



The Bark

Puget Sound Chapter Newsletter

Spring 2006

Auction : A HUGE Gift

By Betsy Wendt, Outgoing PSC President

The Fourth Annual Gift of Miracles auction and dinner turned out to be just that ... a HUGE gift to all who worked on it, to those who attended, and, of course, to CCI. We exceeded all expectations with the amount of money raised; after expenses are finally totaled we believe we will have cleared over \$50,000.

The highlights were many, but none of them would have occurred without the support and hard work of my co-chairs, Irene King and Jeanie Johnstone, and an amazing auction committee. Each one of the people made it their personal objective to see that this was truly the best auction ever. Thank you!

Raising money is, of course, important, but I believe that an even more important outcome occurs at this yearly event. Each year we have more and more people attending who are not directly involved with CCI and its mission. Each year those people go away from the venue knowing more about CCI because of the puppy raisers and graduates they have come into contact with that night. Their new knowledge and support of CCI will have far reaching benefits for our organization. These people would not have attended without your invitations to them – thank you for all that you do to spread the word about Canine Companions for Independence and its amazing purpose!❖

THE ONLY CONSTANT IN LIFE IS CHANGE.

PSC HAS A NEW PRESIDENT

We welcome incoming President Jeanie Johnstone and thank outgoing President Betsy Wendt for all of her years of service.

NEW AUCTION CO-CHAIRS

Jackie Lange and Helena Czajkowski have agreed to co-chair the 2007 Gift of Miracles Auction. Thank you ladies!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GRADUATION AND TURN-IN
FRIEDMAN EVENT CENTER, SANTA ROSA, CA
SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2006 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

SPECIAL OLYMPICS
FORT LEWIS, WA
SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 3-4, 2006

REDMOND DERBY DAYS PARADE
DOWNTOWN REDMOND, WA
SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2006

BONE VOYAGE/ANNUAL PSC PICNIC
FERRELL McWHIRTER PARK, REDMOND, WA
SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2006

GRADUATION AND TURN-IN
SONOMA COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL, SANTA ROSA, CA
SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2006 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

MILLERSYLVANIA CAMPING AND SATURDAY PICNIC
WITH CASCADE CHAPTER
MILLERSYLVANIA STATE PARK, 10 MILES SOUTH OF OLYMPIA, WA
FRIDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 11-13, 2006

PUPPY RAISER SEMINAR
EVERGREEN STATE FAIRGROUNDS, MONROE, WA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2006

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T-Birds Over Tips

And C.C.I. Sets Record

By Angie Jennen and Kirsch,
PSC Puppy Raiser and Puppy; respectively



The Annual Hockey Event was truly a record breaking event. 234 people and 51 dogs from our group were cheering for the Thunderbirds this year. We had C.C.I. graduate teams, pups in training, and our guide dog friends in attendance. It was an AMAZING sight! For the first time, we even entered a poster in the poster contest. Next year it will be more rah-rah so that we can win.

From our 2- legged perspective, the evening was all we could hope for plus some. Our pups had an opportunity to socialize with fans of all ages, they experienced the 'charge' and cheering of the hockey fans, they had a chance to show what they have learned to curious onlookers, they were able to say 'hi' to their pup buddies, and practice walking up and down the stairs. Most of all – our pups got to 'shine' once again.

Our 4- legged pups may have had a slightly different perspective than we did, especially those going onto the ice. Kirsch and I were excited yet nervous when asked by Terri if we would represent the middle age group (hey, that's the pup age). I'll let Kirsch tell his story for the other pups.

"I knew something was up because my mom brushed me not once but two times that day. I have to admit even I thought I looked pretty sharp once I was dressed. Mom told me we were going someplace special where lots of people wanted to see what my friends and I are training for. I can always tell when it's going to be a big deal because mom takes me to 'hurry' not once but twice before we walk in the door.

