

February 2014

# The Heart of America Boxer Club Newsletter

[www.hoabc.org](http://www.hoabc.org)

Newsletter for the Heart of America Boxer Club

The next HOABC club meeting – February 1, 2014 in St Joseph, Missouri. Held at the Holiday Inn – Pony Express room, across the street from the Civic Center. 102 S 3rd St, St Joseph, MO. We will be gathering for lunch at 11- and meeting to follow.

So...you say you **DON'T** have a spiffy Heart of America Boxer Polo shirt?? You don't want to be the **Odd Man** (or woman) out at our next function!?! Well.. Get with Mark Ewing!



## 2013-2014 Club Members and their New Title Holders

(BN) May -13

GCH Emerson Breho Soul Patrol of Windwood BN and CD "Reuben" (CD) October -13 Jim and Karen Emerson

*Remember- April 1 is the cut off for plaques – be sure to get information to Amber Gates*

*[farmoreboxers@yahoo.com](mailto:farmoreboxers@yahoo.com) if your dog is missing or information is inaccurate.*

## December/January Member Brags

•Encore's Ulterior Motives "Dover" receives RWD under Dana Cline at the Central Iowa KC #2 January 19, 2014

*IF you would like to be included in the newsletter brags...please send them to [farmoreboxers@yahoo.com](mailto:farmoreboxers@yahoo.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month!*

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Central Iowa Kennel Club, Inc.	Des Moines	IA	18-Jan-14	Arley Hussin
Central Iowa Kennel Club, Inc.	Des Moines	IA	19-Jan-14	Dana P Cline
St. Charles Missouri Kennel Club	Lake St Louis	MO	25-Jan-14	Mrs. Andre B Schoen
St. Charles Missouri Kennel Club	Lake St Louis	MO	26-Jan-14	Mr. Vincent T Grosso
St. Joseph Kennel Club, Inc.	St Joseph	MO	1-Feb-14	Mrs Ruth H Zimmerman
St. Joseph Kennel Club, Inc.	St Joseph	MO	2-Feb-14	Mr. James E Noe
Peak to Peak Working Dog Association of Colorado	Denver	CO	13-Feb-14	Miss Ellen E Vanden Avond
Colorado Kennel Club	Denver	CO	16-Feb-14	Mrs. Cindy Meyer
Colorado Kennel Club	Denver	CO	17-Feb-14	Mrs. Lynn D Peterson
Cyclone Country Kennel Club of Ames	Des Moines	IA	15-Feb-14	Mrs. Andre B Schoen
Cyclone Country Kennel Club of Ames	Des Moines	IA	16-Feb-14	Mrs. Danelle M Brown
Greater St. Louis Boxer Club**	Gray Summit	MO	28-Feb-14	Mrs. Sandy Orr
Greater St. Louis Boxer Club	Gray Summit	MO	28-Feb-14	Mr. James E Noe
Belle-City Kennel Club, Inc.	Gray Summit	MO	1-Mar-14	Mr. Norman Kenney
Belle-City Kennel Club, Inc.	Gray Summit	MO	2-Mar-14	Mr. Ralph Ambrosio

*\*\*For those interested- Greater St Louis Boxer Club is offering a Obedience A match at their annual specialties on Feb 28, 2014. You can gain more information- and enter this and their regular Conformation shows online at their club site <http://www.greaterstlouisboxerclub.com/>*

## ABC is fast approaching!!!

**Event Dates:**

**Saturday, May 3, 2014 - Friday, May 9, 2014**

**Closing Dates:**

**Wednesday, April 16, 2014**

**Event Location:**

Wyndham West

2544 Executive Drive

Indianapolis, IN 46241-5013

Website: <http://www.wyndham.com>

**Telephone Number:**

Toll Free: 877-361-4511

In Indianapolis: 317-248-2481

**Judges:**

Futurity Judge - Tami Mishler  
Specialty Judges - Butch Engel  
& Pat Mullen



## Helpful Links

### Kansas all breed clubs

<http://sunflowerkc.wordpress.com/>  
<http://www.heartofamericakc.org/>  
[www.wichitakennelclub.com](http://www.wichitakennelclub.com)  
[www.gardencityKSkennelclub.com](http://www.gardencityKSkennelclub.com)  
[www.hutchinsonkennelclub.org/](http://www.hutchinsonkennelclub.org/)  
[www.lijk.com/](http://www.lijk.com/)  
[www.salinakennelclub.org/](http://www.salinakennelclub.org/)  
[www.TopekaKC.org](http://www.TopekaKC.org)

