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believe there is truth to that statement. Too many people aren't getting enough exercise which means their dogs aren't getting enough either.

Exercise is as important for your dog as it is for you. Young dogs and healthy adults alike need lots of it, and even senior pets need a regular daily workout to maintain their health. The type of exercise you choose depends on the age and fitness of your dog and your own lifestyle. Dogs are very adaptable. They are happy to play Frisbee in the park or take walks around the neighborhood.

I find exercise is one of the best ways to spend time with your dog. Dogs are wonderful athletes and most adapt to even strenuous exercise, provided they have had adequate time to "train" and the environmental conditions are not too extreme.

As with humans, I believe daily exercise is best for your dog unless the weather is especially dangerous or a medical problem limits your dog's activity. If there is a medical problem, please consult your vet about any limitations. Keep in mind, obese dogs may also have limitations.

Make sure your dog has plenty of water available at all times and provide a place to cool down (out of the sun) after you are finished exercising. Remember Keeshonden have lots of hair and get hot easily. When the daytime temperatures are above 80 degrees, I try to exercise my dogs early in the morning or late at night. It's as good for them as it is for me!



Canine Massage: Why Massage You're Dog? Part 1

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It is my belief that, as in humans, Dogs respond to the use of touch For relaxing and calming the nervous system. The effects of

touch on dogs can be seen in their performance in any venue in which he or she competes. In addition, your hands can be tools for assessing and sensing problems areas. Your hands are also conduits

through which healing and love flow. Touch is a need for all living things, as important as food and water. Studies have shown a relationship between puppies not receiving touch and failure to thrive.

Message is more than petting. It is a deliberate and focused technique of touching. When my Kees sit in my lap, I know they are not looking for just pets. One of the ways of knowing this is by how they position themselves. They usually turn what ever body part they want massaged toward me, and usually put themselves under my hands. It is amazing that they can communicate this message. Of course, they are "massage junkies" who have been massage since they first come into my home.

My hands automatically communicate the message of love and healing to them. The next time your dog comes to you for pets, or sits on your lap, try to knead the muscles around their neck and shoulders, and watch the look in their eyes. With touch that feels good, you should be able to see a very peaceful look, one that I call a "goo-goo" look. Look at the photo of Sunny and you will know what I mean. Compare that look to the one when you are just "petting" your Kees.

It is this focused touch that also promotes a stronger bond between you and your dog. In the next article, I will talk about the physical Benefits your dog will get from massage.

*******BRAGS*******

Please send your brags to me so I can include them in the newsletter. It would be nice to have the name or place of show and the date. Please Notate your email with KeesTaleBrag. Thanks the Editor.

Here's the run down for the USDAA trial: submitted by Karen Staats.



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SIERRA

Day 1

Starters Gamblers - Q'd & 1st place

Starters Pairs - No Q but 3rd place

Starters Std - No Q but 2nd place

Starters Snooker - Q'd

Day 2

Starters Std - No Q but 2nd place

Starters Jumpers Q'd & 3rd place

SEBASTIAN

Day 1

P1 Gamblers - Q'd

Pairs - Q'd



DANCER

P1 Gamblers - Q'd

Pairs - Q'd & 1st place

P1 Std - No Q (it wasn't pretty)

P1 Snooker - Q'd & 2nd place

Day 2

Starters Std - No Q but 3rd place
Starters Jumpers Q'd & 2nd place



Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 1:31 PM

Subject: Weekend Results

Karen D. Staats

Spunkee's Keeshonden

In the midst of all of my worrying over Sierra this weekend, the boys were entered in a USDAA agility trial. That's 1 way to try to keep my mind off Sierra. Go to a trial and try to run 2 very excited fuzzy boys in agility!! I can't remember all of it, but here's what I remember about the weekend.

SATURDAY:

The weather was perfect! But I was a wreck!! I had to drop Sierra off at the vet at 8am Sat. So my friend, Tianna, graciously volunteered to run the boys in Gamblers. She'd only practiced with them once 3 days before the trial. She was very brave!!! I got to the ring just in time to see her take Dancer's leash off. He ran wonderfully for her! He was his normal bouncing self and they didn't qualify, but it was a very nice run!! Afterwards, I told her she wasn't getting out of running Sebastian. She would have to run him too. She did and he ran better than Dancer. It was a beautiful run!! He didn't do the gamble, but I couldn't be happier with their runs. A



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HUGE thanks goes to Ti for her valiant effort with my boys!!! It's nice to know my fuzzy kids will run for other people!

