HAPPENINGS AROUND THE HOUSE

NEWS FROM HOYTT OWNERS AND HOUSE OF HOYTT

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SAVE THE DATE!

SEPTEMBER 21st AND 22nd 2018 WILL BE OUR 8TH ANNUAL GATHERING OF HOYTT DOBES AND OWNERS ~ DETAILS ON





AKC TRICK DOG TITLING

THIS YEAR AT DOBEFEST!

Sassi and Nikki of Illinois have been working hard with their trick dog training, and have completed their Novice Titles.





From the 1920's and 1940's when trick dogs such as Rin Tin Tin and Lassie won peoples' hearts, trick dog training has become one of the most exciting new areas in dog training today.

The AKC has a Trick Dog Title available, which is a fun way to train and bond with your dog. More info available on akc.org

The next page shows the tricks needed for a Novice Title, and please note that if your Doberman already has a CGC, then only 5 tricks (instead of 10) will need to be performed.

We will be offering all of the levels that you can title in, and will have more info as the months progress.

So if this is something you would like to do with your Dobe, start training! We will also have short videos on how to train some of these tricks soon on the Hoytt You Tube Channel.



Evaluator signature_

AKC TRICK DOG

TRICKS CHECKLIST: NOVICE



Instructions: Include this page with the AKC Trick Dog Title Application.

	Check one box:
you have a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) ertificate or title on record at AKC, you may ount the CGC as 5 of the required tricks	CGC is on record (counts as 5 tricks). 5 additional tricks have been observed by evaluator and are checked below.
for the NOVICE TRICK DOG TITLE.	No CGC, 10 tricks have been observed by Evaluator and are checked below.
CGC Skills Foundation Behaviors for Trick Training	Balance beam (walk on low board a few inches off floor) Bark on cue ("Speak") Crawl (dog on belly, crawls at least 5 feet)
. Accepts friendly stranger	Fetch it and give (ball, toy, etc- bring to handler, release)
2. Sits politely for petting	Find it (find treat hidden under cup)
Appearance and Grooming	Get your (Leash, brush, name of toy) Get in (gets in box)
Out for a Walk	Get on (gets on low platform or step - 4 paws)
Walking through a crowd	Hand signals (down, sit, or come) High five
5. Sit, Down, Stay in place	Hold (3 seconds)
. Coming when called	Jump (thru a low hoop or over a low bar)
-	Kennel up (go in crate, stay in until released)
Reaction to another dog	Kiss (point to cheek)
. Reaction to distractions	Paws up (2 front paws on low stool or step) Push-ups (sit, down, sit, down, sit, down)
10. Supervised Separation	Shake hands
	Spin in circle
	Touch it (hand or target stick)
	Tunnel (agility tunnel or child's tunnel)
	Other: Handler's choice:
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Dog owner name______ Dog Name _____

