for numerous reasons.

Bringing your dog to daycare will give them independence and show them they can have fun away from home.

We have observed a lot of dogs that were nervous at the beginning come out of their shell after a few visits. Some of those were rescue dogs that were traumatized from past experiences and unsure about this new environment. It may take a while for some dogs to gain confidence, however, when those transformations eventually happen we at The Barkshire know we have done our job.

One key in a dog daycare setting is to put together a group of dogs that gets along with each other. We start by conducting temperament tests, then watch new doggy clients over days and study their preferences and habits. After a few days we know their character and know what reactions or behavior to expect.



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# THE DOG WALKING BUSINESS

## By Peter Bouchard

My father and I often reminisce about the days when one simply let the dog out in the morning and hoped that it would return home for dinner later in the day. How times have changed. The rise of dog ownership, especially in urban areas, and leash laws (especially in suburban areas) has led to a burgeoning need for support services for dog owners and their dogs. One of which is the ever-important dog walk.

This trend crossed my professional path when it was casually suggested to me that I start a dog-walking business. I was a classically trained musician, certified project manager, adjunct college professor – surely this was not a viable idea. How easy it was to dismiss the idea for many reasons; it wasn't respectable; it wasn't profitable; who would ever need such a service? Wrong.

### The Background

According to the American Pet Products Association (APP), pet ownership has steadily increased over the past two decades to 68% of US households representing an estimated 60+ million that own dogs. Many are multiple-dog families bringing the total canine count to around 89.7 million.

IBIS World reports that the dog-walking business in particular has grown 3.7% over the past five years with a revenue intake of about \$1B. No wonder there are currently over 27,000 dog-walking businesses in the US alone.

After learning this, the question was not whether this was a business worth getting into, but what's taking me so long to start my own?

### The Business

I decided to put my project management skills to good use, created a plan and started my dog walking business in July of 2016. Sole proprietorship. Now what?

The ever growing but sleepy business of walking dogs has a plethora of examples, templates and software to help create the infrastructure to this business; contracts, first-aid certifications, software to track walks (and financials), special dog-walking insurance (Geico does not cover that) and there are even dog-walking business development businesses!



My mission was to provide a professional service that was certified, insured and convenient. I believe very much in the "keep it simple" philosophy and that has proven wise. Not every customer needs that, but they all appreciate it.

I use the Pet Check application to manage my customers, the dogs and their walks (there is a GPS component that provides a map of the walk to the owner), and billing information. Pet Sitter Associates provides insurance, and Pet Tech makes sure I'm skilled in first-aid techniques.

Not all of my customers are "high-tech" however. To accommodate, I have a mirror image of my business in "low-tech" form. I use a dry-erase doggie report card, accept cash (of course), and communicate via good ol' fashioned telephone!

All the marketing channels are in action and have yielded results; Webpage, Facebook, Twitter,

print and direct mail. One can spend a little or a lot, but today's social media marketing can be very effective for a modest cost.

## The Benefits

It took four months to get my first customer. But it was worth it. Despite the positive economics of this business, the benefits and satisfaction are immense. They are all the obvious ones you hear – exercise! dogs! fresh air! But there are more important ones as well.

I believe I went into the business for the right reasons – to provide a needed service both to owners and the dogs. The dogs don't have opposable thumbs and can't open doors for themselves (well, at least most can't) and they have the same physical and psychological needs as we humans do. They gotta "go" and they love company. The owners have enough to worry about and getting a visit from a professional dog-walker can relieve one of those worries. An increasing number of owners are now working from home and a dog walker provides one less (and lengthy) interruption during the day. Several of my customers are in this category.

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The benefits to me have been beyond income – it is the first time the phrase "do what you love and you will never work again" has had any meaning to me. The job is the right fit. In addition to the exercise and fresh air – which is the best kind of health insurance – the joy of joining the pack, sharing a conversation with the furry four-footers while sniffing our way through the local trails, and sending reassuring notes to devoted owners, is invaluable to my own psyche.

Sure, it gets cold, rainy, snowy, icy, muddy. And yes, you have to pick up poop. But a dog walker makes owners and dogs happy such that these elements do not matter. Dogs want to see the sights beyond their invisible (or visible) fence. It is their nature to explore the territory and dog-walkers provide that benefit as well.

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I am glad I did not dismiss the casual suggestion that I start my dog-walking business. One year later, we have steadily grown and now have three employees. Join the pack!



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# LASER THERAPY – HOW IT CAN BENEFIT YOUR PET

## By Sharon Smith



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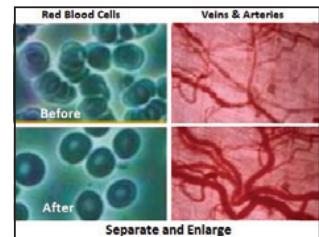
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# LUXATING PATELLA AND CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT OPTIONS

**By Christina Cole, DC, CIVCA**

Luxating patella, also known as a floating kneecap, is an orthopedic condition seen predominantly in small dog breeds. It is characterized by a brief spell of lameness followed typically by a quick return to activity. An example might be seen during a play session. Your pet would be running around then suddenly hike his or her leg up. After a minute or two, they would put their leg back down and run around like nothing ever happened. This is a relatively standard presentation of luxating patella. Why did this happen though? In this article, we will discuss the mechanism as well as treatment options.

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## What causes luxating patella?



There are numerous potential causes. Some experts believe floating kneecaps are genetic, while others believe it is developmental in nature. The answer is probably a combination of both. Either way, the problem is the same – the kneecap has slipped out of its normal groove. Anatomically, there is a slight depression between the femur and tibia where the kneecap rests. The quadriceps muscle and its tendon attach to the knee

cap and hold it in its normal position. Unfortunately, sometimes the muscle is unable to do its job and the kneecap slips out resulting in lameness.

## What are the symptoms and consequences of luxating patella?

The symptoms of luxating patella depend on the severity and persistence of the condition. The dog will typically display an obvious abnormal movement in the rear end. It may also experience pain. Fortunately, luxating patella is not believed to be painful once the kneecap is out of position. They only feel discomfort briefly as the patella slips over the bony ridge holding it in. However, the pain can increase as the condition becomes more chronic.

Therefore, when the first attack happens, it is time to start considering options to help our pet. The earlier we start to



address it the better. This is because the constant popping in and out of the kneecap can wear down the cartilage in the joint leading to early arthritis development in the knee. In addition, the condition will cause other joints to compensate, leading to more problems.

### What preventative treatment options are there?

There are numerous preventative treatment options available. These include:

- Keeping your pet's weight appropriate
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Animal chiropractic can play a crucial role in assisting pets that suffer from luxating patella. After all, structure determines function. This is the premise by which the body and chiropractic works. Since luxating patella is an example of abnormal structure, chiropractic is a useful modality.