Next came Pairs...

I asked both of my partners if we could run the 2nd half of the course. It was the easier half and all I thought I could handle being in the emotional state I was in. They both agreed. Dancer and Sebastian did a beautiful job. Their partners went off course, but we had a blast regardless. Neither qualified. I think Dancer and his Border Collie partner, Shay, took 2nd place.

Snooker...

The Snooker course is always a crap shoot. I never really know what I'm going to do. I don't really know all of the rules. I only try to have a mental image as to where I need to be and hope for the best (which is true for any agility course I guess). Dancer went 1st. He's my little glue dog so it's easier to call him off obstacles to get him to the next red jump. He did beautifully. He qualified with a 1st place.

Sebastian did well. We completed all 3 red obstacles. As I called him to go around the last red jump and into the tunnel, he decided to take the red jump again on the way to the tunnel. <Whistle, whistle> and off the course we go. I can't remember if he placed.

Standard...

Apparently, I have a problem with Standard because all of my dogs suck at it!!!! I'm going to try to have a different attitude about it next trial. I'll have to let you know if it works for me or not. Anyway, Sebastian blew all of his contacts and

Dancer...well...let's just say Dancer lacked focus. It wasn't pretty.

Jumpers...

Finally, both dogs had beautiful runs!!! Dancer knocked a bar, but the run was nice. Sebastian's was gorgeous. Sebastian qualified with a 1st place. Dancer took 3rd.

SUNDAY:

The weather was sunny and hotter than Sat, but was still nice. My mind was more focused on agility.

Snooker...

Sebastian's run was VERY nice. He was a little calmer in the heat which is what I need to get focus! He qualified with a 1st place. Dancer had a nice run. We'd completed all of the snooker part, took obstacles 2 and 3, he refused the 4th obstacle. When I called him back to do it again, he back jumped. <Whistle, whistle> Off the course we go. He still managed to get 1st place even though he didn't qualify. I call that the 'Cream of the Crap'!

Standard...

Sebastian was better at contacts Sunday. He only missed the a-frame...our nemesis!!! Dancer...well...Dancer's run was better. Actually we were qualifying until the last obstacle which he back jumped. However, it was his chute that got everyone's attention. Some days he can come out of the chute in such...um...interesting positions. Sunday, he rolled out of the chute...not just 1 somersault but 2!! I think he gets vertigo while in the chute fabric. I have a picture of him coming out on his side once at a different trial, but this time he



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rolled over twice? The look on his face was priceless and everyone was laughing. Once I called him and got him aiming in the right direction again, we completed the course. Maybe the dizziness from the vertigo caused him to miss the last jump and back jump it?

Jumpers...

Both boys qualified...both with 1st place (Sebastian in CH; Dancer in P1). Hoo-hoo! They were VERY nice runs!! It was the perfect way to end the weekend!!!

Overall, Sebastian qualified twice in Jumpers and once in Snooker. Dancer qualified once in Snooker and once in Jumpers.

Then we packed up, went home, and slept!!!

From Fran D'Amico & Pat Ferguson

Seeker got her AXJ title this weekend at Palmetto.

Springer got his 6th double Q towards his championship.

Sunny had some pretty runs, but always 1 thing not to q.

Ch Ashwood's Grand Slam, CGC/ McGuire earned two legs toward his RN title with the help of his Mom, Carol Harris. His Grammy, Donna Staton is so proud of them both.



Some Conformation Brags and Congratulations go to:

Anita "DD" Houchins for her New Champion "CH Covenants Follow That Dream" and to proud Grammy Edna Corney, who owns his daddy.



Also to Deborah Justice-Field on her new champion, "CH Cinderlad Annadee CSI." As well as Gary Sheetz who handled him. Pat Tocalis is his breeder and Co-owner.

Wendy Kleimola & DD Houchins has had some nice wins on and their girl "Covenants Crystal Sensation" going WB/Best Opposite Sex both days at the Greater Gainesville Dog Show 1/26-27/08. I believe she is looking for the last major, and a single or two.



