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New Center Trains Detection Dogs To Save Lives

by Sarah Griffith

A detection dog-training center opens Tuesday, on the anniversary of Sept. 11, at the University of Pennsylvania so scientists can train dogs for search-and-rescue missions — and study what helps them succeed.

Cynthia Otto, who served on a team that used working dogs to search for survivors in the rubble at ground zero, created the Penn Vet Working Dog Center. She's a veterinarian who specializes in emergency, critical care and disaster medicine, and she has consulted with the military about the health of search-and-rescue dogs, including Cairo, the dog who worked on the Osama bin Laden mission. She tells *Fresh Air's* Terry Gross that detection dogs are invaluable.

"There are so many jobs now that dogs are being used for," Otto says. "Originally it was kind of looked at as that patrol dog or the bomb-detection dog, but now they're being used to find the IEDs [improved explosive devices]. Some of them are actually being used for therapy in the field, which is really incredible. But they're starting to look at all of the different potential components that these dogs can contribute to...and the detection area is so important because these dogs are better than any machine that we have — and they can save lives."

Web Resources

Annemarie DeAngelo, the center's training director, founded the New Jersey State Police Canine Unit and has worked with canines for more than 13 years. With her dog partners, she has searched for missing children, criminals and drugs — one drug seizure involved 1,200 kilos of cocaine.

With her canine companions, DeAngelo says she feels "very confident that I know my partner is doing his job, and that no harm is going to come to me, and we're going to find what we're looking for."

Interview Highlights

Cynthia Otto, a veterinarian who tended to the health needs of working dogs at ground zero, created the Penn Vet Working Dog Center.

A scientific approach to maintaining hydration for working dogs

Cynthia Otto: "One of the big concerns that we have not only with the military dogs but also the search-and-rescue dogs from Sept. 11 and Katrina is maintaining their hydration, and so that's a project we're very actively working on at this time because these dogs are so focused on what they're doing. They're really intent, and so they're just gonna keep on doing it and they forget that they need to have a drink. And what happens is then they're more likely to get overheated, they're more likely to really get exhausted if they don't take a break. ...

"And so we're looking at different approaches to keeping them hydrated so that they can stay safe, they can work well, and that's a question that people have lots of ideas about, and no one's taken that scientific approach. And that's what we're doing."

On how dogs are trained to find the living

Otto: "With finding live people, it's very important that they're trained to very quickly identify a concealed person, and that allows them to work in an area where there are a lot of other people that are visible but aren't concealed. And those dogs typically have what we call a very active alert — they bark. It may be used in the human remains also to have an active alert, but most of them are a more passive alert, which means that they would either sit or paw to alert that there is something there. The urgency with the live find is really what's so important, because we have such limited time to be successful."

Annemarie DeAngelo: "When you're sniffing, the dogs are using their olfactories to locate a substance, whether it's explosives or narcotics. When you're making a criminal apprehension, that is when the dog is assisting the officer and he bites and holds the person until the officer gets there, or if someone is assaulting the officer, dogs are automatically trained to protect that officer. ...[The training] starts out as game of tug of war

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SOAP BOX



...something to gain!

I have said this before to individuals and to various committees... it seems to fall on deaf ears. I will say it one last time.

Approximately 25 percent of the membership is either not computer savvy...does not have a computer...or chooses not to be on a computer or on a "List". Believe it or not, we even have members who spend so much time on computers at work that they do not want to spend the time on a computer at home. All of these folks pay higher dues to receive AMSCOPE by USPS. Are these people not important? These people are being disrespected and ignored when it comes to most announcements or discussions on the List. That is wrong. Whether or not they actually read AMSCOPE is irrelevant...the point is, they have the opportunity to be in on what is happening in our beloved breed. Everything sent over the Internet should be included in AMSCOPE and in a timely manner. The membership should receive information early enough so they have time to respond or react.

Yes, there are deadlines. The deadlines are always the same....the 18th of each month (except December 16). If you've noticed, if you receive AMSCOPE via the Internet, you receive it between the 18th and 20th of each month. Members who receive it by USPS, get AMSCOPE one week later.