### How does animal chiropractic help luxating patella patients?

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To sum things up, luxating patella is a condition that affects many small animal breeds. There are a few theories as to why, but it is probably a combination of genetics and the way a dog develops. There are numerous conservative treatment options fortunately – one of which is animal chiropractic. By visiting an animal chiropractor, your pet will deal with less exposure to biomechanical abnormalities that contribute to luxating patella. This is one of the keys to reducing the severity and chronicity of the condition.

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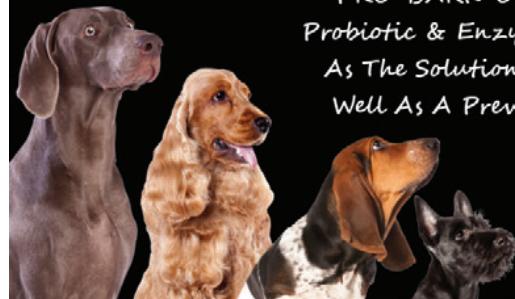
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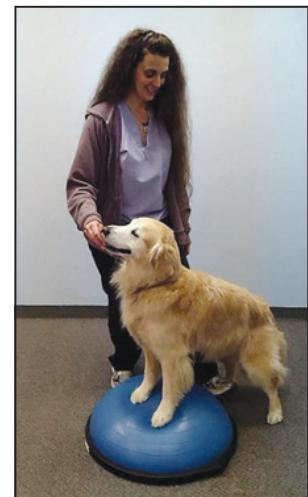
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Whether your dog is an athlete or a couch potato, Canine Conditioning is something you and your furry friends should probably become familiar with. Why? My dog is happy and healthy right now you say?

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- We can use it to help teach basic social skills to puppies, bolster confidence of shy, nervous or grieving dogs, or burn off excess energy from our working breeds.
- Conditioning exercises can be used to challenge the minds of super smart dogs, the bodies of super fit dogs, or incorporated as part of a weight loss program.
- Our beloved geriatric dogs really benefit from the mental and physical stimulation of a basic conditioning regime.
- We can also reduce the risk of injury to our canine working partners with consistent and specific conditioning.
- In essence, a good conditioning program can be used for improving sports performance, improving or maintaining mobility in aging dogs, socializing puppies, a great bonding experience, and everything in between!



At this point, you may be wondering what a conditioning program would look like for your dog, and what it could add to your dog's life. That all depends on several factors like:

- 1.) your dog's age, breed and structure
- 2.) your dog's activity and ability level, as well as your activity and ability level
- 3.) your dog's "job"-i.e. couch cuddling companion, running partner, assistance dog, dabbling in sports, competing in sports, etc.

Once we factor that information in, we can formulate a conditioning program to address specific goals for you and your dog as a team, whether that be improving mobility and the quality of life for a senior, preventing injury or improving sports performance in competition, keeping an assistance dog able to perform his/her duties well, or just learning more fun games to keep your smart young dog out of trouble. No matter where you and your dog fall along this continuum, an appropriate conditioning program can build confidence in your dog and strengthen your bond as a "team." It will help stabilize weak areas of the body, preventing injuries, and improving strength, balance and coordination overall. Maintaining strength and flexibility with a conditioning program can also help to speed recovery from injuries if they do happen to occur.

## Building a customized program

Your dog's conditioning program may be comprised of several different categories of exercises, based on his/her specific needs and your goals with the program. There are four main categories of exercises that we may use:



- Strength Training-This is comparable to we humans lifting weights or performing isometric exercises.



- Endurance Training-Similar to how we would perform cardiovascular conditioning, for dogs this usually consists of sustained trotting or continuous swimming. [Note: Cardiovascular endurance is the ability to sustain a prolonged stressful activity, like running, and should not be confused with stamina, which is the ability to keep working for long periods of time. For the majority of our dogs, stamina is much more

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- Proprioceptive Training- Proprioception is the internal sense that tells you where your body parts are without your having to look at them, and is a combination of body awareness, balance, and a sense of joint position. Strong proprioceptive abilities improve performance in a variety of sports/situations and reduce your dog's chance of injury.
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A good conditioning program may incorporate exercises from any of the above categories, but not necessarily all of them, depending on our goals with the program. Often, an individual exercise may fall into more than one category, such as both Strength and Proprioception, so we can select exercises that will streamline your program, and address the specific goals we have set for your dog, without asking you to spend hours each day on your dog's work out program. Depending on what your dog likes best, we can use food rewards, toys, play, praise, or any combination of these to motivate your dog to participate. Above all, we want the program to be fun for both of you!

Now that you are considering starting a conditioning exercise program with your dog, please check in with your veterinarian to make certain that it is safe for your dog. In addition, seeking out a veterinarian knowledgeable in Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, who can help you know where to start, what to aim for, and how to progress your program, is also a wise idea. Working in conjunction with your primary care veterinarian, we can tailor the most appropriate, and safest, program for your dog.

**Dr. Cardeccia attended Michigan State University, where she received her BS in Animal Sciences in 1991, and her DVM with honors in 1995. She owns and operates the Animal Rehabilitation Facility in Dexter, MI, and is committed to providing compassionate integrative veterinary care based on the needs of her patients and the beliefs of their human families. Dr. Cardeccia is a Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist, Certified Veterinary Food Therapist, Certified Canine Rehabilitation Therapist, Certified Canine Massage Therapist, is certified in Animal Chiropractic by the AVCA, and is currently enrolled in a Veterinary Herbology Certification program, as well as a residency program with the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation.**



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### By Michael Prentice

A dog is a loyal companion, a best friend; better yet, they are a part of our family. Just like a child, they love us unconditionally. They can be needy and a lot to handle at times, on top of that, a lot of work. Everyone has had days when they are just stressed out, anxious, upset, depressed, emotional or simply just having a bad day. Although your dog may not completely comprehend or understand what you are going through – *they definitely know that something is wrong*. They may not be able to put themselves in your shoes, but can feel the electrical energy that you give off as they read and engage in your ‘Nonverbal Communication.’ That being said, as dog parents, it is our job to understand, identify, and read theirs.

It’s sad to say that sometimes people in today’s society ‘Just Don’t Think, Before They Speak.’ Unfortunately enough, many dogs ‘Don’t Think Before, They Act.’ What if I told you that dogs, as we know them, have never truly had the ability to reach their fullest potential? Some dog owners may think that they have the smartest dog in the world, while others just simply accept their dog for who they are. Unfortunately, some owners may feel that their dog is dumb, untrainable, or broken.

