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The Newsletter for the Bayshore Companion Dog Club, Inc.

Tucker, A Rescue From Arkansas

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We got Tucker from a rescue group that brings dogs to the northeast from Arkansas and places down south to be adopted. We had lost our loving travelling buddy and registered pet therapy dog, Lokai, the year before and it was hard to look for another dog, but we knew when the time was right, we would adopt again. I found Tucker on Petfinder by way of a rescue located in Connecticut. After speaking with us on the phone and getting to know us, the rescuer, (who was a tough one to convince), finally realized that we were the one to adopt a 3 month old Cattle Dog mix (we think with Bluetick Coonhound) because he was the alpha puppy with lots of energy and a strong temperament. After telling the rescue lady that I trained Harness Race Horses (trotters) for over 20 years and was also in the pet business with my products NUPRO Pet Supplements, she understood that I had the training experience to overcome any issues this pup may have. Not being able to physically see or get to know him, for us, was really stepping out of the box. All we saw was a short video and photos from the foster family with him playing (correction I was told he was herding) one of the young children in the yard. After we got the OK from the rescue we were told that he would be coming in a transport 18 wheeler truck at 2am in the morning behind a Sheridan hotel in north Jersey. Sounded and looked like a drug deal when we got there and saw several cars also waiting in the first major snowstorm in the dark. Of course the truck was late because of the storm. The back of the big rig opened and 2 folks came out holding dogs and calling out their names to us in the frigid snowfall. When they finally called, 'who's for Tucker?' I ran up and

took this shivering little puppy out of an 80 degree southern truck to the snowfall in NJ. I told him I hoped he wanted to be a travellin' dog as we are on the road doing shows a few times a year, and if he wanted to have an active life in some type of sports and I got a big sloppy kiss as a 'hello, I'm here to be all that.' And he was! I now know his name was sort of a premonition because we cannot tucker Tucker out! He learns extremely quickly and tries to excel at all he does. We both enjoy doing Dock Diving, his record jumping is 19 feet 9 inches, and he LOVES the water, I cannot keep him out of our pool in the summer or the ocean at the beach. All day long diving in and out, wish I had his energy! We also do FAST CAT and his best time is 7.13 seconds running at 28.68 mph. He's usually has the fastest times of the day for a mixed breed and we earned our DCAT Title this fall. In Lure Coursing he has earned his CAA Title. We do Barn Hunt and he has his Open Title there. We started a bit of UpDog Frisbee, (will have to practice our timing more), and taking classes in Scent Work. We hope to title in that next year and also start in Rally classes. And yes, I do train and condition him like one of my fine race horses. I don't know what the future holds for me and Tucker, but I do know this crazy fast, intelligent and fun dog will love doing and excel at whatever I throw at him when the sports start up again next year!



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In Memory Of Carolyn K Iraggi

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By Susan Siviero

I hope everyone gets a friend, mentor or both like this... if you do cherish the experience. We yet loss another long time BCDC member. Carol was a board member for many terms and served in many positions for BCDC. Below are my personal comments.....

I lost a good friend, mentor, breeder in Carol Iraggi. Carol was influential to many people and so many will be effected by her loss Carol and I met when I first saw Decker as a 4 month puppy. He came to live with John and I just over 13 years ago and when we added Decker to our family, we got Carol as a mentor which then grew into a wonderful friendship. We had many adventures while campaigning Decker in the breed ring, showing Cyrus and breeding both boys. Carol and I traveled many states, attended National Specialties together, drove countless miles for handlers, shows, grooming, seeing litters, breedings and all else dog related. Carol was generous with her time and knowledge.

Mostly Carol was my friend. She was always there to help me deal with swimmer's tail (my Portie friends will appreciate) at 2:00 AM in the morning to listening to chit chat about almost anything. Nothing was too much trouble. She was a true educator and loved to talk about the breed and all things Portuguese Water Dogs. She seem to have a bottomless amount of knowledge about the breed. I hope I can remember it all.

We often sat for hours waiting for a dog to be groomed or driving we discussed everything about life going from topic to topic. She loved to drive it gave her freedom from some physical limitations. Mainly conversation came back to our dogs and of course family, her beloved sons and Husband, Dan.

Life will not be the same without Carol. Nothing in the Portuguese Water Dogs will be the same for me. I miss this special person. Carol... I am honored to have known you and hope to continue to make you proud with all you taught me about the breed and to be honest life.



