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Weekly Kennel Happenings



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by Cara Burns

We get asked about tours a lot and we just can't do them. I know that choosing a care facility for your dog is a big decision, but our first priority is the comfort of the dogs already in our care. Having strangers in the building is just too exciting and stressful for them. We work hard to get everyone as comfortable in their kennels as we can so they enjoy their time with us as much as possible and it takes a lot of consistency. We also have a few friends that are a bit nippy and have to protect them from making bad choices. We really appreciate your understanding. Please message us if you'd like to set up a consult to discuss our program. Virtual tours will be available this summer. .

VACCINATION RECORDS

by Cara Burns

Please remember to send us all of your dog's updated vaccination records as you get them. You can upload them right to Paw Partner or email them to us at heel.sit.dog@gmail.com. You can also have your vet send them to us instead! Thanks a bunch.

LEARNING CHALLENGE

by Cara Burns

We are going to do a training challenges twice a month to motivate us all to keep working our dogs. I will announce the challenge in the newsletter but you can find video tips on our TikTok, Facebook, or Instagram. I encourage you to post your own videos on our Facebook page to inspire others.

We are starting with nose touch. Nose touch is a cute trick but it also has many uses. It is a great way to distract and redirect a dog when needed. It is a great force free way to position a dog's body where you need it. It is also a great way to get your dog back when your recall may be failing. It's also a great way gateway to other tricks.

HOW TO TEACH IT:

The best way to start this trick is with a stinky slimy treat. Hot dogs, cheese, or eggs are great options because they will leave smell and even grease on your hand which encourages a dog to sniff your hand.

I like to start this trick sitting on the floor with the dog. Sitting helps draw a dog in and lets them know you aren't going to be moving around but staying and focusing in one spot. Show your dog the treats and then holding your hand close to your dog's nose touch the treat to your palm. When your dog goes in to sniff where the treat was use a marker cue to tell them it was the right thing and then give them the treat. You can simply say "yes" as your marker word or you can use a clicker to mark. Either way mark the touch right as it happens and then reward right after.



I usually will do this several times with out using a verbal command to be sure my dog is getting what I want. Once they are touching my hand consistently then I will start saying touch.

If that is going well then put your hand out with out touching it with the treat and wait and see if your dog will still touch. Make sure your hand is very close to their nose so they only have to turn their head slightly to touch your hand. If they do it mark and reward. If they do not then go back to touching your hand with the treat several more times and then try again.

As they get better at it start moving your hand further away from their nose and placing it in different positions. For more help check out our social media videos.



It is always good to train new things in a small space where your dog can't opt to go find other things to do. I also recommend picking up all toys, bones, and other distractions and put all other animals away. These things will help your dog stay focused on you. Whenever we ask for a new behaviors dogs may be easier to distract.

EVENTS AND OUTINGS

DOG SHOWS:

AGILITY NADAC TRIAL

**NADAC – QUAD CITY DOG CENTER
DAVENPORT, IOWA
MARCH 18 – 22**

AKC RALLY TRIAL

**IOWA CITY DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB
AMANA, IOWA
APRIL 8 – 10**

AGILITY NADAC TRIAL

**NADAC – QUAD CITY DOG CENTER
DAVENPORT, IOWA
APRIL 23 – 24**

FRISBEE LEAGUE

**K9 TOSS & FETCH FRISBEE LEAGUE
TBA – DATES MAY ALSO CHANGE
APRIL 21, 28 & MAY 5,12,19**

AKC RALLY TRIAL

**SCOTT COUNTY KENNEL CLUB
DAVENPORT, IOWA
MAY 12 – 15**

OUTINGS:

KING'S HARVEST FUNDRAISER

**NERDSPEAK BREWERY
DAVENPORT, IOWA
MAY 1
TIME: TBA**

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DOGS WILL BE IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

NADAC:

is our agility organization of choice these days. We find the atmosphere to be fun and welcoming for the kids and all breeds of dogs. We are super lucky in the Quad Cities to have a top notch competition venue like the Quad City Dog Center to show at. They host events from a variety of organizations each month.

Rally Obedience:



We show in Rally Obedience because we find it to be a more laid back fun way to test our dogs obedience skills. If you are looking for a good intro to dog sports Rally is a great way to start.

Frisbee League:



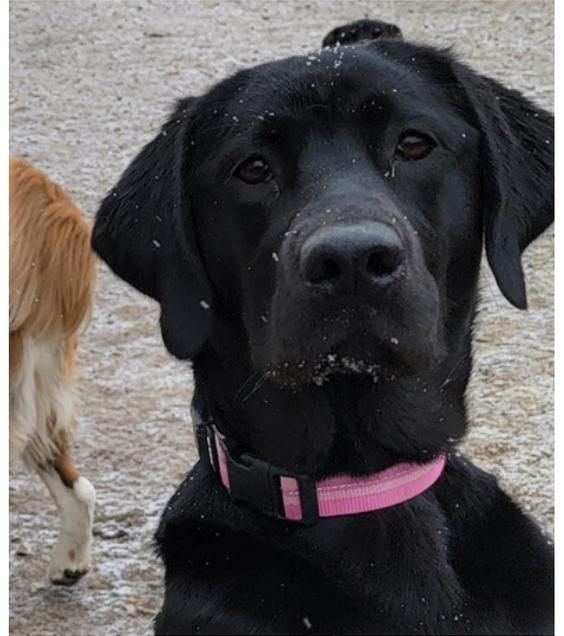
We run a K9 Frisbee Toss and Fetch League Spring through Fall. We play once a week at a designated field. If your dog likes to catch frisbees and has a reliable recall join us for a fun low pressure sport that competes against clubs from all over the world.