I publish three newsletters for three different Clubs....I have to have deadlines to be on time, to be efficient and to save each Club money. The day after an issue goes to Kinko's, the next issue is started. Anything you have that requires one or more pages should not be left until the deadline...the last minute ... that only makes sense because one cannot wait until a deadline to fill a whole newsletter. If you have an event for a Local Club, be sure to have the information available to AMSCOPE at least 2-3 months in advance so that people can plan. If you are in charge of selling something, be sure to have all the information to me as soon as you can.

So, this requires a little planning ahead for anyone in charge of an event or of selling something or discussion. Please, for the sake of the entire membership, so ALL can be informed... USE the instrument that is available to you - AMSCOPE.
Thanks! Carla

Dr. Jerold Bell Seminar

DON'T MISS the Dr Bell seminar to be held at the AMSC Host Hotel (Homewood Suites Valley Forge) on Thursday of the Montgomery County dog show weekend. Dr Bell will present a 3 hour genetic health seminar to the AMSC .

In preparation for the seminar, Dr Bell will review questions and materials forwarded by the AMSC, including a computerized pedigree database, disease information, and any information pertaining to a breed health questionnaire. Dr. Bell will contact any researchers identified by the Club to be working on health issues pertaining to the Miniature Schnauzer breed, and will explain in laymen's terms any specific facts or recommendations based on the current research. Dr Bell will also research any other disorders reported in the breed, and report his findings during the seminar.

The seminar will cover genetic diversity in the breed, the popular sire syndrome, and genetic disorders affecting the Miniature Schnauzer, with updates from conversations with any pertinent researchers. The health survey conducted by the Club will be analyzed in relation to what is seen in the field. The talk will cover the different types of genetic tests, their availability, and their proper use. It will include breed recommendations to manage different types of genetic disorders. A question and answer period will close the seminar. The presentation will be videoed and CDs will be made available. If you do not plan to attend yet want the CD please notify the Health Committee at AMSCHEALTHGROUP@yahoo.com

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and it evolves. It's a long process, but it evolves to a sleeve, and you just keep training every day until the dog will go out and make a clean apprehension."

On whether dogs have a sense of service

Otto: "I would love to think that, but I think they think it's a game. ...

"They don't care who they find. If they find somebody, they get their Frisbee; it's a game and that's what life is all about. I believe dogs have such an amazing connection with us, and I think that sometimes what it's all about for them is what they're feeling from their handler — that pride that we can give them — that feeling, just that connection, because that is important to them. But it's about the game. I don't think that they really do know that they're being so amazing and so patriotic and so helpful. They're doing what they do naturally."

Want a Well-Behaved Dog? Do More of This and Less of That

By Dr. Becker

A growing collection of recent studies is proving that positive reinforcement training of dogs is much more effective and ultimately successful than training involving dominance and punishment.

Some of the studies even demonstrated that training involving punishment actually created additional problem behaviors – certainly an outcome no dog guardian deliberately sets out to achieve.

Behavior Training That Hurts Rather Than Helps

A study titled “The importance of consistency in the training of dogs” was conducted at the University of Southampton in the UK and the University of Life Sciences in Norway. It was published in the *Journal of Veterinary Behavior: Clinical Applications and Research* in May 2007.

The purpose of the study was to determine whether punishment was a risk factor for problem behaviors, and the combined effect on obedience and specific problem behaviors of reward, punishment, attitudes and rule structure. Rule structure is defined as permissiveness vs. strictness, and consistency in applying rules.

The study showed that punishment correlates negatively with obedience and positively with training problems. Rule structure, including consistency of the owners, was associated with higher levels of obedience and less training problems.

In another study conducted at the University of Bristol in the UK and published in the September-October 2008 *Journal of Veterinary Behavior: Clinical Applications and Research*, results suggest dogs trained only with positive reinforcement exhibited fewer problem behaviors. And dogs whose owners used punishment in training were much more likely to show a fear response to other dogs.



