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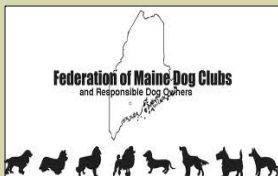
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## the monthly "Bark About"

### HEADS UP, FOLKS!!!

ANY MEMBER WHO WANTS A PIECE OR A ROLL OF THE ASTRO TURF CURRENTLY STORED IN THE VDC TRAILER MUST MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE TO PICK IT UP ON ...

#### SUNDAY, MAY 6TH

THE TRAILER WILL BE AVAILABLE THAT DAY ONLY FOR PICK-UP DUE TO THE LOGISTICS OF PARKING IN TERI'S YARD. ONCE THE TRAILER IS TRANSPORTED TO WASSAMKI SPRINGS FOR THE SHOWS, ANY REMAINING ASTRO TURF BECOMES THE PROPERTY OF RICHARD HILLOCK, OWNER OF THE CAMPGROUND AND WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE TO INDIVIDUAL CLUB MEMBERS!

### The Club Barker

"What time is it?" asked Ye Ed.  
"It's Coastal Classic time in Southern Maine" answered Barker.  
"My favorite time!" said Show Secretary.



## It's "Show Time"!

May 16 12:00 Ring set-up at Show Site  
2:00 Abbreviated General Meeting



off Route 114, 56 Saco Street, Scarborough ME from high noon to dusk.  
For directions, call Show Chair. Carroll Goodwin 207-636-0288 or Show Sec. Sandy Bergeron 207-468-3688. **[BYOB—Bring your own Boots!]**



## for Members Only - showcasing Teri Welch

I didn't start out as a dog lover, but became one over time. My family mostly had cats when I was growing up except one dog that didn't work out well. My mother gave him to a co-worker's retired parents.

Depending on your perspective we had the fortune or misfortune to be visiting Steve's parents. His mother and little sister had gotten a puppy over the summer at a yard sale much to his father's dismay and had to move. The new rent didn't allow dogs.

While we were visiting Steve's parents they told us that unless they could find a home for Bummer that they would have to take him to the animal shelter. Steve's little sister started to cry. Big brothers are a soft touch for their little sisters' tears. He said we would take the dog. Husbands have selective hearing. My comments stating I didn't want the dog and multiple hard kicks in the shin under the table went unheeded.

Bummer with huge paws was not the small terrier mix that my mother in law said he was. He became a tall leggy dog that as near as we could tell was a black lab, Airedale and German shepherd mix that barked a lot, ran off regularly and was stubborn. I was more stubborn and won out by trial and error. He was a character and endeared himself to us over time. He died in 1994.

After having no pets for 2 years, we were in a bookstore where I happened to pick up a book on how to choose a dog to fit your lifestyle. I became interested in the shiba inu, but thought I would never find one until I saw an ad in Uncle Henry's. I called the breeder and we brought home Pixel, a black and tan shiba inu bitch. I decided that both of us should have better training than my trial by error methods with Bummer.

I was looking for some obedience classes to take Pixel to and stumbled across a show handling class by accident taught by a professional handler Janet Weymouth. I had never shown a dog before and thought it might be fun. I met Karen Kimball, Nancy Jensen-Norris, Sandy Bergeron, Penny Overton, Marlene Howard and Judy Perry at these classes.

I also took Pixel to obedience classes where I met Shirley Carter and Evelyn Stackpole. Shirley invited Evelyn and I to a Vacationland Dog Club meeting. Evelyn and I were sponsored by Shirley and became members



Pixel just happened to be good enough to show. At her third or fourth match, she went best puppy in match. At her third and fourth point shows, she won 2 points at each show.

I met Cheryl Black a shiba breeder/exhibitor from Vermont at a show and ended up helping her show one of her dogs. After Steve walked back to the motel across the street at the Bangor dog shows, we became co-owners of a male shiba with her. Shogun later became our first champion.

Riki's co-ownership was a gift from Cheryl Black after Pixel was hit by a car. Riki became our second and youngest champion. I met other shiba breeder/exhibitors from other states at shows. Cheri Sullo allowed me to breed Riki to her champion male Red producing our first and second bred by champions Ki and Tora. Tora was handled by Steve to her championship. Neither went to a handling class. After Tora finished, their sire Red was awarded a Registry of Merit award from the National Shiba Club of America for having 8 champion children.

*Teri has been VDC Treasurer since 2001 A.D. after learning the "craft" from past treasurer, Penny O.*

*Teri and Steve Welch's real job supporting their hobby is as owner / operator of Reed's Machine Shop in Yarmouth.*



The VDC NEWS hereby invites you, our members, to submit an editorial or your special story... no matter how *"green to the breed"*, or if retired, signed or unsigned. *This is your corner!*

# Tick Talk - by VDC roving reporter, Deb Libby

## If you know your Ticks, you can say “No thanks!” to Lyme Disease!

Lyme disease is just the tip of the iceberg with regard to tick borne dog diseases. Diseases carried by ticks that infect hosts are called vector-borne diseases. Some of the other common tick borne diseases are: Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis (formerly called *Piroplasma canis*), Ehrlichiosis and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

And, it's not just the deer tick to blame for these diseases, some are transmitted by the brown dog tick. The symptoms of these tick borne diseases range from a dog exhibiting mild symptoms of discomfort all the way to epileptic type seizures and beyond as well as most symptoms in between these two extremes.

Prevention of tick bites is somewhat of a difficult assignment. Methods range from systemic medications prescribed by your vet to making home-made tick traps with dry ice. In all cases it is extremely important to examine your pets and yourself for ticks after being in an area that ticks like and removing them as soon as discovered. Handling infected ticks with bare hands is warned against as some of these diseases are easily transmitted to us.