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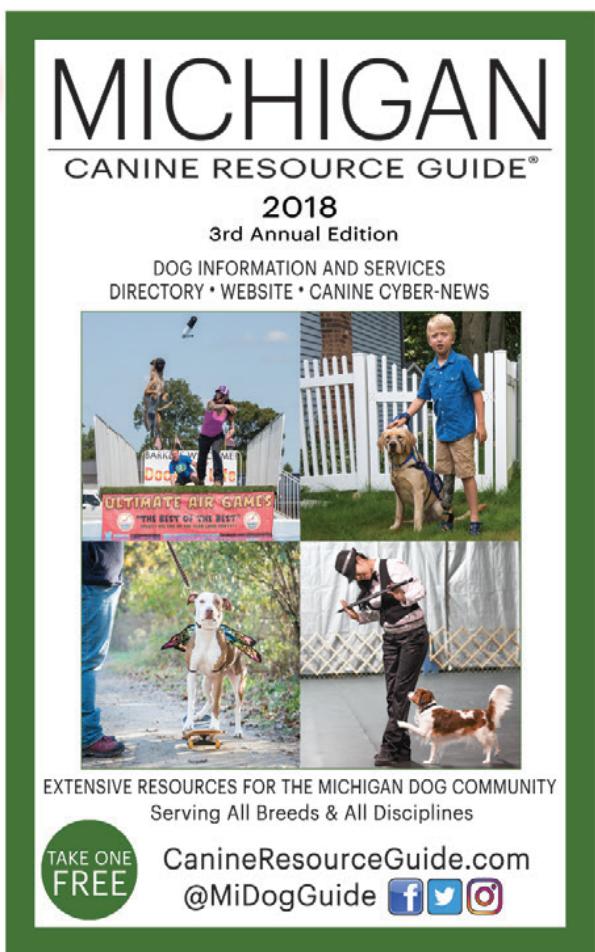
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## SHOP LOCAL, HELP LOCAL: THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING YOUR MONEY IN THE COMMUNITY

*By Mike Palmer*

Let's get down to business — small business, that is. Whether you're filling a prescription or dropping off a bag of dry cleaning, chances are, you have the option to support local small businesses. And, quite frankly, shopping local is an option you should always consider.

A sense of community is built upon a foundation of familiarity and a feeling of belongingness. When you support your neighborhood stores, you're not only building relationships, you're creating community cohesiveness.

In a world constantly being consumed by corporations and big business, it's more important than ever to recognize that small business is an absolute integral part of any community.



As a small business owner myself, we are constantly looking for ways to thank our customers for their support and loyalty. We firmly believe building positive business karma by giving back to local schools and community groups — whether it's visiting neighborhood schools for animal presentations or donating goods to local groups and rescues.

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Shopping local almost always ensures you will get top-notch customer service. You will get a staff who is passionate, knowledgeable, and vested in the business, as well as the community.

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Another reason to shop local is that product

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## WHAT TO FEED YOUR DOG OR CAT?

### By Lisa Pearce



One of the most frequently asked questions from a new customer is “what’s the best food for my dog or cat”? This is a very important question because we are 100% responsible for the well being of our pets. It’s also a bit complicated. A cat’s dietary requirement can defer from a dog and I don’t believe that there is one perfect diet for every pet. I believe the best diets will encompass many aspects such as: species appropriate, balanced and complete, minimally processed and variety.

I think it is important to try and mimic their natural meat based, fresh food diet. I also realize

that the most popular diet is dry food or what we call kibble.

When deciding on a diet, the owner has to determine their budget, and commitment. If they can only commit to a dry kibble, then do a little research on quality brands and learn how to read the ingredient panel. Ingredients are listed by weight, so the first 5-6 ingredients are important and make up the majority of the food. Look for animal proteins first, and stay away from any kibble that uses artificial preservatives, unnamed meats, low quality grains (corn, brewers rice, and soy). Diets high in carbohydrates can cause health concerns down the road. And don’t get taken in by false claims or buzzwords manufacturers put on the front of labels.

Prescription diets are widely misused. Don’t feel intimidated, and do your own research. It truly is sometimes as easy as reading the ingredients. I can’t believe some labels I read, pure nutritional abuse with a multi vitamin thrown in to make it “complete”!

At my store, we carry brands that fit our philosophy. We like to support the smaller manufacturers who we can build a relationship with, and use quality ingredients. Some of these are still family owned and operated companies who care about every step of their manufacturing process and create the superior dry foods on the market.

We try to teach our customers how to make their pets kibble based diets healthier by adding whole foods and moisture rich options.

Adding things like fresh vegetables, eggs, yogurt, fresh meats, broths, goat’s milk, and even some oil for essential fatty acid. “Table” food or what I call “real” food, even a high quality canned food are other great add-ons for variety and moisture.

A common problem we see too often with kibble is the lack of variety. Don’t feed the same kibble for years; rotate between the better brands, changing proteins. The more you rotate your foods the less digestion issues you will see when you do



make a switch. Plus, who wants to eat the same meal everyday for years? Variety is key to nutritional health.

Raw diets? Lots of controversy on this subject. I've been feeding a raw diet to my cat and dog for nine years now. I'm a firm believer that it's one of the best options commercially available for your pets. These commercial raw diet companies follow strict guidelines to ensure the safety of their foods.

A raw food formula provides your dog or cat with a diet that closely mimics their natural eating habits as they were in the wild. Although most of our pets may have evolved to look different on the outside, internally their digestive systems have not evolved and are the same as their wild ancestors. The high quality animal proteins provide essential amino acids and enzymes necessary to support your pet's health, and make for an ideal diet. Remember though; before you switch a pet that's been eating a highly processed dry food for years, take small steps. Introduce a raw diet slowly and let their digestive track adjust to processing real, whole foods. It's worth the time.



Even if it's not something you can commit to full time, any raw feeding, even just a few times a week, is greatly beneficial. Raw feeding promotes healthy digestion, better immune system, dental health, healthy weight, reduced allergies, and overall well being. And all our raw food companies also make a freeze-dried version, which is great for topping kibble or travel.

Cats being strict carnivores should not be fed solely a kibble diet. Cats need high animal proteins and moisture. A cat's normal prey would contain approximately 75% water. Dry food only contains 5-10%. It's very hard for them to compensate for that water content and often this can lead to chronic dehydration issues, urinary tract problems and diabetes. Diabetes is a serious, abundant problem right now and feeding a high carbohydrate diet can be to blame. That's why we recommend canned or raw food for cats. Both contain higher meat content and the moisture they need. We rarely see or hear of an overweight cat that is eating solely canned or raw food. Oh and kibble does not clean their teeth!

In the end, we are solely responsible for the well being of our pets. What we decide to put in that bowl is going to impact their entire life! Your pet will thank you for putting some effort into this decision.