### Kansas Obedience Clubs

[www.wichitadogtrainingclub.com](http://www.wichitadogtrainingclub.com)

### Missouri all breed clubs

[www.JCKC.org](http://www.JCKC.org)  
<http://www.stjosephkennelclub.com/>  
[www.missourirhinelandkc.com](http://www.missourirhinelandkc.com)  
[www.heartlandkc.org](http://www.heartlandkc.org)  
[joplingdogs.com](http://joplingdogs.com)

### Missouri Obedience Clubs

[kansascitydogtraining.com/](http://kansascitydogtraining.com/)  
[www.gsltc.org](http://www.gsltc.org)  
[www.mcotc.org](http://www.mcotc.org)  
[www.showmek9.com](http://www.showmek9.com)

### Important Links- health/clinics

#### **BLUE PEARL**

<http://kansas.bluepearlvet.com/>

[www.offa.org](http://www.offa.org)

<http://www.merckmanuals.com/vet/index.html>  
<http://www.cavalierhealth.org/Cardiologists.htm>

#### Overland Park

913.642.9563  
11950 West 110th St  
Overland Park KS 66210

#### Kansas City North

816.759.5016  
139 NE 91st Street  
Kansas City, MO 64155

## NORMA SMITH HANDLING SEMINARS

Now is the Time to Learn to Show Your Dog Like a Professional

### 2014 SEMINAR SCHEDULE

**Fox River Valley Kennel Club**  
**Happy Tails Ranch: Island Lake, Illinois**  
January 11-12, 2014  
Contact: Norma Smith  
Email: [norma@normasmithhandlingseminars.com](mailto:norma@normasmithhandlingseminars.com)

**Northstar Working Group Association, Minnesota**  
**Tails Up Dog Training**  
May 3-4, 2014  
Contact: Diane Levin Email: [SerendipityDanes@aol.com](mailto:SerendipityDanes@aol.com)



<http://www.normasmithhandlingseminars.com/>

## CLUB HOLTER

*The club has an analog Holter that is available for use by club members.*

1. No rental fee
2. Member needs to purchase the number of tape kits needed
3. Rental time is 10 days- adequate to test 5 dogs
4. Shipping to and from the member is the members' responsibilities.
5. Member is responsible for the condition of the Holter and accompanying vest.
6. Members must sign the usage agreement prior to use.
7. Contact Sabrina @ [sabrina@lattahomes.com](mailto:sabrina@lattahomes.com) for availability

## Officers & Directors 2013-2014

President: Janet Ewing (2014)

Vice President: Thomas Latta (2015)

Treasurer: Sabrina Jay (2014)

Secretary: Amber Gates

Board Member: Karen Emerson (2015)

Board Member: Joyce Peckham (2014)

Board Member: Mark Ewing (2015)

Board Member: Jeanine Millard (2015)

### Committee Assignments for 2013-2014

Show Chairperson: Joyce Peckham

Photographer: Jeannine Millard

Hospitality: Amber Gates, Daniel Gates, Nicki McFarland and Scott Reiser

Trophies: Karen Emerson and Mark Ewing

Fundraising: Jeannine Millard, Carol Latta and Hailey Feldkamp

Topeka Show Site/Judges Liaison: Tom Latta

Advertising/HOABC ads: Amber Gates

Public Education/Programs: Karen Emerson and Jim Emerson

Nominating: Jeannine Millard

Cards & Flowers: Sabrina Jay

Historians: Karen Emerson and Peyton Richardson

Website/FB: Thomas Latta

Breeder Referral: Carol Latta

Boxer Rescue: Elizabeth Phillips

2014/15 Zone B Director: Karen Emerson

Newsletter: Amber Gates and Tom Dobbs

Legislation: Joyce Peckham

## Rescue Corner



## WE NEED HELP!

### URGENT need for foster homes!!!

Please! Help get the word out! MO/KAN Boxer rescue is in need of qualified Foster homes.