I've used several methods to remove ticks, special tick tweezers, tick spoons and those sorts of things. What seems to work best for me is to Teri's method and that is to get a piece of toilet paper, one square is sufficient, and keep it between me and the tick, grasp the tick as close to the dogs body as possible and exert a gentle pulling without squeezing the tick. The tick lets go and you get the whole thing out. Then I rush to the toilet and give it a burial at sea, watching closely to make sure it goes down! Then I treat the bite site with a dab of triple antibiotic.

My vet has just this year started recommending a collar for fleas and ticks that is called Scalibor. It is supposed to be good for six months. This is a new product and is considered a safe product. One collar costs \$42.00 at my veterinary. This is a systemic system for killing biting insects, specifically fleas and ticks.

Six years ago, I treated my lawn with nematodes specific to destroy larvae. This product is from Garden's Alive and is a beneficial organism that attacks larval stages of fleas, ticks, Japanese beetles, cut worms, etc and doesn't bother earthworms. This isn't the same strain of nematodes that cause carrots to have multiple branches! Part of the reason I did this was there was an overabundance of fleas in my lawn as well as Japanese beetles were getting into one of my cash flower crops making the sale of some of the flowers impossible. The nematodes arrived early in May and I followed the directions and dispersed them through the lawn and gardens. Japanese beetles were all over my neighbors plants a full two weeks before any flew to my plants! The fleas became non-existent as far as I could tell! The nematodes live in the soil year

after year and the results show by lack of pests. Still, there are no apparent fleas in my lawn. But ticks are another story, they drop off other hosts here and there and then find another host. They're pretty mobile little hitchhikers and it seems that no one remedy is sufficient to get rid of them entirely.

So, total tick eradication is probably not possible, but a variety of methods can reduce the presence of this nasty little pest. There is a considerable amount of information available on the web if you are intrigued by anything mentioned here and run a search on it to find more details.



## Tick ID

Know them. Prevent them & *the Bite!*

Deer [*black-legged*] Tick = Lyme disease  
vs. the larger Dog [*brown-legged*] Tick



- Wear light-colored protective clothing
- Use EPA-approved insect repellent on skin or clothing
- Use caution in tick infested areas
- Perform daily tick checks
- Protect your pets, use repellents, acaricides, and a Lyme disease vaccine for dogs



This is a deer tick on a thumb, and magnified!!



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# Lyme Disease: Surge Predicted for Northeastern US

## Due to Acorns and Mice, Not Mild Winter

ScienceDaily - Posted Mar. 16, 2012

The northeastern U.S. should prepare for a surge in Lyme disease this spring. And we can blame fluctuations in acorns and mouse populations, not the mild winter. So reports Dr. Richard S. Ostfeld, a disease ecologist at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, NY.

What do acorns have to do with illness? Acorn crops vary from year-to-year, with boom-and-bust cycles influencing the winter survival and breeding success of white-footed mice. These small mammals pack a one-two punch: they are preferred hosts for black-legged ticks and they are very effective at transmitting *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the bacterium that causes Lyme disease.

"We had a boom in acorns, followed by a boom in mice. And now, on the heels of one of the smallest acorn crops we've ever seen, the mouse population is crashing," Ostfeld explains. Adding, "This spring, there will be a lot of *Borrelia burgdorferi*-infected black-legged ticks in our forests looking for a blood meal. And instead of finding a white-footed mouse, they are going to find other mammals -- like us." For more than two decades, Ostfeld, Cary Institute forest ecologist Dr. Charles D. Canham, and their research team have been investigating connections among acorn abundance, white-footed mice, black-legged ticks, and Lyme disease. In 2010, acorn crops were the heaviest recorded at their Millbrook-based research site. And in 2011, mouse populations followed suit, peaking in the summer months. The scarcity of acorns in the fall of 2011 set up a perfect storm for human Lyme disease risk. Black-legged ticks take three bloodmeals -- as larvae, as nymphs, and as adults. Larval ticks that fed on 2011's booming mouse population will soon be in need of a nymphal meal. These tiny ticks -- as small as poppy seeds -- are very effective at transmitting Lyme to people. The last time Ostfeld's research site experienced a heavy acorn crop (2006) followed by a sparse acorn crop (2007), nymphal black-legged ticks reached a 20-year high.

The May-July nymph season will be dangerous, and Ostfeld urges people to be aware when outdoors. Unlike white-footed mice, who can be infected with Lyme with minimal cost, the disease is debilitating to humans. Left undiagnosed, it can cause chronic fatigue, joint pain, and neurological problems. It is the most prevalent vector-borne illness in the U.S., with the majority of cases occurring in the Northeast.

Ostfeld says that mild winter weather does not cause a rise in tick populations, although it can change tick behavior. Adult ticks, which are slightly larger than a sesame seed, are normally dormant in winter but can seek a host whenever temperatures rise several degrees above freezing. The warm winter of 2011-2012 induced earlier than normal activity. While adult ticks can transmit Lyme, they are responsible for a



small fraction of tick-borne disease, with spring-summer nymphs posing more of a human health threat.

Past research by Ostfeld and colleagues has highlighted the role that intact forest habitat and animal diversity play in buffering Lyme disease risks. He is currently working with health departments in impacted areas to educate citizens and physicians about the impending surge in Lyme disease.

## The Tick Key

### GEAR BOX

By Jennifer Sonnenberg, Epic Sports

Posted August 24, 2011

Price \$6 Wt. 0.2 oz.



Ticks gross me out and the thought of touching them can send me over the edge, so I've found this fabulous little device to keep my palpitations to a minimum this summer: The Tick Key.

The Tick Key is a great little U.S.-made item that any hiker, pet owner, gardener, fisherman or parent should have on their key chain or in their wallet. The lightweight key is made of high-strength anodized aluminum and can remove ticks of any size.