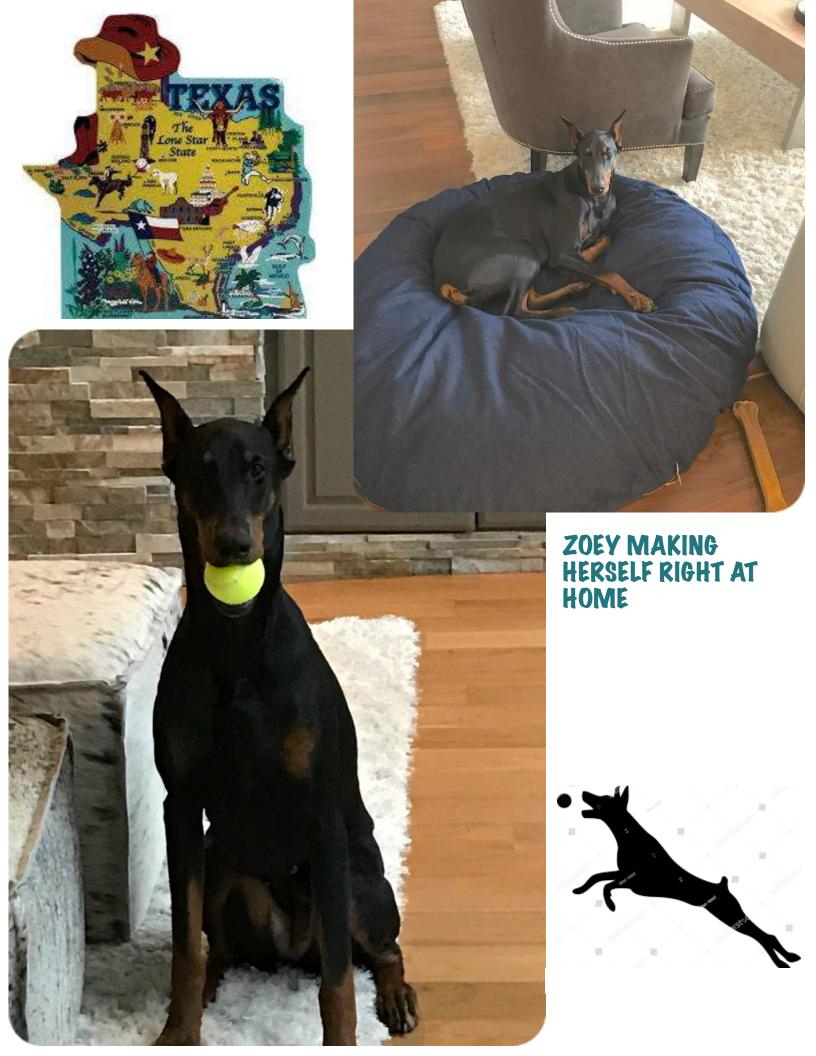
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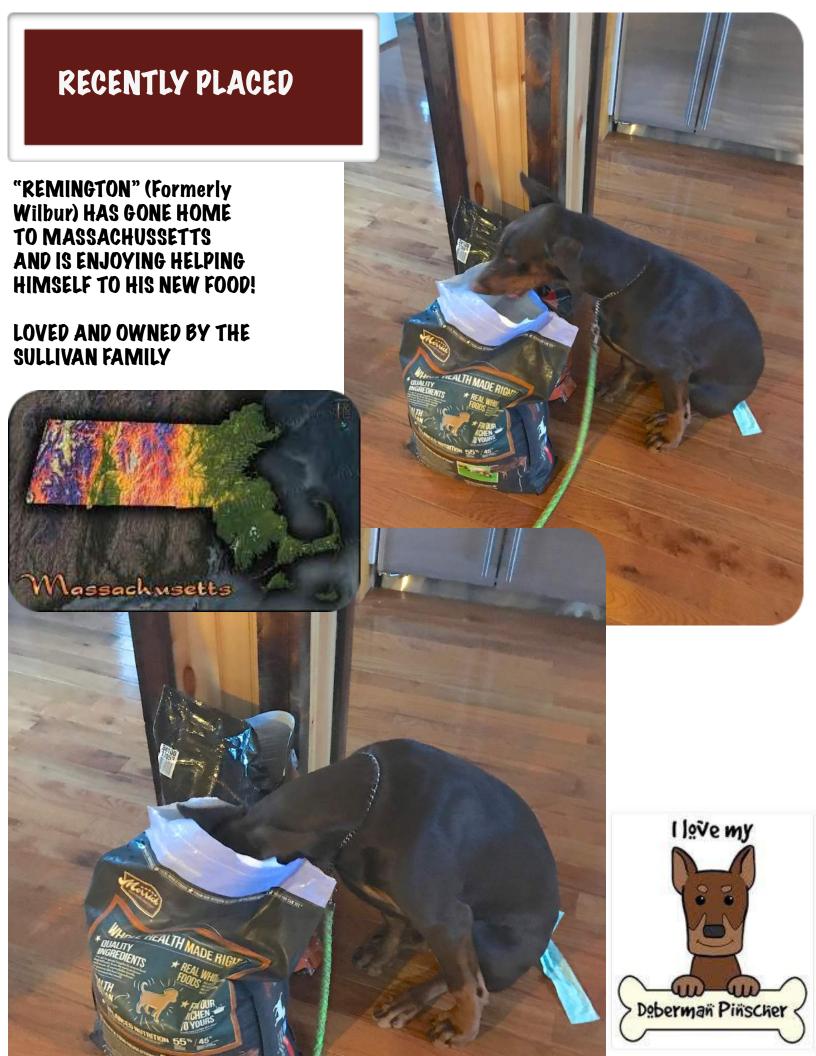
"ZOEY" WHO HAD BECOME PART OF MR. HOYTT'S CREW, HAS FOUND A NEW HOME IN TEXAS!

HER NEW MOM IS PLANNING LOTS OF ADVENTURES WITH HER NEW GIRL ZOEY, SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO UPDATES!









TIPS FOR CALMING YOUR DOG.....

When you must leave your dog at home alone, leave him with an article of clothing or blanket with your scent on it. Also leave a treat-release toy for him to focus on in your absence. Place small treats around the house for him to discover, along with his favorite toys.