We walked into the big doors and I saw some of my CCI friends. People were walking all around and asking mom if they could pet me, then I saw Terri and Petro. Terri had Petro jump on top of a table and do a down so she could take pictures. I was so glad when she didn't ask me to jump up. I probably would have knocked something off the table. Then mom decided it was time to go somewhere so we started following some of the other pups. I was doing okay – then I saw that we were standing at the top of the biggest staircase I ever saw. It was like a bottomless pit. I knew she was kidding when she said 'let's go' – boy

was I wrong. I remember feeling relieved when I saw we were at the bottom. Then we went into this big room where me and my friends had to practice some commands – no big deal. Ms. Terri makes us do that whenever I see her. Wait, mom is giving another 'let's go.' This time she seems a little nervous and she has a bed under her arm. WHOAAA – all of the sudden there is this little carpet and a big chunk of ice. Oh boy, the pup in front hit the ice and was slipping – bur-r-r. I stayed close to mom and made it to where she laid down the bed. I looked up and saw all these people staring at us. Nobody told me that was going to happen. I felt better when mom started giving me things to do. In fact, my pup friends and I showed everybody how smart C.C.I. pups and graduate dogs are. All those people clapped for us.☺ Someday I'll be able to 'speak' as loudly as Petro.☺ We left the ice, climbed up the bottomless stairs only to find even more stairs to climb before I could get to my seat and take a nap." ❖

Thanks to Leslie Ward for organizing this event with the Seattle Thunderbirds!!!!!!

Also, thanks to Angie Jennen for organizing the ticket sales and distribution.

Special Olympics

CCI has been invited back to the Special Olympics at Fort Lewis on June 3rd and 4th. Everyone planning on attending should go to the Washington Special Olympics website (www.sowa.org) and download a Volunteer Registration Form AND a Support Services Venue form. Forms must be submitted to the Special Olympics office by May 1st. On the venue form, please indicate that you will be volunteering for CCI. All volunteers need to sign in at the registration desk at the Special Olympics the day of attendance.



Saturday 6/3 - 4H Day. Please wear your Puppy Power shirts.

Sunday - 6/4 - Puppy Raiser Day. Please wear your CCI shirt.

If you are planning on volunteering, please contact Andrew Walker, walker.as@ghc.org.

Who is Echo Glen?

And why is she raising so many dogs?

By Brenda Voght

That is a question I received after the Winter 2006 issue of **The Bark** was published. Not thinking about people outside of our local Puget Sound Chapter reading the newsletter, I had listed Echo Glen as co-puppy raiser for two new pup arrivals and two matriculating dogs. Hopefully this article will clear up any confusion people may have experienced.

Echo Glen Children's Center is a coeducational juvenile correctional facility. It houses young offenders from around the state of Washington between the ages of 11 and 20 while they serve their sentences. Issaquah School District is partner with the state to ensure that these children also get a quality education.

One of the programs at Echo Glen is a dog care and training program, "Canine Connections Pet Therapy and Adoption Program". The Canine Connections program was started by Jo Simpson, Recreational Director at Echo Glen, in the year 2000. Through this program, dogs are saved from the pound or a shelter. The youth take on the responsibility of obedience training and general care of these dogs for approximately a two-month period. The dogs are housed and kenneled at the state facility. The handlers in the program care and train the dogs 5 days a week for about 3 hours each day. The children keep journals of their training experience and complete the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test and basic obedience test at the end of the two-months. The pound puppies are then adopted into new life long homes. Canine Connections participants are members of the 4-H dog program of Snohomish County and participate in many of the same activities as the community members; however the children cannot leave the facility. When the dog is adopted at the end of the session, the child responsible for training the dog meets with the new adoptive family. They perform an exit-interview to discuss the dog's background, training and offer advice to the new owners. This also helps with the letting go process for the handler.