My late shepherd mix, Pepper, was my motivation to sort through all the confusing pet industry standards. She taught me so much, and I continue to learn new ways to extend our pets lives. I enjoy sharing these with my customers.

My advice to all new pet parents is simple. Don't bombard them with chemicals or drugs, feed them nutritious meals and make sure they get the love, care and exercise they need!

*In 2008, I had an eight-year-old shepherd mix with immune and skin issues. I researched many diets and frequented area pet supply stores. That's when I decided I would open a store where people could trust the quality of everything I carried, because I did my homework. So in February 2009 I opened Green Pawz pet supply. My focus is to carry USA made toys, treats and foods, where quality is foremost.*

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### By Brian Lane

For someone looking to join the pet grooming industry, there are several different options. Some groom shops will offer on the site training with the shop owner for example. However, because of liability and the cost associated with training a new groomer, many shop owners are turning away apprenticeships. Many shops now are looking to hire groomers with prior experience, or at least with some formal training. This is where grooming schools come into play.



There are several options for schools in Michigan and it is important to find one that fits with what you are looking for as a student. While an online option may be the best for your schedule, keep in mind that learning to groom online offers a variety of roadblocks. Grooming is a skill that is best learned through hands on experience, and online learning does not afford you the opportunity to get continual work with real dogs in a safe, supervised environment. Many online programs ask students to find internships at local shops, which may be great to get your foot in the door, but also puts your

learning in the hands of someone who may not be fully equipped, or patient enough, to offer the proper training and supervision needed for a developing groomer.

The Bingo Institute of Grooming (BIG) offers a hands-on approach to the learning experience. While students do have some bookwork, and watch some instructional videos, these are used mainly to reinforce the skills taught on the grooming floor. From day one, students will observe and have an opportunity to help assist with various parts of handling and bathing the dog and cats. Students are working on real clients, and are given the opportunity to learn all the aspects of working with clients' needs and expectations. Another great opportunity for students is the opportunity to work with rescue and shelter dogs. We offer a free grooming services to our local rescues and shelters, so students get the opportunity to help clean up dogs and cats looking for new homes. Most importantly, our teaching is individualized to the students as we all learn at a different pace. No student is held back or forced forward until they are ready to move on to a new skill. Opportunities are always given for those students who need more work or who are excelling and want to learn more advanced techniques.

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Because everyone's financial situation is different we also offer full time and part time classes for those students needing to work while attending classes. Financial aid is also available for students who qualify through programs like Michigan Works



and Michigan Rehabilitation. Contact your local office for more information.

The Bingo Institute of Grooming is located in Royal Oak, at 110 W. 4th Street, in downtown Royal Oak. For more information on our classes you can visit us online at [www.bingogroomingschool.com](http://www.bingogroomingschool.com) or call us for a catalog and to set up an interview: 248-677-1540.



**Brian Lane - Administrative Director and Co-Owner of Bingo Institute of Grooming** also owns Bingo Pet Salon. He is a graduate of Michigan State University, Wayne State University, and Goldman Sachs 10K Small Business Grad. In 2015 Brian was recognized as one of Oakland County Executive's Elite 40 Under 40.



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## MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLDS: HOW'S THE DOG DOING?

*By Cathy Reisfield*

American homes are more multigenerational than they've been in decades. From 2009 to 2012, the share of the population living in multi-generational households rose from 16.8% to 18.1%.\* Combinations of grown children, grandparents and grandchildren living in shared multigenerational households is a situation gaining popularity and greater visibility.

Money may drive many of the decisions to combine households, others speculate that recent combined households reflect the current culture's "sandwich generation" concerns: people in their mid 30s and 40s are raising kids and also helping an aging parent living in the same home. At the same time, older parents (grandparents) may have larger homes and want to support adult children and grandchildren in their established homes, neighborhoods and schools.



Regardless of how these households have come together, multigenerational living is not new. Families often come together to survive and thrive. But there can be challenges. Generations living side-by-side after a period of independent living can test the most calm and patient of us.

Many popular advice columns suggest establishing and following guidelines such as making room for all members of the household, "making nice", establishing mutually respectful rules and treating family like you would treat friends. All of which are great guidelines for the humans involved in these situations.

What we see in our family based training and education work is that there is a family member that is often overlooked in these situations: the family dog (or dogs!).

Dogs can be worried, sometimes completely thrown for a loop, by changes in household membership, changes in routines and added equipment: canes, wheelchairs, baby gear, toddler toys, etc.

Further complicating the situation for the dog may be changes in day-to-day life presented by growing babies/toddlers, active young children, and adults whose mobility/balance may be changing.

In addition – new dogs (or other pets) may be introduced into a household when families combine. Can the family pets get along? Do they get along? Has anyone thought about how to introduce the animals to one another and provide for their adjustment prior to the move?

We see dogs that may be getting accidentally stepped on, bumped with canes, walkers, or rolling toys. They may have kids grabbing and petting too hard or too long... and the dog may be objecting by growling, possibly snapping or nipping at family members.

Other situations involve dogs that are practicing behaviors that may have been viewed as acceptable in the past such as jumping up on humans – which is now problematic with small children or balance challenged adults. Or perhaps the dogs are developing new behaviors that the humans aren't fond of like snatching food from toddler hands, stealing items, or darting between human legs to become a four-legged human tripping hazard.

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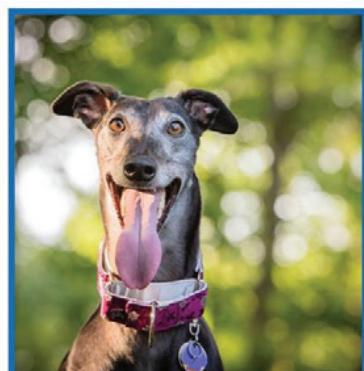
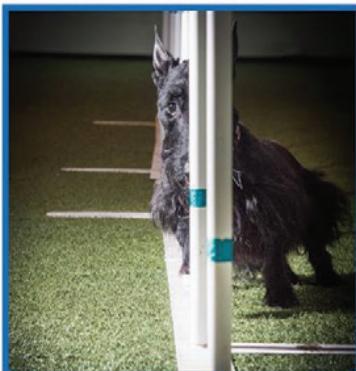
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### By Dennis Stowers

Taking a love of a hobby and turning it into a business is a common trend of a lot of pet loving people. When you do so, there are some considerations that you must be aware of to minimize your exposure to situations that might cost you considerable loss.



First, you need to know that your personal homeowners/renter's insurance will NOT provide any liability coverage or property coverage for business related exposures. Here, you need to obtain at least a Commercial Comprehensive General Liability policy. After that you may need coverage for animals in your care. This coverage is not included in a standard Business Liability policy.

