

September 2014

# The Heart of America Boxer Club Newsletter

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Newsletter for the Heart of America Boxer Club

**The next HOABC club meeting- Saturday, October 11, time is TBD – but will follow boxer judging in Lawrence, KS**

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!



## 2014 Club Members and their New Title Holders

|    |   |  |          |             |                        |
|----|---|--|----------|-------------|------------------------|
| CH | Mi-T's Stand Up and Take Notice               |  | Buster   | July 2014   | Scott Reiser           |
| CH | Encore's FarMore Untouchable                  |  | Dega     | July 2014   | Amber and Daniel Gates |
|    | Jesajay's Great Expectations Foolish Pleasure |  | Sherlock | August 2014 | Tom Dobbs              |
| CH | LattaLane's Wild Irish Rose of Tralee         |  | Tralee   | August 2014 | Tom and Carol Latta    |
| CH | Carma's Nightwatch at Lattalane               |  | Onyx     | August 2014 | Tom and Carol Latta    |

*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.*

## August /September Member Brags

- Aug 2, 2014 Jesajay's Great Expectations Foolish Pleasure "Sherlock"... WD for his FINAL major in Illinois!!! Congrats to Tom Dobbs on his NEW champion!
- Aug 2, 2014 Great Expectations September Morn, HT "Ziggie" picked up her 2<sup>nd</sup> major (opposite her sire!) in Illinois. Congrats to Tom Dobbs.
- Aug 3, 2014 LattaLane's Wild Irish Rose of Tralee "Tralee" picks up a major in Louisiana. Congrats to Tom and Carol Latta.
- Aug 15, 2014 Midnight Sky's Endure the Payne "Payne" gets a lovely RWB to the major in Topeka, KS! Congrats to Joyce Peckham.
- Aug 5, 2014 Midnight Sky's Endure the Payne "Payne" gets a lovely WB for her first major in Illinois! Congrats to Joyce Peckham.
- Aug 17, 2014- DOUBLE winners! – LattaLane's Wild Irish Rose of Tralee "Tralee" and Carma's Nightwatch at Lattalane "Onyx" take WB/BOW and WD. This is Tralees' 2<sup>nd</sup> major!- Topeka, KS congrats to Tom and Carol Latta.
- Tralee and Onyx BOTH garnered their CHAMPION titles at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Topeka weekend shows!
- CH Encore's FarMore Untouchable "Dega" received Select Bitch for her 2<sup>nd</sup> Major on August 21, 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

