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I am including a picture from the SEKC and TDI 200 joint demonstration event at the Inn on Westport.

Dino (Carol) put on a magnificent obedience demonstration, including skills from many obedience categories. Dino was very impressive and receive applause on everything he did. Tully (Debbie), Taffy (Abby), and Kayle (Beth) also demonstrated some tricks. Shep (Cindy) and Micah (Mary) were there as TDI dogs, and all dogs interacted with a very interested and appreciative crowd of about 25 residents. It was a successful event, and the activities coordinator was pleased that we came. The idea of a demonstration with a high-performance obedience dog and supportive interaction with the audience by TDI dogs ended up to be a great combination.



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Obedience trial wrap up

Well another year of the summer obedience trial is in the books. The numbers were down this year but in talking with our trial secretary the numbers have been down at a lot of the other trials as well.

Thank you to our wonderful judges Phil and Cindy Rustad for keeping things moving along we had several dogs score in in the upper 190's and on Sunday we had a perfect 200 under Phil. It was a well-earned score I don't believe I have ever seen Phil give a 200 before. Thank you to all the club members that came out and stewarded over the weekend we can't hold these trials without your help. I would also like to thank my committee for all their hard work and for putting up with me Jackie Potter is my assistant Grace Boyce is the chief Ring Steward Dee Isakson is the trophy chair and Nickie Johnson is the hospitality chair. Thank you to Kristine Hurst for running the Rally Challenge Rev and I for one had a blast, also new this year was an NQ raffle that was a big hit/

I have heard nothing but positive comments on our trial. over the next month or so I will be sitting down with Mert Kramer and going over the financials and meeting with the board and my committee and will determine what to do with the trial moving forward.

Thanks to all the members that support the trial. I am always looking for feedback my email is springridge01@gmail.com

Brian Schaffer

Trial Chairman summer obedience trial

THANK YOU . . .

To all the club members who practiced at Friday evening run-throughs right before the July Trial. Fun to watch many of you reap rewards of your hard work practicing with your dogs and then placing and earning title ribbons at show. Congratulations! Carol Everetts

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Why Do Dogs Lick?

Liz Donovan, AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

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You may appreciate the slobbery greeting your dog gives you upon your return from work each day, but do you ever wonder the reason behind it? Dogs lick their owners, other dogs, and themselves for a variety of reasons ranging from love and submission to a possible medical condition. Following are common reasons your dog might be offering up canine kisses.

Why Dogs Lick People, Other Dogs, and Themselves

You taste good

It seems gross to us, but our sweaty, salty skin can be intriguing to dogs, who tend to explore the world with their mouths and are comforted by the scent of their caring owners. It's the same reason they often [steal our socks and underwear](#). This, combined with the resulting attention and endorphins described below, makes smooches both tasty and rewarding for our pets.

They're "rewarded" for it

Think back to the last time your dog licked you and how you responded? Did you reach down and give him a scratch? Offer him food? Say something to him (even if it's something like, "Stop licking me, would you?!")? All of these actions are forms of [positive reinforcement](#)—showing your dog that licking you will get some form of attention, thereby encouraging him to continue the behavior in the future. Also, when a dog licks, it releases endorphins (the "feel good" hormone), which adds to the reward.

To show submission

Your dog might be licking to show submission, especially if he's [licking another dog's muzzle](#). According to former [AKC Family Dog](#) columnist and veterinarian Nicholas Dodman, wild puppies lick their mother's mouth as a signal for her to regurgitate the meat she's hunted and as a way of demonstrating subordination. It makes sense, then, that domesticated dogs use this instinctual behavior when interacting with other dogs (or humans) they consider superior to them.

From a possible medical (or behavior) issue

Dogs that repeatedly lick a certain spot might be suffering from an issue that needs a specialist's intervention, including anxiety or [obsessive-compulsive disorder](#). Also, dogs who frequently lick their feet may be trying to resolve a persistent itch caused [by allergies](#). Dogs who lick their anal area frequently could be suffering from allergies or [may need their anal glands expressed](#). If you notice your dog obsessively licking themselves, a person, or an object (bed sheets, for example), speak with a veterinarian, who may recommend medical treatment or a consultation with a behavior specialist.

In most cases, just be appreciative that your dog seems to enjoy your company and expresses his affection in this species-typical way. He obviously both respects you and loves you. Enjoy the moments!

