

WIDGEON (Leslie Keys)
Dachshund Club of America Co-Triathlete of the
Year

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SPORTSMEN'S EVENTS



Rally & Obedience Practice Matches
2016: 6/17, 7/15/, 8/19, 9/9, 10/14, 11/18,
12/16

Obedience Trials
Oct, 2016

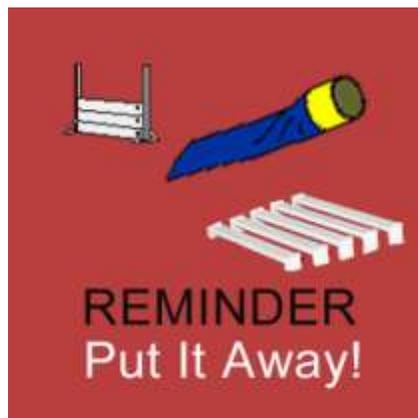
Agility Trials
May 28-30, 2016

Connie Cleveland is saving March 11 & 12,
2017 for a seminar at Sportsmen's.



Building will be closed for rentals:
June 25/26, July 23/24, Aug 6/7, Sept
17/18, Sept 24/25, Oct 2, Oct 22/23,
Nov 12/13

Building will be closed for cleaning:
June 19



COMPETITION RESULTS

(For publication, please send your results to the Editor 2 weeks before publication. This date will be announced on the email list.)



OWNER/DOG	SPORT/DATE	CLASS	LEG/PL/SCORE	TITLE
L. Keys/Wigeon	AKC Earthdog 4/29 Specialty, Pennsylvania Dach. Club of Amer. 5/1 AKC Agility 5/2 AKC Obed. AKC Obed.	Junior Ex. Jumpers Beginner Novice Novice	(Extra leg) __/1 st __	JE DCA Versatility BN CD
TIED FOR TRIATHLETE OF THE YEAR (See cover and article)				
R. Sutton/Sir Duncan	AKC Obed. 5/6/16 Tri-cities 5/7/16	Open Utility	2/1 st /196.5 3/1 st /197.5 1/1 st /195	CDX
				
Widdows/Jake	CWAGS Nose Work-4/2/16 CWAGS Nose Work-4/2/16	Level 3 Level 4	4 1	Level 3
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"Next, go to the 'Guard' menu and select 'Bark.'"

WIGEON'S GREAT ADVENTURE (Leslie Keys)

Wigeon has done very well in the last week. He earned his Junior Earth Dog title on April 29th with the Metro Washington Dachshund Specialty in Pennsylvania and picked up a third leg the following day at the Dachshund Club of America trial on May first. That also earned him a DCA Versatility Certificate. On May second he got another agility excellent jumpers leg with a first place. The following days, also in conjunction with MWDC and DCA, he earned his beginner novice and Companion dog titles. These qualifying scores added up to him tying for the Dachshund Club of America Triathlete of the year. Only once before has there ever been an unbeatable tie. He also won the Gettysburg theme costume contest.



Note Received after the February Trials

Dear Sportsmen's Club members

I just returned home from your Rally trial today (Feb 26) where I participated in the Novice A trials. It was a nice experience! Everyone was so kind and helpful to me, a newbie in the dog show world. I sincerely appreciate your patience and support even though my dog, Brynlee, appeared to be brain dead and refused to sit at the HALTS! To clarify, she usually drops her bottom immediately on command but today she was totally distracted and defiant! Thank goodness she was able to get qualifying scores even though she was a tough cookie today!

The other reason I am writing is to thank you for the "Welcome to the Dog World" gift bag! It was such a welcoming gesture and made me feel a little more relaxed. I'm sure ALL the goodies in the bag will be helpful and tasty. After our go around, I hit the jar of candy to sooth my ego, took her outside and used a cute, pink poop bag, gave her a cinnamon dog treat and put her in the crate. Thank you so much for thoughtful and muc needed present. You guys are awesome! I am planning to attend one of your fun matches in hopes that you will see that my girl actually does know how to sit when asked and her owner (me) can get through the course in less than 3:30 seconds!

No I think I'll go make a mixed drink, put I tin my new water bottle and nibble on some more candy!

Good luck to all of you in the future? Thanks for making my day!! Patty Wilson





You bring your “special dish” to the various events. Everyone loves them and would like to have the recipes! Please send in your recipe so we can share it with all

Please send recipes to bew1234@sbcglobal.net

GRAHAM CRACKER TOFFEE

16 graham cracker sheets
1 cup butter
1 cup chopped Pecans
1/2 cup brown sugar
6 oz Milk /or Semi-sweet Chocolate Chips
(Options: *Mix half and half or substitute Butter Scotch*)

Preheat oven to 350F

Line cookie sheet with foil and spray with cooking spray or rub with cooking oil. Cover prepared cookie sheet with whole graham cracker sheets.

In saucepan, bring brown sugar & butter to a boil over medium heat. Boil for 4 minutes, stirring constantly.