Additional Positive Reinforcement Training Studies

· A study titled “*Behaviour of smaller and larger dogs: Effects of training methods, inconsistency of owner behaviour and level of engagement in activities with the dog*” and published in March 2010 showed that increased anxiety and fear was related to a more frequent use of punishment in smaller dogs.

The researchers concluded smaller dog owners can significantly improve obedience in their pets by being more consistent in interactions and engaging regularly in play and training activities with them. Behavioral problems could be reduced by avoiding habits of punishment that might reinforce fear or fear-related aggression.

· In a “*Survey of the use and outcome of confrontational and non-confrontational training methods in client-owned dogs showing undesired behaviors*” conducted at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine and published in early 2009, confrontational methods applied by dog owners before their pets were presented for a behavior consultation were associated with aggressive responses.

The researchers concluded it is important that owners understand the risks associated with such training methods as “hit or kick dog for undesirable behavior” ... “growl at dog” ... “physically force the release of an item from a dog’s mouth” ... “alpha roll” ... “stare at or stare [dog] down” ... “dominance down” ... “grab dog by jowls and shake.” These confrontational methods elicited an aggressive response from at least a quarter of the dogs on which they were attempted.

· In a paper published in 2004 by researchers at the University of Bristol in the UK, it was determined that in the general dog-owning population, dogs trained using punishment are no more obedient than those trained by other means, and, furthermore, they exhibit increased numbers of potentially problematic behaviors.

Because reward-based methods are associated with higher levels of obedience and fewer problematic behaviors, their use is a more effective and welfare-compatible alternative to punishment for the average dog owner.

Positive Reinforcement Dog Training in 5 Simple Steps

The goal is to use very small-sized treats (pea sized is good, and you can even use frozen peas if your dog seems to like them) and verbal praise and affection to encourage desired behaviors in your dog.

· Come up with short, preferably one-word commands for the behaviors you want to teach your pet. Examples are Come, Sit, Stay, Down, Heel, Off, etc. Make sure all members of your family consistently use exactly the same command for each behavior.

· As soon as your dog performs the desired behavior, reward him immediately with a treat and verbal praise. Do this every time he responds appropriately to a command. You want him to connect the behavior he performed with the treat. This of course means you’ll need to have treats on you whenever you give your dog commands in the beginning.

· Keep training sessions short and fun. You want your dog to associate good things with obeying your commands. You also want to use training time as an opportunity to deepen your bond with your pet.

· Gradually back off the treats and use them only intermittently once your dog has learned a new behavior. Eventually they’ll no longer be necessary, but you should always reward your dog with verbal praise whenever he obeys a command.

· Continue to use positive reinforcement to maintain the behaviors you desire. Reward-based training helps create a range of desirable behaviors in your pet, which builds mutual feelings of trust and confidence.

Bouquets & Biscuits

* **Ch.Dimension Dow’s Drop Dead Diva** (Dimension Dow’s True Blood - Ch. Regency’s Rite Of Passage) . “ Lilly “ finished her champion in four weekend and with four major wins . Several breed wins from the classes as well as breed wins over a special. She was bred by David Owen Williams , Margo Elizabeth Klingler, Susan jane and John Saunders Coulter .

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2012 Gateway Miniature Schnauzer Club's Schnauzer Day at the AKC Museum of the Dog

Schnauzer Day started at 1:30, August 12th, 2012 at the AKC Museum of the Dog. Cindy Lynch and Clay Lincoln opened by showing a video of the Club's activities and their dogs. Marilyn Bock welcomed the guest to start the day. Marilyn discussed about the AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Program plus provided handouts from AKC. She introduced Clay and Nancy Lincoln. They both introduced the crowd to the Beginning and Advanced Obedience rules and the way the trials run. With a couple of their dogs, Clay and Nancy showed how the dogs are run through the healing and recalls. It was very interesting.

Teresa Handlen talked about the importance of the grooming process. A grooming chart was available for all of the guests. Teresa Handlen also talked about fleas and the preventative measures available to fight a flea infestation on your dog. She had prevention information available for the guest to look over as well.

