



Making life less stressful for you and your dog

# THE DOG DORK DIGEST

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## Highlights

I had the pleasure last year of working with a newly rescued three year old English Setter named Lady and her family. Though Lady was an adult dog, she came from a previous living situation which resulted in her not being house trained, being uncomfortable in a crate, and a generalized fear of sudden noises and movements. Lady would become fearful on walks resulting in her laying down and not wanting to move.

Lady's caring and concerned family contacted me within a week of bringing her home. At the conclusion my initial assessment, I suggested a management and training plan that would allow Lady to gradually acclimate to her new home and also provided strategies to help with Lady's house training. Following the initial consult, Lady's family and I had one follow-up session which included making a few minor adjustments to the original plan.

Because of the family's patience with Lady and their consistency with training, I was not surprised to hear that Lady had made significant progress with her house training skills and was less anxious in her surroundings.

I was pleased to receive a recent report from the family that Lady is "doing fantastic!" Dogs, like Lady, who have received limited life-skills training in their pasts, can learn those skills, build their confidence, and become well-adjusted and beloved members of their families with time, patience, and an understanding of their needs.

## DOGS IN ACTION



### Race to rescue

In 2021 a stray dog named Gobi made headlines after she completed a 155 mile ultramarathon in northwestern China with her human running companion, Dion Leonard. The two met during the race and Gobi started following Dion. The two soon became inseparable.

Following the race, Dion wanted to adopt Gobi and take her back to his home in Scotland, but Gobi went missing in the city where they were staying. Dion launched a massive search effort with the help of local volunteers and social media. After several days, Gobi was found and reunited with Dion.

Their incredible story captured the hearts of people all over the world and inspired a children's book called "Finding Gobi", which has been translated into 17 languages. Dion and Gobi are still going strong and live together in France. She reportedly still loves running - almost as much as a morning pastry. Dion advocates for animal adoption and welfare and continues to run ultramarathons. What a team!

## HEALTHY DOG



### About that third eyelid...

Dogs have lots of wonderful and fascinating quirks, but did you know that they also have an extra eyelid? Yep, this inner eyelid, known as a nictitating membrane, provides extra protection against scratches and debris. It plays an important role, especially considering all the scurrying dogs tend to do in bushes and grass. Located under the lower eyelid on the inner corner of the eye, it's also responsible for spreading moisture across the eye and keeping the eye healthy. The third eyelid isn't visible to us - in fact, if you do see it then it may be a sign you need to take your dog to the vet. It could be a sign of eye issues such as cherry eye, Horner's syndrome, or conjunctivitis.

Another interesting fact? Humans also had a third eyelid, but it shrank throughout evolution to become the plica semilunaris - a small structure near the tear duct. It still plays a role in keeping our tears drained and debris flushed from our eyes.

## DOG IN THE SPOTLIGHT



### Hokkaido dog

The Hokkaido dog, also known as Ainu dog, is a breed of hunting dog originating from Japan. It's named after the Hokkaido region of Japan, where the breed was developed by the indigenous Ainu people for hunting deer and other large game.

Hokkaido dogs are medium-sized, sturdy, and muscular with a thick, double coat that comes in a variety of colors. They're known for their endurance, agility, and strength. They love being with their families, and while positive and early socialization will help them warm to visitors, they're not known for their extroversion. Due to their hunting instincts, Hokkaido dogs need plenty of exercise and mental stimulation. They enjoy running, hiking, and playing, but also thrive on positive reinforcement training and dog sports.

Hokkaido dogs make wonderful and affectionate companions for active dog owners who appreciate their unique history and working dog heritage.

George Eliot

**"We long for an affection altogether ignorant of our faults. Heaven has accorded this to us in the uncritical canine attachment."**



## OUR SERVICES

### Telford Night Market @Telford Train Station

Come out to the Telford Night Farmer's Market with vendors, food trucks, and musicians. It's held every Wednesday night, 5:30 - 8:30pm, from May until August, located at 50 Penn Ave, Telford, Pa, 18969.

On August 16, there will be a special event, a doggy parade, held during the Telford Night Market.

See what it's all about and enjoy the parade, food, and crafts. And please stop by the Positive Interactions Dog Behavior and Training booth to say hi. Ask me how I can help you and your dog live a less stressful life together.



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