In 2003, Phase 2 of the Canine Connections program added the raising of CCI pups. Two pups, Arlin and Wharton, arrived at Echo Glen in early 2003. The pups

lived in the "cottages" with the children that were assigned responsibility of raising the service dogs, rather than in the kennels with the rescued dogs. The other occupants of the cottage were instructed to follow the rules of proper service dog etiquette. The Echo Glen raisers were completely responsible for the CCI dogs in regards to feeding, toileting, grooming and training. The dogs accompanied them to classes and any other functions held at the facility. Once a week CCI Contract Trainer, Terri Smith, led the Canine Connections group through an obedience class. After the group class, the students assigned to the service dogs attended a session on teaching the pups the CCI service dog commands, such as "lap", "visit", "up", "under", etc. The CCI pups were also assigned an "outside" puppy raiser (4-H member) to be responsible for socialization. The pups would spend time with these co-raisers during the weekends and school holidays.

Echo Glen is now on their third set of CCI pups. This partnership has been beneficial for both the residents of Echo Glen and CCI. Echo Glen residents have learned how these wonderful dogs can help others in need and those involved in the training feel a sense of accomplishment for being a part of such an organization. Several of the Echo Glen students have shown interest in developing a career in dog training and some specifically service dog training. In fact, one of Echo Glen's former residents raised a CCI pup when he returned home. That pup went to advanced training in Santa Rosa and on to rotate through Team Training in hopes to be matched with a recipient; however, a perfect match was not found. CCI definitely benefits from this program by gaining well-behaved pups ready for advanced training. Unfortunately, the Echo Glen facility has not yet had the honor of raising a CCI graduate; however, I am sure **The Bark** will list Echo Glen as a co-puppy raiser of a graduate dog very soon.

Canine Connections is a non-profit agency relying on grants and private donations. Contact: Jo Simpson, Canine Connections at Echo Glen Children's Center at 33030 SE 99th, Snoqualmie, WA 98065, e-mail simpsmj@dshs.wa.gov ❖

We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made.
-M. Acklam

PUPDATES

WELCOME NEW PUPPIES!

(ARRIVING FEBRUARY 2006 THRU APRIL 2006)

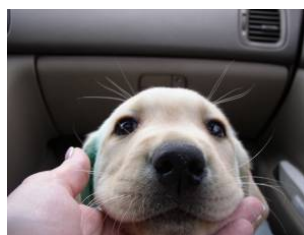
<u>PUPPY</u>			<u>PUPPY RAISER(S)</u>
TEVY	MALE	BL	CATHY MCNAIR, MIKE ROZE, GLENDA CARTNER
AIOBE	FEMALE	BLGX	ALMA CHANEY
DACEY	FEMALE	YLGX	BECKY HAGGLAND AND STEPHANIE SHERIDAN-DRAPER
ELLA III	FEMALE	YLGX	KATHERINE DOESBURG AND CHRIS EDDY
HEIDI V	FEMALE	YLGX	JAN AHTEN AND CAITLIN CASSOT
LEVI III	MALE	YL	CHRISTY AND AUSTIN DUNN (NEW RAISERS)
LAGO	MALE	BL	ANDREW WALKER
NARIKO	FEMALE	BLGX	ELSA AND JUDY FIHN
PARIS III	FEMALE	YL	GLEN, MARGARET AND JEANETTE ANDERSON

KEY: BL = BLACK LAB, YL = YELLOW LAB, GLD = GOLDEN
 BLGX = BLACK LAB/GOLDEN CROSS
 YLGX = YELLOW LAB/GOLDEN CROSS

PHOTOS OF PUPS THAT WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR
THE BARK'S WINTER ISSUE



Mare (10/31/04) and Bayoni (10/28/05) Craig II (10/31/05)
 (Ben II x Pepper) (Zen x Happy II) (Baumann x Rochelle III)



Enslow (11/2/05) Hermione (11/7/05)
 (Vector x Tenya) (Baumann x Takia)



Tevy (12/23/05)
 (Bobby x Litney)

Aiobe (12/28/05)
 (Hemet x Niobe II)



Ella III (1/21/06) and Katherine
 (Neese x Inez)



Heidi V (1/31/06)
 (Baumann x Senta)



Lago (2/14/06)
 (Baumann x Yvonne II)



Levi III (2/14/06) and Austin
 (Baumann x Yvonne II)

GOOD LUCK TO PSC MATRICULATING DOGS!