|  |    |           |                                   |
|--|----|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Cedar Valley Boxer Club                  | IA | 28-Aug-14 | Mrs. Lawrence J. (Janet) Sinclair |
| Tri-City Kennel Club, Inc.               | IA | 29-Aug-14 | Mrs. Shilon L Bedford             |
| Tri-City Kennel Club, Inc.               | IA | 30-Aug-14 | Mr. Lawrence (Larry) J Sinclair   |
| Cedar Rapids Kennel Association, Inc.    | IA | 31-Aug-14 | Mrs. Danelle M Brown              |
| Cedar Rapids Kennel Association, Inc.    | IA | 1-Sep-14  | Dana P Cline                      |
| Cheyenne Kennel Club                     | WY | 30-Aug-14 | Mr. Roger R Hartinger             |
| Cheyenne Kennel Club                     | WY | 31-Aug-14 | Mrs. Lowell (Arlene) K Davis      |
| Danville Illinois Kennel Club, Inc.      | IL | 30-Aug-14 | Mr. Jay Richardson                |
| Danville Illinois Kennel Club, Inc.      | IL | 31-Aug-14 | Mrs. Chris Walkowicz              |
| Boxer Club of Colorado                   | CO | 5-Sep-14  | Ms Ann Gilbert                    |
| Boxer Club of Colorado                   | CO | 5-Sep-14  | Dr Sylvia Kerr                    |
| Evergreen Colorado Kennel Club           | CO | 6-Sep-14  | Bruce R Schwartz                  |
| Evergreen Colorado Kennel Club           | CO | 7-Sep-14  | Mrs. Shelli Sinclair-Wood         |
| West Central Oklahoma Kennel Club        | OK | 4-Sep-14  | Mrs. Pat A Mowbray-Morgan         |
| West Central Oklahoma Kennel Club        | OK | 5-Sep-14  | Dr. Alvin W Krause                |
| West Central Oklahoma Kennel Club        | OK | 6-Sep-14  | Mrs. Dawn Hansen                  |
| West Central Oklahoma Kennel Club        | OK | 7-Sep-14  | Mrs. Terry M DePietro             |
| Des Moines Kennel Club, Inc.             | IA | 6-Sep-14  | Mr. Charles L Olvis               |
| Des Moines Kennel Club, Inc.             | IA | 7-Sep-14  | Ms. Elizabeth Muthard             |
| Kenosha Kennel Club, Inc.                | WI | 6-Sep-14  | Mr. Robert L Vandiver             |
| Kenosha Kennel Club, Inc.                | WI | 7-Sep-14  | Mr. Walter J Sommerfelt           |
| Panhandle Kennel Club of Texas, Inc.     | TX | 11-Sep-14 | Mr. Charles L Olvis               |
| Panhandle Kennel Club of Texas, Inc.     | TX | 12-Sep-14 | Mr. Roger R Hartinger             |
| Panhandle Kennel Club of Texas, Inc.     | TX | 13-Sep-14 | Mrs. Paula Hartinger              |
| Panhandle Kennel Club of Texas, Inc.     | TX | 14-Sep-14 | Christine Salyers Anderson        |
| Rochester Minnesota Kennel Club, Inc.    | MN | 13-Sep-14 | Mr. James E Noe                   |
| Rochester Minnesota Kennel Club, Inc.    | MN | 14-Sep-14 | Mr. Geir Flyckt-Pedersen          |
| Manitowoc County Kennel Club, Inc.       | WI | 13-Sep-14 | Mrs. Danelle M Brown              |
| Manitowoc County Kennel Club, Inc.       | WI | 14-Sep-14 | Ms. Barbara A Finch               |
| Three Rivers Kennel Club of Missouri     | MO | 13-Sep-14 | George Murray                     |
| Three Rivers Kennel Club of Missouri     | MO | 14-Sep-14 | Mr. Robert J Caswell              |
| Rolla Missouri Kennel Club               | MO | 19-Sep-14 | Mrs. Nancy R Griego               |
| Spirit of the Heartland Kennel Club      | MO | 20-Sep-14 | Ms. Elizabeth Muthard             |
| Jefferson County Kennel Club of Missouri | MO | 21-Sep-14 | Mr. Carl E Gomes                  |
| Gallatin Dog Club                        | MT | 18-Sep-14 | Dr. Robert A Indeglia             |
| Gallatin Dog Club                        | MT | 19-Sep-14 | Ms. Marion Dee Ward               |
| Helena Montana Kennel Club               | MT | 20-Sep-14 | Mr. Jon R Cole                    |
| Helena Montana Kennel Club               | MT | 21-Sep-14 | Mr. Stephen J Hubbell             |
| Arapahoe Kennel Club                     | CO | 20-Sep-14 | Sharol Candance Way               |
| Arapahoe Kennel Club                     | CO | 21-Sep-14 | Prof Douglass Taylor              |
| Sheboygan Kennel Club, Inc.              | WI | 20-Sep-14 | Ms. Lee Whittier                  |
| Sheboygan Kennel Club, Inc.              | WI | 21-Sep-14 | Mr. Jay Richardson                |
| Grand Valley Kennel Club                 | CO | 25-Sep-14 | Dana P Cline                      |
| Grand Valley Kennel Club                 | CO | 26-Sep-14 | Mr. Stephen J Hubbell             |
| Grand Valley Kennel Club                 | CO | 27-Sep-14 | Mrs. Christina Hubbell            |
| Grand Valley Kennel Club                 | CO | 28-Sep-14 | Mr. Garry K Newton                |
| Hot Springs National Park Kennel Club    | AR | 27-Sep-14 | Mr. David Bolus                   |
| Hot Springs National Park Kennel Club    | AR | 28-Sep-14 | Mrs. Loraine Boutwell             |
| Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club   | IL | 27-Sep-14 | Ms. Elizabeth Muthard             |
| Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club   | IL | 28-Sep-14 | Mrs. Deborah J Wilkins            |

## 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.ljkc.com/](http://www.ljkc.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)  
[joplandogs.com](http://joplandogs.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

**MANY thanks to all of our members and exhibitors which made our shows, raffle, cardiac clinic and hospitality such a HUGE success!!!**

## 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 (2016)

Vice President: Thomas Latta (2015)

Treasurer: Sabrina Jay (2016)

Secretary: Amber Gates (2016)

Board Member: Karen Emerson (2015)

Board Member: Mark Ewing (2015)

Board Member: Jeanine Millard (2015)

### Committee Assignments for 2013-2014

Show Chairperson: Peyton Richardson

Photographer: Jeannine Millard

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

Trophies: Karen Emerson and Mark Ewing

Fundraising: Jeannine Millard and Hailey Feldkamp

Topeka Show Site/Judges Liaison: Tom Latta

Advertising: 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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# Helpful Hints



## Save 10% at Pet-Friendly Motel 6!

Motel 6 is a proud sponsor of American Kennel Club programs and is committed to helping AKC constituents find great, affordable, dog-friendly accommodations.

