



Teen offenders learn life lessons by training dogs



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A resident of Echo Glen Children's Center in Snoqualmie, a juvenile-rehabilitation facility, nuzzles with the dog she trained before it is adopted out.

Canine Connections

The tears came quickly, in private.

And no one was more surprised than Teal herself. Her friends back home might laugh if they saw her now, all broken up over a goofy Labrador retriever.

But this dog, Vale, meant something. In a way, he'd become a reflection of her.

Teal, 15, hadn't expected the hurt to hit so deeply when she signed up last fall for Canine Connections, a program at Echo Glen Children's Center in Snoqualmie, a juvenile-rehabilitation facility.

The class was created in 2000 to build compassion and self-esteem in the teenagers. Every eight weeks, dogs that were on "death row" arrive at Echo Glen from area shelters. Many are skittish and ill-mannered with no basic obedience skills.

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Next Meeting

The next club meeting is planned for Sat Feb 16th, 11:30 at the Sizzler's in Southcenter.



President's Day is the 18th

It's COLD Outside!

Make sure you are protecting your pets from the harsh weather.

Did you know your dogs feet can get frostbite?

*Coats and booties can help your dog stay warm.

*Be careful with sick, elderly and puppies, they are more sensitive to the cold weather.

*Lime rock salt and calcium chloride salt can irritate the foot pads and cause vomiting and diarrhea when licked. Dunk feet in a bowl of water to clean and then wipe dry.

More tips at the ASPCA website.

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In Loving Memory of Buttercup



NEW TITLE ACHIEVED

"Chloe" aka "MarJan's Lil Ms Rhythm N' Blues, earned her Rally Advanced Title at the Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers KC show, in Puyallup, WA on Sunday, January 13, 2008. She has done remarkably well.....her scores have been

Novice A

80 points

98 points 4th in her class

87 points

Advanced A

91 points 2nd in her class

93 points 4th in her class

95 points 3rd in her class

She is owned and handled by Sandra Kittelson of Tacoma, Wa.,

Trainer is Helen Dorhmann of Paws Abilities, Seattle, WA.

"Chloe" is a daughter of Dillon and Penny.

They are planning on competing in Rally Excellent in the future.

We are very proud of both of them!!!

Marge and Janice



January was a sad month at both the Krogstadt and Bakken households. Our beloved "Buttercup" aka CH BAKKEN'S BUTTERCUP OF GOLD, CD,JH,CGC left us to cross the Rainbow Bridge. She was 13yrs, 10 months young, active to the end, like her mom, Bess. Butter was always special. She always had to put her special "twist" on everything she did. When training at Paul Shoemaker's she would mark a bird 100 yds away, and then take the most indirect way to it. Every time she did the same mark, she would go to it the same way. It was amazing to watch. When we were going after her CD title, we took her to the Portland show. I entered her in two shows, hoping she'd get the one leg she needed to title. Before we entered the ring I told her if she qualified, she'd never have to go back in. She qualified with a very good score, for her. So, on the second day, I decided to take her in anyway, even though we had "our" agreement. Well, she was doing perfectly!!! She had never been soooooo great! I was so excited, geez, maybe she'll place, WOW! The judge sets us up for the recall. Sit, Stay...I walk across the ring, I turn, I call her.....She comes, faster than usual, she sits, a perfect frontJUST OUT OF REACH!!!! AAAARRRRGGGGGGGGG!!!!!! she smiles....The judge says, "finish you dog" with a sigh...she does a perfect finish...We are disqualified. Now for those of you who have never competed in Obedience, on the "recall" your dog must sit in front WITHIN ARMS LENGTH, you must be able to touch them. Butter showed me, Never make a promise you don't plan to keep. Butters last summer was spent "on vacation" at Marge and Tom's house. We had Charli at the house to have puppies and had too many dogs. I want to thank Marge and Tom for making her last summer so great for her. She got to retrieve bumpers almost everyday, cookies or pig ears every nite, grass, more grass and following Tom around while he cuts the grass, hoping, just maybe.... for another bumper. We miss you, Butter..say Hi to Belle and all the others that went before...Janice, Dean, Jonathan and Megan Krogstadt, Marge and Tom Bakken.