Transition from Masters Agility to Retirement

By Pam Larson

I thought she would go on forever! She loved the Sport! She loved classes! Then on a wrong way down an A-Frame ended her Agility Fun. Since I wanted her to be having all this time as I retired doing what she loved....ended with one A-Frame injury and surgery on her hip.

Yes she is 9 1/2 years now,; yes she was in good shape, but retirement from her Agility fun was the only way to be kind to my girl Fizz. So I was also training her for her retirement doing Scent Work, and Rally, so now in place is what this early retirement , now a reality we will continue the retirement plan. Even though I was planning to lower her jump height in Agility, it was not what caused the injury. My plans for my Fizz came crashing down to immediate retirement. She was ready cause of her injury, but me not ready for the immediate retirement in Agility. I called it " withdrawal ", and that was a raw awakening. Rehab is in her daily routine.

Fizz already competed in Rally, Fizz already competed in Scent work! So now we are ready to concentrate on this fun. My visits with my RV to parks all over the areas are still in our plans. Fizz is doing very well with her rehab. We are a team just needing a little adjusting in our sporting competitions. I love my Fizz and as a team we will move on.



WINTER PET CARE

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Cold weather can be hard on pets, just like it can be hard on people. Sometimes owners forget that their pets are just as accustomed to the warm shelter of the indoors as they are. Some owners will leave their animals outside for extended periods of time, thinking that all animals are adapted to live outdoors. This can put their pets in danger of serious illness. There are things you can do to keep your animal warm and safe.

Take your animals for a winter check-up before winter kicks in. Your veterinarian can check to make sure they don't have any medical problems that will make them more vulnerable to the cold.

Keep your pets inside as much as you can when the mercury drops. If you have to take them out, stay outside with them. When you're cold enough to go inside, they probably are too. If you absolutely must leave them outside for a significant length of time, make sure they have a warm, solid shelter against the wind, thick bedding, and plenty of non-frozen water. Try leaving out a hot water bottle, wrapped in a towel so it won't burn your pet's skin.

Some animals can remain outside safely longer in the winter than others. In some cases, it's just common sense: long-haired breeds like Huskies will do better in cold weather than short-haired breeds like Dachshunds. Cats and small dogs that have to wade shoulder-deep in the snow will feel the cold sooner than larger animals. Your pet's health will also affect how long she can stay out. Conditions like diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, and hormonal imbalances can compromise a pet's ability to regulate her own body heat. Animals that are not generally in good health shouldn't be exposed to winter weather for a long period of time. Very young and very old animals are vulnerable to the cold as well. Regardless of their health, though, no pets should stay outside for unlimited amounts of time in freezing cold weather. If you have any questions about how long your pet should be out this winter, ask your veterinarian.

Cats will curl up against almost anything to stay warm--including car engines. Cats caught in moving engine parts can be seriously hurt or killed. Before you turn your engine on, check beneath the car or make a lot of noise by honking the horn or rapping on the hood.

If you live near a pond or lake, be very cautious about letting your rambunctious dog off the leash. Animals can easily fall through the ice, and it is very difficult for them to escape on their own. If you must let your dogs loose near open water, stay with them at all times.

If you light a fire or plug in a space heater to keep your home toasty warm, remember that the heat will be as attractive to your pets as to you. As your dog or cat snuggles up to the warmth, keep an eye out to make sure that no tails or paws come in contact with flames, heating coils, or hot surfaces. Pets can either burn themselves or knock a heat source over and put the entire household in danger.

It's a good idea to have your furnace checked for carbon monoxide leakage before you turn it on, both for your pets' health and your own. Carbon monoxide is odorless and invisible, but it can cause problems ranging from headaches and fatigue to trouble breathing. Pets generally spend more time in the home than owners, particularly in the winter, so they are more vulnerable to monoxide poisoning than the rest of the family.

Pets that go outside can pick up rock salt, ice, and chemical ice melts in their foot pads. To keep your pet's pads from getting chapped and raw, wipe her feet with a washcloth when she comes inside. This will also keep her from licking the salt off her feet, which could cause an inflammation of her digestive tract.

If left alone outside, dogs and cats can be very resourceful in their search for warm shelter. They can dig into snow banks or hide under porches or in dumpsters, window wells, or cellars, and they can occasionally get trapped. Watch them closely when they are loose outdoors, and provide them with quality, easily accessible shelter.