Visit [this link](#) or call 1-855-M6-4Dogs and use code CP542764 to receive your 10% discount

All of the 1100+ Motel 6 locations are Pet Friendly. Motel 6 does not have pet weight limits or charge deposits.

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AKC customers save 10% off standard rates when booking reservations with CP542764

We encourage you to include this offer in your next Premium List, as a great value, pet-friendly economy lodging option.

## NEW point Schedule- takes Effect May 14, 2014

2014 Boxer Point Schedule

Effective May 14, 2014

|                                      | 1 Point |         | 2 Points |         | 3 Points |         | 4 Points |         | 5 Points |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
|                                      | Dogs    | Bitches | Dogs     | Bitches | Dogs     | Bitches | Dogs     | Bitches | Dogs     | Bitches |
| Div1 CT, ME, MA, NA, RI, VT          | 2       | 2       | 7        | 8       | 12       | 13      | 14       | 17      | 20       | 25      |
| Div2 DE, NJ, NY, PA                  | 2       | 2       | 6        | 7       | 10       | 12      | 18       | 20      | 24       | 26      |
| Div3 DC, MD, NC, TN, VA, WV          | 2       | 2       | 6        | 7       | 10       | 12      | 13       | 17      | 19       | 26      |
| Div4 FL, GA, SC                      | 2       | 2       | 7        | 9       | 13       | 15      | 16       | 18      | 22       | 23      |
| Div5 IN, KY, OH                      | 2       | 2       | 8        | 12      | 14       | 22      | 21       | 31      | 27       | 40      |
| Div6 IA, KS, MO, NE                  | 2       | 2       | 8        | 11      | 14       | 19      | 18       | 21      | 19       | 25      |
| Div7 CO, OK, TX                      | 2       | 2       | 6        | 9       | 10       | 17      | 14       | 20      | 20       | 23      |
| Div8 OR, WA                          | 2       | 2       | 7        | 11      | 11       | 19      | 15       | 21      | 20       | 25      |
| Div9 AZ, CA                          | 2       | 2       | 7        | 10      | 12       | 17      | 16       | 23      | 24       | 34      |
| Div10 Alaska                         | 2       | 2       | 3        | 3       | 4        | 4       | 5        | 5       | 6        | 6       |
| Div11 Hawaii                         | 2       | 2       | 3        | 3       | 4        | 4       | 5        | 5       | 6        | 6       |
| Div12 Puerto Rico                    | 2       | 2       | 3        | 3       | 4        | 4       | 5        | 5       | 6        | 6       |
| Div13 ID, MT, NV, NM, ND, SD, UT, WY | 2       | 2       | 5        | 6       | 8        | 11      | 12       | 15      | 19       | 20      |
| Div14 AL, AR, LA, MS                 | 2       | 2       | 7        | 9       | 13       | 18      | 14       | 20      | 16       | 23      |
| Div15 IL, MI, MN, WI                 | 2       | 2       | 7        | 8       | 12       | 15      | 16       | 21      | 23       | 29      |

## Learning Stuff!

# Swimmer Puppies - A New Solution

article and photos courtesy of [Jenny Mitchell](#), [Tealwood Labradors](#)

As a breeder of Labradors for over 20 years, I have encountered what we refer to as "swimmers" occasionally. It is a puppy that cannot get up on his feet and start walking at the appropriate age, usually around 2 weeks. I'm not going to go into all the possible reasons for this (as there's a lot of information and speculation on the internet), but in almost all cases is due to a newborn puppy lying flat on his belly, with arms and legs sprawled out, rather than on his side. Some think there's a correlation to the puppy position in the uterus. I, personally, think it's simply the result of a newborn puppy choosing to lie on his belly in the first couple days of life. In many cases the chest will become flattened very quickly; sometimes it affects only the front, sometimes only the rear, sometimes both.

I had a puppy years ago that became flat on the chest by 3 days of age. Once that happens, the puppy is not comfortable on his side ... he tends to roll over on his belly again, or even onto his back. If the chest cavity flattens, it is of real concern, as it compresses heart and lungs; this sometimes results in a puppy that is not thriving like the rest of the litter. If left too long, it can possibly result in some permanent damage. Thus, many vets recommend that a "swimmer puppy" be euthanized.