Marilyn Cooper gave a good understandable talk of Conformation of the Miniature Schnauzer. The crowd seemed interested.

Wendy Sheffler talked about and showed off the Giant Schnauzers. They were impressive to see.

Nancy Lincoln talked about and showed the crowd some of the jumps and weave poles for Agility. Several dogs showed off their talents. There was an Earthdog demonstration including Henry the rat.

Clay Lincoln talked about how his Miniature Schnauzers have been involved in Hospital and Nursing homes therapy.

Marilyn Bock thanked the guest for coming and spending time and seeing all the dogs. 3 gift bags were given away during the day. We estimated the crowd to be about 50 guests and members in all. The day ran very smooth. The Gateway Club had many handouts for our guests. The guests enjoyed visiting with Members and Schnauzers.



Does Your Dog Comfort You When You Cry?

By Dr. Becker

If your dog seems concerned when you cry, chances are you're not imagining things. New research indicates dogs actually respond in a unique way to human tears.

Researchers at the University of London found dogs are more apt to approach a person who is crying than one who is talking or humming. And even more interesting is that the dogs in their study¹ displayed submissive behaviors with people who were crying.

The researchers used humming because it's a relatively unique behavior the dogs probably had not been exposed to. It would be a curiosity for them and pique their interest. According to study researcher and psychologist Deborah Custance, *"The fact that the dogs differentiated between crying and humming indicates that their response to crying was not purely driven by curiosity. Rather, the crying carried greater emotional meaning for the dogs and provoked a stronger overall response than either humming or talking."*

Your Dog May Be Trying to Comfort You

Custance and Jennifer Mayer, the University of London researchers, recruited 18 dogs and their owners for their experiment. The dogs were Labrador retrievers, Golden retrievers, a few other popular breeds, and mixed breeds. The experiments were conducted in the dog owners' living rooms. Mayer would visit each home and ignore the dog so it would quickly

lose interest in her. Then she took turns with the owner talking, pretending to cry, and humming.

Of the 18 dogs, 15 approached their owner or Mayer while they were pretending to cry. Only six approached while either was humming. These results suggest it's the emotion of crying, not curiosity, that prompted the dogs to respond.

Even more fascinating is that the dogs always approached the person who was crying – not the quiet one. This seems to indicate the dogs were trying to provide comfort rather than seek it.

"The dogs approached whoever was crying regardless of their identity. Thus they were responding to the person's emotion, not their own needs, which is suggestive of empathic-like comfort-offering behavior," Mayer concluded.

Is Your Dog Showing Empathy?

Thirteen of the 15 dogs who approached the crying person displayed submissive body language, tucking their tails or bowing the heads. (The remaining two showed alert or playful behavior.)

Submission is another behavior consistent with empathy. However, the University of London research team was careful to explain their study provides no definitive answers as to whether dogs truly feel empathy. They do think their experiment paves the way for more study of the emotional lives of dogs.

Dog Thefts on the Rise

By Kelli Bender

The outbreak of unusual dognappings looks to be part of an overall rise in canine theft. According to Shine, the American Kennel Club has found the number of reported dog thefts has greatly increased. The AKC came to this conclusion by comparing the reports made over the same seven-month period in 2011 and 2010. During this period in 2011, 224 dogs were reported stolen, while in 2010 the number was only 150.

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To fight this trend, the AKC is stressing that dog owners do not leave their pets unattended in yards or outside of stores. Another option is buddying up with other dog owners to ensure there is always someone to watch your pets.

The issue isn't solely the woe of pet owners. Pet stores are seeing a rise in dog theft as well, with thieves usually working in pairs so one can distract the employee.

Officials believe that the economy is partially responsible for the increase in canine theft. Many thieves steal purebred dogs, and sell them online or demand ransoms from the owners.

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Representatives from the AKC are reminding dog owners to be on high alert. It is important to have your pets microchipped, and to keep an eye on them when out in public, especially at dog parks and stores.

6 Steps To Find The Perfect Dog Sitter

Choosing a pet sitter is a big decision. You will be leaving your beloved dog in the hands of someone else and trusting them to visit your home, feed your dog, play with him, and know what to do if there should be an emergency.

