



Fall 2007

Special points of interest:

- * What's new!
- * Lola is now a certified therapy dog
- * Improving the COME command
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- * Coming events

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Lola was quite busy over the last few months!

First, Lola received her Therapy Dog certification with St-John's Ambulance Therapy Dog program. And we now visit the retirement homes in Orangeville on a weekly basis!

Next, Lola gave birth on May 17th, to a beautiful boy, who is now living in Windsor with his new family. His name is Cubs.

And finally, Lola won 2 x Best of Breed at the recent Woodstock Rare Breed show in July. We are very proud!

Lola's next adventure will be another breeding, this time with our boy Gunner! Visit our website site for more details on these stories!
www.boldcanine.com

COME...I said COME!!!

Haven't we all been there. You are in a rush, late for work, your dog is outside, you ask him to come. He looks at you...thinks about it...then doesn't. How frustrating! Yes we have all been there. A good recall is not only impor-

What's New?



**Lola struts her stuff at the Woodstock Rare Breed Show,
July 14 & 15th, 2007.**

Let's talk behavior!

tant to get you to work on time, but it is also an important safety command.

A few things to remember when you want a reliable recall. Dogs are intelligent creatures, and have the ability to think. When you call your dog, he has probably learned from a pup that

coming to you means the fun is over. He has to go in the house, in his crate, stop playing with his friends and so on. He associates coming with you taking away something...his fun and freedom! So you basically have to start from scratch, and reprogram his mind.

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The first thing you have to do is take away his option to challenge the command. This can be as simple as putting him on leash or attaching a 20ft leash to him every time he goes out. This gives you the ability to call him ONCE, then go take the leash and bring him to you. Always bring him to you, telling him he is a good boy using your happy voice!

Then, once you have him in front of you, you can give him a treat, play with him with a toy, a nice belly rub, basically anything that will make your dog happy. Gunner really enjoys a good

game of tug! Make sure you do not lure him, the food or toy must come out of nowhere! This will ensure that he will come to you even if you don't have a treat. Mix it up! Sometimes food, sometimes love, sometimes play!

Third, and this is where most owners go askew, during the training phase this is the most important advice I can give you. Once you have brought your dog to you, gave him a treat, played a game of tug or gave him a belly rub, you must let him go play again. It is important to send him out again. You want your dog to feel that when he

comes to you it's for a good cause, in his mind he is getting something in return, and he can go back out and play again. After you have done this 3-4-5 times in a row, then bring him in the house. Mix it up. If your dog realizes that after 3 recalls he goes inside, then he won't come on the third. So make it different every time. You must do this exercise for a good while, sometimes months depending how long your dog has been ignoring the command, and of course how old he is.

"Start slowly and easy! Tackle the squirrel another day!"

Simple rules to follow, to improve your dog's recall

1- If you know your dog won't come, why call him? DO NOT USE THE COMMAND if you are not 100% sure that your dog will come. If your dog is on a long line, then you can control the situation. But off leash you can't.

2- Evaluate the distraction level. Getting your dog to come when chasing a squirrel is much more difficult than when he is looking at you. Start slowly and easy. Tackle the squirrel another day!

3- NEVER chase your dog, it will only make things worse. Try running in the opposite direction, or hiding to let the dog find you! Sit on the ground and wait, or do something in the yard. Soon, your dog will want to know what you are up to, and will come check it out. When he does, give him a treat, play with him, tell him to sit, to stay, to lie down etc... Make it a fun and positive experience. If you

grab him and bring him in immediately, you just taught him that coming to you is bad.

4- NEVER be angry when doing a recall, be pleasant and happy and in a good mood. If someone was yelling at me and angry, I wouldn't want to go to them either! You must become an academy award winning actor and hide your displeasure. Pretend everything is great!

5- Practice 3- 5 times a day, on a long leash, sending your dog out to play, and calling him back, send him out again, 4-5-6 times in a row. This will create a desirable and positive habit.

6- And remember, you must be more enticing and fun than anything else out there, the reward for your dog must be of higher value than the distraction. What does your dog value most in this world...food? car ride? A game of

tug with you?

7- while on your regular fun walks, throw in a recall every once in a while, when your dog comes (or when you have to bring him in) make sure you praise and make a big deal about it. Then, back to the walk!

If you have been to the Bold Canine training class, you have learned how to use the heel command as a recall, if you have been working with your dog consistently, he should come to you when you say Heel. At that point, you MUST do a few minutes of work with him in order not to break that command in the future. The heel is a very powerful tool for you to use.

If you have any questions about these commands, call us anytime!

Stay tuned for Universal dog

In October, Universal dog will be launching it's interactive internet radio.

From the UD press release:

“Universal Dog is an internet broadcast network that produces a weekly series of breed specific radio programs in a 90-minute format to listeners on the internet. Each episode contains six different segments, including general discussion on the breed, breed standard chat, activities and training issues, health, genetics, food and diet, grooming and rescue will be discussed. Representatives from the top breed clubs will be interviewed via telephone by our hosts”

The website will be launching later this month, stay tuned for more information!
I am excited to have been chosen as one of the hosts for this show!

www.universaldog.com

Oh no...SKUNK!

Dog got skunked?

Here is an easy recipe that you can put together on the spot

Do not wet the dog!

Prepare a paste of:

- ⇒ 1 bottle of hydrogen peroxide
- ⇒ 2/3 cup of baking soda
- ⇒ 1 Tbsp of liquid dishwashing soap

For extreme cases, you can add 1 cup of vinegar

Sponge the paste on the spot that got sprayed, and rub it in. Let it sit for about 10 minutes. Repeat this step a few times, make sure you rub it right in each time.

Rinse and dry

Try to do this outside, if you let your dog in the house, he will rub himself on whatever he can find in order to remove the smell. This would include your couch, your bed, your clothes

etc...Your whole house will smell!

More facts about skunks

Skunks can spray up to 7+ Meters, but are typically only accurate up to 2 meters.

Skunks like to eat grubs, keep your lawn free of grubs to avoid skunks in your yard.

Skunks prefer forest edged areas as their habitat

Skunk are most active during the late evening and overnight. They can be seen at dawn as well.

Skunks are able to spray at 2 weeks of age

Skunk spray can cause temporary blindness and nausea.



Did you know?

Dogs have very poor taste buds and mostly rely on their sense of smell

Dogs have a higher body temperature than humans, ranging from 101 to 103 F

Poodles were originally from Germany, their name means splash in puddles.

Dog's perspire through their feet

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COMING EVENTS

September 29th	New Saturday class starting, advanced dogs are welcomed to attend!
October 4th	New Thursday evening obedience class starting
October 6, 7, 8	Come visit us at the ERIN FALL FAIR! We will have a booth in the main tent. Come visit Gunner and Aly!
October 20 & 21	Brampton rare breed show, at the Brampton fair grounds
October 2007	Launch of Universal dog

Check our website often for updates on events we will be attending!
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Contact information



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