Here are a couple pictures of another puppy that I worked with some years back; he was flat on the chest and had issues with both front and rear legs. (Left: 4 weeks) He turned out completely normal ... and beautiful. (Right: 8 weeks)



The quite common practice of euthanizing swimmers is outrageous to me, as it is to most of the good dedicated, established breeders I know. I put this information together primarily to help novice people who have a swimmer puppy and have no idea of what to do. If it saves only one puppy from being euthanized, it's well worth the effort. I have had puppies with chests as flat as a pancake, some affected in both front and rear legs, and I have saved every one of them. But it took a lot of work, time and trying many different techniques. And, to save a swimmer, one needs to intervene at a very early stage... as soon as you see the beginning of flattening of the chest or a puppy that is always lying on his belly. And, I mean watching for this problem from day one.

Preventive measures include carefully monitoring the newborns in the first couple days. Keep turning puppies onto their sides, even when nursing. That's about all you can do at that age.

If you encounter a puppy who's always on his belly, and/or is starting to go flat on his chest (or his hips are spreading out), you can start propping the puppy on a pillow or fluffy blanket; or roll up soft towels or big stuffed animals around him. The purpose is to position him comfortably on his side, get him back to sleep, and hope that he isn't readily able to roll onto his belly again.

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*editor's note:* Here is a puppy when Jenny began her therapy, see 1 weeks results at end of article!



The big concern comes when the puppies approach 2 weeks, the time they should be trying to get up onto their feet. A swimmer puppy simply can't. And the bigger and heavier they get, the more challenging it becomes. Again, I'm not going to go into details of some techniques to try at this stage, as they can be found on the internet. But, here are a few that have been tried with various levels of success:

**Make the bedding soft** so a flat chest isn't resting on a hard surface when you're not watching. *Put pillows, big stuffed toys and fluffy blankets in the whelping box* so the puppy can climb up on them and pad his body. Then, whenever you can, *continue the efforts to get the puppy to sleep on his side. Lay him on a pillow or fluffed up blanket, pad him on both sides so he's not likely to roll over.* (Note that the temperature in the room may be significant. In the first two weeks, you need to keep the whelping area quite warm, as newborns cannot maintain their own body temperature. If it's too hot, the puppies don't pile up; they spread out, often sleeping flat. Ideally, you want to see the puppies comfortably warm, but piling up on each other for additional warmth. This helps them from going flat.)

**Bind the puppies affected legs** with a first aid tape. You need to try to pull the legs together at the right point, making a figure-8 in-between the legs. The goal is to make it impossible for the puppy to lay on his belly with his legs sprawled out to the sides; and to hold them in, under him, as he starts trying to get up and walk. I've done this numerous times with various degrees of success. It's difficult to get the bindings precisely at the right place, and they tend to come loose, etc. Definitely worth the effort.

Try the **"sock" technique**, cutting holes for the legs in an old sock, padding the sock with soft stuffing under the flattened chest. I have tried this and found it virtually impossible to fit the sock to the point that it accomplishes anything, but there are examples/pictures on the internet.

Put a big piece of **egg-carton foam** in the whelping box. Goal is to give good footing. But, I found the puppy just tripped over the lumps ... and, of course, it got saturated with urine, etc.

**Physical therapy.** Yes, definitely worth the effort! I have no experience in therapy but it's just common sense if you evaluate precisely what is wrong ... what is in the wrong position or shape, what is not moving in the right direction, etc. I have held puppies on my lap and done therapy exercises 2 or 3 times a day. If the chest is flat, I gently squeeze in from the shoulders; at the same time, I pull one front leg straight out (as it should be if he were standing), then back in, then back out. Then do the other front leg. If the hips are spread out and rear legs affected, I gently squeeze the hips inward; then pull a hind leg straight forward and back in a bicycle motion, making sure to allow a bending at the hock (as would happen if taking a step forward).

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I normally hold the leg near the hock, but if a foot is twisted in or out, you need to correct that positioning at the same time. You do need to be careful, make sure you're not manually stretching something too far for the condition of the puppy's muscles and tendons. If a puppy seems to have had enough of the exercises, I often have simply massaged the shoulders inward, and massaged the hips inward. Occasionally a puppy starts to "fight" the rear leg exercise; then, with his rear pads in my hand, I let him push a few moments in his struggle; I think that's beneficial as he's really using those muscles in a positive, correct manner. I firmly believe that these daily exercises have given my swimmer puppies a tremendous advantage in overcoming the problem.