She first started showing signs of being a fierce and loyal friend as a pup, where she beat out the rest of the litter for our hearts. When she was a pup she was known as ButterBall, and when she was in trouble she was ButterButt. As she grew, the family grew closer. From her relentless need to retrieve to her fearless guardianship over those she loved, we couldn't have ever asked for a better dog and friend. We rejoice now that she no longer feels the aches and pains of her ailments and is now giving the powers that be Hell with her forever want to get those birds. Attested by: Megan A. Krogstadt

(A picture of Butter was unavailable at this time, look for one in a future issue.)

Letter from the Editor

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Michelle Voss and I am a first time Chessie owner as of April 2007. I am a stay at home Mom right now, but I am a Licensed Veterinary Technician and did work full time in the field for 5 years before the birth of my first child. I volunteer at Point Defiance Zoo in the Health Care area. It is very interesting working with exotic animals. I plan to work again part-time when my son, Morgan, enters Kindergarten. We all live in beautiful Gig Harbor, WA. It is just across the Narrows Bridge from Tacoma. Here is a picture from a perfect day in Gig Harbor.



My lovely girl is "Cle Elum Mist of Puget Sound", Mistee, born on February 9, 2007. I have been interested in Chesapeakes for about 9 years, but due to Marriage (husband Matt) and having 2 kids (Megan 7 & Morgan 3), getting my dream puppy just wasn't a good idea until about 2 years ago when I started researching breeders. I feel lucky to have found Stephanie Hansen, and her planned litter with Callie and Dillon looked like a great match so I took the plunge and reserved a puppy. I am extremely happy with Mistee, she is a really good representation of the breed. My plans are to Conformation, Obedience and Rally Show her. I am a beginner at this so it has been very interesting. I am also looking into learning more about Hunt and Field Tests she is just crazy about retrieving. I look forward to getting to know all the members at the events throughout the year. I am excited about being an active member of the Evergreen Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club, with everyone's help, we will make it a fun adventure for you and your brown dogs.



Evergreen Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club Calendar

MARCH:

Prepare paperwork for the AKC concerning the sanctioned A/O match on the Saturday of the Sammamish KC show, and to notify them of our intent of supporting the entries at their Sunday show.

APRIL:

Notify Whidbey Island KC of our intent to support both days of their show.

MAY:

JUNE:

Choose the nominating committee for the election in August.
Deadline for photo contest for the calendar.

JULY:

Sanctioned A/O match at the Sammamish KC show.

AUGUST:

Voting for new officers and board members in the club. Nisqually KC shows. Voting on the calendar

SEPTEMBER:

Start selling calendars.

OCTOBER:

October fest fun day.
Sell calendars.

NOVEMBER:

Whidbey Island KC Shows.

DECEMBER:

No meeting this month.

This is a "Tentative" Calendar and changes/additions are always welcome. Please contact Marge Bakken at margescbrs@msn.com.

The "Good To Have" Information Page

Dogs For Stud

Zydeco

CH Silvercreek Zydeco Cha Cha
 OFA, EL, CERF, PRA A Parents
 (CH Chestnut Hills Coca Kele x
 Am/Can/PR/World CH Silvercreek
 I Love Lucy JH WD)

Zydeco is our only I Love Lucy son that is now producing. He has an outstanding temperament and trainability. Zydeco will be spot speialed. He is a proven stud with puppies that are young but all doing fantastic. Photo on website. Fresh semen available. Stud Fee \$800. Contact Joanne Silver, Silvercreek Chesapeake, silverck@carroll.com, www.silvercreekcbr.com