- If you run your business on the same property as your home, your homeowner's insurance company will most likely non-renew your Homeowners policy. The majority of Homeowners insurers do not want any business exposure on the same property as the home they are insuring. In addition, if you convert your unattached garage into a kennel/dog training area/daycare etc. the Homeowners policy will no longer afford coverage since it is now a business. At that time, the building and its contents need a Commercial Property policy.

- Another situation we often run into is when we get a call from a client (say a dog trainer), and they inform me that they have set up their business under a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC).

That's fine if they do so, but the next question I ask is where do they train? If they say in their backyard then we have a problem, because now their policy covers the LLC.



- The property is owned by them personally
- Their homeowners exclude any Business Liability
- They get named in a suit as property owners
- No coverage for them now
- A policy needs to be issued under the LLC name so it will include them as landowners

- Independent Contractors vs. Employees - We run into this situation a lot with pet sitters and dog walkers. This becomes a very gray area depending on the way the arrangement is set up. The best protection for this exposure is to have a Workers' Compensation policy in place.



- If you open a business that has a location/building, now you need property coverages that include Loss of Income and other important coverages.

- If you become a member of a dog club it is important that the club obtains Liability insurance. If you are involved in a club situation as a member, your personal Liability insurance may not apply.

All of these exposures need to be addressed to afford you with the right coverage. Because the dog/pet industry has its own specific insurance needs, it is a good idea to talk to an insurance person that is familiar with the exposures, and represents insurance companies that will write coverage for dog/pet related businesses.

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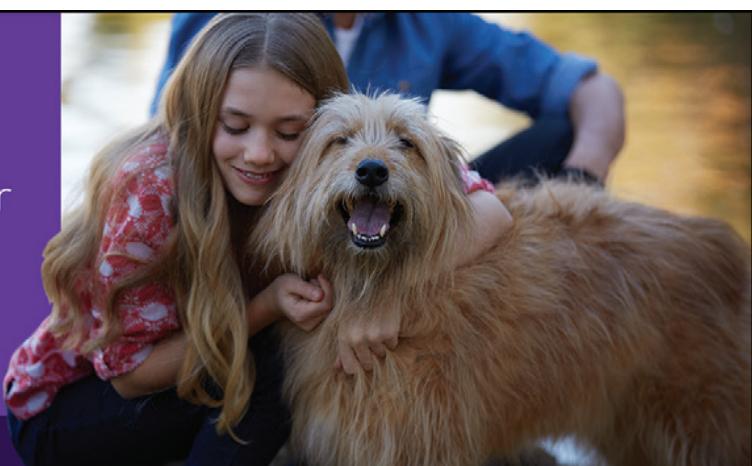
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When I am called in to assess or work with a reactive dog, almost without exception, the dog's person is dealing with frustration, disappointment, and a broken heart. They had great plans for their four-legged companion all of which have been shattered by their dog's reactivity.

Once we have management techniques in place and have developed a human/canine focus behavior, I introduce tricks and play. When I ask if their dog plays or does tricks, they usually respond with, "Yes, he plays tug, catches a ball, and sometimes comes when called." Well, these are good behaviors as far as they go, but they don't necessarily build a bond between the dog and human, and they certainly aren't going to earn ribbons.

Play is a vitally important element in a dog's development. Check out the Internet. There are many blogs and websites devoted to play. There are a countless number of books and articles written on the subject of play. So why not incorporate play into tricks which can be folded into reactive dog therapy.

If your dog is reactive when the doorbell rings, teach your dog to go to a mat and wait for a treat - the doorbell becomes the cue to find the mat and be rewarded. If your dog is reactive on a walk, teach your dog to sit and shake your hand when an approaching trigger appears. Jumping through a hoop several times before and or after a walk can help to take the edge off of a reactive dog, and it could lead to jumping a rope with you.

As tempting as these might sound to try on your next walk, the tricks must start at home where the dog is comfortable and with little or no distractions. Then raise the criteria little by little (move from one room of your house to another, to the garage, front yard, sidewalk) until the dog is able to perform these tricks at the sight of the trigger.

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**Vikki Dykstra is the owner of The Ultimate Dog. She serves the Southwest Michigan area. She has been training dogs for almost 60 years. She has experience with obedience, herding, agility and CGC prep. Her current passion is helping reactive dogs and their owners through positive reinforcement and trick training. Vikki is also a Certified Canine Behavior Consultant, CGC Evaluator, DMWYD Tricks Instructor and Stunt Dog Judge.**

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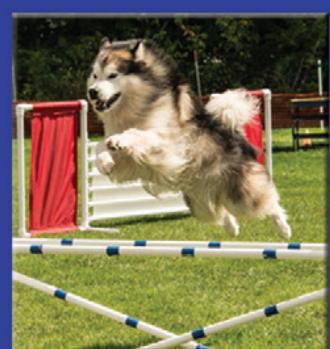
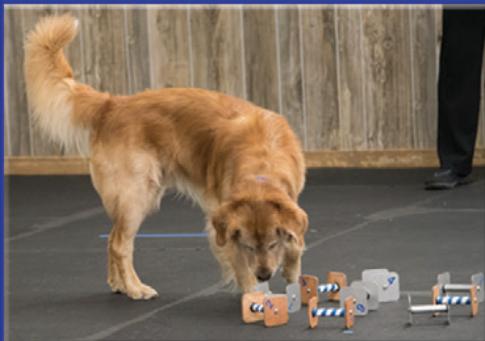
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## THE FUN SPORT OF DOCK DIVING

### By Heather Lyons

The fun sport of dock diving started its development somewhere around 20 years ago and has grown as a competitive sport in leaps and bounds over the last 12 years or so with thousands of dogs currently registered with various organizations around the world.

Basically, a dog is sent down a dock to jump off and retrieve a toy out of a 40' long, 4' deep pool – but there are many ways this can be done!

Some teams use two humans on the dock – one to hold the dog, the other to throw the toy off the dock's end for the dog to chase. Other teams consist simply of one dog and human wherein the dog is set to wait for the human to place or throw the toy in the water, then the dog is released to retrieve it. However the teams execute the jump, the dog's jump distance is measured where the base of his tail enters the water. Sometimes events are judged with camera systems but the experienced human eye is the method most preferred for judging dock jumping competitions.



So how does one become involved and start their dog jumping? First off, the dog needs to swim and to love it! The dog that loves to swim and go get a toy, any toy, and bring it back and then do it all over again – is likely going to be a perfect dock diving dog. Then, find a local pool, club or event and get in touch. Find out how and when you can bring your dog out and

try them off a regulation dock into a pool. Some dogs struggle with the transition from lake to pool so don't be surprised if there is a bit of a learning curve for your lake dog – just remember – if the dog loves to swim, and wants to go after a toy, they'll figure it out!!