Keep an eye on your pet's water. Sometimes owners don't realize that a water bowl has frozen and their pet can't get anything to drink. Animals that don't have access to clean, unfrozen water are more likely to drink out of puddles or gutters, which can be polluted with oil, antifreeze, household cleaners, and other chemicals.

Be particularly gentle with elderly and arthritic pets during the winter. The cold can leave their joints extremely stiff and tender, and they may become more awkward than usual.

Stay directly below these pets when they are climbing stairs or jumping onto furniture; consider modifying their environment to make it easier for them to get around. Make sure they have a thick, soft bed in a warm room for the chilly nights. Also, watch stiff and arthritic pets if you walk them outside; a bad slip on the ice could be very painful and cause a significant injury.

When you're outside with your pets during the winter, you can watch them for signs of discomfort with the cold. If they whine, shiver, seem anxious, slow down or stop moving, or start to look for warm places to burrow, they're saying they want to get back someplace warm.

You can also keep an eye out for two serious conditions caused by cold weather. The first and less common of the two is frostbite. Frostbite happens when an animal's (or a person's) body gets cold and pulls all the blood from the extremities to the center of the body to stay warm. The animal's ears, paws, or tail can get cold enough that ice crystals can form in the tissue and damage it. The tricky thing about frostbite is that it's not immediately obvious. The tissue doesn't show signs of the damage to it for several days.

If you suspect your pet may have frostbite, bring her into a warm environment right away. You can soak her extremities in warm water for about 20 minutes to melt the ice crystals and restore circulation. It's important that you don't rub the frostbitten tissue, however--the ice crystals can do a lot of damage to the tissue. Once your pet is warm, wrap her up in some blankets and take her to the veterinarian. Your veterinarian can assess the damage and treat your pet for pain or infection if necessary.

Hypothermia, or a body temperature that is below normal, is a condition that occurs when an animal is not able to keep her body temperature from falling below normal. It happens when animals spend too much time in cold temperatures, or when animals with poor health or circulation are exposed to cold. In mild cases, animals will shiver and show signs of depression, lethargy, and weakness. As the condition progresses, an animal's muscles will stiffen, her heart and breathing rates will slow down, and she will stop responding to stimuli.

If you notice these symptoms, you need to get your pet warm and take her to your veterinarian. You can wrap her in blankets, possibly with a hot water bottle or an electric blanket--as always, wrapped in fabric to prevent against burning the skin.

In severe cases, your veterinarian can monitor her heart rate and blood pressure and give warm fluids through an IV. Winter can be a beautiful time of year. It can be a dangerous time as well, but it certainly doesn't have to be. If you take some precautions, you and your pet can have a fabulous time taking in the icicles, the snow banks, and the warm, glowing fire at the end of the day.



Pets Last Wishes Before They Die By

Tricia Mo'orea

Pets, it turns out, also have last wishes before they die, but only known by veterinarians who put old and sick animals to sleep. Twitter user Jesse Dietrich asked a vet what was the most difficult part of his job.

The specialist answered without hesitation that it was the hardest for him to see how old or sick animals look for their owners with the eyes of their owners before going to sleep. The fact is that 90 % of owners don't want to be in a room with a dying animal. People leave so that they don't see their pet leave. But they don't realize that it's in these last moments of life that their pet needs them most.

Veterinarians ask the owners to be close to the animals until the very end. "It's inevitable that they die before you. Don't forget that you were the center of their life. Maybe they were just a part of you. But they are also your family. No matter how hard it is, don't leave them. Don't let them die in a room with a stranger in a place they don't like. It is very painful for veterinarians to see how pets cannot find their owner during the last minutes of their life. They don't understand why the owner left them. After all, they needed their owner's consolation.

Veterinarians do everything possible to ensure that animals are not so scared, but they are completely strangers to them. Don't be a scared because it's too painful for you. Think about the pet. Endure this pain for the sake of their sake. Be with them until the end."