Pour over graham crackers and bake for 8 min. Immediately sprinkle chocolate chips over the top of the graham crackers. Let sit for about 2 minutes. Spread melted chips with a flat edged knife. Sprinkle nuts over the top.

Let sit for about 2 hours. Cut and serve. (*If in a hurry, it can be cooled in the freezer for a quick serve time.*)

NOTE: Depending on the size of the cookie tray, you may need more graham cracker sheets and then figure out how to add a little more of ingredients to cover the 'sheets'.

Chris Wellsandt,

COMMON PLANTS TOXIC TO CATS AND DOGS



POTHOS PLANTS



SAGO PALMS



SCHEFFLERA



YEW



CASTOR BEAN
PLANTS



PEACE LILIES



AMARYLLIS



CYCLAMEN



LILIES



DAFFODILS



TULIPS AND
HYACINTHS



AZALEAS &
RHODODENDRONS



LILY OF THE
VALLEY



CROCUSES



ENGLISH IVY



AUTUMN CROCUS



OLEANDERS



MercataHealthyPets.com

<http://www.aspcra.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>

<http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/leaving-your-pet-in-the-car-could-soon-be-illegal-in-michigan>



DETROIT - Michigan lawmakers are close to joining 16 other states by making it illegal to keep an animal in a car.

Michigan's law would make it a felony to keep an animal in a **car in conditions that might endanger its health.**

The law would impose some of the strictest penalties for endangering an animal's life.

- If an animal dies inside a vehicle, the person could face up to five years in jail or a fine up to \$5,000.
- If the animal is injured, the person could face up to one year in jail, or a fine of up to \$1,000.
- Without injury, first offenders could get fined \$350, and second-time offenders up to \$500, both including the possibility of jail time.

Most of the 16 states who already outlaw this are classified as misdemeanor offenses.

The bills were introduced in the state senate last week, and are being considered by the judiciary committee.

(Submitted to newsletter by Cheri Berger)

Little Yellow Rowboats

By Sara E. Martin (fb.com/twoblockheads). Reprinted with permission.

As many of you know, I attended a day long seminar on living and working with fearful dogs, presented by Debbie Jacobs. Debbie is intelligent, well spoken, an excellent writer, witty, and a wealth of knowledge on dog training and behavior. She focuses, if you couldn't guess, on fearful dogs. Debbie moderates a Facebook group (aptly named, [Fearful Dogs](#)) and has a website (who can guess it? [Fearfuldogs.com](#)) and is the author of A Guide to Living With and Training a Fearful Dog and Does my Dog Need Prozac? I took in so much info on Sunday and I'm still processing it/thinking of the best ways to share it all, but for a start, let's talk about the little yellow rowboat. Of all the things I took from the fearful dogs seminar (and there were a great many) the rowboat hit me the hardest. (And no, I don't mean literally, I was not slammed into by a real rowboat).

A few slides into the start of her presentation, a picture of a yellow rowboat appeared on screen. Debbie reached down into a bag and pulled out a handful of stuffed animals, which she happily tossed into the crowd. The presentation continued.

This happened maybe five or six times throughout the morning. Rowboat appeared, toys were tossed. By the third time we all laughed and were excited when we saw the slide. We understood what was going on. A room full of trainers was just systematically conditioned to love a rowboat picture. The more it appeared, the happier we got. By the sixth time, people were clapping and let out little woops when the boat made an appearance. We anticipated the shower of stuffed animals.

And then the boat appeared, but when Debbie reached down, she did not come back up with a stuffed animal. She had an inflated balloon, and was holding it up to a pointy pen. The room audibly cringed. (She did not pop it, thank goodness).

After another few slides, the little yellow rowboat popped up again. But there was no happy cheering. Just quiet, nervous anticipation as we watched to see what she would do.

It was such a simple lesson on conditioning, but it was profound. It took us all a few repetitions of boat = toys to start to really anticipate the fun stuff, but only one negative experience to be wary of the very thing that previously had us laughing.

Negative experiences affect the brain with more force than positive ones. Fear, at its simplest, is survival. It's hard to change a fearful reaction for a reason. The dog has deemed whatever is scaring it as dangerous, potentially life threatening. However imagined the threat may be, it's real to him.

Fear is designed to keep us alive.

Imagine if the boat had been paired with the popping balloon from the get go? Had we been exposed to the photo of the rowboat and then had a balloon popped 5 or 6 times first before the rowboat started predicting toys instead, I highly doubt we would all have been able to get so excited about it. Once something is scary, it's that much harder to make it safe. More so if the scary thing was never perceived as safe to begin with.

It illustrates beautifully why taking control of a novel situation is so key, for any dog. Once they've decided something is scary, it's harder to back pedal. It happens quickly, and the effects can be long lasting.

It's much easier to keep a pocket of treats and rain 'em down **WHENEVER** something new happens, whether we think it's scary or not, so we can help tip the scales in our dog's favor (refer here, to my [previous blog on proactive conditioning](#)).

Every novel experience is a little yellow rowboat. It's up to us to make sure our dogs see that rowboat as a predictor of delight, not disaster.



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