The removal process is as easy as 1-2-3. Simply place the teardrop hole over the attached tick, slide the tick into the tapered slot, pull the key away from the skin, and presto — that nasty little bugger is removed, head and all.

Maine's tick population is on the rise this year; I've seen it with my own eyes in my backyard. What's even scarier is the type of ticks I'm seeing this summer. I'm no expert by any stretch of the imagination, but I know what a run-of-the-mill dog tick looks like (big, ugly and flat) and that's not the only type I've pulled off my pups or brushed off my legs.

Needless to say, I'm always thinking about the possibility that these offensive creeps could be carrying Lyme disease around with them. Early and proper removal of ticks is not a 100-percent guarantee against tick-borne diseases, but it certainly can't hurt and it sure makes this Maine girl feel better.

*Having been just bitten in March, I can testify that this is a great accessory for the Tack Box. Thank you Peg Dilley for getting me one! Ye Ed*

# Scientists Find Fungus That Kills Lyme Disease Carrying Ticks

By Vinti Singh, Connecticut Post

Posted March 4, 2012

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Local scientists have found a way to control the ticks responsible for passing Lyme disease on to humans. A new natural pesticide, derived from a strain of fungus that is deadly to the black-legged tick could help keep tick populations under control.

Unlike some synthetic pesticides that can be dangerous for more than just ticks, the fungus does not harm honeybees, earthworms or other beneficial insects.

The product was developed by a Fairfield-based company that was bought out by the Danish industrial biotechnology company [Novozymes](#).

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's field trials of the fungus helped obtain federal Environmental Protection Agency registration. Novozymes has built a plant in Canada to mass produce the product, Tick-Ex.

It will be commercially available in 2014, said Kirby Stafford, the station's vice director and chief entomologist.

"A lot of people do have their yards sprayed with pesticides, and they are quite effective, because synthetic materials will give you an 85 to 100 percent success rate," Stafford said. "But there are a special number of people who don't want to use them. The (organic product) may be slightly less effective, but it's giving people options. It certainly would fit in to organic land care."

The pesticide is made of the F52 strain of the *Metarhizium anisopliae* fungus, which occurs naturally in soil. The station tested it on residential properties in northwestern Connecticut and found up to 74 percent fewer ticks after treatment.

Although rates dipped slightly in 2010, the number of people in Connecticut with Lyme disease has been steadily rising, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Connecticut has the nation's highest number of cases, relative to population. The first symptoms of the disease include headache, fever and rashes. But if left untreated, the disease can spread to the joints, heart and nervous system.

Disease Human Risk Map



The overabundant deer population is one reason the disease is so widespread, according to the state Department of Public Health. Black-legged ticks feed on large mammal hosts, which in Connecticut are usually deer.

Many Lyme disease experts have said the solution is to cull the deer, but research shows that is only really effective when the deer are culled to very low numbers, said Louis Magnarelli, director of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

The station has researched a number of methods to control Lyme disease.

It found nootkatone, a component of essential oil from Alaskan Yellow Cedar and grapefruit is toxic to ticks, and is highly effective.

As tests wind down, there is a small chance a company will pick it up because the cedar oil is only produced at a grade suitable for cosmetics and foods, making it expensive. Until production is scaled up for more commercial uses, it won't be used to eradicate ticks, Stafford said. The station has also tested a garlic spray product, which suppresses tick activity for around two weeks. Scientists in Maine discovered that a rosemary oil product, EcoEXEMPT, will eradicate ticks for at least two weeks.

The nationwide tick control research community is pretty small, Stafford said. Between 2001 and 2012, the state Department of Health and the agricultural experiment station have received a little more than \$2 million for public outreach and tick control research from the CDC. The CDC was expected to hand



out two tick control grants in 2011, but based on available funds ended up "I can't see spreading the spores of this fungus into a bedroom," Stafford said. "But it begs for a formulation of how you expose it to just the targets and not the rest of the environment."

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## Islesboro Voters Approve Killing 400 Deer to Help Prevent Lyme Disease

By Heather Steeves, BDN Staff

Posted August 25, 2011

ISLESBORO, Maine — The deer are doomed. Voters here decided Wednesday night to kill about 400 of the about 500 deer on the island. There are almost as many deer on the island as there are year-round residents and the voters [blame the animals for a Lyme disease "epidemic"](#) in the small community.

The island does not yet know how it will maintain a low deer population once most of the herd has been harvested. To figure out the best option for the 11-mile long island, the board of selectmen will form a wildlife management group.

The vote was 100 to 28 to reduce the deer herd. The island will cull the herd from about 50 deer per square mile to 10 deer per square mile — and then work to maintain that population.

The deer on the island are the only breeding and feeding ground for ticks. Half of the ticks on the island carry Lyme bacteria, which can cause Lyme disease in tick-bit humans.

On the island of 600 year-round residents, about 70 of them have contracted the disease. At least 20 were diagnosed this year, plus at least 20 more suspected cases that were unconfirmed, but treated. That, for a small community, makes it a Lyme disease epidemic, according to Islesboro's Tick-Borne Disease Prevention Committee.

# A Doggone Mysterious Tale

**By V. Paul Reynolds, Outdoors in Maine**

*Local Sports* - Posted Sunday, April 8, 2012 -Lewiston SunJournal

This is a sad dog story, in more ways than one. But it has a happy ending.

Annie is an English Pointer. She is an old dog who has seen her share of upland bird covers. Not a great pointer, but she has a good nose and likes to find birds. Most of her best days have been spent hunting northern Penobscot County with the late legendary guide Wiggie Robinson. Annie outlived Wiggie, and Wiggie's son, Jay, found a home for Annie. Ron Hastie, a Massachusetts bird hunter who spends a lot of time in Maine, adopted Annie. Ron and the old girl became fast friends, although Ron's patience with his new pointer does wear thin at times. The dog is a bolter. You can be working a cover with Annie and, all of a sudden, for no good reason, she will be hell bent for the next county. Ron spends as much time trying to find this dog as he does trying to find birds. But he loves her, more so around camp than in the coverts.

