



Volunteer Update

December 2006

ABCs of dog training:

Q is for "QUIET!"

There are many different reasons why dogs bark excessively. Sometimes we use a barking collar to control barking, but this is not often necessary.



A dog will often bark to attract attention when they are lonely or bored, or they are overly sensitive to every movement or sound. It is possible that your dog has learned to bark as a means to get your attention. If he barks and you yell, "Stop Barking!", he learns it's a way to get attention.

It is necessary to keep three objectives in mind when attempting to correct inappropriate/excessive barking. First, determine which situations provoke the barking—always tell ADAI if you think the situation is making your dog fearful. Secondly, reduce the number of barks when they do begin barking; and finally, increase the duration of the quiet times between barking sessions. Remember, it is OK for a dog to briefly bark a greeting when you return home or "sound the alarm" when he sees something unusual.

Do not physically punish your dog for barking. Praise your dog when he is not barking. As your dog is lying around quietly, say, "Good Dog!" After the third or fourth alarm bark, say, "QUIET" in a firm but not yelling voice. Then give him a command you know you can enforce and reward to get his mind off what he's barking at and back to focusing on you.

If your dog barks after you leave home, change the way you leave. Try to act unemotional, say "Bye-bye" and walk out. Leave your house for a short while and then quietly return. If he's not barking, give him lots of praise. If he is barking, verbally reprimand him and leave again. Be consistent and persistent with your training and your dog will reduce his barking in no time.

If you should need help working with any barking problems, call Kali Kosch at 419-825-3622.

In the Spotlight:



March of the Dogs: Volunteers dressed in holiday cheer and shared the joy (plus candy canes and dog bones!) of Assistance Dogs at the Perrysburg Holiday Parade on Nov. 26.

Thanks to those who joined us: Judy Holdridge, Karen and Greg Bade, Frank Cody, Natalie and Clyde Givens, Judy and Ted Eckel, Katie and Julie Eagle, Ann and Matt Studer, Chris Diethenthaler, Karen Gallaway, Deb Kelley, and Rich Douglas.

HOLIDAY WISHES...

ADAI welcomes gifts for our program and our furry friends! Please feel free to share our Wish List with anyone looking to give to a good cause this year:

- Monetary donations
- Gift certificates, gift cards (pet stores, restaurants, etc.)
- New, dog-safe toys for our prison program
- Rope toys, tug toys and Nylabones (original/wolf size)
- Rugs, mats or dog beds for "place" training
- Laundry detergent
- Large wire-style crates
- Baby shampoo and conditioner
- Kongs (medium and large)
- Biscuits and treats
- Peanut Butter
- Paper Towels
- Towels
- Folding Card Table
- Bar stools for our kitchen



Anyone wishing to donate can contact Karen at 419-825-3622.

Training Tip: Fosters, work on having your dogs in a crate while you're home (without barking). It's important to crate your dog while you're home as well as when you leave.

Thank you to all of our volunteers. You are the heart of our program!

Foster Class Schedule



Please remember that if you are unable to make a foster class, schedule a private lesson with Kali or Joanna by calling 419-825-3622.

Jan. 6: Beginner—9 a.m.
Puppy 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 13: Intermediate 9 a.m.

Feb. 3: Beginner—9 a.m.
Puppy 10:30 a.m.

Feb. 10: Intermediate 9 a.m.

March 3: Beginner—9 a.m.
Puppy 10:30 a.m.

March 10: Intermediate 9 a.m.

Mark your calendar..

- ClickerExpo, March 23-25 in Cleveland, will feature 50 classes, trainers and hands-on "learning labs" to learn the latest and greatest in clicker training. For more information on how you could attend, contact Karen at 419-825-3622 or visit www.clickerexpo.com.
- Look For the "Pet Parade" coming up through Moto-Photo. The event will allow you to receive a free 5x7 with a \$10 donation. Proceeds will benefit ADAI.

Volunteers of the Month!

Congratulations to our Volunteers of the Month. ADAI would like to recognize the following volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

Gary Gray
November

Margo, Katie and Lauren Eagle
December

Graduation Day!!



Our Fall Graduation was a large class, with both service and therapy dogs. ADAI would like to thank all who had a part in pairing these special dogs with their new loving homes!

Dixie is a therapy dog for Bigelow Hill School, Findlay. Dixie came from the Lucas County Dog Pound, and was fostered by Paul Johnson.



Sable is a therapy dog for Jacob Lee of Swanton. Sable was donated by Jane Miller and fostered by Gail Pigford and Carolyn Huston.



Murray is a service dog for Carol Goldsmith of Wauseon, OH. Murray was donated by Lynn Aston and fostered by Jenna Badenhop.