MARCH 2006

Conley II, raised by Alyssa and Kathy Julian
 Geneva III, raised by Julia Brokaw
 Leif II, raised by Alma Chaney
 Libra, raised by Denise and John Winkler
 McKenzie III, raised by Scott Worlie
 Paylen, raised by Glen, Margaret and Jeanette Anderson
 Samba, raised by Elsa and Judy Fihn
 Skye IV, raised by Allen Cent
 Stilson, raised by Natasha Carter
 Terry IV, raised by Jan Ahten and Caitlin Cassot

MAY 2006

Alou, raised by Jordan/Erin Barker and Kelly Dempsey
 Bingham II, raised by Dorothy Gowan
 Kaylyn, raised by Katherine Doesburg and Chris Eddy
 Mare, raised by Scott and Julie Harder
 Lamond, raised by Wendy Crisafulli
 Tango, raised by Jan Thorslund and Tim O'Coyno
 Tess V, raised by Courtney and Kelley Lee

CONGRATULATIONS PSC RAISED GRADUATES!

MARCH 2006

Butte, Assistance Dog, raised by Patti and Gerry Whitmarsh
 Casey V, Assistance Dog, raised by Erin Venables, Kylee Berger and Keri Mjeltevik
 Seila, Assistance Dog, raised by Nicole, Bobette and Kevin Scheid

CONGRATULATIONS PSC RAISED BREEDERS!

Lista, raised by Greta Climer, Kevin, Lucy and Violet Kennedy
 Dinah II, raised by Kaitlin and Kelly Schuttler

The Thrill of Victory and the Agony of "Release"

By Brenda Voght

You can tell I was watching the Winter Olympics when I wrote this article. I was thinking how much we as puppy raisers are like coaches and our puppies are the Olympic athletes. We make them practice every day to prepare them for their final event of being placed as an assistance dog. We all have set backs along the way just as the athletes do, but we keep on going. The athletes work through their falls and injuries to come back and compete again. We go back to "kindergarten" with our commands to help our dogs perfect the basics and prepare them to move on to more complicated commands. We practice, practice, and practice. We do all that we can do to get our dogs to the semi-finals of advanced training. Then a new set of coaches (advanced trainers) take over.

Just like with the athletes, getting a new coach (trainer) is an adjustment. Sometimes it goes well and everything clicks. Sometimes it doesn't and it is a real struggle. Sometimes there are conditions that are beyond the coach and athlete's control. One of our teen raisers recently sent out an e-mail after her family received "The Call" that their dog in advanced training was being released because of a skin condition. The young raiser felt that her time had been wasted training this dog for the past year and a half. I believe many of us feel this way when we get "The Call". We all seem to have many of the same kind of questions. Could we have done something different while the dog was in our care? Did the trainers/staff really try to work with the dog to overcome the problem? Would it have helped the dog if the turn-in date were postponed? Did it hinder the dog because the turn-in date was postponed? Whatever the questions may be we must remember that none of us can really foresee what these dogs will end up doing. Whether they are released for medical reasons, temperament issues, stress, or just not able to find a perfect match in Team Training, they are all wonderful dogs and will eventually find their ideal purpose in life.

We as raisers need to strive to raise each dog as if it will graduate. We need to coach them on to victory, but be willing to take the agony of the "release" if it should happen. We also need to remember to reassure and encourage each other along the way.

That same aforementioned teen raiser was there to console me when I could not hold back the tears after receiving my first release dog call. And yes, it is okay to cry; getting "The Call" that your dog is being released from CCI can be one of the worst moments in your life. For this reason, we should make an effort to be considerate of each others feelings. Be careful what you say. I had a raiser actually say to me that same day; "I hear your dog flunked out". I was crushed. That's the last thing anyone wants to hear. I had to remind myself that CCI dogs do NOT flunk out, they choose to change careers; hence the term COC (Change of Career) dogs.