How do you find the perfect pet sitter?

There are some basic approaches to finding a good pet sitter:

1. Ask around. If you have friends or family who have used a pet sitter in the past, find out who they used and if they would recommend them. The advantage of using someone that is known to your friends and family is that this person comes with a built-in recommendation.

2. Check with your vet. Your vet sees a wide assortment of pets in your community. They also know many pet professionals. They may be able to recommend a good pet sitter. The same is true of your pet groomer and other people you see regularly for your dog's care.

3. Check bulletin boards. Many pet sitters advertise on the bulletin boards at vet offices, pet groomers' shops, dog supply stores and other pet-related businesses. This is a good way to make a connection with a pet sitter but it does not provide you with a recommendation about the pet sitter's abilities.

4. Check your phone book for local pet sitters.

5. Check online for local pet sitters. Superpages.com often lists pet sitters (and other pet professionals) in local areas.

6. You can check with Professional United Pet Sitters, the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters, and Pet Sitters International to find professional pet sitters in your area. Simply type in your area code or other information about your locality and they should be able to offer suggestions.

Once you have found some likely pet sitting candidates there are some things you should ask them before you hire them. You need to discuss the following subjects with your potential pet sitters:

- 1- Is the pet sitter insured?
- 2- Can they provide references?
- 3- You should check with other local pet professional businesses in your area to find out about the pet sitters reputation.
- 4- You should ask to see the contract for pet sitting services.
- 5- Make sure that you understand the costs and what services are included.
- 6- Ask the pet sitter about their pet education and if they have and

certification or accreditation.

7- Do they know first aid for pets?

-8 Do they belong to any professional organizations such as a professional pet sitting group or other pet care group?

9- Is there a backup plan in case the pet sitter has a personal emergency? Who will take care of your dog?

10- Is the pet sitter properly licensed? You should also ask questions about how the pet sitter interacts with your particular dog. Have they cared for a Miniature Schnauzer before? Do they know how to care for them? How many times per day will they be coming to your house? Will they be staying at your house?

And so on. Make sure you cover all of the details of their care of your dog, especially if your dog has any special needs.

Whew! It's a lot of information to cover but you will be gone and you will be asking someone else to take care of your dog — you can't be too careful. You should interview a pet sitter just as you would interview a baby sitter or anyone applying for an important job. It's best if you start trying to find a pet sitter far in advance. Not only will it take you some time to choose a pet sitter but good pet sitters can be hard to find. Good pet sitters can book up early.

If you follow these suggestions you should be able to find a good pet sitter in your area. Make sure you have several phone numbers so you can reach them at various times.

No matter how much confidence you have in them you will probably want to check in frequently.



I'm a great dog sitter!

OFA offers ECR

The OFA is pleased to announce a new Eye Certification Registry (ECR). The new ECR is a joint effort between the OFA and the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) and has the full endorsement of the ACVO and their member Diplomates. The addition of eye examination results to the OFA database will unquestionably make the OFA the most complete resource of canine health screening results in the world and enhance this important toolset for responsible breeders to make more informed breeding decisions in an effort to reduce the incidence of inherited disease.

The new OFA Eye Certification Registry will be available as of November 1, 2012. Transition to this new registry should be seamless for both owners and examining ophthalmologists:

"EXAMS - There will be no changes to the existing exam protocols. The standard exam process will still be conducted by ACVO Diplomates assessing dogs for the presence or absence of observable hereditary eye disease.

"RESULTS - There will be no changes to the interpretation or classification of the exam results.

Dogs with normal eye exams will receive OFA eye clearance numbers similar to the OFA numbers issued for hips, elbows, cardiac, etc. Dogs with observable, but passing conditions (currently known as Breeder Option Codes), will be issued notated OFA eye clearance numbers. Dogs with observed eye diseases of significance will be reported as ineligible for eye clearance numbers. A complete list of Breeder Option Codes and Ineligible Categories will be available on the OFA website soon.