This winter, during an overnight stay at a Bangor motel, Ron let Annie out in the morning to pee. She ran away. After a fruitless two-hour search, Ron notified local authorities about his missing dog and continued his journey to his woods camp north of Bangor. Unknown to Ron, Annie showed herself a few days later. She was dropped off at the Bangor Humane Society. What happened after that boggles the mind, and there has yet to be a truly plausible explanation.

A Humane Society employee removed Annie's blaze orange hunt collar, along with tags that contained telephone numbers from Longmeadow, Mass. She gave Annie a spanking new fresh collar. Annie was checked by a vet, photographed, fed and then placed in a kennel. No attempt was made to call any of the phone numbers on the dog's collar. Annie's identification and collar were, according to a humane society spokesman, "filed away." Annie's photo was placed on the humane society adoption page. The ad even gave Annie a new name: "Please adopt Betty White, a senior citizen who is looking for a good home." The price of adoption was \$350.00.

While this was going on, Ron's friend, Scott, made three calls to the humane society. Each time Scott described this black and white pointer and each time he was told there was no dog of this description in their kennels. Then, by chance, Scott looked at the humane society adoption page online and, behold, there was Annie! He called Ron who phoned the humane society and pressed them, hard. Finally, after his detailed description they conceded that, indeed, Betty White was really his Annie. Six highway hours later, Ron arrived in Bangor to get his gun dog.

Ron got Annie, but he was not a happy camper. At first, the humane society folks had excuses.

"Nothing made any sense," Ron said. "Why didn't they just call the telephone numbers on her collar? Why did they deny having the dog? How many other dogs have been put up for sale without any attempt to locate the dog's owner?"

He recalls that, after an extended discussion, humane society officials,

director Suzan Bell and operations manager Chris Young, "began looking at their toes." Pressed, they conceded that there was no excuse for what transpired.

"Then they actually tried to get me to pay the \$350 to get back my own dog, a dog that they, in effect, had dog-napped!", said Ron. "I could not believe it. I told them that their behavior was borderline larcenous. It would have been one thing if Annie had had no ID on her, but there were two different phone numbers on her collar. Why didn't they just make a call?"

Hastie says it doesn't add up. If, as humane society director Bell contends, the society always goes to great efforts to locate owners of stray dogs, how did the system break down? Hastie is convinced that, for whatever reason, the employee who changed Annie's identity did not want the pointer returned to her rightful owner. A Massachusetts bias? An anti-hunting agenda? (Annie was wearing a hunting collar).

Given the circumstances, humane society executive director Bell was forthright, and, indeed, refreshingly candid, when I talked with her.

"We really screwed up in a big way," said Bell. "There is no other way to look at it. This never should have happened."

She said that remedial action has been taken with the employee and there have been a number of staff meetings held to make sure that "this never happens again."

People do make mistakes. Each year, 5,000 dogs, either strays or "surrenders," get turned over to the Bangor Humane Society. This organization does have a big job. Maybe Annie simply fell through the bureaucratic cracks, though this theory strains credulity, especially if, as Bell contends, finding a missing dog's owner is Job No 1. There must be a motive, a reason why the humane society employee in question simply shrugged off the protocol. She was not a new employee; she had to have known better. So why did she do it?

Bell won't say. "It's a personnel matter, privacy issue," Bell said.

Bell also insists that there is no anti-hunting agenda or any other agenda.

"Our job is to find homes for dogs, not keep them," she added.

So we may never know how this near dog-napping caper really came about. Only Annie, the bolter, knows for sure, but at least she is back at Ron's feet, and not far from the warming hearth in Longmeadow, Mass.

Postscript: Annie's owner, though he refused to cough up \$350, did make a \$50 donation to the cause.

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# Our neighbors in D.O.G.S. - N.H. Legislative Update

**Thursday, April 19, 2012**

9:20 AM – Senate Executive Departments Committee, Room 100 State House, Public Hearing: HB 1362: Creates a one-time registration/licensing option for service animals. See DOGS concerns below.

## Legislative Status Report

### The Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee is recommending (4-0 vote) an amendment to HB 325, relative to the transfer of dogs, cats and ferrets.

The House passed version of the bill allows purchasers to accept a sick or injured animal if the transferee has knowledge of the sickness or injury, and requires that dogs, cats and ferrets being imported to the state for transfer be held for 48 hours at a licensed facility before being transferred in order to assess health status. The new Senate amendment only allows transfer of dogs, cats and ferrets that have noncontiguous medical conditions. Still, the purchaser must sign a waiver and it must be sent to the State Veterinarian. Also, in addition to a licensed animal shelter, it allows the animal to be quarantined at a licensed veterinarian's office. On Wednesday, the Senate will vote on the newly amended version of the bill.

**DOGS supports** the amendment that prohibits dogs, cats and ferrets with contagious diseases from being transferred. Furthermore, the addition of using a veterinarian's facility for quarantine provides an owners with an alternative to an animal shelter. A copy of the amendment is available at <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/amendments/2012-1582S.html> . A copy of the bill as passed by the House is available at <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2012/HB0325.html>

**HB 1362: As passed by the House, retains the current exemption from licensing and registration fees for service dogs and retired armed services dogs.** The bill creates a one-time registration/licensing option for service dogs that have been certified as such and properly tagged by the governor's commission on disability. Requires the Governor's Commission on Disability to issue and administer service animal permanent registra-

tion tags.

tion tags.