Gabby, "Covenants Da'Drm B'Liver 4 Ashwood, made breeder/co-owner DD Houchins, Grandma Edna Corney and owner/handler Donna Staton very proud when she received her first 3 point major in San Marcos TX. Gabby is Chase's sister and trying to catch up with him.

Dr. Bob & Donna Gable, "Heart Throb" is 1/2



Staton's boy "Ashwood's way to his



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championship, with 7 points including one major, 1st win in Glen Rose TX for 2 points then a 3pt major in San Marcos, TX and then back to back wins in Beeville TX the 19th & 20th of April 2008 for one point each day.

Also on the 19th & 20th of April 2008, Brinkley returned to the ring after taking a year off. He took BOB, and then went on to take Group 3 both days. BIS Am/UCI Int Ch Ashwood's Keesara Nightly News, HOF,CGC, TDI. Brinkley had completed his HOF and a BIS under his co-owner/handler Robin Hite, before returning home to Ashwood in the Spring of '07. He says he is too young to retire.

UP COMING EVENTS

SANDALFOOT KEESHOND CLUB WILL HAVE IT'S SUPPORTED ENTRY THIS JUNE AT THE CENTRAL FLORIDA KENNEL CLUB JUNE 21ST.

THE TROPHIES WILL BE:

BOB- GIVEN BY CATHY SMITH OF SANDALFOOT KEESHOND CLUB - TROPHY VALUED AT \$30.00

BOS - GIVEN BY WENDY AND DAVE KURTZ OF SKC - TROPHY VALUED AT \$25.00

BOW - GIVEN BY CAROL HARRIS OF SKC - TROPHY VALUED AT \$20.00

WD & WB - GIVEN BY ANITA HOUCHINS OF SKC - TROPHY VALUED AT \$15.00 EACH

RWD\$ RWB - GIVEN BY EDNA CORNEY OF SKC - TROPHY VALUED AT \$10.00 EACH

1ST. IN EACH CLASS - GIVEN BY CATHY SMITH - TROPHY VALUED AT \$5.00 EACH

THERE WILL BE A TOY GIVEN TO EACH KEESHOND ENTRANT BY SANDALFOOT KEESHOND CLUB.

EDNA CORNEY WILL GIVE BOB TROPHY AT BREVARD KENNEL CLUB. FOR BOB KEESHOND

CORNEY'S CORNER IN MEMORY OF JOHN CORNEY TROPHY VALUED AT \$20.00

EDNA CORNEY WILL GIVE KEESHOND BOB TROPHY FROM CORNEY'S CORNER IN MEMORY OF JOHN CORNEY.

THE SANDALFOOT KEESHOND CLUB OF CENTRAL FLORIDA WILL HAVE IT'S B/ LIMITED OB, LIMITED RALLY MATCH FOR KEESHONDS ONLY

FRIDAY JUNE 20 TH, ONE HALF HOUR AFTER BIS AT BREVARD KC SHOW. (PENDING AKC APPROVAL) .

MATCH SEC. EDNA CORNEY, 5565 JAMAICA RD, COCOA, FL. 32927

PRE ENTRIES: \$8.00 TO MATCH SEC BY JUNE 10 TH.

DAY OF MATCH ENTRIES \$10.00

OBEDIENCE ENTRIES LIMITED TO SUB NOVICE AND NOVICE
RALLY ENTRIES LIMITED TO NOVICE

OBEDIENCE JUDGE: DEBBIE BRABSON?

JR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE: LINDA TILKA
CONFORMATION JUDGE: LINDA TILKA

ALL ENTRANTS IN MATCH WILL RECEIVE A TOY PRIZE.- GIVEN BY SANDALFOOT KEESHOND CLUB OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Fall Seminar, Plan for it now

PAT TROTTER
GIVEN BY BREVARD KENNEL CLUB.
SEMINAR WILL BE ON STRUCTURE
AMONG OTHER THINGS.



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DATE OCT. 18 TH AND 19 TH 2008
CLARION INN, RT 1, TITUSVILLE.

COST WILL BE \$150.00 FOR THE 2 DAYS
AND WILL INCLUDE CONT. BREAKFAST AND
LUNCH.
EACH DAY.

