

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE HOUSE

NEWS FROM HOYTT OWNERS AND HOUSE OF HOYTT

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DOBEFEST IS FAST APPROACHING!

OUR DATES THIS YEAR ARE FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST AND SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND ~

WE ARE OFFERING TRICK DOG TESTING THIS YEAR...READ ABOUT IT BELOW, AND CHECK OUT THE AKC WEBSITE AT AKC.ORG Click on Sports & Events and then AKC Family Dog Program - you will see Trick Dog info there.

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. 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!

PLEASE LET ME KNOW BY SEPTEMBER 1ST IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING...I WILL ALSO SEND YOU THE LIST OF TRICKS REQUIRED - NOVICE LIST ON NEXT PAGE.





AKC TRICK DOG



TRICKS CHECKLIST: NOVICE

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

A TOTAL OF **10 TRICKS** ARE REQUIRED TO EARN THE AKC NOVICE TRICK DOG TITLE.

If you have a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate or title on record at AKC, you may count the CGC as 5 of the required tricks for the NOVICE TRICK DOG TITLE.

CGC Skills

Foundation Behaviors for Trick Training

1. Accepts friendly stranger
2. Sits politely for petting
3. Appearance and Grooming
4. Out for a Walk
5. Walking through a crowd
6. Sit, Down, Stay in place
7. Coming when called
8. Reaction to another dog
9. Reaction to distractions
10. Supervised Separation

Check one box:

☐ CGC is on record (counts as 5 tricks). 5 additional tricks have been observed by evaluator and are checked below.

☐ No CGC, 10 tricks have been observed by Evaluator and are checked below.

- ___ Balance beam (walk on low board a few inches off floor)
- ___ Bark on cue ("Speak")
- ___ Crawl (dog on belly, crawls at least 5 feet)
- ___ Fetch it and give (ball, toy, etc- bring to handler, release)
- ___ Find it (find treat hidden under cup)
- ___ Get your _____. (Leash, brush, name of toy)
- ___ Get in (gets in box)
- ___ Get on (gets on low platform or step - 4 paws)
- ___ Hand signals (down, sit, or come) _____
- ___ High five
- ___ Hold (3 seconds)
- ___ Jump (thru a low hoop or over a low bar)
- ___ Kennel up (go in crate, stay in until released)
- ___ Kiss (point to cheek)
- ___ Paws up (2 front paws on low stool or step)
- ___ Push-ups (sit, down, sit, down, sit, down)
- ___ Shake hands
- ___ Spin in circle
- ___ Touch it (hand or target stick)
- ___ Tunnel (agility tunnel or child's tunnel)
- ___ Other: Handler's choice: _____
- ___ Other: Handler's choice: _____

For the Novice title, handlers may use a food/toy lure if needed. May use food/clicker reinforcers.

Dog owner name _____ Dog Name _____

Evaluator name _____ Eval Number _____ Date _____

Evaluator signature _____



PREP YOUR PET FOR THE 4TH OF JULY



Much to the consternation of many companion pet parents, many U.S. states are legalizing the sale of fireworks and/or changing the times fireworks can be set off. Indeed, cats and dogs may experience a panic attack to all sudden and loud noises such as fireworks, thunder, alarms, sirens, gunfire and air shows. Of course, others may only react to some of those noises.

Stress signals in dogs include looking away, lip licking, yawning, ears back, “whale eye”, lifting a paw, tail tucking, freezing, urination, vomiting, diarrhea, hiding, or the worst, running away.

What is a pet parent to do during these times of stress? We have a few ideas that may be helpful. Some of them may work or may not work for your dogs or cats.

Feed – Don’t Overfeed

If you are having a backyard barbecue, please ask your family and guests not to indulge your companion dog with snacks or nibbles. While your dog may be able to handle the additional food on other occasions, the noise might induce stress vomiting, diarrhea or even pancreatitis.

You may also want to consider feeding your pet’s dinner earlier than usual. A dog’s gastrointestinal time is usually six to eight hours. If the firework display is set to start around 9:30 PM, think about feeding around 3:30. If you free-feed your dog, consider taking it away earlier in the day.

Exercise

Exercise reduces stress. In fact, one study showed that like humans, dogs had significantly increased endocannabinoid (eCB) signaling following high-intensity endurance running. The argument can be made that eCB signaling is an important regulatory system in the brain that largely functions to buffer against many of the effects of stress. Further, dynamic changes in this system contribute to different aspects of the stress response.

Unfortunately, the study found that eCB signaling does not significantly increase following low-intensity walking. But, we have to remember that physical activity can make us and our pets sleepy. Period.

Other ideas may be a game of fetch or a visit to the dog park earlier in the day. Don’t forget to take water for you and your dog.

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Thundershirt

Thundershirts – or even a doggy sweater or T-shirt – work for some dogs. We definitely think they are worth checking out since they are non-invasive. However, remember that your dog is wearing clothing during a usually very hot day in most parts of the country. Make sure your house is cool enough so your dog is not panting even before the fireworks and provide plenty of fresh water.