Dock diving, like any dog sport, is all about getting your dog out there and giving them the confidence they need to run fast down a dock and launch themselves into the air for a toy. There are various training

techniques used to help dogs go faster and bigger and some of them have been made into games amongst the various organizations.

One example of this is a super fun water sport game called Fetch It!

In this game, a foam bumper is clipped to an apparatus that suspends it 4' above the surface of the pool. The dog is brought back to any spot the handler wishes on the dock and then sent out to retrieve the toy. They must cleanly remove it from both clips to succeed and move on. The dogs get 2 attempts at each distance, which go up in 1' increments, and are eliminated from competition once they have missed twice. Fetch It! started as a tool to help dogs build confidence in their jumps and has turned into a game played not only with Ultimate Air Dogs, who invented it, but with other organizations including the nationally televised Purina Pro Plan Incredible Dog Challenge.

Speaking of competition venues – there are many!! The stalwarts of the sport are Ultimate Air Dogs and Dockdogs both of whom have been around for 15-16 years and have set many standards seen today across the sport. The AKC and UKC breed registries both have organizations that title for them and there are also a few smaller organizations including Splash Dogs, Pier Pups and Super Retriever Series.



If you live in Michigan, and likely do if you are reading this, dock diving is a sport that is easy to access for practice and competition. During the fair weather season, there are events almost every weekend somewhere in Michigan and there are many pools and facilities for training. Luckily, TNT Dog Center in Midland is an indoor pool that now caters to dock divers year round!

TNT Dog Center is the brainchild of a local Midland businesswoman who saw a need for an indoor facility for people to train agility year round. Constructed and opened in 2012, TNT has become a premier facility in the nation for folks to visit to train and trial in the sport of agility. The pool building was built in the late fall of 2015 and the pool and dock opened for business in early 2016. It is available for lesson, rentals, classes, group events and more. The dock is 40' long and sits 24" above the water per regulation for all dock diving organizations. The pool is 50' long, 22' wide and heated to a comfortable 82 degrees during the colder months.

***TNT's Dock and Pool coordinator, Heather Lyons, has been a part of the sport of dock diving for going on 10 years now. After many years in pet nutrition and rehab, Heather found her calling in training dock jumping dogs and coaching their handlers. She moved to Midland in January of 2016 to help the TNT pool get off the ground and found she just couldn't leave. You can find her most days hanging around the pool cleaning, teaching and jumping dogs. In the summer time, she is most often found weekends with Ultimate Air Dogs putting on shows around the Michigan area and turning new and unsuspecting people and their dogs into future dock teams.***

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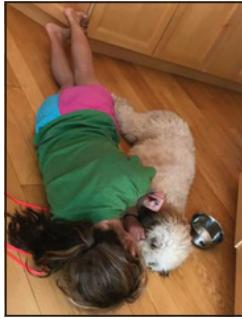


# EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOGS, SERVICE DOGS, & THERAPY DOGS: WHAT THEY ARE AND WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

*By Tameesha VanEtten*

There is a lot of confusion surrounding these three types of working dogs. Add in other non-legal names like comfort dog, support dog, assistance animal and one can get very confused very quickly. There are only three types of assistance dogs, legally there are Emotional Support Dogs, Service Dogs, & Therapy Dogs.

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<b>MARCH</b>					
2-4	Sportsmen's Dog Training Club	AKC	Agility	All Dogs Can	Lapeer
	UKC Michigan Classic	UKC	Conformation, Nosework	Ingham Co. Fairgrounds	Mason
3-4	Detroit Bulldog Club	AKC	Specialty	Berkley Community Center	Berkley
	PAWS Unlimited	UKC	Obedience/Rally	The Well Mannered Dog Center	Wyoming
4	Greater Brighton Collie Club	AKC	Specialty	Springfield Oaks Co. Park	Davisburg
9-11	Oakland County Kennel Club	AKC	Agility	All Dogs Can	Lapeer
	Rockin Rovers	Freestyle	Frosty Dog Follies Musical Freestyle	The Well Mannered Dog Center	Wyoming
10	Dependable Dogs/Dogs & Toddlers	Class	Parent Education	Fido Personal Dog Training	Fondale
10-11	Cairn Terrier Club of Greater Detroit	AKC	Specialty	Ann Arbor Dog Training Bldg	Whitmore Lake
	Obedience Training Club of Greater Lansing	Event	Seminar/Mental Skills for Handlers	See website	Lansing
	Siberian Husky Club of Greater Detroit	AKC	Obedience/Rally/Specialty	Sportsmen's Dog Training Bldg	Warren

DATES	CLUB, ASSOCIATION OR BUSINESS	VENUE	EVENT	LOCATION	CITY
	St. Joe Valley Agility Club	AKC	Obedience/Rally	ECHO Club Bldg	Buchanan
16-18	Kalamazoo Kennel Club	AKC	Agility	The Well Mannered Dog Center	Wyoming
	Leaps & Bounds K9 Agility	CPE	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
17	Obedience Training Club of Greater Lansing	Class	Tracking Seminar	Obedience Training Bldg.	Lansing
23-24	Central MI Agility Club/Northern MI Agility Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
23-25	Agility Workout Society of Mid-MI	USDAA	Agility	All Dogs Can	Lapeer
	JB's Wild Child Agility	CPE	Agility	All Dogs Can	Lapeer
	Companion Dog Training Club	AKC	Obedience/Rally	Companion Dog Training Bldg	Flint
24-25	Great Lakes Hunting Retriever Club	UKC	Upland Hunt	Wings and Rings	Zeeland
	Mid-Michigan Cocker Spaniel Club	AKC	Specialty	Kalamazoo KC Activity Center	Kalamazoo
30-31	Kalamazoo Kennel Club	AKC	Obedience/Rally	Kalamazoo KC Activity Center	Kalamazoo
	Mid-Michigan Cocker Spaniel Club	AKC	Agility	The Well Mannered Dog Center	Wyoming
	Tri County Canine Sports	UKC	Obedience/Rally	Obedience Training Bldg.	Lansing
31	ECHO Club Inc.	UKC	Nosework	ECHO Club Bldg	Buchanan
	Great Lakes Hunting Retriever Club	UKC	Upland Hunt Test	See website	See website
<b>APRIL</b>					
1	ECHO Club Inc.	UKC	Nosework	ECHO Club Bldg	Buchanan
	Kalamazoo Kennel Club	AKC	Obedience	Kalamazoo KC Activity Center	Kalamazoo
	Tri County Canine Sports	UKC	Obedience/Rally	Obedience Training Bldg.	Lansing
6	Bouvier Des Flandres Club of SE MI	AKC	Specialty	Birch Run Expo	Birch Run
	Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club	AKC	Specialty	Birch Run Expo	Birch Run
	Mid-Michigan Poodle Club	AKC	Specialty	Birch Run Expo	Birch Run
6-7	Michigan Boxer Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
6-8	All Dogs Can	CPE	Agility	All Dogs Can	Lapeer