Make sure your dog gets plenty of exercise (like an all-out 40 minute play time prior to being left alone all day), mental stimulation and TLC. The fuller her life is when you're around, the calmer she'll be when you're not

Add a flower essence blend like Separation Anxiety from Jackson Galaxy's Solutions to her drinking water. This works wonders for some dogs. And put on some soothing doggy music before you leave

Play calm, soothing music before a possible stressor occurs. This may relax your dog and have the added bonus of drowning out distressing noises

If your dog seems to respond well to pressure applied to her body, there are wraps available (e.g., Thundershirt, TTouch anxiety wrap) that many pet owners and veterinarians find extremely helpful.

Ttouch is a specific massage technique that can help anxious pets

Consult your holistic vet about homeopathic, TCM (traditional Chinese medicine) or Rescue Remedy, (you can find this in pharmacies) as well as other specific Bach flower remedies that could be helpful in alleviating your dog's stress. Products I use, always in conjunction with behavior modification, include Hyland's Calms Forte (found in pharmacies) or calming milk proteins (variety of brands)

Calming nutraceuticals and herbs that can be of benefit include holy basil, l-theanine, rhodiola, ashwagandha, GABA, 5-HTP and chamomile. Consult your holistic veterinarian about which makes sense for your pet.

The essential oil of lavender has also been proven to reduce a dog's stress response. I

recommend placing a few drops on your dog's collar or bedding before a stressor occurs, if possible, or diffuse the oil around your house for an overall calming effect. There are also great oil blends specifically for calming animals. ~Dr. Karen Becker Healthy Pets

*Editor's Note:

Items that Carol and I use are Red Barn bones that you can put yogurt or peanut butter in the center, then freeze. It takes our Dobermans a little longer to work on them if the goodie inside is frozen.