Kennel (Crates)

Some people think kennel crates are cruel because they confine the dog. However, many dogs see them as their personal space within their homes. If you have wire, you can toss a blanket over the top, making sure the dog still gets enough air. It should be a cozy environment and not too big or too small. A dog should be able to stand up, turn around and stretch.

Lavender

Spread lavender sachets, aroma spray, or the essential oil around your house that is out of your pet's reach. You also can put a dab of the oil on the nose and behind each ear.

Over-the-Counter Calming Supplements & Treats

You can definitely try these, but please research first. Talk to your locally owned and operated pet food store, visit forums and chatrooms online, and get tips from your friends. Again, all of these people may swear by a product that works for their dogs, but may not work for yours.

From Dr. W. Jean Dodds, DVM Pet Health Blog





“Annie loves when I tell her to be Sleeping Beauty! She can be standing and when I say “Sleeping Beauty” this is what she does!”

~Cindy in Florida

**Below:
Carol and Wayne in Tennessee have no place to sit in their home anymore!**





"PALADIN" IN TENNESSEE



'BACHI' IN FLORIDA



**'ALLIE'
AND
'BLAZE'
TN**



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

**"WINSTON" ON RIGHT, LIVES
IN SUNNY MEXICO ~ HE
TURNED A YEAR OLD IN JUNE.**

**"BRICK" BELOW, IS IN TEXAS
AND TURNED 2 YEARS OLD IN
JUNE ~**

BOTH BOYS ARE PARTIED OUT!



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



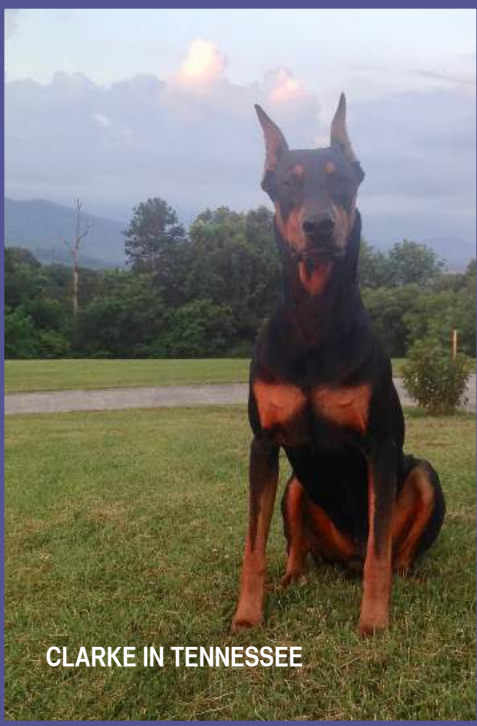
**"ELWOOD" IN TENNESSEE
CELEBRATED HIS FIRST BIRTHDAY
WITH STYLE ~ HE IS LOVED AND
OWNED BY THE HUGHES FAMILY**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Happy 5th Birthday Judy!!!

"Judy" celebrated her 5th birthday in Georgia ~ She is loved and owned by the Tillman's and brother "Ed"



CLARKE IN TENNESSEE

“THE LOOK OF EAGLES”
IS A TERM MANY DOBERMAN ENTHUSIASTS
USE WHEN DESCRIBING THE APPEARANCE OF
THESE REGAL, INTELLIGENT DOGS



Copper
Loved and
owned by Chris
and Autumn in
Massachusetts



Ed
Loved and owned by the
Tillman's in Georgia

WHEN YOU HAVE TO MOVE.....

A move to a new home can be stressful for dogs; if you don't look out for your dog's well-being during this major life change, it's possible he could develop behavior issues that weren't there before

Do your best to keep his routine as close to usual as possible; from morning meals to walks to bedtime, try not to vary your dog's schedule, especially during the first two weeks

Resist the urge to toss your dog's old bed in favor of a new one; he'll be happy to find his familiar bed and other gear (toys, crate, blankets) in the new home

Set up your dog's area first, adding in a familiar crate, bed, toys and blankets; you may want to keep your dog in this safe space until you've finished some of the initial unpacking and your dog starts to relax in the new space

Many dogs will become overwhelmed by the piles of boxes and unfamiliar people coming and going during the moving process, so it's a good idea to keep your dog safely in a gated room, or with a trusted friend or neighbor, while the actual move is taking place. After the movers have left, take your dog on a leash to give him the grand tour of his new abode.