**DOGS Position and Concerns:** DOGS supports the exemption from licensing fees for service animals (currently, in statute). DOGS has concerns regarding the new procedure, such as:

The Commission does not have the authority to revoke registration if the service dog's rabies vaccination is not current after the dog is permanently registered.

A municipality will have no way to identify or verify current rabies vaccination for a permanently registered service dog that is running at large.

DOGS had discussions with the State Veterinarian and the Town Clerks Association. Both agree that the municipality must receive verification of current rabies vaccination.

**STATUS:** Passed the House with amendment (14-0 committee vote). Public Hearing in Senate Executive Depts. Committee scheduled for 9:20am on April 19<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the amended bill can be found on-line at <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2012/HB1362.html> .

**ACTION NEEDED:** You are encouraged to drop a note to the Senators on the committee asking them to amend the bill to ensure that service dogs that are permanently registered have up-to-date proof of rabies vaccination on file with the municipality.

## Most Popular Dogs in U.S.

2011 Ranking	2010 Ranking
1. Labrador Ret.	1. Labrador Ret.
2. German Shepherd	2. German Shepherd
3. Beagle	3. Yorkshire Terrier
4. Golden Retriever	4. Beagle
5. Yorkshire Terrier	5. Golden Retriever
6. Bulldog	6. Bulldog
7. Boxer	7. Boxer
8. Poodle	8. Dachshund
9. Dachshund	9. Poodle
10. Rottweiler	10. Shih Tzu

via CAKC April 2012. Thanks Kathy!

## AT THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

[Belated announcement via PVKC / BDN](#)

Sadly, on March 14, long time dog fancier & breeder of champion Cardigan Corgis, Dorothy A. "Dotty" DeBeck of Bangor passed from medical complications.



## SNIPPETS:

### Homemade BadBreathBanishers - Dog Recipe

2 cups brown rice flour  
 1 Tablespoon activated charcoal (find this at drugstores, not the briquettes!)  
 3 Tablespoons canola oil  
 1 egg  
 1/2 cup chopped fresh mint  
 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley  
 2/3 cup lowfat milk  
 Preheat oven to 400F. Lightly oil a cookie sheet. Combine flour and charcoal. Add all the other ingredients. Drop teaspoonfuls on oiled sheet, about 1 inch apart. Bake 15-20 minutes. Store in airtight container in the refrigerator.

### Lucky Lamb Snackers - Dog Recipe

Makes 24 treats Prep: 15 min., cook: 20 min.  
 1/2 cup ground lamb (4 oz.)  
 1/2 cup shredded sweet potato  
 2 eggs  
 2 cups flour  
 1. Preheat the oven to 350.  
 Cook the lamb and sweet potato together in a small pan until the meat is browned. Transfer to a Large bowl along with any meat juices; let cool for at least 5 minutes  
 2. Mix in the eggs, flour and 1/4 cup water.  
 3. Drop heaping teaspoonful's of the mixture onto an ungreased cookie sheet, and bake until browned on the bottom and firm to the touch, 20 to 24 minutes.  
 Let cool. (You can refrigerate these treats for up to 1 week or freeze them for up to 2 mo.)

via PVKC March & April 2012. Thanks Bonnie!

# Dog Safety: *First Impressions Mean the Most*

**By Karen Peak / For InsideNoVa.com**

Published: April 17, 2012; Updated: April 18, 2012 - 12:56 PM

Confidently approach, make eye contact, smile, extend your hand for a firm handshake (or arms for a hug). How many of us were taught this is a proper greeting? I was also taught first impressions mean the most. Dogs and humans do not speak the same body language. The greeting I would give a human has a completely different meaning for a dog. (NOTE: If your dog accepts a human greeting from you, he may not from everyone.)

For a dog, eye contact may be perceived as a challenge and the show of teeth is often a warning. Then we make things worse by charging him (reach out to pat) or even a possible attack (arms around his neck). Many people, children especially, greet dogs in a forward manner. This can lead to a warning snap or a connecting bite. Dogs need to learn human greeting protocols and we have to respect canine protocols.

I was called to assist a family with their small dog, described as “nasty” with strangers. Upon entering the home, I quickly saw why the dog was described as such. His owners held him like a football and inadvertently forced him upon me as I walked in. The dog was cute and snuggly looking, so people treated him like a stuffed toy. People were allowed to get in his face and scoop him up. He was not nasty, just scared -- and letting the world know.

I lowered my head, turned to the side, relaxed my shoulders and looked out the corner of my eye. I softly asked the owners to put the dog on the floor and let go. The tiny terror gave a few warning barks and growls but kept a distance. I dropped a few tasty treats. He looked at me and quickly averted his gaze. More treats. His demeanor changed. I knelt down and offered him a treat. He crept up and took the treat. I broke the ice. I was greeting this dog in terms he better understood and showing him good things would come from me. Here I was a stranger in his home and I had to respect him. Tactics using intimidation or showing him who was boss would only threaten the dog with whom I needed to work.

When I greet you and your dog, if I do not stride right up to you and shake your hand, if I do not reach right down and pat Scruffy, if I even back up and look away, I am not being rude nor am I afraid. I am just greeting your dog in a manner meaningful to him.

I am making a good first impression.

Karen Peak is the developer of [The Safe Kids/Safe Dogs Project](#), owner/operator of [West Wind Dog Training](#) and author of *Am I Ready for A(nother) Puppy or Dog?* If you have questions regarding your dog's behavior, please consult a professional.

Reprinted with permission. Thanks, Karen!



***It's important for kids, as well as adults, to understand the right way to greet a dog.***



**“Ultimately, we make our dogs what they are: good or bad”**

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# “Snooker” Performance: *It's a complicated game of strategy*

## The Snooker Sequence

By Dawn Osmond, Agility Trainer, Casco, ME

USDAA explanation:

The obstacles must be performed in snooker order, which permits a maximum of 51 points to be accumulated when three “red” obstacles are used. The handler and dog team shall perform the obstacles as set forth in an opening and closing sequence during the course time allotted.