Some BASIC requirements to be considered for a Foster Home.....

- Fencing is not required but is preferred; not having a fence will limit placement options.
- All other pets in the home must be UTD on shots and on HW prevention year-round.
- Contact Elizabeth or Joyce for more information at [mokanboxerrescue@earthlink.net](mailto:mokanboxerrescue@earthlink.net)

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# Learning Stuff... Oh ya...

## Ten Fun and Easy Dog Tricks

By Amy Bender

When most people think of dog training, they think of the basic dog training commands - sit, down, come, stay. While those things are important, don't underestimate the benefits of training a dog to do tricks. Dog tricks are a great way to offer your dog some mental stimulation, and many of them build from the basic commands. Plus it's a lot of fun to train a dog some cool dog tricks to show off for friends!

Here are some dog tricks that are fun and fairly easy to train a dog to do:

### 1. Back Up

Back up is a fun dog trick, and it can come in handy in a variety of situations. Once your dog knows how to back up on command, you can use it to keep him from rushing out the door, crowding you at the refrigerator, or just to entertain your friends.

Back up is fairly simple to teach a dog. All you need is some patience and a handful of treats, and you can quickly train a dog to back up a few steps when you give the command.

### What You Need

You don't need any special equipment to train a dog to back up. As long as you have your dog and a handful of treats, you are ready to go. If you are [clicker training](#), you should also have your clicker on hand.

### Here's How to Do It

Start off by giving your dog the [stay](#) command. If your dog doesn't know how to stay yet, it would help if you went back and worked on that before moving on to the next step.

Take a few steps away from your dog, and then turn and face him.

Give your dog the command "back up," and then begin moving towards him. Some dogs will take a few steps back the minute you start moving in their direction.

If your dog doesn't start stepping back as you move toward him, keep going forward, and try to lean your body forward slightly.

As soon as your dog takes a few steps back, tell him "good" or click your clicker, and give him a treat.

Most dogs learn to back up quickly. Practice the steps above for a few minutes each day, and your dog will soon be responding to the back up command.

### Troubleshooting

If your dog fails to step back when you are following the steps above, he may need a little more encouragement. Continue to walk towards him as explained in steps 3 and 4. When you reach your dog, use the part of your leg above your knee to very gently nudge him backwards. Your dog will take a few steps back as you use your body to gently push him. Tell him "good" or click your clicker and give him a treat as soon as he moves backwards.

Some dogs will get up and move away rather than backwards when you attempt the steps above. If this is the case with your dog, you may need to move your dog training sessions to a narrow hallway or other enclosed space. Follow the steps outlined above, and make sure that your dog has no place to go except backwards.

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## Fun Tricks- cont...

### 2. Take a Bow

Taking a bow is a dog trick which involves having your dog put his chest to the ground while keeping his rear end up in the air. It may sound like a difficult dog trick to train a dog to do, but the truth is that bowing is a natural behavior for dogs.

If you watch two dogs playing together, you will frequently see them bow. Trainers refer to this behavior as a play bow, and it is a dog's way of asking another dog to come play. You can easily use your dog's natural playfulness to train him to take a bow. And it's a great way to end a demonstration of all the cool new dog tricks your dog has learned!

#### What You Need

All you need to train a dog to take a bow is your dog and some treats. You may also want to have a clicker on hand if you are using [clicker training](#) as part of your dog training.

#### Here's How to Do It

Start with your dog standing up. It's helpful if your dog is able to [stand](#) on command. If he hasn't mastered this [basic command](#) yet, you may want to work on it before moving on to step 2.

Hold a treat at the tip of your dog's nose, and slowly move it down, holding it close to your dog's body. In this way, you will use the treat to lure your dog down until his elbows are on the floor with his rear end remaining up.