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE ON MOTEL ROOMS
RV PARKING \$15.00 NIGHT (NO HOOK-UPS)

The Keeshond in Obedience

By Fran D'Amico

Part1. Motivation and Attention

There are two prerequisites to successfully train a Keeshond in obedience. The first is motivation.

My first Keeshond, Sparky, was trained by the old method in obedience. When you wanted your dog to heel you jerked on the choke chain collar and released it as the dog moved forward with you. All corrections were made by jerking that collar.

What a disaster it was for the Keeshond. I am sure very few Kees made it to the titling classes in obedience under this method. I know my poor Sparky was an obedience dropout because of de-motivation. In the Novice test, as soon as Sparky was off lead, she would go to the judge and stand there as if to say, "thank goodness I am free, and don't have to do this anymore. Sparky was a great teacher, and I swore never to train obedience again. I was as de-motivated as she.

Well, thank goodness times have changed for the better. "Positive" forms of

training obedience have come to replace, for the most part, the "force" method. However, even with "positive" training, your Kees has to want to be with you to have fun. This is what I mean about motivation. Training a Kees to do this is not hard, for they usually love to be with you anyway.

Find a special toy or food that you will use only for motivation during your training sessions. Play tug or toss the toy or food on the floor and send your dog to get it, and call your dog back to you. As your dog is coming back, toss another treat or toy through your legs and send them to get that one, and call them back. You can repeat this a few times and end the game by having the dog come to you and sit for the treat. Always end the game with the dog wanting you to do more. In other words, you stop the play before they stop it. Now you are ready to play the "attention game."



The second prerequisite in obedience is to have your dog looking at you during most of the exercises. Except for some of the exercises at the Open and Utility levels, the dog's attention should be on you. With the dog in a buckle collar and leash, sitting

beside you in heel position, use a word that will mean for him to look up at you. (Notice Bobbie doing the attention



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exercise in the above picture) Use a word that means that and only that. I use the word, "ready?" If the dog looks at you, treat him. If not, use slight pressure upward on the leash and when he looks at you, immediately reward and release. **A Clicker works well with this also.**

Repeat this game 3 times and then move to another area and do it again. Once the dog understands the attention signal at home, you should train attention at every dog event he attends. The more distracting the environment, the more attention the dog must give you. So, be sure and give lots of treats during this proofing stage until the dog is comfortable and not distracted at all. Other good places to practice this is at Petco and Petsmart, etc. These sessions are invaluable before going to obedience trials. Just work on attention, and see what happens. You will find a more willing and focused dog to start training obedience exercises with you.

Ch Covenants Storm Cat

Ch Covenants StarFire

ALERT: New Product ProMeris a new Flea & Tick Preventative. It is supposed to be more effective than other treatments and was just released this year. Only available thru a vet. However there are adverse symptom such as lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea, disorientation, depression, nervous twitching and hyper salivation after application to pets and there humans when used.



Hearts & Flowers

are extended to Patti Colcord, with well wishes that she'll be feeling better soon.

We would like to extend our well wishes to Debbie Fields as well and

hope she has a fast recovery.

The Whelping Box

Born: 4/14/2008

3 males & 3 females

Breeder/Owners

Wendy Kurtz & DD Houchins

Inquires at captainsuave@cfl.rr.com



Napo



Kiera

And

!!!!Dog Legislation!!!!

A lot has been going on in Florida, don't think it can't happen to you, get involved.

I highly suggest you read the article on the United Kennel Club Web Site: This Means War, by Cindy Cooke.

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/Articles/LegislativeUpdate04162008>

Dog Pack Attacks Gator In Florida



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At times nature can be cruel, but there is also a raw beauty, and even a certain justice manifested within that cruelty.

The alligator, one of the oldest and ultimate predators, normally considered the 'apex predator', can still fall victim to implemented 'team work' strategy, made possible due to the tight knit social structure and 'survival of the pack mentality' bred into the canines.

See the remarkable photograph below courtesy of Nature Magazine. Note that the Alpha dog has a muzzle hold on the gator preventing it from breathing, while another dog has a hold on the tail to keep it from thrashing. The third dog attacks the soft underbelly of the gator.

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