An obstacle has been selected for performance in the opening sequence if the dog has touched or crossed the obstacle (e.g., placing a paw on a ramp, jumping over a ramp of the dog walk, passing through the tire frame or crossing the line of weave poles).

The “opening sequence” consists of a minimum of six (6) obstacles (permitting a maximum of 24 points when three “Red” obstacles are used) that must be taken in the following order:

Red - Color - Red - Color - Red - Color

In performance of this opening sequence, the following rules must be observed:

- A “red” must be performed successfully before a color may be taken.
- A “red” may be taken only once whether faulted or successfully performed.
- No points are awarded if an obstacle or hurdle is faulted.
- The same or different “color” may be taken each time a color is to be taken.

Scoring ceases during the opening sequence if any one of the following occurs:

- Red faulted - color
- Red not faulted - another or same red
- Red - color - color
- Red - color - same red
- Time expires

A Color obstacle must be completed as defined for performance in Chapter 3 to have been performed.

Once the opening sequence has been completed, the dog and handler move directly into the “closing sequence” that consists of six (6) color obstacles with a maximum of value of 27 points. These obstacles must be taken in the following order:

Scoring ceases during the closing sequence if any one of the following occurs:

- an obstacle is faulted
- the sequence is broken
- time expires

Refusals shall be assessed only during the closing sequence. The table may be used as a start and/or finish line.

### Qualification:

A minimum of thirty-seven (37) points is required in order to earn a qualifying score. In addition, for purposes of qualification towards the Snooker Master SM title, three of the five qualifying scores must place in the top 15% of the class (“Super Q”) based on the number of dogs actually competing in each jump height class; that is, 12”, 16”, 22” or 26”

Earning a Super Q requires either winning your class or coming in 2nd. It's a tough game!!!



Dawn Osmond is owner of sheltie Wayfarer Push Me Pull You “Bugg”.

“Bugg is a 2 time MaCH! He also earned his ADCH, Agility Dog Championship through the United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. which is just (if not more so) rigorous in its requirements for attaining this important award.

“We are even working on his 3rd Championship, his PDCH which would be his Performance Dog Champion. He is also a Snooker Champion and Standard Champion, no small feats for any dog!”

“AKC is not the only organization with any merit for dog performance sports!”



# Outside the Whelping Box: *Internet Warning*

## Hundreds of Thousands may lose Internet in July

By [Lolita C. Baldor, Associated Press - April 20, 2012](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — For computer users, a few mouse clicks could mean the difference between staying online and losing Internet connections this summer.

Unknown to most of them, their problem began when international hackers ran an online advertising scam to take control of infected computers around the world. In a highly unusual response, the [FBI](#) set up a safety net months ago using government computers to prevent Internet disruptions for those infected users. But that system is to be shut down.

The [FBI](#) is encouraging users to visit a website run by its security partner, <http://www.dcwg.org>, that will inform them whether they're infected and explain how to fix the problem. After July 9, infected users won't be able to connect to the Internet.

Most victims don't even know their computers have been infected, although the malicious software probably has slowed their web surfing and disabled their antivirus software, making their machines more vulnerable to other problems.

Last November, the [FBI](#) and other authorities were preparing to take down a hacker ring that had been running an Internet ad scam on a massive network of infected computers.

"We started to realize that we might have a little bit of a problem on our hands because ... if we just pulled the plug on their criminal infrastructure and threw everybody in jail, the victims of this were going to be without Internet service," said Tom Grasso, an [FBI](#) supervisory special agent. "The average user would open up [Internet Explorer](#) and get 'page not found' and think the Internet is broken."

On the night of the arrests, the agency brought in [Paul Vixie](#), chairman and founder of Internet Systems Consortium, to install two Internet servers to take the place of the truckload of impounded rogue servers that infected computers were using. Federal officials planned to keep their servers online until March, giving everyone opportunity to clean their computers. But it wasn't enough time. A federal judge in New York extended the deadline until July.

Now, said Grasso, "the full court press is on to get people to address this problem." And it's up to computer users to check their PCs.

This is what happened:

Hackers infected a network of probably more than 570,000 computers worldwide. They took advantage of vulnerabilities in the Microsoft Windows operating system to install malicious software on the victim computers. This turned off antivirus updates and changed the way the computers reconcile website addresses behind the scenes on the Internet's domain name system.

The DNS system is a network of servers that translates a web address — such as [www.ap.org](http://www.ap.org) — into the numerical addresses that computers

use. Victim computers were reprogrammed to use rogue DNS servers owned by the attackers. This allowed the attackers to redirect computers to fraudulent versions of any website.

The hackers earned profits from advertisements that appeared on websites that victims were tricked into visiting. The scam netted the hackers at least \$14 million, according to the [FBI](#). It also made thousands of computers reliant on the rogue servers for their Internet browsing.

When the [FBI](#) and others arrested six Estonians last November, the agency replaced the rogue servers with Vixie's clean ones. Installing and running the two substitute servers for eight months is costing the federal government about \$87,000.

The number of victims is hard to pinpoint, but the [FBI](#) believes that on the day of the arrests, at least 568,000 unique Internet addresses were using the rogue servers. Five months later, [FBI](#) estimates that the number is down to at least 360,000. The U.S. has the most, about 85,000, federal authorities said. Other countries with more than 20,000 each include Italy, India, England and Germany. Smaller numbers are online in Spain, France, Canada, China and Mexico.

Vixie said most of the victims are probably individual home users, rather than corporations that have technology staffs who routinely check the computers.