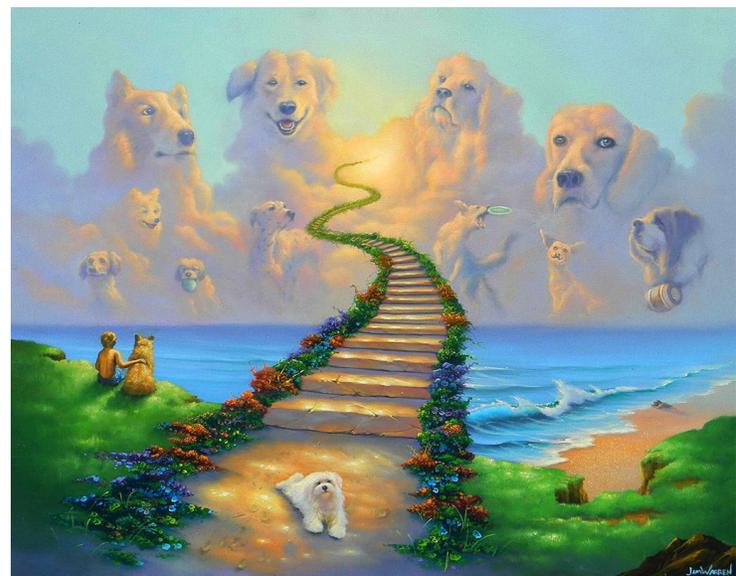
The Last Battle

Author Unknown

**If it should be that I grow frail and weak
And pain should keep me from my sleep,
Then will you do what must be done,
For this — the last battle — can't be won.
You will be sad I understand,
But don't let grief then stay your hand,
For on this day, more than the rest,
Your love and friendship must stand the test.**

**We have had so many happy years,
You wouldn't want me to suffer so.
When the time comes, please, let me go.
Take me to where to my needs they'll tend,
Only, stay with me till the end
And hold me firm and speak to me
Until my eyes no longer see.**

**I know in time you will agree
It is a kindness you do to me.
Although my tail its last has waved,
From pain and suffering I have been saved.
Don't grieve that it must be you
Who has to decide this thing to do;
We've been so close — we two — these years,
Don't let your heart hold any tears.**

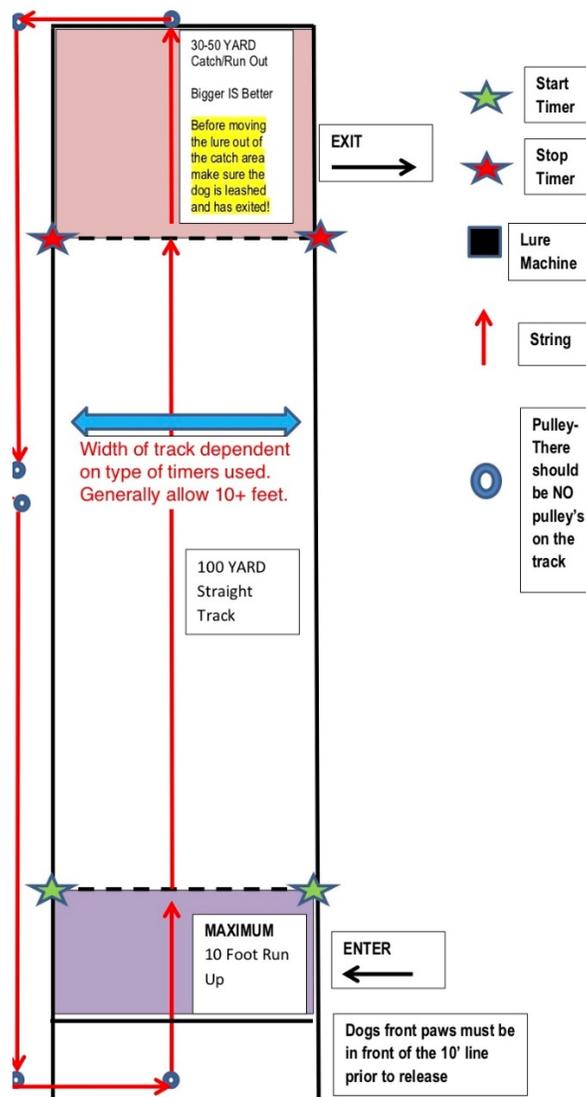


Fast CAT Basics

provided by AKC

- Fast CAT is a timed straight race of 100 yards
- Dogs run one at a time
- The dog's time to complete the 100-yard dash is converted into MPHs
- A handicap system is applied to a dog's MPH to determine the number of points earned. The handicap system is based on the height of the dog at its withers:
 - 18" or greater = handicap is 1.0
 - 12" up to less than 18" = handicap is 1.5
 - Below 12" = handicap is 2.0
- Points = MPH multiplied by the dog's handicap
- Fast CAT titles suffix titles are earned at designated milestones:
 - BCAT = 150 points
 - DCAT = 500 points
 - FCAT = 1,000 points
 - FCAT# = every additional 500 points

How is a Fast CAT Track set up?