Mercedes is a therapy dog for Mariah Metzger of Ft. Jennings, OH. Mercedes was donated by Larry and Julie Lowry and fostered by Larry and Julie as well as Frank and Brenda Cody.



Cassidy is a service dog for Rick Ramsey of Ft. Wayne, Ind. Cassidy was donated by Tamara Black and fostered by Barbara Ross and Stephanie Millsap.



Bree is a service dog for Matt Burford of Gahanna, OH. Bree was donated by James O'Quinn and fostered by Robert McClelland and Jennifer Micham.



Teddy is a service dog for Sandy Sundermeier of Bowling Green, OH. Teddy was acquired from the Toledo Humane Society and was fostered by Gloria Beck and Bridget Clay.



Prison Puppy Update

After the holidays, most of our “puppies” will leave the prison and go into foster homes for their second year of training.

- Jazzy was trained by inmate Lee Vogel-song. She was evaluated for her 1-year temperament, hips and elbows and passed. Megan Barrett is now fostering her for her second year of training.
- Belle is trained by inmate Lance Kolb. She recently passed her evaluations and will be going to Joan Bishop in January.
- Scarlet is trained by inmate Julius Burch. She also recently passed her 1-year evaluations. She will need a second year foster home.
- Jay is trained by inmate Tim Riley. He passed his evaluations and will go to a second year foster home in January.
- Carson is trained by inmate Joe Nabin-ger. He will stay in the program until January, when he will undergo his evaluations.
- Truman, our newest recruit, is trained by inmate Paul Solniak. He will stay in the program until June.

Anyone interested in serving as a foster for our prison pups can call Kali Kosch at 419-825-3622.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

ADAI's furlough volunteers take the prison pups for a week each month to accustom them to a home environment and take them on outings. We are always looking for new volunteers for long-term and short-term stays. ADAI will be providing several trainings this year for those who want to be a part of this program. If you are interested, please contact Myndi Milliken at 419-825-3622.

THANKS TO OUR FURLOUGH VOLUNTEERS:

Thank you to our current furlough volunteers: Douglas and Judy Holdridge (Carson), Mark and Charlene Turner (Truman), Jill Kinsel and family (Scarlet), and Rebecca Shultz (Belle).

Meet the Foster: Katie and Steve Stygles

Katie and Steve Stygles, of Toledo, are first time fosters for ADAI. They are currently fostering Amber, who will return in January for final training. Photo is of Katie with Amber at the Toledo Zoo.

Holiday Etiquette for Dogs

- Be especially patient with your humans at this time. They will appreciate long comforting dog leans.
- They will come home with large bags of gifts—do not assume they are all yours.
- Be tolerant if humans put decorations on you. They seem to get pleasure out of fake antlers.
- They may bring a large tree in the house and cover it with lights and decorations. Don't pee on the tree; don't drink the water in the container that holds the tree; mind your tail; don't rip open the packages; don't chew on the cord.
- Strangers might come over to visit. Not all of them will appreciate kisses and leans; beg subtly but don't eat off the table; don't drink out of glasses left within your reach.



MANY THANKS...

- December's BOW WOW BASH at Joe and Patti Jo Fantozz's home was amazing! Thanks to everyone who came—the dollars raised will help our continuing programs. Thank you to the Fantozz family for opening their lovely home!
- A big Thank You to our volunteers who treated our staff to a party. You made us feel special—we can't express how much you mean to us! Thank you to Kim Hanson, Sue Rakes, Dawn Sheater, Karen Galloway, Jill Kinsel, Jan Quail, Rich Douglas, Ted and Judy Eckel, Frank and Brenda Cody, Judy Holdridge, Nathalee and Clyde Givens, Patti Jo Fantozz, Scott and Stephanie Millsap, and Karen and Greg Bade for the lunch and gifts!



8806 State Route 64
Swanton, Ohio 43558
419-825-3622



Happy Holidays!

SNAPSHOT...



"Happy Holidays"

ADAI's Puppy Prison Program dogs-in-training: (L-R) Belle, Jay, Truman, Scarlet, and Carson pose for a holiday photo. Thanks to Prison School Administrator Linda Meeks for this photo!

Fosters! Send your photos to us for the newsletter!
mmilliken@adai.org



**Our
Speaker's
Bureau
needs you!**

ADAI is working to form a speaker's bureau—a group of trained volunteers who will make public presentations to community groups. By sharing the new ADAI video, information and personal accounts of the work our organization does, we can help bring more people closer to our mission and foster support.

If you would like to become part of this initiative, please contact ADAI at 419-825-3622.