Hold your dog in the bow for a few seconds, and then use the treat to lure him back into a standing position.

As soon as your dog completes the bow and is standing up, tell him "good" or click your clicker, and give him the treat.

Practice the bow command with your dog several times a day for no more than 5 minutes each time. Before you know it, your dog will be taking a bow on command.

#### Troubleshooting

Some dogs have trouble keeping their rear ends in the air when initially learning this dog trick. To keep his back half up while his chest and elbows are resting on the floor, place your arm underneath his stomach while you use the other hand to lure his front half to the floor. Most dogs will quickly catch on, and after a few practice sessions, your dog will take a bow without you having to hold his back end up.

Some dogs have a difficult time learning this entire dog trick all at once. If this is the case with your dog, you can teach him to take a bow in smaller increments. This is called shaping a behavior, and works really well with clicker training. To do it, you need to begin rewarding your dog for moving in the right direction.

For instance, if the best your dog can do in the beginning before making mistakes is to follow the treat half way to the floor, click and treat for that. Then start to give treats only when your dog is closer to the floor. In this way, you can select the behaviors that come closest to what you need him to do. In small increments over several training sessions, you can slowly train your dog to take a bow.

**There are 8 more GREAT tricks you can try with your Boxer...if one doesn't work...try another! ☺ Have a GREAT time with your Boxer!**

# Helpful Hints

## ALCOHOL



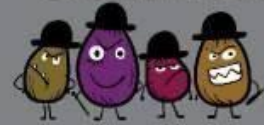
COMA  
DEATH  
INTOXICATION

## AVOCADO



CONTAINS PERSIN:  
VOMITING  
DIARRHEA

## RAISINS CURRANTS



KIDNEY  
FAILURE

## COOKED BONES



STOMACH  
LACERATIONS

## WALNUTS MACADAMIAS



NERVOUS SYSTEM  
AND MUSCLE  
DAMAGE

## ONIONS GARLIC



BLOOD CELL  
DAMAGE  
ANEMIA

## DAIRY



TOO MUCH:  
DIARRHEA

*the world's*  
MOST  
**DANGEROUS**

**FOODS**

FOR DOGS

## GRAPES



KIDNEY FAILURE

## MUSHROOMS



SOME VARIETIES:  
**SHOCK  
DEATH**

## FATTY FOODS



TOO MUCH:  
PANCREATITIS

## CAFFEINE



VOMITING  
DIARRHEA

TOXIC TO HEART & NERVOUS SYSTEM

## XYLITOL



(GUM, CANDY ETC.)

LIVER FAILURE  
HYPOGLYCEMIA  
DEATH

## CHOCOLATE



TOXIC TO HEART  
& NERVOUS  
SYSTEM  
DEATH

## MEDICATIONS

(TYLENOL, ADVIL ETC.)



KIDNEY  
FAILURE  
GI ULCERS

If you think your dog ate something dangerous,

CALL YOUR VET or:

ASPCA POISON CONTROL HOTLINE (888) 426-4436

NATIONAL PET POISON HELPLINE (800) 213-6680

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# OMG!! Who is in!?!?! I think this would be a HOOT!!!



AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB™

Performance Events Department



February 19, 2013

To: All Clubs Licensed to Hold Earthdog Tests

Subject: **The New Sport of Barn Hunt**

The Barn Hunt Association and the American Kennel Club are pleased to announce that the AKC will recognize titles earned in the new sport of Barn Hunt.

The sport of Barn Hunt is based on the hunting and teamwork skills historically used by "rat catchers" who traveled the countryside ridding farms of vermin. Dogs and handlers work as a team to locate and mark rats (safe in aerated tubes) hidden in a maze of straw or hay bales. The event is open to all dogs.

"Barn Hunt tests the nose, speed, agility and surefootedness of dogs that have a history of above-ground vermin hunting," said Robin Nuttall, founder of the Barn Hunt Association. "We quickly found out that many breeds and mixed breeds enjoy the search and can excel at this sport."