Can Any Dog Run Fast CAT?

Fast CAT is open to all dogs at least 12 months of age, including mixed-breed dogs. To compete, dogs must be individually registered with the AKC through either standard registration, FSS, Purebred Alternative Listing, or AKC Canine Partners (for mixed breeds.) Females in season may not enter. A dog may enter only once per event. (An event is defined by an event number.)

An inspection committee shall inspect each entry for lameness, fitness to compete, and females in season. If necessary, the inspection committee is responsible for measuring dogs to determine their height at the withers.

Do Different Breeds Race Against One Another?

Dogs are ranked by breed and the top 20 dogs in each breed can be found by year and breed. Since all dogs can participate, there is a wide range of speeds! For example, the fastest Dachshund in the country for 2020, Nugget, has an average speed of 21.6 MPH. The fastest Whippet has an average speed of 35.02 MPH. Last year, the fastest Pekingese had an average speed of 7.39 MPH.

Get Started With Your Own Dog

Your first step to learn about Fast CAT is to call or visit your a local AKC club and see if they offer one or both of the two types of tests: Lure Coursing or the Coursing Ability Test. You can also ask to speak with someone who has already taken part in Fast CAT as they would be more than happy to share their expertise with you.



Robin Salerno and Dalmatian Phil MACH 2

by Denise Marden

Congratulations to Robin Salerno and her Dalmatian Phil for achieving their MACH 2 on Sunday November 14 at the Horse Park of NJ with the Garden State Norwegian Elkhound Club! Phil needed just two points to compete the task ending with one qualifying run to go. Phil wanted to keep Robin and the fans in suspense. He accomplished it in style on a difficult JWW run under Judge Brian Bane on Sunday. Robin and Phil are an awesome team accomplishing Century level titles in AKC agility for all three triple Q classes of Fast, Standard and Jumpers With Weaves!

Great job team Salerno!

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DOGGIE DELIGHTS



Strawberry Frozen Yogurt Hearts

Ingredients

- 6 cups plain, full-fat yogurt or Greek yogurt
- 3 cups frozen strawberries
- 1/3 cup water



Instructions

1. Puree the frozen strawberries and water in the blender. Pour 1/2 cup of the strawberry mixture into each cavity of a silicone heart mold (or cupcake tin with liner). Freeze for an hour.
2. Spoon one cup of yogurt on top of the frozen strawberry mixture inside each heart or cup. Freeze for one hour or until completely frozen.
3. Pop out of each mold and serve immediately or store in an airtight container in the freezer.



Peanut Butter Pumpkin Biscuits

Ingredients

- 2/3 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 2 large eggs
- 2 1/2 – 3 cups whole-wheat flour



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper.
2. Use a mixer to combine pumpkin puree, peanut butter, and eggs on medium-high for 2 minutes. Stir in 2 1/2 cups flour at low speed, beating just until incorporated. Add additional flour, 1/4 cup flour at a time, until the dough is no longer sticky.
3. Knead the dough on a lightly floured surface. Roll out the dough to 1/4-inch thick using a rolling pin.
4. Using heart shaped-cookie cutters, shape and place each cookie onto a parchment paper-lined cookie sheet.
5. Bake for about 15 minutes or until golden brown around the edges.
6. Cool completely and serve to your four-legged Valentine. Store any leftovers in an airtight container.

UPCOMING EVENTS-ITEMS OF INTEREST

JANUARY 15 – UKI AGILITY TRIAL

JANUARY 16 – OBEDIENCE MATCH SHOW

JANUARY 21 – JERI PREKOP AGILITY SEMINARS

JANUARY 23 – RALLY MATCH SHOW

JANUARY 28 – RALLY TRIAL

JANUARY 29 & 30 – OBEDIENCE TRIAL

FEBRUARY 20 – OBEDIENCE MATCH SHOW

MARCH 11, 12, 13, 14 – LEE GIBSON AGILITY SEMINARS

APRIL 1 & 2 – OBEDIENCE TRIAL

APRIL 3 – RALLY TRIAL

