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The Dog Vote

I heard a little piece on television in the past year comparing the leadership skills of President's as demonstrated by the breed of dog they owned. This is as political as this newsletter is going to get. What breed of dog do you think will next inhabit the big white house on Pennsylvania Avenue? McCain has two dogs: Sam, an English Springer Spaniel and Coco, a mixed breed "mutt". Rumor has it that the Obama daughters will get a dog as a reward for enduring this campaign. Here is a look at the Presidential canines according to Wikipedia, not all of which lived in the White House.

G. Washington-Staghounds Sweet Lips, Scentwell and Vulcan

J. Adams—Juno and Satan, breed unknown

T. Jefferson-Briards Buzzy & name not known

J. Madison-no dogs

J. Monroe-Spaniel

J.Q. Adams-no dogs

Jackson-no dogs

M. Van Buren-no dogs

W.H. Harrison- no dogs

J. Tyler-Italian Greyhound named Le Beau

J.K. Polk- no dogs

Z. Taylor- no dogs

M. Fillmore-no dogs

F. Pierce- 7 miniature Oriental dogs

J. Buchanan- Newfoundland Lara, Toy Terrier Punch

Lincoln- Dog named Fido

Johnson-no dogs

U. S. Grant-Newfoundland Faithful, another dog named Rosie

R. B. Hayes-Newfoundland Hector, Cocker Dot, English Mastiff Duke, Greyhound Grim, Hunting dogs Juno & Shep, another dog Jet

J. Garfield- dog Veto

C. Arthur-no animals

G. Cleveland-poodle

B. Harrison-Collie named Dash

W. McKinley-no dogs

T. Roosevelt-Bull Terrier Pete, Rat Terrier Skip, Manchester Terrier Blackjack, Pekingese Manchu, Saint Bernard

Rollo, Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Sailor Boy, Gem & Susan-mixed breeds

W. H. Taft-Caruso the dog

W.G.Harding-Airedale Terrier Laddie Boy

C.Coolidge-White Collies Rob Roy & Prudence Prim, Airedale Terrier Paul Pry, Shetland Sheepdog Calamity Jane, Bulldog Boston Beans, Birddog, Palo Alto

H.Hoover-German Shepherds King Tut & Pat, Fox Terriers Big Ben & Sonnie, Scotch Collie Glen, Eskimo dog Yukon, Irish Wolfhound Patrick, Setter Eaglehurst Gillette, Norwegian Elkhound Weeje

F.D. Roosevelt-Scottish Terriers Meggie & Fala, German Shepherd Major, Llewellyn Setter Winks, Old English Sheepdog Tiny, Great Dane President, Mastiff Blaze

H.S. Truman-Cocker Spaniel Feller, Irish Setter Mike

D.D. Eisenhower-Weimaraner Heidi

J. F. Kennedy-Welsh Terrier Charlie, Irish Cocker Spaniel Shannon, Mixed Breed Wolf, German Shepherd Clipper

L. B. Johnson- 4 beagles, white collie, and a mongrel

R.M. Nixon-Cocker Spaniel Checkers, Poodle Vicky, Terrier Pasha, Irish Setter King Timahoe

G. Ford- Golden Retrievers Liberty & Misty

J.Carter- dog named Grits

R.Reagan-Bouvier des Flandres Locky, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Rex, and more dogs at ranch

G.H.W. Bush-Springer Spaniel s Millie & Ranger

W. J. Clinton- Chocolate Labrador Retriever Buddy

G. W. Bush- English Springer Spaniel Spot Fetcher, Scottish Terriers Barney & Miss Beazley

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Deadline
December 1st,
2008

Submit to Judy
Ricketts for inclu-
sion at Awards
Banquet.

If more awards are
forthcoming in the
year, send them asap.

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Tail Blazers Agility Club is a non-profit organization who provides the STRAIGHT CHUTER free of charge to its members. In an effort to offset increasing costs, advertising is now being offered (see rate chart below) and is open to both members and non-members for dog related content only. The editor reserves the right to refuse advertisements which may be deemed inappropriate for inclusion in THE STRAIGHT CHUTER.

Material may be edited.

AD PREPARATION

Please send camera-ready art, 35MM slide, photograph or an electronic file (via email or CD- no diskettes). Enclose a SASE to guarantee the return of your artwork/CD. Include your name, the dog's name and photographer's name on the back of any photo or artwork

and with a CD or emailed photo. Payment must accompany the ad, made payable to TBAC sent to the editor by the newsletter deadline listed below.

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 Announcements.....No Chg

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The 25th of each even month: February, April, June, August, October, December

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Contact Tori Bonner (bonner1355@yahoo.com)



Teeter Board - \$50 - home made from PVC and 1 X 10" pinewood, with rough surface for friction. Works great for small to medium dogs.
A-Frame/Dog Walk - \$150 - Catalog purchased combination A-Frame and Dog Walk.
Fly Ball Jumps - \$40 - 4 Fly ball jumps made from PVC
Tunnel - \$5 - 6' tunnel from toy store





READING SUBJECT: DOGS, WHAT ELSE?

By Judy McKinney

I am not quite sure if I started reading about dogs after I became a student of Cesar Milan or not, but I now seek out novels that include a canine sub-plot or secondary character without fail.

I don't usually read Oprah's recommendations, but I just finished reading Edgar Sawtelle and it is really good.

I am really fascinated at the similarities between dog behavior and human behavior. Canine sensitivity to human conditions and diseases is simply amazing to me. Training and discipline are bonding agents for the companionship I enjoy with Miss Peekaboo.

So, here are some easy-reading books I have on my bookshelf. I add two books by Dr. Temple Grandin, considered an expert in humane cattle conditions, who gives her autistic perspective on life.