Archie

BISS Am/Can

CH Silvercreek All In The Family
 OFA, EL, CERF, PRA A parents
 (BI S Am/Can CH Silvercreek
 Remington Steele JH WD x
 Am/Can CH Silvercreek
 Moonlighting CGC)

Archie is our new young stud dog and specials dog. Archie is a proven stud, has an excellent temperament, wonderful working ability, and a truly all around fun dog. Photo on website. Stud Fee \$800. Contact Joanne Silver, Silvercreek Chesapeake, silverck@carroll.com, www.silvercreekcbr.com

Dog For Stud

CH Krogstadt's Victory at Sea, JH

(AM/CAN/I nt CH Silvercreek **Gunsmoke x Krogstadt's Uniquely** Charli - 14 pnts towards CH including both majors) OFA-Good Elbows-Normal Eyes-Clear.

Available for stud \$650 first service, \$700 thereafter.

Please contact Jan Krogstadt (breeder/agent) at 206-431-8088 cbrjanicek@comcast.net. Approved bitches only.



Cle Elum Chesapeakes

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Dog For Stud

Dillon

BISS CAN/AM/INT

CH Silvercreek Gunsmoke RA, CGC (CH Quail Ridge's Chesbar Makin Traxx x CH Silvercreek I Dream of Jeannie)

Hips good. Elbows normal thru OFA, eyes cleared by CERF. Negative Brucellosis test required also health clearances. Frozen and fresh chilled semen now available . Current stud fee \$750.00 Two live puppies guaranteed.
 Contact: Marge Bakken (253) 539-5995 or margescbrs@msn.com

Dog For Stud

Boone

CH MarJan's Thirsty Boots WD
 INT CH Sandy Oaks Rainbow Rider
UD NA NAJ JH x CH Krogstadt's
Peake Pinache' CD

Hips good by OFA, eyes clear by CERF. Negative Brucellosis test and health clearances required . Frozen and fresh chilled semen will be available at a later date. Two live puppies guaranteed.
 Stud Fee \$750
 Contact: Stephanie Hansen
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Chessie Health Page PRA: Progressive Retinal Atrophy

What is PRA?

PRA stands for Progressive Retinal Atrophy. It is an inherited eye disorder found in Chesapeakes and many other breeds. Chesapeakes are affected by *prcd*-PRA, progressive rod-cone degeneration, and has a late onset, usually appearing at 4 to 7 years of age. The genetic disorder, *prcd*-PRA, causes cells in the retina at the back of the eye to degenerate and die, even though the cells seem to develop normally early in life.

The "rod" cells operate in low light levels and are the first to lose normal function. Night blindness results. Then the "cone" cells gradually lose their normal function in full light situations. Most affected dogs will eventually be blind. Diagnosis of retinal disease can be difficult. Conditions that seem to be *prcd*-PRA might instead be another disease and might not be inherited. OptiGen's genetic test assists in making the diagnosis. It's important to remember that not all retinal disease is PRA and not all PRA is the *prcd* form of PRA. Annual eye exams by a veterinary ophthalmologist will build a history of eye health that will help to diagnose disease. Unfortunately, at this time there is no treatment or cure for PRA.

Inheritance & Testing

Prcd-PRA is inherited as a recessive trait. This means a disease gene must be inherited from each parent in order to cause disease in an offspring. Parents **were either "carrier" or affected.**

A carrier has one disease gene and one normal gene. A normal dog has no disease gene - both copies of the gene are the same. And a dog with two disease genes is affected - both copies of the gene are abnormal. Although *prcd*-PRA is inherited, it can be avoided in future generations by testing dogs before breeding. Identification of dogs that do not carry disease genes is the key. The OptiGen *prcd* test is done on a small sample of blood from the dog. The test analyzes the specific DNA mutation causing *prcd*-PRA and detects the mutant, abnormal gene copy and the normal gene copy. The result of the test is a genotype and allows separation of dogs into three groups: Normal/Clear (homozygous normal), Carrier (heterozygous) and Affected (homozygous mutant).