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	Saginaw Valley Kennel Club	AKC	All Breed/Obedience/Rally	Birch Run Expo	Birch Run
7-8	West MI Pet Expo	Event	Pet Expo	Delta Plex	Grand Rapids
	Western Michigan Bulldog Club	AKC	Specialty	Kalamazoo KC Activity Center	Kalamazoo
13-15	Grand Rapids Extreme Agility Team	CPE	Agility	Well Mannered Dog Center	Wyoming
	Siberian Huskey Club of Greater Detroit	AKC	Agility	All Dogs Can	Lapeer
14	Central MI Agility Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
14-15	Michigan Toy Fox Terrier Association	UKC	Conformation	Ann Arbor Dog Training Club	Whitmore Lake
15	Obedience Training Club of Greater Lansing	AKC	Tracking	See website	Williamston
20-22	Canine Sports & Grooming Center	CPE	Agility	All Dogs Can	Lapeer
	Midland MI Kennel Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
21	Blue Water Beagle Club	AKC	Field Trial	Blue Water	Capac
21-22	Capital City Canine Club	UKC	Agility	Devon Self Storage	Lansing
	Wolverine Dog Training Club	UKC	Nosework	Wolverine DTC Bldg	Farmington Hills
27	Doberman Pinscher Club of Detroit	AKC	Specialty	Birch Run Expo Center	Birch Run
	Terrier Club of Michigan	AKC	Spring Group Show	Birch Run Expo Center	Birch Run
27-29	Ann Arbor Dog Training Club	AKC	Agility	Ann Arbor Dog Training Bldg	Whitmore Lake
	TNT CPE	CPE	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
28	Midwest Dachshund Club	AKC	Specialty	Birch Run Expo Center	Birch Run
	West Highland White Terrier Club of SE MI	AKC	Spring Specialty	Ann Arbor Dog Training Bldg	Whitmore Lake
28-29	ECHO Club Inc.	UKC	Conformation	ECHO Club Bldg	Buchanan
	High Five Canine Club	UKC	Obedience/Rally	Pine Meadows Dog Center	South Boardman
	Progressive Dog Club of Wayne Co.	AKC	Obedience/Rally	Birch Run Expo Center	Birch Run
<b>MAY</b>					
4-6	Grand Rapids Agility Club	AKC	Agility	MSA Sports Spot	Grand Rapids

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	Lansing German Shorthaired Pointer Club	AKC	Field Trial	Ionia Recreation Area	Ionia
5-6	Agility Workout Society of Mid-Michigan	USDAA	Agility	All Dogs Can	Lapeer
	Michigan American Pit Bull Terrier Club of MI	AKC	Conformation	Wayne Co. Fairgrounds	Belleville
6	Mid-Michigan Pet Expo	Event	Pet Expo	Midland Co. Fairgrounds	Midland
11-13	All Dogs Can CPE	CPE	Agility	All Dogs Can	Lapeer
	Ann Arbor Dog Training Club	AKC	Agility	Ann Arbor Dog Training Bldg	Whitmore Lake
	Michigan Barn Hunt	BH	Barn Hunt Trial	Coach Karli Dog Training	Howell
13	Obedience Training Club of Greater Lansing	AKC	Tracking	MSU Livestock Pavilion	East Lansing
18-20	Mt. Pleasant MI Kennel Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
	South MI Schutzhund & Police Club	ASCA	Conformation & Breed Survey	Heritage Park	Adrian
19-20	Bay de Noc Kennel Club	UKC	Agility	Bay De Noc Kennel Club	Wells
	Great Lakes Hunting Retriever Club	UKC	Hunt Test	Former Esprit Kennels	Fenwick
24-27	Apple Blossom Cluster	AKC	All Breed, Obedience/Rally	Kalamazoo Co. Fairgrounds	Kalamazoo
	Wolverine Dachshund Club	AKC	Field Trial	Detroit Beagle Club	Addison
25-27	K9 RATIcals	BH	Barn Hunt Trial	Kalamazoo Co. Fairgrounds	Kalamazoo
26-27	Bay Area Regional Kennel Club	UKC	All Breed, Obedience/Rally	Shiawasse Co. Fairgrounds	Corunna
	Chihuahua Club of Michigan	AKC	Specialty	Kalamazoo Co. Fairgrounds	Kalamazoo
	Frankenmuth Dog Bowl	Event	Family Fun	Frankenmuth River Place	Frankenmuth
	Midwest Collie Club	AKC	Specialty	Kalamazoo Co. Fairgrounds	Kalamazoo
<b>JUNE</b>					
1-3	Sportsmen's Dog Training Club	AKC	Agility	All Dogs Can	Lapeer
2	Leader Dogs for the Blind	Event	Fundraiser/Family Fun Bark & Brew	Rochester Mills Brewery	Rochester
2-3	Barn Hunt Buddies	BH	Barn Hunt Trial	Key-Lore Woof Woods	Flushing
	Wyoming Training Club	UKC	Obedience/Rally	The Well Mannered Dog Center	Wyoming

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3	Michigan Humane Society	Event	Mutt March	Edsel & Eleanor Ford House	Grosse Pointe Shores
7	Yappy Hour	Event	Michigan Rescue Alliance	Meadow Brook Hall	Rochester Hills
8-10	Up'n Over Agility Club Of Se Michigan	AKC	Agility	All Dogs Can	Lapeer
10	Terrier Club of Michigan	AKC	All Breed Fun Match & Health Clinic	Ann Arbor Dog Training Club	Whitmore Lake
14-17	United Kennel Club Premier	UKC	See website	Kalamazoo Co. Fairgrounds	Kalamazoo
15-16	Bark On Biddle	Event	Family Fun	Downtown Wyandotte	Wyandotte
15-17	Grand Traverse Kennel Club	AKC	All Breed Dog Show	Northwestern MI Fairgrounds	Traverse City
16-17	Michigan Boxer Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
18-23	Dog Scouts of America	Camp	Summer Camp	Michigan Dog Scout Camp	St. Helen
23-24	Ann Arbor Dog Training Club	Event	Seminar/Problem Solving	See Website	Whitmore Lake
29-30	Michigan Boxer Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
TBD	Bissell Blocktail Party	Event	Bissell Foundation	See Website	TBD
TBD	M & M Cluster Dog Show	AKC	All Breed, Obedience/Rally	Midland Co. Fairgrounds	Midland
TBD	West Michigan Petapalooza	Event	Adoption/Family Fun	See Website	Holland
<b>JULY</b>					
1	Michigan Boxer Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
6	Doberman Pinscher Club of MI	AKC	Specialty	Monroe Co. Fairgrounds	Monroe
	Michigan Boxer Club	AKC	Specialty	Monroe Co. Fairgrounds	Monroe
	Nodrog Gordon Setter Club of MI	AKC	Specialty	Monroe Co. Fairgrounds	Monroe
6-8	Central Michigan Agility Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
7-8	Ann Arbor Kennel Club	AKC	All Breed/Obedience/Rally	Monroe Co. Fairgrounds	Monroe
13	Holland Kennel Club	AKC	All Breed Dog Show	Calhoun Co. Fairgrounds	Marshall
13-15	Ann Arbor Dog Training Club	AKC	Agility	Ann Arbor Dog Training Bldg	Whitmore Lake
	PAWS Unlimited	CPE	Agility	The Well Mannered Dog Center	Wyoming