[FBI](#) officials said they organized an unusual system to avoid any appearance of government intrusion into the Internet or private computers. And while this is the first time the [FBI](#) used it, it won't be the last.

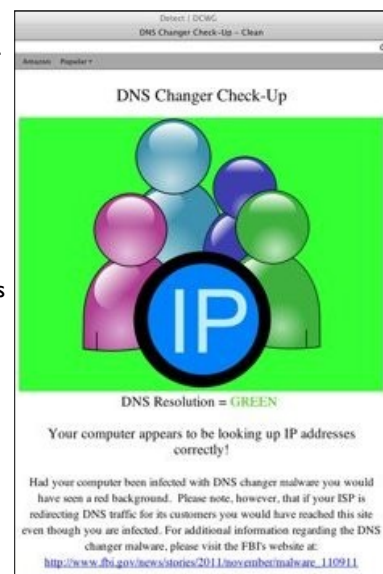
"This is the future of what we will be doing," said Eric Strom, a unit chief in the [FBI](#)'s Cyber Division. "Until there is a change in legal system, both inside and outside the United States, to get up to speed with the cyber problem, we will have to go down these paths, trail-blazing if you will, on these types of investigations."

Now, he said, every time the agency gets near the end of a cyber case, "we get to the point where we say, how are we going to do this, how are we going to clean the system" without creating a bigger mess than before.

Online: To check and clean computers: <http://www.dcwg.org>

Lolita C. Baldor can be followed on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/lbaldor>

This undated handout image provided by the DNS Changer Working Group (DCWG) shows the webpage. It will only take a few clicks of the mouse. But for hundreds of thousands of computer users, those clicks could mean the difference between staying only and losing their connections this July. ([AP Photo/DNC Changer Working Group](#))



# Courtesy Ads: Training Notices

## POETICGOLD FARM

Here is the early Spring Schedule [see website] for PoeticGold Farm in Falmouth, Maine. A training center on 11 lush and open acres, PoeticGold Farm is home to three dog trainers,



Teri Robinson CPDT-KA, Ginny Seavey, and Jill Simmons. If you plan ahead, we welcome friendly dogs to visit for an off leash romp or swim. We also offer an outpost in Damariscotta for retriever training & hiking - 50 acres on the lake.

Control Unleashed and Rally O are our most popular classes, and fill very fast. For those classes, early sign ups are so helpful to us in scheduling to meet your needs. Control Unleashed has its own optional facebook group to plan outings and to add support.

Agility will be moving outside in May!

We are looking forward to a grooming seminar with master groomer Indya Sheehan this summer, and also special guest classes in conformation breed handling for the show ring, competitive obedience, and tracking.

Our board and train list is full until next January, so we cannot accept anymore show puppies at this time. Also, handling for AKC Rally O is full for the summer shows, but we can recommend two fellow trainers who are excellent. We will attend South County Kennel Club in Rhode Island and West Springfield this month.

We are happy to rent our facilities to individuals and groups as the busy schedule allows.

Canine Good Citizen Days have been so much fun, so we will offer another one in July. If you'd like to attend, we are keeping a sign up sheet first come, first serve! We are planning to offer the ATTS Temperament Test in the fall.

Puppy Flash Mobs are open to all our Performance Puppy and Star Puppy graduates on the lower fields.

Finally, once the world is green again (May 15th) we will once again offer dog photography & portraits.

Sign up & contact us at: [www.poeticgoldfarm.com](http://www.poeticgoldfarm.com)  
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## PINE TREE STATE DOBERMAN PINSCHER CLUB, Inc.



### ALL-BREED Obedience and Conformation Practice Day

PAW-ZN-AROUND Training Center, 8 Old County Rd, Saco, ME

**SATURDAY, MAY 12**

OUTDOORS

ENTRIES

Preregistration by May 4 (see below)

\$8/first entry \$5 subsequent entry same dog

\$12/\$10 On site registration 9-10 a.m.

Judging will start at 10:15 Judges: TBA

Conformation Classes (by AKC groups)

3-6 months 6-9 months 9-12 months 12-18 months Open

Obedience Classes

Novice, Open, Utility

All dogs must be current on vaccinations (as recommended by their vets and be free of internal/external parasites and communicable diseases)

**NO HEAVY GROOMING.**

**NO CHALKING. NO TAPED EARS.**

Plenty of set-up and crating space

Coffee, tea, water and hot chocolate will be available.

Come practice for the Southern Maine Coastal Classic the next weekend!

Checks to PTSDPC sent to : Hosea Carpenter, treasurer, 14 Balsam Ln, Saco, ME 04072 **Deadline 5/4**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_

Class(es): Conformation \_\_\_\_\_ Obedience \_\_\_\_\_



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**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 9AM to 5PM**

**Test is hosted by and will be held at:**

**Finish Forward Dogs, Inc**

**Dog Training & Events Studio**

**30 Spring Hill Road**

**Saco, ME 04072**

[www.finishforwarddogs.com](http://www.finishforwarddogs.com)

**PRE-ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Maximum number of dogs to be tested: 38. No dog of test entry since limits have been met.

**DOGS MUST BE AT LEAST 10 MONTHS TO PARTICIPATE**

**ENTRY FEE/TO REGISTER**

The entry fee is \$30 per dog plus a \$5 donation to Chase Away K9 Cancer (total fee per dog is \$35).

Complete Registration Form & Send With Entry Fees (Payable To Finish Forward Dogs, Inc) To:

**Finish Forward Dogs, Inc**

**Attn: Shannon Hall Nutting**

**PO Box 1744**

**Saco, ME 04072**

**For Day of Test Information:**

Shannon Hall Nutting, [info@finishforwarddogs.com](mailto:info@finishforwarddogs.com) OR (207) 251-2296

**DIRECTIONS:**

**From I-95/Maine Turnpike:**

Via Exit 35 - Saco/OOB, merge onto I-295E (1.1mi) and take the Industrial Park Road exit, Exit 1 (0.2mi). At the bottom of the off-ramp, bear Right onto Industrial Park Road (1.3mi) and travel under the overpass. Industrial Park Road becomes Spring Hill Road (0.6mi), so stay straight and look for 30 Spring Hill Road on your right.