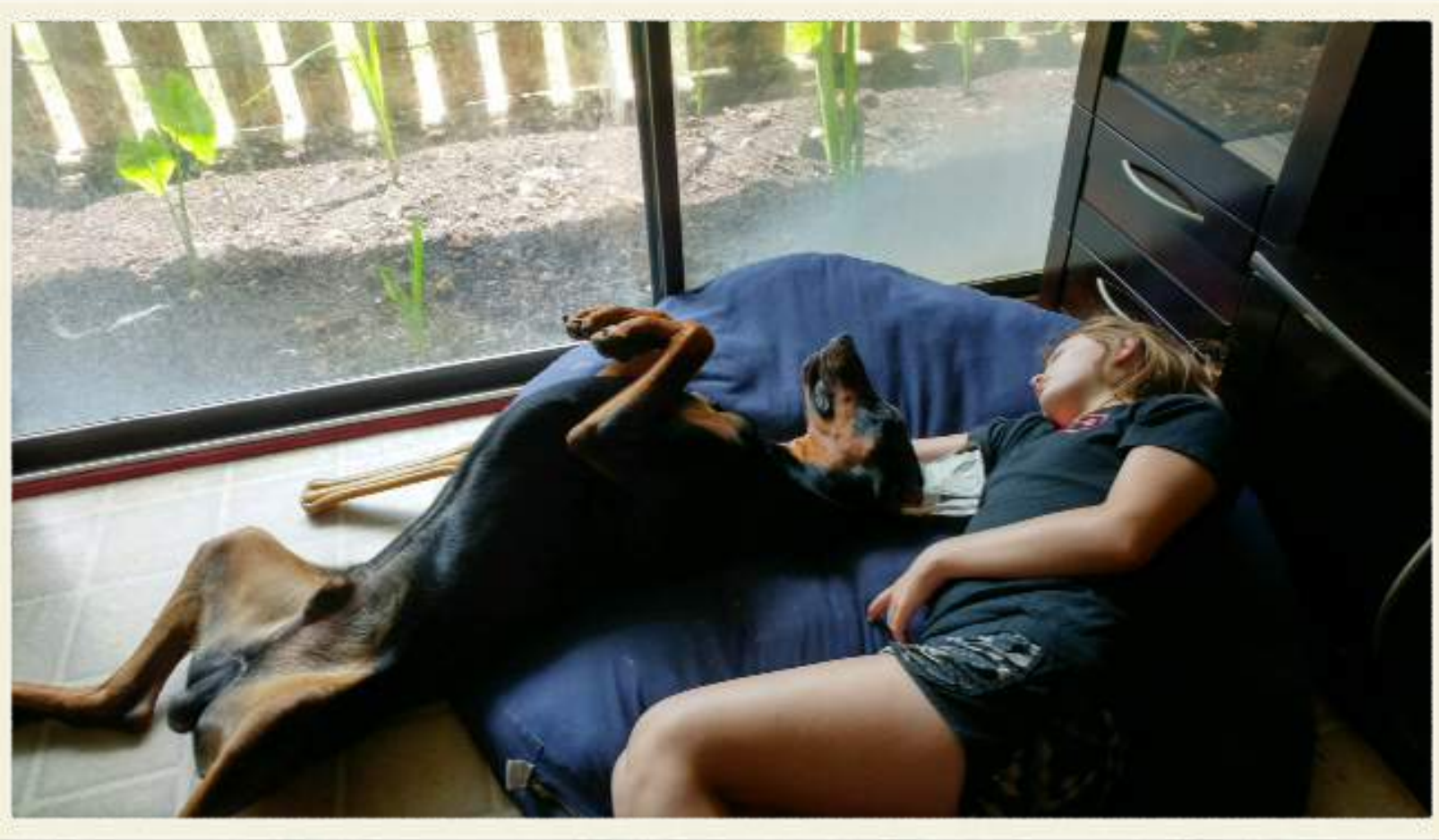
Letting your dog run free may cause anxiety in an unfamiliar location, and some dogs may be tempted to chew or mark their new territory. Be sure to set up your dog's area first, adding in a familiar crate, bed, toys and blankets. You may want to keep your dog in this safe space until you've finished some of the initial unpacking and your dog starts to relax in the new space.

Your dog is looking to you to give him cues that this new move is a positive one, so give him plenty of reassurance in the form of belly rubs, playtime and regular walks. It's easy to get distracted while trying to settle into a new home, but your dog will still demand just as much attention as before — if not more. You can even try getting down on the floor with your dog for some one-on-one bonding. "One of the things that helps dogs to feel at home someplace new is familiar smells. You can add those familiar smells to your house faster by spending time on the floor with your dog," says Karen B. London, Ph.D., a certified applied animal behaviorist and certified professional dog trainer. "Being on the floor together also adds to the time you spend giving him the loving that he needs during this stressful time."

If possible, try to schedule some time off work during the first week or two so you can avoid leaving your dog home alone for long periods. Then, when you do leave, start with short trips away and give your dog a pleasant distraction while you're away, like a [food toy](#).

Mercola Healthy Pets





**"CASPIAN" TAKING A NAP IN THE OFFICE AT
HOUSE OF HOYTT WITH HIS BEST FRIEND SIDNEY**

Photos and stories to share? Please email me ~

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