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

TBD POWER WASH CLUBHOUSE AND MOVE BACK IN MORE
INFORMATION TO FOLLOW
12-14 SEKC AGILITY TRIAL AVERA SOCCER DOME

SEPTEMBER

10-11 CONNIE CLEVELAND SEMINAR CLUBHOUSE 9-4 BOTH
DAYS CLUBHOUSE CLOSED TO OTHER ACTIVITIES
12 CLASSES BEGIN
13 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CLUBHOUSE 7PM
17 MEET THE BREEDS CLUBHOUSE

OCTOBER

11 SEKC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7PM CLUBHOUSE
12 SEKC FALL SHOW ENTRIES CLOSE AT NOON
28-30 SEKC FALLS SHOW AND NOC REGIONAL QUALIFIER
EXPO BUILDING W.H. LYONS FAIRGROUNDS
31 HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER

8 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SEKC CLUBHOUSE 7PM
24 THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER

TBD CHRISTMAS PARTY
25 CHRISTMAS
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Well, it is August and I really don't know how time manages to move so fast. The Summer Show is over and thank you to everyone that worked. We appreciate the time that members give to this organization because without that there wouldn't be a club.

Carol Everetts wants to thank everyone involved with the Friday Night Run Throughs before the show and I want to thank Carol for taking on that job. It is wonderful to have the chance to practice with a group to get ready.

Thank you Kris Hurst for running the Rally Challenge – new to us this year and the NQ Raffle was a great idea with two lucky winners. We always need new and fun ideas

We also got some publicity as KSFY interviewed Kris Hurst for their Saturday evening news.

Way to go everyone!

Now we are coming up on the Agility Trial and I know that everyone is going to pitch in again. I am still looking for some help with the Raffle Table so please let me know if you can help for an hour or more.

When next I see you it will be fall and we will be gearing up for several events: Meet the Breeds, Connie Cleveland Seminar and the Fall Show – hope that everyone will be ready.

I want everyone to enjoy the rest of the summer and I will leave you with these wise word:

“Apply Dog Logic to Life: eat well, be loved, get petted, sleep a lot and dream of a leash free world.”

Paula

Honor to show “Dandy” in Veteran classes at July Trial. He did his best at 14 yrs 5 mos qualifying both days and still able to do sit stay!

“Dickens,” only 17 months, had fun at his very first AKC trial and earned two Rally Novice B legs – 1st 99 pts & 2nd 97 pts – also won Rally Challenge 99 pts! Thanks to all who competed in first “Rally Challenge” and especially to Kristine Hurst for judging and creating the course for the six entries.

Very blessed “Dino” felt well enough to compete both days earning High Combined Rally Dog rosettes. Good boy sweet Dino!

“Davy” placed 1st and 2nd in UB at Ft Dodge Shows on June 18-19; almost half way to your OTCH! Carol Everetts

Brags

Potter is a Champion, won 3 Majors in a row!!!

Sire is CH Cedarwoods Stormwatch, Dam is Cedarwoods CH Chocolate Diamond Owned by Pat Welch,

Potter Is Owned by Myron & Carole Scharkey & Pat Welch.

Robin Novack is the Handler, With Laura King Daybreak Kennels.

Potter got Winners Dog 2x times and Best of Winners (Majors) 3x times in a row. .

Potter had earned 4 points at the October Sioux Falls Show

Thank you all for the support and especially Pat Welch &

Robin Novack making a Dream come true

Ember Passed her CGC, CGCA and TDI test.

Ember is owned loved and handled by Cassie Benson

Chimera's Talk Of The Town, Gabby, earned her first Novice B regular 20" Jumps with Weaves leg on June 19th, 2016, in

Lincoln, NE at the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club trial.

Gabby had a clean run and a first place finish. Gabby is loved

and handled by Denise Erger .

Karen Cameron-Howell had a litter of boxer puppies due on the 18th of July parents are Gavin and Candy

Borderpatrol's Call Me Crazy - Fiona - made her debut in

conformation at the Ft Dodge, IA show in June taking Best of

Winners for her first championship points.

Fiona is loved handled and owned by Liz Droke

On May 20, 2016, SoDak Vanguard Bagpiper of the Clan MacTavish earned her Agility Fast Open Title in three consecutive runs placing first once and second twice.

On June 26, 2016 Piper earned her Master Excellent Jumper Title.

Piper is owned, handled, and loved by Pat Turner.

Gem titled over the weekend in Rally Advanced. She took second on Saturday with 94/100. She took second on Sunday with 98/100. Gem is owned, loved, and handled by Sally Marum

On July 2nd and 3rd at the Northstar Herding Group Club Agility Trial Held at Soccer Blast in Burnsville MN Hirdler Hill's Life in the Fast Lane CDX BN GN RA OA OAJ CGC-U earned the last 2 legs needed for his open jumpers with weaves title he also got the 2nd leg of his T2B title. Rev is Loved, Owned, and Handled by Brian Schaffer

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