Benefits of Testing

The benefits of genetic disease testing are clear. With informed breeding practices, breeders immediately can avoid producing affected pups, yet use any dog in

their program regardless of genetic disease status. And since genetic testing can be done at any **age, each dog's genetic status can be known before clinical disease signs are recognized.** Over several generations of selection away from the disease gene, breeders can even eliminate a disease gene completely from their line. The table at the bottom highlights all the desirable breedings that include at least one Normal/Clear parent. All other breedings are at risk of producing Affected pups with an extremely high probability of developing *prcd* during their lifetime. However, all dogs can be bred safely. It isn't necessary - or even desirable - to remove dogs from the breeding population. But when choosing pups to retain as potential breeding stock, it is important to select for Normal/Clear dogs and select against Affected dogs. There is more great info on the ACC website.

*Most info from the OptiGen website.

Expected results for breeding strategies using the OptiGen *prcd* test

Parent 1 Status	Parent 2 Status		
	Normal / Clear	Carrier	Affected
Normal / Clear	All = Normal/Clear	1/2 = Normal/Clear 1/2 = Carrier	All = Carrier
Carrier	1/2 = Normal/Clear 1/2 = Carrier	1/4 = Normal/Clear 1/2 = Carrier 1/4 = Affected	1/2 = Carrier 1/2 = Affected
Affected	All = Carrier	1/2 = Carrier 1/2 = Affected	All = Affected

Optigen Discount Testing will be available again late Summer or Fall.

Secretaries Report

January Meeting Minutes

NOTES FROM THE LAST ECBRC MEETING, JANUARY 12, 2008

8 members present and 1 guest

A vote was taken by the members present to accept Robert (Bob) Smith as our new President of the Club, and to have Marge Bakken take back the job of Secretary of the Club. Marge informed the group, that Michelle Voss has agreed to become the Asst. Secretary to the Club, so that in time she can take the job over. We as a Club have much to be proud of, we have members who think what is best for the Club instead of their own self gain.

Secretary's report: An email was sent to Betsy Humer of the ACC of the Shows that we are supporting this year.....a total of 6.....she will be putting this info into the ACC Bulletin.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$905.60 Savings \$807.00 (\$200.00 of this is put aside for Field Events)

Committee's Report:

Sanctioned A/O Match.....the secretary will put into the AKC to hold it on August 23, 2008 at the Samamish KC Grounds.....we would also support the entry for the next days Show. It was decided to have another Barbecue, hopefully Matt Brown will bring his Barbecue like last year, plus other members have canopies in case it rains. So it will be a potluck barbecue. We need to find a Breed Judge.....Helen Dorhmann who did Obedience/Rally last year has agreed to do it again this year. We will discuss this more, at the next meeting.....perhaps we could get a committee together to work on this.

Old Business:

Calendars.....Secretary had some quotes from different companies, but will investigate further. Club's business cards.....it was agreed to buy Marge's cousin Linda some card stock and a ink cartridge and print new ones up with just the logo, name of the club and the ECBRC website address. No phone numbers.

New Business: The Seattle KC has invited the ECBRC to do a Breed commentary at their Shows, March 8th and 9th, 2008. We will be needing a table, perhaps a banner with our name on it, Janice Krogstadt thought she could come up with one.....we will have to have different dogs there to show people, we will talk about the Breed, etc. We could pass out the same type of material that we used for Sirius Dog Seminar that we participated in last Spring. We need to do more of these educational events, it will help us with the AKC in getting our Sanctioned A status.

Next Meeting at the Sizzler Restaurant at South Center February 16, 2008 at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Marge Bakken

Teen Offenders Cont.....

The unwanted dogs are each paired with a teenager. The teens — all juvenile offenders sent to Echo Glen for crimes ranging from drug possession to murder — learn how to train the dogs and, in the process, absorb critical life lessons.