**Swimming.** Although I haven't tried this technique, I believe it would be a very constructive exercise. You can use a towel as a sling under the puppy's belly and carefully lower him into water. He instinctively should start to do a dog-paddle, thus using those muscles in a correct manner. I think this could help, but it's not putting any weight on the muscles ... may not give results as fast as if you could get him walking on his feet. Lukewarm water in the bathtub or big sink should work.

**Give the puppy good traction** under his feet. This is essential for allowing the puppy to build the muscles that will let him start to walk properly. We have used all sorts of things. I've spent days searching for carpet scraps that might provide good footing, others have used rubber-backed carpets or rugs turned rubber side-up ... which must result in a mess of pee and poop in the whelping box! But this essential need is the inspiration for my new idea (below) to give a puppy the traction he needs to develop his muscles and basically correct himself.

**Depending on the circumstances and the age, I would try doing #1, #2, #5, #6 and #7 ... all techniques at the same time.**

## My New Idea For Good Traction "Traction Mat" for Swimmer Pups

I came up with this idea just 8 days ago when I had a big puppy, one of only two, who couldn't get up on his feet by 3 weeks of age. The front hadn't gone flat, but his rear legs were twisted, one knee stuck out; all he could do was push his rear. I had been constantly turning him on his side, propping him up on a blanket, and doing some physical therapy already. I tried binding his rear legs but it just didn't accomplish anything. And, it was really time he got on his feet and built up those rear muscles. I had a scrap of the rubber mesh material used for lining kitchen and tool box drawers; I laid it on the floor, put him on his feet on it and his traction was amazing! Of course, it moved around, wrinkled and he tripped over the wrinkles. But I knew I was on to something and that could be remedied.

I looked in the garage and found a piece of pressed board about 3' x 5'. (Smooth plywood would be better but the pressed board was all I could find quickly.) I spray painted it with a waterproof paint on the top side, left it to dry. I wanted it waterproof so I could clean it, particularly if I needed to leave it inside the whelping box.





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I ran to the Dollar General store and bought a couple rolls of the rubber drawer lining, 18" wide was the widest. I stretched the material across the board, stapled on the back side, then stapled down the seam on the front. I hammered the staples down so they'd be completely flush with the board.

If I hadn't been in a hurry, I would have spray painted the back side also, as I want to have it re-usable. But, I can spray paint the back side later, after I've hosed and sterilized the mat in the sun.

I put the mat down on the whelping room floor and set the puppy down, positioning his feet as best I could. It was immediately amazing! This puppy really wanted to walk, and he started trying ... with more success than I expected. He had such good traction, and it was so solid and unmoving under him. I'd call him to the opposite end of the mat, then praise him like crazy. He seemed so proud of himself!

I worked with the puppy on the mat two or three times a day. Within 2 days, the improvement was dramatic. Within 4 days, his body was correcting itself ... his twisted foot rarely twisted on him and the knee didn't stick out nearly as much.

Within a week, this puppy is walking, running, and hopping around almost normal! Even on the whelping box bedding, even on the slippery tile floor. It's been an amazing experience to watch. I did continue doing physical therapy with his legs for about the first 3-4 days, then realized that he didn't need that anymore.

**Advantages** of this idea are: (1) it provides outstanding, stable traction, (2) it can be cleaned/sterilized and saved and re-used for a future puppy, and (3) it is inexpensive and easy to make. As long as you paint both sides and edges of the board, you can spray it with disinfectant, hose it off and dry it in the sun. It even could be put inside the whelping box if you don't think you can spend enough time with the puppy on the mat outside the box.

TheDogPlace.org thanks Jenny for sharing this information with our readers and be sure to visit her website and check out her videos.

*Related Information;* on [Swimming Puppy Syndrome](#) by Barbara J. Andrews & [Swimmer Pup Syndrome](#) by Fred Lanting



# Fun Stuff!

## IF A DOG WERE YOUR TEACHER

you would learn stuff like.....

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.

When it's in your best interest -- practice obedience.

Let others know when they've invaded your territory.

Take naps and stretch before rising.

Run, romp, and play daily.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting, when a simple growl will do.

On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.

On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

No matter how often you're scolded, don't pout... run right back and make friends.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.

Be loyal.

Never pretend to be something you're not.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

***Author unknown. But knows dogs. And people.***



***Ascan- learning all about RATs!***



***Ruger, one of Nicki's pups...soo stinking cute!***



## Fun Stuff!



Bentley on his walk...



McFarland Crew... Boxer airs above the ground.



2014 Trophy Table