"FORMS - All active ACVO Diplomates will receive the new OFA exam forms by mid-October in advance of the transition. The forms will be similar in format to the exam forms currently in use.

"VALID PERIOD - OFA eye certification numbers will be considered valid for one year from the time of the exam.

"FEES - Fees for both initial submissions (\$12) and resubmits (\$8) of passing results for eye certifications will remain the same with one change. In order to maximize the benefits to breeders it is important to encourage owners to share all exam data, both normal and non-passing results. To that end, there is no charge to owners to submit non-passing results to the database if they authorize open disclosure.

"ONLINE ACCESS - All normal/passing eye exam results submitted to the OFA will be available on the OFA's website. Non-passing results will be available on the OFA

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Lisa Martin has had Miniature Schnauzers since 1979. She does list herself as a breeder, but with very limited breeding. She has produced 7 litters over the past 26 years. She is involved in Conformation, agility, obedience, and rally since before it became an official AKC sport. She is also a volunteer with Therapy Dogs International. She attends from 1-12 events each year. She is also a member of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan and helps out with the Ways and Means committee. She is a clinical/social worker. Her areas of interest are Obedience and agility.

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website if the owner authorizes disclosure.

" AKC - OFA eye certification numbers will be shared with the AKC for inclusion on their registration and pedigree documents if the dog was permanently identified via microchip or tattoo AND the id was verified by the ophthalmologist at the time of the exam.

" STATISTICAL DATA COLLECTION - Regardless of whether the owner opts to register eye exam results with the OFA, the examining ophthalmologist will submit the results for statistical purposes to monitor disease prevalence and progression at the breed level. Working with the ACVO Genetics Committee, the OFA will make aggregate statistics available to ACVO Diplomates, breed clubs, and the public.

In addition to the new Eye Certification Registry (ECR), the OFA is working with the ACVO to establish a new Clinical Database of Ophthalmic Diagnoses (CDOD). Recognizing that the ECR represents a biased population of primarily normal dogs, the CDOD will capture additional data regarding disease prevalence for those dogs presenting to private and institutional practices for reasons other than a certification exam.

Together, the OFA's new ECR and CDOD will be important tools to monitor canine inherited eye conditions and reduce their incidence.

As a not-for-profit organization, a portion of the proceeds from all OFA eye registrations will be donated to the ACVO Vision for Animals Foundation to support research leading to the elimination of ocular diseases causing vision loss and suffering in animals. In keeping with the OFA's existing policy to support canine health research grants, these donations will be in addition to grants supported through the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the Morris Animal Foundation.

Please refer back to the OFA website in the coming weeks as more details become available. If your club has any questions in the interim, please contact the OFA's Chief Operating Officer, Eddie Dziuk, at edziuk@offa.org



here's a great and healthy treat for the dogs....YUMMY!

Dried Sweet Potatoes or Yams

Cut the potatoes any way you'd like. I prefer to cut them like thicker french fries. Place the cut potatoes on a rack in 250 degree oven and let them dry until totally hard. (about 2 hours)

YUM...dogs love them!

FLEECE VESTS

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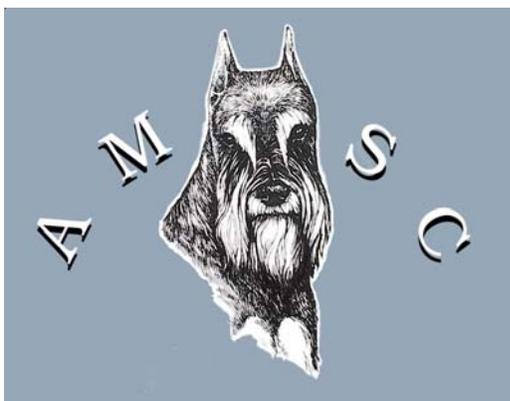
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These high quality polar fleece vests have the new logo embroidered on the left side of the vest. They come in men's sizes in two colors-royal blue and light grey. The women's sizes come in two colors-raspberry and heather.

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new logo on floor mats and vests

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stone, red or royal

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