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# Heel.Sit.Speak!

Kennel Happenings and Dog News



Happy New Year Everyone! I hope 2022 is off to a good start. We celebrated quietly at home with my very favorite things; beers and dogs. Josh found Bark Pocket dog beer at Backpocket Brewing in Coralville, IA. We didn't really give them all their own can because I didn't want to start the new year off with explosive diarrhea X 6. Instead we poured it over some pumpkin puree and wet kibble in the licki bowls which kept them plenty busy while we finished our Vanilla Hand of Doom from Wake Brewing. We spent most of Saturday taking care of dogs at the kennel and preparing ourselves for our first dog trial of the year on Sunday.



## Sunday NADAC

We haven't been doing much in the way of agility since last spring, but I really want to stay more consistent with our training this year and the best way to do that is to set goals. I decided to enter this trial just a week before and we did short sessions almost every day to practice. The amount of improvement in just one week of consistent training was pretty incredible so just imagine how great we'd be doing if we could keep that consistency up year round. It is easy to get in a rut. It is easy to let habits slide away, but the work is worth it. So set a goal, find a way to hold yourself accountable to that goal and do the work. I promise it'll be worth it. Or it won't... but at least you can say you tried.

Our next trial is February 20th. If you care to give dog sports a try let me know! Even if competition isn't for you, dog sports are a great way to bond with your dog and test your training skills. We use training games and positive reinforcement to build engagement and focus in your dog and make training fun and rewarding for you dog. A lot of the foundation work we do can be easily replicated in your own living room so you can keep your dog working and active even when the weather is gross.

## Dogs to Look at

We have several fosters at the moment who are looking for homes.



Jet is a two year old female pitty that is sweet as can be. We've loved having her here. She can be what I like to call a bit socially awkward and over excited but she redirects easily and calms down quickly. She does pretty well with the other dog and loves couches and pets.



I would die before I parted with Gose, but her best buddy Leia is still with us. Now Leia is a genius, but she is also pretty high energy and very busy. She's only 10 months old and would be a great sport prospect if you ever wanted to get into agility, scent work, rally, or really anything. She needs a job.



Scout is also still looking for a home. He's around 4 years old, a border collie, and very nervous and shy but he's a sweet boy when he warms up. He finds the other dogs comforting and appreciates company. He really needs a patient person who will let him take his time to get comfortable.

## Kennel News



We are working on some really exciting projects this weekend. For 2022 we are refocusing on what we do best: Dog Education. We want to give the daycare and boarding dogs a more enriching experience while they are with us while also building skills that you can appreciate at home. I'm not going to give away any more than that right now but look for some videos in the coming week about just a few of the things we are adding to our daily program to create happier, more confident canines!



Delta is living her best life as our kennel mascot and loving the snow. I can't say the same for the rest of us. Stay warm!