Cesar's Way, by Cesar Milan

Marley & Me, by John Grogan

A Dog Year, by Jon Katz

Dog Days: Dispatches from Bedlam Farm, by Jon Katz

Animals in Translation, Dr. Temple Grandin

Thinking in Pictures-My Life With Autism, by Dr. Temple Grandin

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle, by David Wroblewski

And now here are some of **your** favorites:

Nop's Trials: A Novel and

Nop's Hope: A Novel by the Author of Nop's

Trials

These two books written by Donald McCaig are two of my all time favorite dog books. They are great fiction reads through which you learn a great deal about sheep dog trials. Cheryl Bittner

Winter Dance, by Paulson and

From Bagdad With Love, by Kopelman
Two of my favorite dog books, both true stories and quick reads. Janet Seedor

At the top of the list right now is a very moving, emotional, informative book, From Baghdad, With Love It's a dramatic rescue of a dog from the emotional ravages of war, an unforgettable true story.

Any of the several books written by Jon Katz are excellent. The Dogs of Bedlam Farm, an Adventure with Sixteen Sheep, Three Dogs, Two Donkeys, and Me is a good start.

A friend suggested The Story of Edgar Sawtelle It's quite long and I prefer nonfiction to fiction, but



President Eisenhower and his Weimaraner, Heidi.

once I got into it, I was hooked. It isn't really about dogs though they play a very major part in the story. It's gotten great reviews.

Another novel, Nop's Trials by Donald McCaig is very good, but a bit sad, about a border collie.

What the Dog Did, Tales from a formerly reluctant dog owner A good short read by Emily Yoffe.

Rescuing Sprite, A Dog Lover's Story of Joy and Anguish by Mark R. Levin. Another good short read.

The Hidden Life of Dogs by Elizabeth Marshall Thomas. Excellent!

Merle's Door, Lessons from a Freethinking Dog by Ted Kerasote. Informative, different, exciting, sad. Very worthwhile reading.

A nicely written book and a bit different type dog story, My Dog Tulip by British author, J.R. Ackerley. Short, interesting, also very worthwhile reading. Dorothy Freeman

In keeping with the season: The Hallo-weiner (yes, a dachshund saves Halloween) by Dave Pilkey;

Lengthy, the long long dog by Syd Hoff (dachshunds rule, what can I say?);

Competitive Obedience for the Small dog by G. Darnell and B. Cecil;

Earthdog in and outs - J. Frier-Murza;

And anything by Barbara Woodhouse - I find her amazing even after all these years. My dogs especially like books with rabbits in them, so there's quite a collection of B. Potter and other assorted English authors on my bookshelves too! AliceMoyer

BRAGS



CONGRATULATIONS ASTER!

Aster and I recently competed at the DOCNA Championships in Barto, Pa. On the warm-up day, Aster completed her Beginner Jumper (C-BJA) and Beginner Agility Award (C-BAA) titles. During the championship weekend, we had several great runs and the highlights were winning the Regional Championship for the Traditional Gamble and the National Championship in the North American Championship class for her level and height. We also qualified for the Regional Standard finals where we placed 2nd overall. It was a great weekend and all the TBAC dogs ran great!
Deanna Pié

DUFFY ABEL SCORES

Duffy got his AXP title during TBAC's Hurricane Hannah trial, also earning his first MXP leg and first XFP leg the same weekend! The following weekend in USDAA agility, he got his Snooker Performance 1 title, Standard Performance 1 title and his overall Performance Dog 1 title. All legs and titles were earned with first places.
Lindsay Abel

LANCE & RIPPER ON THE COURSE:

08/24/2008 Lance earned a 4 point major to be one step closer to his breed championship at Mid-Susquehanna Kennel Club.

10/04/2008 Devon Dog Show - Open Mini Winner's Dog Lance

Performance

Field Trials: 9/13 AKC Dachshund Club of Greater Buffalo Field Champion-Ripper-2nd place-36 dog stake

Field Trials: 9/27 AKC Bay Colony Dachshund Club Field Champion-Lance - 4th place-37 dog stake

10/19 Lance earned his Canine Good Citizen certificate from AKC!

Alice Moyer

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MUSHROOMS IN YOUR LAWNS

frothing at the mouth,
labored/jerky breathing,
peeing like a steady drip,
eyes glazed over,
can't hear,
can't stand up.



Don't mow mushrooms down or break them off at ground level-DIG THEM UP.

They can come up overnight so even if there were none around tonight they can be there tomorrow.

XYLITOL POISONING

Xylitol is a natural sweetener, different enough in molecular structure from glucose, that it is not absorbed in the normal way. It is safe for humans and is used in diabetic diets and calorie free gum, such as Orbit, candies, puddings etc.

It is deadly to dogs. A small amount causes uncontrolled insulin production, which results in a dramatic drop in blood sugar levels. If left in the system, and the dog survives the initial glucose drop, it will go on to cause acute liver failure and death within 24 to 48 hours. Two to three sticks of gum can kill a 20 lb. dog. In addition to liver failure, it can cause clotting problems and renal failure. Look for signs of weakness, ataxia or seizure for this type of poisoning.

A HUGE BRAG FOR LINDA MORGAN & HER INCREDIBLE LITTLE DOG, SADIE...

With great pride & excitement I wanted to let all you TBAC members know that one of our own, Linda Morgan with her dog Sadie, qualified to run in the USDAA Championships, they ran yesterday, (11/1/08) Saturday, in the semifinals and qualified and just finished running (11/02/08) Sunday in the Grand Prix of Dog Agility World Championship Finals, they didn't win there class, but they ran clean and under time!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS LINDA & SADIE!!!! Quite an achievement and something to be so proud of!!!

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