On the other hand, getting "The Call" that your dog has found a match can be one of the best moments in your life. That THRILL of raising a graduate is beyond words. Once you have experienced it, you definitely want more. That feeling keeps many puppy raisers coming back over and over again and working through the agony of the releases. Just like the Olympic athletes keep trying for the GOLD, puppy raisers keep trying for the GRADUATE. ❖

CCI Pups enjoy Spring!



Korbel toasting in the new season.



Arlie ready for a road trip!



Cayo believes the bluest skies he's ever seen are in Seattle!

Thank you!!!

After 10 years of maintaining the PSC puppy raiser list, Sandy From has decided to hand off the responsibility. Thank you Sandy for ten years of excellent work!

Thank you to Susan Kittleson for printing the latest copy of the puppy raiser list. (Yellow copies are available in the classroom.)

Please report any errors, change of address/phone numbers/e-mail addresses to Brenda Voght at brendaccipr@comcast.net or 425-487-6764.

Puppy Power 4-H!

By Taylor Hasson, Intermediate 4-H member and PSC Puppy Raiser

4H has many events throughout the year but they all lead to the County Fair. As a mandatory requirement for fair, 4H participants must give a public presentation at "area". A public presentation consists of the 4H member creating a presentation in the form of an exhibit, demonstration or PowerPoint. The presentation can be about anything; "How to Bake Cookies" or even "The Early Life of Jimi Hendrix". These presentations help the 4Hers practice responsibility, communication and speaking skills.

If the 4H participant receives a green ribbon (the highest) at "area", then they qualify to go to "county". At "county" the highest scoring competitors compete against each other in order to qualify for one of the twenty-five spots in the Top Trophy Semi-Final Contest. This group of twenty-five will then be narrowed down to ten participants who will compete in the Top Trophy Contest held on Saturday, September 2, 2006 at the Evergreen State Fair.

Some of our own 4Hers are going to "county" including; Amanda Anglin with "Ellis Island", Julia DeFriel with "Canine Companions for Independence", Taylor Hasson with "iPods" and Christopher Pavlos with "Healthy Treats make Healthy Dogs". We all hope that our intermediates and seniors competing in "county" will advance to further stages of competition

Also, our very admirable primaries, including Megan Jacobsen and Claire Miller, have given their presentations to the 4H class. Christopher Miller, a 4th grader (junior in 4H), had his skilled companion dog Raider by his side when he gave his presentation to the class. Christopher demonstrated a magic trick with a magic worm.

Several of the intermediates and seniors also found time out of their busy schedules to volunteer at the CCI Gift of Miracles auction. Stephanie Sheridan-Draper and Allison Lange were in charge of "Lucky 52"; Taylor Hasson, Amanda Anglin and Julia DeFriel were in charge of "Choose your Chance" and Joey Matuska and Christopher Pavlos were greeters. We were very happy to volunteer and also felt very appreciated.

Puppy Power has many events coming up in the near future. The 4H Dog Caper during the weekend of April

15th and we will join other CCI puppy raisers at the Special Olympics in June, to name just a couple events. Our schedules will gradually get busier the closer we get to fair but all of our hard work is worth our admirable accomplishments! ❖

Catching up with PSC Graduates

From an e-mail to Brenda Voght from Lisa Waterman dated 2/17/2006:

His [Bryce's] year at school this year is pretty slow. I think I told you that two grade levels from our school had to be moved to another school site for one year while they tear down and rebuild our campus. So his work is pretty limited to the kids in our class. However, he did go for two weeks to help a first grader who all of a sudden was terrified to go to school. I happened to be off track at the time and offered to bring Bryce each morning, meet him [the boy] at the car and he would walk Bryce to class. He would then walk Bryce out to the field to throw the ball with the chuck-it. Then Bryce would come in and lay by his seat while the boy worked. We did this for two weeks then started to wean him off Bryce and back to his teacher for comfort. He is now fine and has no problem at school. For whatever reason, he had this sense of heightened vulnerability, and Bryce was able to comfort and distract him enough to get him to school. [Mark] another notch on Bryce's collar. ❖



Bryce listening to one of Lisa's students read a story. Bryce was raised by Brenda Voght and graduated as a Facility Dog August 2002.