Barn Hunt events include a pass/fail Instinct class for owners who want to familiarize their dog with the test. The AKC will recognize titles at four testing levels above Instinct. Courses are made increasingly difficult by adding more obstacles, additional diversions and more rats to find. The BHA has developed the sport to be fun for all participants, plus easy and inexpensive to hold.

Legs, or qualifying scores, toward Barn Hunt titles are earned by the dog and handler team completing the course within maximum course time. Placements based on time are awarded, but Barn Hunt is a non-competitive event and teams do not have to beat other dogs to title.

"We are pleased to work with the Barn Hunt Association to recognize Barn Hunt titles on a dog's AKC record," said Doug Ljungren, VP for Companion and Performance Events. "Barn Hunt is another great way for dogs to test their instincts and for both owners and dogs to enjoy a fun activity together."

If owners choose to apply, Barn Hunt titles will appear on their dog's AKC pedigree. The Barn Hunt title application form and information regarding holding Barn Hunt in conjunction with AKC events can be found on the [AKC's Title Recognition Program website](#).

The BHA has been holding practice events country-wide. The first sanctioned event is scheduled for April 13-14, 2013 in Columbia, MO. For more information, including the official rules and event application process, visit [www.barnhunt.com](http://www.barnhunt.com).

Comments or questions can be e-mailed to [PerformanceEvents@akc.org](mailto:PerformanceEvents@akc.org).

March 22-23 there is a trial in Columbia, MO  
May 8 there is a fun trial in Topeka, KS  
May 10 there is a trial in Columbia, MO



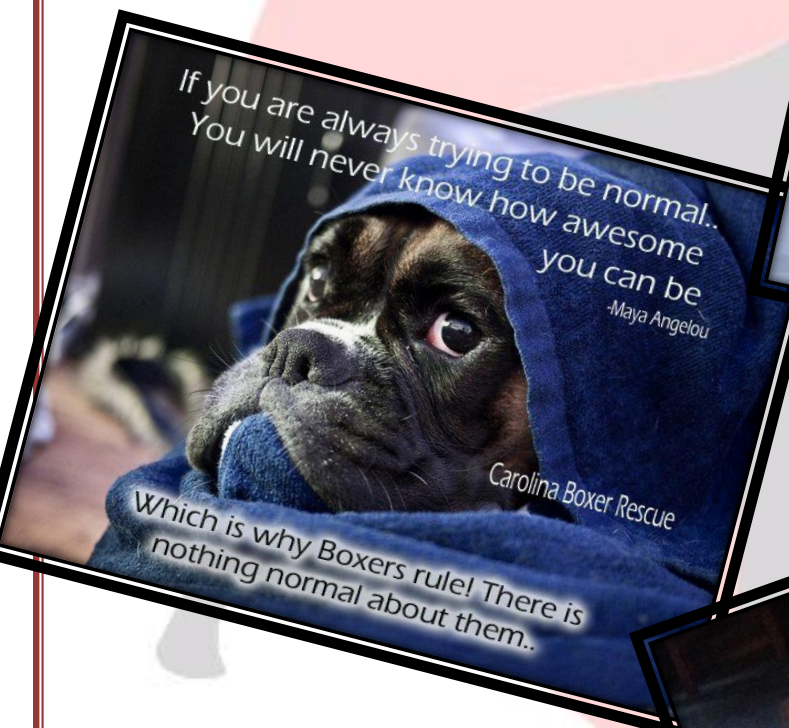
## Fun Stuff!



*The McFarland clan...breaking in the snow!*



*Rev and Dega...snow dogs!*



If you are always trying to be normal..  
You will never know how awesome  
you can be  
-Maya Angelou

Carolina Boxer Rescue

Which is why Boxers rule! There is  
nothing normal about them..



*Ellie and momma Candy "sharing"*

## Fun Stuff!



*Sully (Tre) and his family...enjoying a warm couch on a cold day!*



*Sully and Dover in for Winners Dog – January Des Moines*



*FarMore gang...sacked out on a cold winters day*