**From Rte 1 North/Portland Road:** Watch for Brown and Prime Nissan, which are both located on your Left, and in 1/3 mile take a Left onto Spring Hill Rd (Saco Industrial Park).

**From Rte 1 South/Portland Road:** Approximately 1.4 miles past Aquaboggon Water Park, look for the bright yellow KOA Campground sign, which is located on your Right, and take a Right onto Spring Hill Rd (Saco Industrial Park)

FFD is on the Left, 1/3 mile from US Route 1.

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**DOGS PASSING THE TEMPERAMENT TEST WILL BE ISSUED A "TT" NUMBER AND A CERTIFICATE FROM THE AMERICAN TEMPERAMENT TEST SOCIETY, INC.**

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Permission for holding this event, according to the rules and regulations of the American Temperament Test Society, has been granted by the American Temperament Test Society, Inc.

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### Body, Mind & Spirit Balancing for the Canine Athlete & Companion Dog with Dr. Sheila Ryan Sunday, May 20, 2012

**Seminar Times:**  
9am - 12pm  
12:30pm - 3:30pm

**Cost:**  
**Participants: \$75**  
**Auditors: \$37**

#### Seminar Includes:

3 hour presentation, 30 minute individual work up for participants and interactive attendee participation

it's a dog's world welcomes back Dr. Sheila Ryan, owner of Holistic Hope For All, for (2) three hour seminars presenting alternative healing modalities for the canine athlete and companion dog. "Tune up" your dog before the competition season begins!

Each seminar will include visual demonstrations and hands on attendee interactive participation. The seminar will include information on:

- How to read energy centers/points
- How to move your dog's energy
- How to process the information collected from your dog's aura reading
- Learn how to effectively listen to your dog
- How to use muscle testing at home
- Demonstrate and explain dowsing methods.



Due to the seminar structure the number of participants will be limited to 4 working dogs. Each participant will receive a 30 minute individual work up with attendee participation for learning purposes.

#### About Sheila Ryan

Sheila graduated from Rhode Island College with a BA in Psychology and has studied Dowsing, Bio Energy Analysis, Nutrition (ancestry), Reflex Points, and many more topics of natural alternative healing.



## How to Enter & What to Expect When Thinking of Scent Work Trialing

**When:** Thurs., May 10, 2012

**Time:** 7:45pm

**Cost:** \$20.00

**Includes:** 1.5 hour informative talk in a casual atmosphere, popcorn and softdrinks

Many of you have taken to the sport of scent work. It is a great team sport that encourages dogs to use their natural searching and scenting abilities in a positive way!

If you are thinking of taking the steps towards competing or would like to learn more about what competing involves - don't miss this 1.5 hour talk with Pam Belcher on how to get you and your dog ready for scent work competition! Pam is an it's a dog's world instructor and Nose Work 1 & 2 competitor.

Read below for a sample of topics that will include information for those training at a class level as well as those thinking of entering their first Odor Recognition Test (ORT) or trial.

**This is a handler night only - the dogs get the night off!**

#### At the class level:

Learn the differences between types of events you can attend:

- >Sniff Thrus
- >Mock Odor Recognition Tests/Mock Trials
- >Odor Recognition Tests
- >Trials.

Get help answering the question of "WHEN you should attend these events" and how to know if your dog is ready

Obtain information on registering with the National Association of Canine Scent Work

Discuss common mistakes when completing a trial entry form (premium)

#### How to be prepared for Scent Work events:

- >Items to bring with you
- >Accommodations/travel to a scent work event
- >What to expect when you arrive at the site of event
- >Special considerations for reactive dogs
- >Nose Work 1 Trial Rules
- >Volunteering - jobs you can do



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-  Saturday, May 19: Best Veteran Competition
-  Saturday, May 19: [Pine Tree State Doberman Pinscher Club](#) – Specialty
-  Saturday, May 19: [BCCA \[Bearded Collie Club of Maine\]](#) - Supported Entry
-  Saturday, May 19: [CWCCA \[Yankee Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club\]](#) Supported Entry & Sweeps
-  Sunday, May 20: [Pine Tree State Doberman Pinscher Club](#)- Supported Entry
-  Sunday, May 20: [BCCA \[Bearded Collie Club of Maine\]](#) - Supported Entry

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## 2012 Calendar

### January

7 Awards Banquet  
 17 FMDC meeting

### February

15 General meeting  
 21 FMDC meeting

### March

20 FMDC meeting  
 21 General meeting

### April

17 FMDC meeting  
 18 General meeting

### May

15 FMDC meeting  
**16 SMCC Show Setup & Abbreviated Meeting**  
 17-20 SMCC Shows

### June

TBA Annual Banquet  
 19 FMDC Annual meeting

20 General meeting

### July

No general meeting  
 17 FMDC meeting  
 TBA Equipment Clean-up

### August

No general meeting  
 21 FMDC meeting

### September

18 FMDC meeting

19 General meeting

### October

16 FMDC meeting  
 17 General meeting

### November

20 FMDC meeting  
 21 General meeting

### December

12 General Meeting  
 18 FMDC meeting



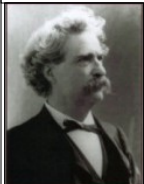
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### Monthly Quotable: Mark Twain



A composite dog is a dog that's made up of all the valuable qualities that's in the dog breed—kind of a syndicate; and a mongrel is made up of the riffraff that's left over.