



# PAW PRINTS

BEST FRIENDS DOG CLUB OF SUN CITY

OCTOBER 2004

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Jean Buck

One of our members asked if BFDC should write "letters to editors" of our local newspaper in the attempt to rid Sun City of the coyote population. Because of her concern I will make my reply known to you also.

I'm not convinced that people have to be "armed with a tool" to walk their pets in Sun City. I am not trying to be inflammatory or oppositional here, but looking for common sense. Should our club contribute fuel to an issue that is one of general concern and create an atmosphere of hysteria in which people become afraid to leave home to walk their dogs? I believe that common sense will carry the day, once again. I do think it would be wise to invite a speaker from Game and Fish to one of our meetings. We can express our concerns to him/her.

It has been expressed that some pet owners carry weapons, like golf clubs and sticks on their walks. In our society "weapons" translates into guns and that puts us into the very hot topic of gun control. Like the dog park issue, the views of our members are fascinating and diverse. A consensus from the members of our club is welcomed.

If you would be willing to print the Paw Prints Newsletter off the website each month to help cut down on postal expenses contact Lou Sniderman [lsniderman@yahoo.com](mailto:lsniderman@yahoo.com)

## THE TRAINING SCHEDULE

The time has come to sign up for classes, which will begin in the last week of October. You may register at the meeting in October, or by calling the director of training, Dianne Needham at 974-9282.

There are 6 classes in a series that will last approximately one hour each. All classes cost \$25 and are offered to members of the club.

Class sizes will be limited to ensure balanced, quality teaching. A rabies certificate is required on registration. Check our website for a complete listing of commands to be taught at each Level of Obedience, Agility and Rally. Find instructions at <http://www.bestfriendsdogclub.org>

*The Best Friends Dog Club members extend their deepest sympathy to Doris Schoeben at the loss of her husband, Matt and also the death of her father. Doris was the editor of this newsletter for many years.*

## AZ HUMANE SOCIETY

**Hairball™ 2004 Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Humane Society event chair cordially invites you to attend Hairball™ 2004 on October 9 from 6:30 to 10 PM at the Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort in Phoenix. Proceeds benefit the Arizona Humane Society, the state's largest nonprofit animal-welfare and protection agency. Join us for a wonderful time, complete with the flair of a tropical getaway, and help thousands of animals in need in our community.

## BFDC WEBSITE INFORMATION

<http://www.bestfriendsdogclub.org>

The main headings across the top of ALL of our site's pages include:

1. About the Club (president's message, what we do, where we meet, sound off - member comments (sent to the club president), archived newsletters (soon to be expanded when we get them!)
2. Training (each of the areas: obedience, agility, flyball, etc.)
3. Sign Up (classes, volunteering, membership, to be notified about events, etc.)
4. Activities (events - club and non club related with links when available)
5. Club Contact Info (how to reach us via email, phone)

## LINKS OF INTEREST ON OUR WEBSITE

- Products & Services
- Rescues & Sanctuaries
- Agility Sites
- Flyball Sites
- Missing / Lost Pet
- Health & Welfare
- Dog Parks
- Dog Friendly Hotels
- Grief Support



IN MY OPINION  
By Dr. Dan Rice

### THE IMPORTANCE OF EXERCISE

All dogs need exercise for normal development of their minds and bodies. Sporting breeds with a racy appearance, like the German Shorthaired Pointer or English Setter, have loads of energy and require great amounts of exercise. Other dogs demand less but their need is considerable for human interaction and that need is extremely important to their mental and physical stability. Exercise isn't a spectator sport; it requires your participation. If you haven't time to spend with your dog, taking walks, playing mental and physical games with her, you don't really need a dog.

What kind and how much exercise does a puppy need? Modest exercise is sufficient and because of their rapid growth rate it should be carefully monitored. A few tennis ball tosses, and a little leash training is all your puppy requires at one time. Repeat this exercise two or three times daily. An adolescent dog is more ambitious and can handle more exercise but even then strenuous exercise should be curtailed until she has reached maturity.

Can I over exercise my pup? Definitely! Especially bigger dogs that mature slowly. Their bones and joints can be irreparably damaged by excessive exercise. If you have a puppy and can't spend time playing with her or taking her for walks, enroll her in a puppy kindergarten class.

Does an older dog require exercise? Definitely but mostly she will enjoy a nice leisurely walk in the cool parts of the day so she can enjoy your company and reminisce about former, more ambitious romps.

Dr. Dan's books are listed on our website:  
<http://www.bestfriendsdogclub.org/index.htm>

*\*\*If you have a question you would like answered by Dr. Dan regarding training, feeding, activity, breeding, etc. please call AJ. 933-1197 or [ajcowper@juno.com](mailto:ajcowper@juno.com) with your request.*

OCTOBER MEETING NEWS  
'Scott' from the Eye Dog Foundation for the Blind will explain their breeder and training programs for German Shepherds at 10 AM on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The meeting of the Best Friends Dog Club is held in the Arizona Room at Fairway Recreation Center at 9:30 with coffee offered at 9AM.

These special dogs are raised and trained by volunteers from 8 weeks to 18 months old.

You can sign up with **Dianne Needham** for classes at the meeting. The cost of a session of six classes each is \$25 payable on signup. You must be a member of the club. Membership is \$5.

CARDS FOR CARING  
**Juanita Braemer** will send cards to members in case of illness or loss. Please contact her with any need of which you are aware. Juanita's phone is 815-0234. Or e-mail her at:  
[Juanita.braemer@worldnet.att.net](mailto:Juanita.braemer@worldnet.att.net)

STAY  
I pulled into a crowded parking lot and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever had fresh air. She was stretched out on the back seat, and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there. I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me? Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car gave me a strange look and said. "Why don't you just put it in park?"



"Stay!"



LOOKING FORWARD TO  
November's  
Storytellers

**Clare Kinchler** wants to give you an opportunity to shine in November. "DOG STORIES" will be told at the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting by none other than YOU! Anyone who wishes will have a few minutes to tell a favorite dog story from memory or from their own living experience with a pet. The showman in you is about to be exposed! It will be possible to project pictures on a screen or the wall using the great expertise of our webmasters, **Jan and Lou Sniderman**. They will give you details of what you need to do in advance of the November meeting. One thing you will have to do is reserve your place on the program with Clare. Call her at 815 8542. What a great idea! What a great way to get to know each other better! Laughter is the name of the game!

In December we will have a Christmas Party. Clare is always interested in knowing what programs you would like to have presented for one of our meetings. Step up and let her know at a meeting or give her a call.

Where are those dog stories you are going to send to me?

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