"I call it the four P's: praise, persistence, patience and practice," said Jo Simpson, director of the program. "It's not about overpowering or being angry to get what you need."

The "handlers," as the youths are called, are there to help the dogs heal from abuse, abandonment and trauma and turn them into adoptable pets, Simpson said. It's all done through positive reinforcement — namely, praise and lots of dog treats. But it's also about building a bond. Sometimes, a handler will sit alongside a dog for hours, petting the animal and reading aloud books, just to gain that trust. When it happens, the sense of accomplishment is huge, officials say.

"I've never seen a treatment program have the impact that this does," said Patti Berntsen, associate superintendent, who has worked at Echo Glen for 28 years. "There are some very sick kids here, kids that have mental-health issues and are violent. But you can see a behavioral change after they work with the dogs. They feel like they can't just give up on them."

Teal was paired with Vale in September. The laid-back yellow Lab was bred to be a service companion but ended up at Echo Glen after it became apparent that wasn't his calling.

"At first I couldn't stand him, because he wouldn't listen," Teal said. "I said, 'Oh my God, what am I going to do?' But then I knew that if I quit on him, I'd be like everyone else."

She saw herself in the dogs who wound up here — alone, hurt, distrustful. She'd spent her life in and out of trouble and landed at the center after being sentenced for alcohol possession, robbery and assault charges, she said.

She wanted to join Canine Connections because she had two dogs at home she missed a lot, she said. It's considered a privilege to be part of the class; juveniles must be recommended by instructors to get in.

The learning curve, Teal soon discovered, was steep. Vale was used to being trained by another handler, Jasmine, so he didn't show Teal much respect at first.

When Teal gave a command, something as basic as "sit," he'd stare back with these eyes as if saying, "Yeah, right."

Over the weeks, they became quite the pair. Best buddies, even.

"It's hard to resist him," she said. "He knows how to manipulate with these eyes." She was his teacher, but he taught her more, she said.

"The dogs, when they first get here, they think it's all about them," she said. "Like, they don't need your help. They want to be the boss. Then they realize, 'Hey, maybe this kid really does want to help me. And maybe if I listen, I'll get rewarded.' "

She drew a parallel: Like the social workers assigned to her, this dog was *her* caseload. Now she understood how the staff at Echo Glen felt, why they so much wanted her to succeed.

Graduation day arrives at the end of each session. The dogs take a group test where they show off their skills and leave with their new owners. On Dec. 18, Teal prepared for Vale to shine.

The eight handlers and their dogs assembled in a circle inside the gym. A judge was on hand to score them. Simpson gave her students some last-minute advice.

"Remember, your dog does not know he's taking a test," she said. "If he did, he'd be perfect for you. So hold your leash correctly. Ready? OK, forward."

The handlers and their dogs walk in a circle until they are told to stop. They ask their dogs to sit. Lie down. Come. In the end, all the dogs passed with flying colors. One, a German shepherd mix puppy named Zeppelin, earned the "Best Dog" award and Jasmine won a ribbon for training her.

Afterward, Teal briefed Vale's new family on all of his quirks, habits, and medical history. Jasmine joined because she'd also help train Vale.

"He's housebroken and good with children," Teal started.

"But if there's food on the floor, he'll eat it," Jasmine broke in.

"He'll bark at the door if someone comes over," Teal said. "That's just his way of asking 'Who's there?'"

"And he'll growl if that person doesn't pet him," Jasmine added.

The owners thanked them for their hard work, and Teal kissed Vale one last time before watching him trot off into his new life.

Vale was a temporary guest at Echo Glen, just like she is, she said. She, too, someday will leave behind all the people who helped her.

No use being sad about it for too long, she said. New dogs were coming in January.

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The nonprofit program is run through Echo Glen Children's Center in Snoqualmie. The dogs need food, bowls, treats, leashes/training collars and grooming supplies. For more information on adoption and donations, call 425-831-2717 or visit www.petfinder.com/shelters/WA23.html



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