We have a lot of great dogs come through our doors each week and we want to highlight them here each week as a way to recognize their hard work and cuteness.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

JOVIE

Jovie has grown up to be such a lovely girl. She is back in our day training program and this week has really impressed me with her knowledge and positive attitude. We still have a bit of fine tuning to do to get her confidently focused in all situations, but she is well on her way and a joy to have in our daycare program as well. We're excited to get more outings under her belt this spring and see what she can really do!

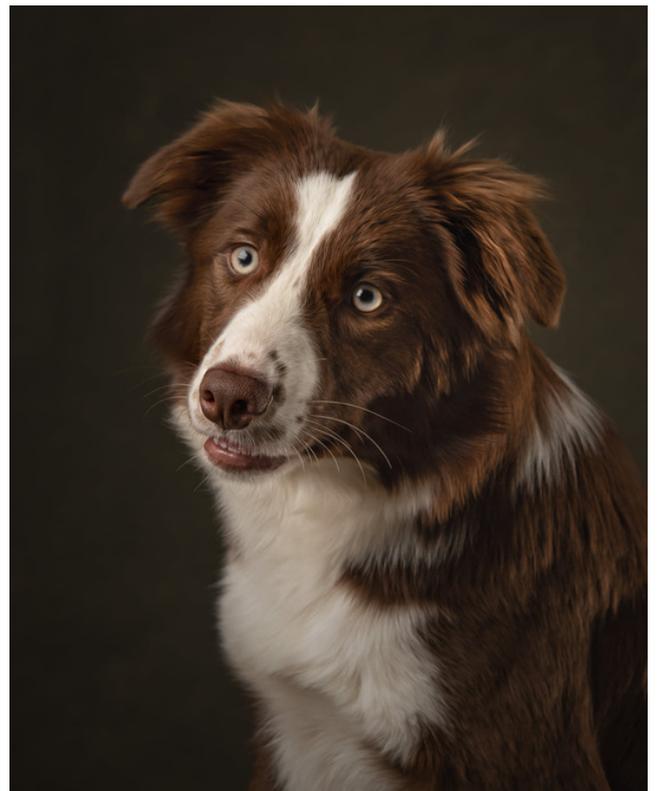


Each week we spot light a Heel.Sit employee who has gone above and beyond.

EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK

DORTMUNDER:

Dortmunder aka Mundie is our Heel.Sit employee of the week. We have been so slammed and the burn out is real making it hard to stay motivated to train and work with my own dogs, but just when all hope of a productive week was all but lost Mundie swooped in and learned to catch a frisbee in her mouth and bring it back. We have been working towards this for over a year and it was like she was saving it for the perfect morale boost right when I really needed it. She's also excelling in her agility work and I can't wait to see her on the field this April! Never underestimate the motivational power of an underdog coming in clutch at the right moment!



PERSONAL ADS

Heel.Sit believes there is a dog for everyone! Finding the right match can be tricky but we are here to help. In this space we post dogs we currently have in foster and will spot light other dogs in need of a home. If you are thinking of purchasing a puppy or adopting from a shelter and would like us to evaluate the dog or breeder please reach out. This service is free because finding you the right dog makes our work easier! If you are thinking of bringing a dog into your life it is vital to shop or adopt responsibly from ethical breeders and rescues.

DOGS LOOKING FOR HUMANS:

LEIA BREED: TERRIER MIX
AGE: LESS THAN A YEAR



Leia is our only in house foster at the moment. She has been with us for quite awhile because we wanted to have her spay completed and all her vaccines up to date. She is a week out from her spay and doing great. She is an incredibly sweet girl and a genius. Her intelligence does sometimes get her into trouble as she is constantly busy. If you don't have things for her to do she will find something herself. She is crate trained and does well in her kennel. We have been working on agility and rally foundation work with her and she excels at both. She would be really great at scent work or barn hunt as well. I think she would be best suited for a dog sport home.

She would also do well on a farm. She is oddly a great mouser and has incredible prey drive. She is fine with smaller dogs and I think she would be okay with cats as long as she was introduced carefully to them. If you think you know of a good placement for Leia message Heel.Sit for more info. In the meantime she will go back in to our training program. If you were hoping to get into dog sports and would like a dog that already has a good start I would highly recommend meeting her!

**IF YOU HAVE A DOG LOOKING FOR A HOME OR WOULD
LIKE A RESCUE DOG SPOT LIGHTED IN OUR NEWSLETTER
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