*If you have updates on a PSC raised graduate or breeder and would like them featured in a future issue of **The Bark**, please send the information and/or photos to brendaccipr@comcast.net.*

The Gift of Zen

By Shannan Dumke, PSC Puppy Raiser

Looking into the rearview mirror I could see his big brown eyes staring at me from the back of the station wagon. Trusting and soulful, he was a beautiful dog. As much as he was a part of the family, he wasn't really ours. Zen had arrived seventeen months earlier, a fluffy and chubby ten week old black lab puppy. It was love at first sight despite the fact that we were raising him to be an assistance dog and would only have him for a short time.

Now, here we were, driving him to Santa Rosa to deliver him to the training facility where they would finish his education and determine if he had what it took to be a partner for someone.

As we drove, mostly in silence for those two days, I wondered how I would ever be able to let go of his leather leash and relinquish him to total strangers. I thought of the hundreds of times I had been asked, "How can you give him back after having him for a year and a half? I could never do that!" Each and every time I had confidently responded that we were like foster parents and that we had always known our time with Zen would be limited. I also reminded them that hopefully Zen was going to go out in the world and help someone live a more independent, happy life. I spent countless hours convincing other people that this was a great thing to do. Now all I had to do was convince my breaking heart of the same thing.

The state-of-the-art facility was impressive beyond words. The staff had organized a tour of the warm and comfortable environment in which our dog would be living and learning for the next six to nine months. As we walked through one of the buildings we saw where Zen's name was written on a feeding board to let others know his needs. The lump in my throat grew to the size of a small boulder. "Turn-in" would happen tomorrow, and ready or not we were going to have to drive home without him.

A graduation ceremony the next day was a time to celebrate the dogs who had been turned in before ours. These dogs were the success stories. They had beaten the odds and made the cut. Only 40% of all puppies that are raised and returned actually had all the attributes a service dog needs. Health and temperament in the graduates must be perfect. The

ones that didn't make it became "change of career" dogs, either going back to their puppy raisers or to another family who wanted to adopt a well trained pet.

We watched as the recipients received their new partner's leash from the person who had raised him. The process brought most of the audience to tears, but also generated booming applause from the same crowd. Witnessing this emotional ceremony renewed our desire to be the ones who had raised one of these special dogs. The reception following was full of laughter and stories as puppy raisers, recipients, trainers, breeder caretakers, and other volunteers interacted, sharing a tangible common bond. The desire to fulfill the Canine Companions for Independence mission of "raising miracles one puppy at a time" was apparent in the faces of each and every person.

We still had the "feel good" emotions as we left the graduation and headed back to the training facility. We agreed not to delay the inevitable any longer than necessary. We each took a quiet moment to hug Zen and look into his eyes. My daughter rubbed his exposed belly, whispering sweet nothings and encouragement into his ear. My husband "shook" his paw and ruffled Zen's fur, his eyes wet with tears. I gave him the biggest bear hug I could and sank my nose into his fur to try to place his scent permanently in my memory.

After giving us some time to take a few pictures, the trainer asked us if we were ready to send Zen off to college. We slowly nodded yes. As she took his leash and walked off I expected Zen to look inquiringly at us...but he proudly and confidently pranced away and never looked back. He was ready. We had done our job well and the knowledge that he could enrich another life was all I needed to let him continue walking. My heart didn't break after all, but swelled with considerable pride and love. The knowledge that Zen was the best canine he could be and that we had helped him to reach his potential eased the tears. Now the waiting game had begun! Would Zen make it or would he be coming home to us?

The trainer sent us a progress report after the first ten days, informing us of Zen's perfect health. After a month we received an in-depth evaluation of Zen's progress. They let us know that he was excelling in his training. At this point I had a gut feeling that Zen would

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not be returning to live with us. I felt he had a calling to do something more than be a wonderful pet. Little did I know at that point just how big his calling would be!