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14-15	Battle Creek Kennel Club, Inc.	AKC	All Breed, Obed. Junior Showmanship	Calhoun Co. Fairgrounds	Marshall
16-21	Dog Scouts of America	Camp	Summer Camp	Michigan Dog Scout Camp	St. Helen
20-22	TNT CPE	CPE	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
28-29	Michigan Boxer Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
	Miniature Schnauzer Club of MI	AKC	Agility	All Dogs Can	Lapeer
<b>AUGUST</b>					
3-4	Sturgis Kennel Club	AKC	All Breed Dog Show	Calhoun Co. Fairgrounds	Marshall
4	Midwest Collie Club	Event	Collies @ The Highland Games	Greenmead Historical Park	Livonia
4-5	Wyoming Training Club	UKC	Obedience/Rally	The Well Mannered Dog Center	Wyoming
5	Berrien Kennel Club	AKC	All Breed Dog Show	Calhoun Co. Fairgrounds	Marshall
10-12	Michigan Boxer Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
	Obedience Training Club Of Greater Lansing	AKC	Obedience/Rally	Obedience Training Bldg.	Lansing
12	Bull Terrier Club of Metro Detroit	AKC	Bullyolympics & Summer Match	Key-Lore Woof Woods	Flushing
18	Up 'N Over Agility Club of SE MI	NADAC	Agility	TBD	TBD
18-19	St. Joe Valley Agility Club	AKC	Obedience/Rally	ECHO Club Bldg	Buchanan
	Macomb Kennel Club	AKC	All Breed Dog Show	Springfield Oaks County Park	Davison
31	Central Michigan Agility Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					
1-2	Ballistics Flyball Team	U-FI	Flyball Tournament	T-North Pavilion	Vassar
	Central Michigan Agility Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
	Jaxon Kennel Club	AKC	All Breed Dog Show	Jackson Co. Fairgrounds	Jackson
7-9	Woods & Water Outdoor Weekend	Event	Family Fun	Eastern MI State Fairgrounds	Imlay City
8	Southern Michigan HRC	UKC	Hunt Test	Pioneer Boy Scout Camp	Pioneer, OH

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8-9	Genesee County Kennel Club	AKC	All Breed Dog Show	Shiawassee Co. Fairgrounds	Corunna
	Michigan English Setter Club	AKC	Specialty	Brighton Recreation Area	Howell
14-16	Grand Rapids Agility Club	AKC	Agility/Obedience/Rally	MSA Sports Spot	Grand Rapids
15-16	Barktoberfest	Event	Family Fun	Memorial Park	Royal Oak
	Marquette Kennel Club	AKC	All Breed, Obedience/Rally	Marquette Co. Fairgrounds	Marquette
	Michigan American Pit Bull Terrier Club of MI	AKC	Conformation	Wayne Co. Fairgrounds	Belleville
	St. Clair Kennel Club	AKC	All Breed, Obedience/Rally	Goodells Co. Park	Goodells
22-23	Bay De Noc Kennel Club	UKC	Nosework	Bay De Noc Kennel Club	Escanaba
	Northern Michigan Agility/MI Boxer Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
	Terrier Club of Michigan	AKC	Earthdog Trial	Detroit Beagle Club	Addison
23	Ann Arbor Dog Training Club	AKC	Tracking	Ann Arbor Dog Training Bldg	Whitmore Lake
28	Boston Terrier Club of Detroit	AKC	Specialty	Monroe Co. Fairgrounds	Monroe
	Michigan Boxer Club	AKC	Specialty	Monroe Co. Fairgrounds	Monroe
	Terrier Club of Michigan	AKC	Fall Group Show	Monroe Co. Fairgrounds	Monroe
28-30	Grand Traverse Kennel Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
29	Bull Terrier Club of Metro Detroit	AKC	Fall Specialty	Carleton VFW	Carleton
29-30	ECHO Club Inc.	UKC	Nosework	ECHO Club Bldg	Buchanan
	Monroe Kennel Club	AKC	All Breed, Obedience/Rally	Monroe Co. Fairgrounds	Monroe
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
5-7	Ann Arbor Dog Training Club	AKC	Obedience/Rally	Ann Arbor Dog Training Bldg	Whitmore Lake
	Midland MI Kennel Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
19-21	Mid-Michigan Cocker Spaniel Club	AKC	Agility	The Well Mannered Dog Center	Wyoming
	TNT CPE	CPE	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
21	Grand Rapids Agility Club	AKC	Tracking	See Website	Saranac

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26-28	Central Michigan Agility Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
2-4	PAWS Unlimited	CPE	Agility	Well Mannered Dog Center	Wyoming
9-11	Novi Pet Expo	Event	Pet Expo	Suburban Collection Showplace	Novi
10	Michigan Boxer Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
10-11	Great Lakes Sled Dog Association	ISDRA	Fall Dryland Derby	See Website	TBD
11	Ann Arbor Dog Training Club	AKC	Tracking	Ann Arbor Dog Training Bldg	Whitmore Lake
16-18	Mt. Pleasant MI Kennel Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
TBD	West MI Harvest Cluster Dog Show	AKC	All Breed, Obedience/Rally	Kalamazoo Expo. Center	Kalamazoo
<b>DECEMBER</b>					
1-2	Ingham County Kennel Club	AKC	All Breed Dog Show	MSU Pavilion	East Lansing
7-9	Central MI Agility Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
14-16	Grand Rapids Extreme Agility Team	CPE	Agility	Well Mannered Dog Center	Wyoming
	Obedience Training Club Of Greater Lansing	AKC	Obedience/Rally	Obedience Training Bldg.	Lansing
14-16	Central MI Agility Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
21-23	Northern Michigan Agility Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland
28-30	Central MI Agility Club	AKC	Agility	TNT Dog Center	Midland

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