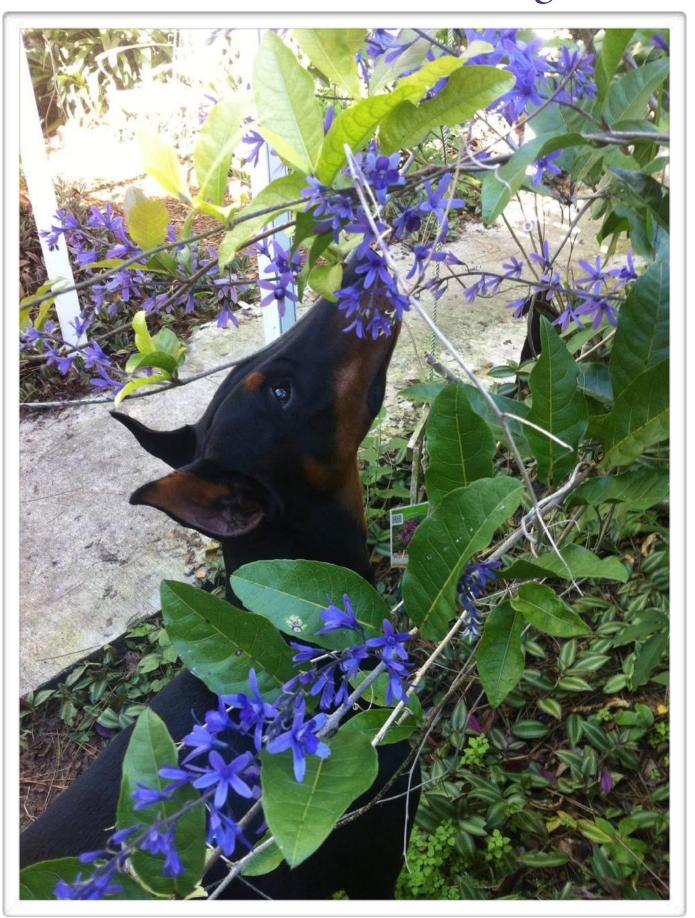




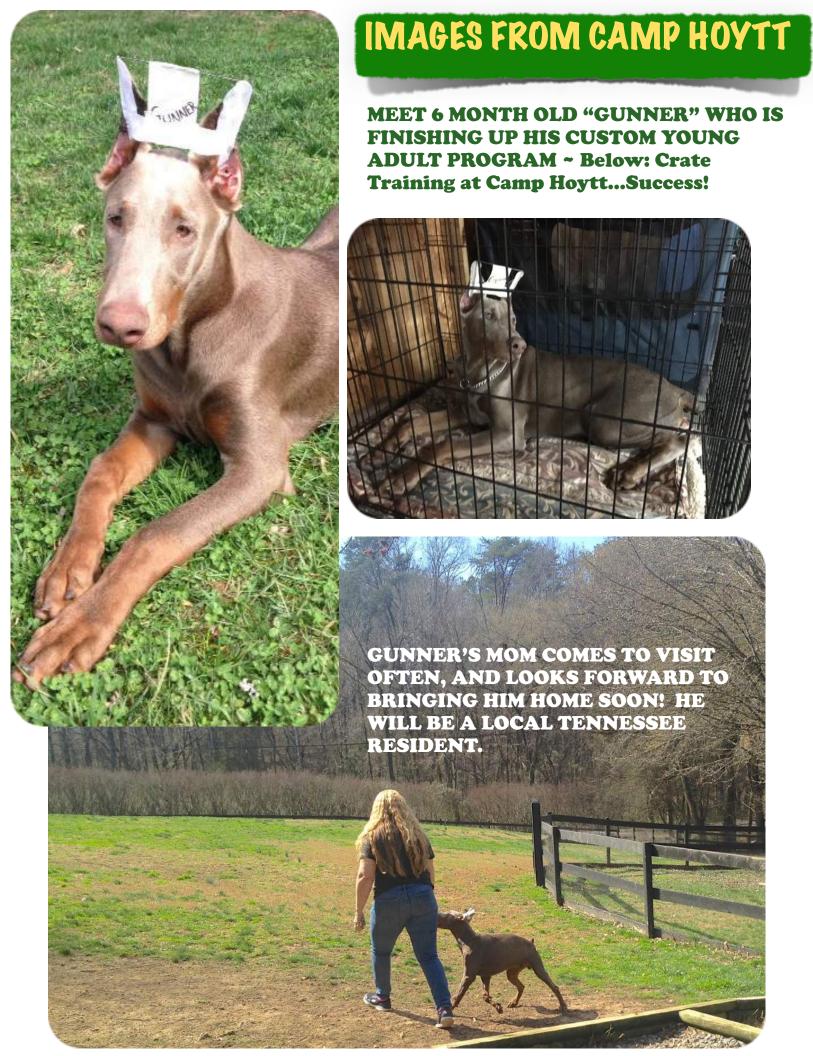




A Love Lost But Not Forgotten



In Loving Memory of my dear sweet "Zane" ~ Lori M. Florida



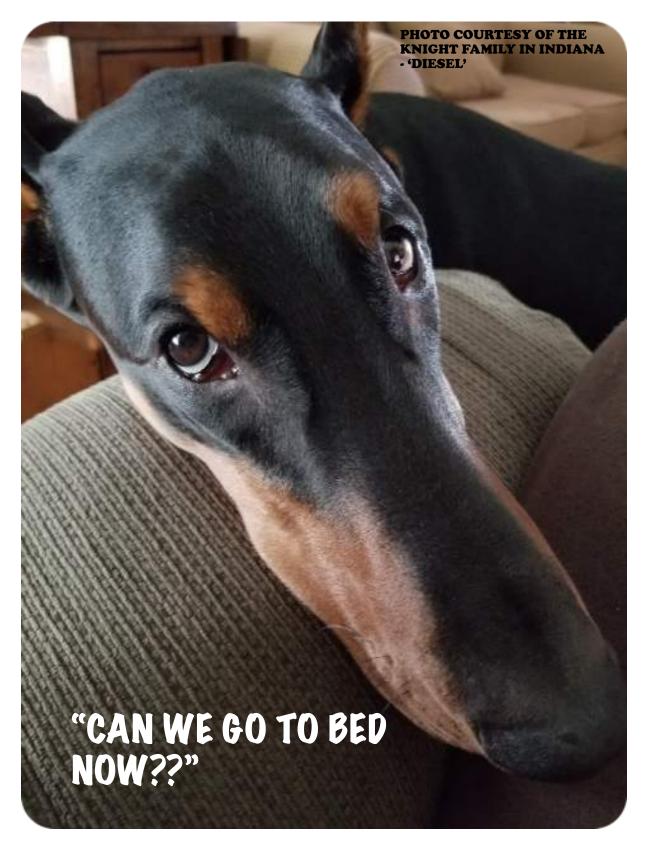


"Cajun" left; and "Token" above wait in anticipation for class to start Cajun is 6 months old and AVAILABLE



Fawn boy "Jet" who will head off to Florida once he completes his Grand Victor Program, and "Khaleesi" who is a Custom Young Adult going home soon, work on their Stay command at Bass Pro





Photos and stories to share? Please email me ~

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