At the two month anniversary of Zen's turn-in we received a phone call from one of the breeding coordinators. They had chosen him as one of the "best of the best" and decided to make him a breeder. This honor is only given to about 4% of all the male puppies born into the program. It was an emotional call as the decision of Zen's future became a reality. He would be placed with a local family that had applied for a breeder dog. There he would be a much loved family pet with some additional responsibilities.

As Zen moved in with his new family, our lives felt like they were in Limbo. Our task was finished and Zen's new life had begun. We attended his graduation for new breeders and handed his leash to his new family. They promised to stay in touch and I knew they would.

At that point a decision was made, to honor Zen, and to share our love, time, and skills with another. Within six months Aris joined our lives. Zen's firstborn son arrived at the airport, an eight week old, fluffy and chubby, black lab puppy. Once again our hearts were filled with puppy love.❖



Shannan's story won a local writing contest for the non-fiction memoir genre. Congratulations Shannan and thank you for sharing with us!

Zen

HOT TIP

Pet hair and fleece - what a combination! They seem to have a magnetic attraction. And it can be quite frustrating to clean up your fleece. Here's a tip: Wash your fleece garment as you normally would, but take a few minutes before you put it in the dryer. This is where a corduroy clothes brush works wonders. Brush your damp fleece and watch the pet hair come right off. For fleece garments that have gotten quite "hairy," clean the brush frequently and brush the fleece in different directions. These napped brushes are available in some grocery stores, in many discount stores that sell health and beauty supplies as well as household goods, and in some pet supply stores.

- Home Sewing Association

What Goes Down Must Come Up

By Ann Beebe, PSC Puppy Raiser

I thought I knew how to puppy-proof a house until I got Mattie, a non-CCI Golden, who's made me truly humble about my ability to predict what a dog will eat. Mattie Munchies have included mattress stuffing, power steering fluid, various stuffed animal parts, indestructible toys (yeah, right!), grapefruit (with rind), small rocks, coasters... The list goes on.

My first experience making Mattie give back what he had eaten came after he ate my blood pressure medicine. I called the vet, who said I had to make him vomit. They had me feed him a tablespoon of hydrogen peroxide and give him 10 minutes to vomit. If he hadn't thrown up by then, give him another tablespoon. I gave him the peroxide (being Mattie, he gulped it right down), and we sat outside for about 10 minutes until he started looking puzzled, then uncomfortable, and then BLUP – up came the medicine and the emergency was averted.

So how do you know when to make your dog vomit and when to just hope something passes? Basically, if it's something that's too big to pass (like the large chunks of a Kong that Mattie wolfed down in seconds), likely to get clogged up in his digestive system (like mattress stuffing, socks, or lots of stuffing from toys), or something potentially toxic (like medicine, vitamins, or chocolate), it's better to make them vomit now than have a bigger problem later. However, don't ever make them vomit something that says "if ingested, don't induce vomiting" (like the power steering fluid Mattie swallowed) – that requires a trip to the emergency vet immediately (take the container of whatever the dog ate along with you). And, most importantly, when in doubt, call the vet (I keep the nearest emergency vet phone number taped to my refrigerator).

The 24-hour Poison Control Hotline will try to help with dog-related issues (1-800-222-1222). The ASPCA also has a toxicology hotline for pets (1-888-426-4435). A call to the ASPCA phone number is \$55; the human number is free. Of course, that whole "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" thing is good advice, too – if I can just figure out what Mattie will think is food next! ❖

**Special
Thanks
To**



and Andrea,
for the use of the
fantastic training
building!!!

Thank you to all the puppy
raisers and graduates that
contributed photos and
articles for this issue of
The Bark.



Puget Sound Chapter Training Classes

Tuesday

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Older Dogs - basic or advanced training
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	4H – All kids currently signed up for 4H (Kindergarten, Basic or Advanced Dogs)
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM	4H – All kids currently signed up for 4H (Kindergarten, Basic or Advanced Dogs)

Wednesday

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Older Dogs – basic or advanced training
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Kindergarten
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Older Dogs – basic or advanced training

Classes are held weekly at Cascade Kennels in Woodinville
20005 178th Ave NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
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