

Hickory Hollow Llewelin Setters, "Our Dogs Get Straight to the Point!"

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Hot off the press!

3rd Edition - Hickory Hollow Newsletter

The HHLS PRESS is back again! This year's edition has all the fun stories, news articles, puppy treat recipes, and health alerts, but we've also got a very special surprise in store for you... a new section completely dedicated to Puppy Progress Reports! Check out recent updates on many of our precious puppies and how they are doing now after leaving Hickory Hollow.



Don't forget to spend some time with your furry family member this Holiday Season. Give your Llew the gift of YOU!

Happy Holidays! **Bob and Laura & the Hickory Hollow Llew Crew.**

Setter Rescue Network

Llew Rescue – A Different Approach

After a completely perfect family was turned down by a so-called "rescue" facility when trying to adopt an English Setter in need only because they planned to let the dog run freely on their 100-acre farm out in the middle of nowhere, our passion was ignited.

The HHLS Setter Rescue Network was born...

Our Mission:

Dedicated to keeping this breed out of "rescue" facilities by connecting owners of Llewelin or English Setters with new adoptive families

We felt the need for a new approach to Setter Rescue, mainly where these dogs stay out of those facilities with unreasonable sets of rules and where many good homes are dismissed.

In late 2009, we started a new program designed to put Setter owners who need to rehome their dogs in touch with potential adoptive families. The transfer takes place between the two parties without the dog ever having to see the inside of a rescue facility. It's a win-win situation and creates less stress for the dog as well as the surrendering owner.

It has taken several months to build our "network", but we are now being recognized as a rescue organization.

Folks are finding us on the web when they search for a Setter Rescue, so we have gotten many inquiries from both sides of the equation and have successfully placed several dogs into "forever" new homes already this year.

We are very pleased with the success we've seen with our rescue program thus far.

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HHLS Setter Rescue Statistics:

>We have had an 87% success rate in placing rescue setters in new homes in 2010!

>Shortest length of time a dog spent on our Setter Rescue page, < 24 hours!

>Average length of time it takes to rehome a rescue dog is about 1 month.

Setters Re-homed This Year:

>James, Shellsburg, IA to Stilwell, KS.

>Rugby, Fayetteville, AR to Juda, WI.

>Buck, Atlanta, GA to Muscatine, IA.

>Kachina, Central IL to Morganfield, KY.

>Lucy Lou, Oshkosh, WI to Marble Rock, IA.

>Hobbs, rehomed locally

>Pepper, rehomed locally



HOPE with Litter "H"



(LtoR) Hannah, Hawkeye, Hunter and Holly.



Tuck is a White & Orange colored setter, weighing about 52 pounds and standing 23" at the shoulder.



Tuck has been certified OFA "Good" and his pups have been proven in the field.

Future Litters

HOPE/Tuck – Due Jan 23, 2011
 Daisy / Splash – Summer 2011

Our Llew Litters

Litter "H" is for HOPE

On December 29, 2009, HOPE gave birth to her very first litter of 7 beautiful pups. 5 females and 2 males divided the litter into a surprising majority for females which is new for us here at Hickory Hollow.

Being our "H" litter, all the pups were given temporary names that all started with H. Harley, Hawkeye, Hannah, Hayden, Holly, Hunter and Heaven. Two pups, Hawkeye and Hayden kept their "H" names.

From the moment her first pup was born, HOPE was an amazing new mother, tending to her pups with so much natural instinct it seemed like she had been a mommy many times before.

Even more amazing was that HOPE did not seem bothered by an occasional visit in the nursery from our German Shepherd, Quincy or from Grandma Duchess, tending to the pups as if they were her own; she even tried to lay down and nurse them herself, only to fail for the lack of milk.

We were saddened by the loss of a little female named "Heaven" on day three. She was born weak and had been ailing since her birth. This was our first loss of a live-born pup.

Two pups in this litter stayed in Iowa. The rest of the pups went to Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan and as far away as Florida to live near the Kennedy Space Center!

Now we are looking forward to HOPE's next litter due late January 2011 sired by Tuck. 🐾

Introducing Advie Tuck

The New Stud on the Block

By Bristol

I would like to proudly introduce my daddy, Tuck.

Tuck is a fantastic hunter and I was lucky enough to inherit all his superior hunting genes.

I love going hunting with my daddy and we hunt side by side, (well not literally, but in the same field) and it's always a race to see who can find the birds first. If he finds them,

I will back him and also the other way around, although most of the time we are usually pinpointing the same bird at the same time because we can smell them a mile away.

Tuck will bring the bird back to hand, but he's great because if I get to it first, he won't steal it from me. I love to retrieve, so I race him to the bird.

Tuck will hunt for hours and not get tired. He will hunt for days on end and not poop out. Between daddy and me, no bird gets past us in the field.

Born March 31st, 2002, he's now pushing nine years old and his Dad, Bob Bartz, wants a son by him. Since I have been unable to conceive a litter, Mom and Dad say the next best thing is to breed my daddy, so he will be used as a stud with HOPE's next litter.

Tuck is certified OFA "Good" and has always had really birdy sons and daughters, like myself. It will be fun to meet my half-siblings out of him in Spring 2011. 🐾

Apple Peanut Butter Treats



Ingredients:

- 6 cups whole wheat flour
- 10 cups oatmeal
- 1 T baking powder
- 4 cups apples, finely grated
- 5 T molasses
- 11 T peanut butter
- 4 T olive oil
- 2 cups lukewarm water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease cookie sheets.

Put the apples in a food processor to chop into small pieces. Combine all dry ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Add wet ingredients and stir with wooden spoon. Add extra water 1Tbsp at a time if mixture is too dry.

Roll out dough to about 1/4" thick and cut shapes using cookie cutters. Place dough on greased cookie sheets.

Bake for 30 mins or until golden brown. Store in a tightly sealed container in the refrigerator.

Rating: 8.5 wags

Setter Rescue Network

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Throughout our years as a Llewelin Setter breeder, we have been contacted by many families in search of an older Setter rather than a puppy. There's just something to be said about providing a home for an existing dog in need. Since we are strongly opposed to surrendering these dogs to Humane Societies, Animal Shelters and breed specific rescue facilities due to some unreasonable "laws and regulations" which have kept animals from being placed in perfectly responsible homes, we recognized the need to use a different approach.

Our FREE Services Include:

- Posting photos and the dog's story on our "SETTER RESCUE NETWORK" web page, within our forum and a variety of forums on the web, on our blog and Facebook pages.
- Utilizing our existing network of resources to locate and inform potential adoptive families of the dog in need.
- Screening potential adoptive families for certain criteria and ownership competency.
- Getting owners connected with the perfect family that's just waiting to adopt their dog.
- Assisting with the adoption by providing advice, research and/or transport until the dog is safely with a new family.

It's incredible that some rescue organizations will deny adoption of this breed to hunting homes because they believe the practice of shooting birds is inhumane or that these dogs must always be on a leash while outside, NO EXCEPTIONS! We believe it is always in the best interest of the dog to place them in a home where they can run free through the uplands and hunt as they were bred to do, rather than being euthanized for lack of a "suitable" home.

"There's something to be said about providing a home for a dog in need."

If you have been thinking about fostering or adopting a dog in need and are ready to open your heart and home for a rescue dog, please contact us.

We are always looking for foster or "fur-ever" homes for our Adorable Adoptees. We frequently know of dogs in need of good homes, so don't be afraid to step up and volunteer, we'd be glad to add you to our list of contacts.

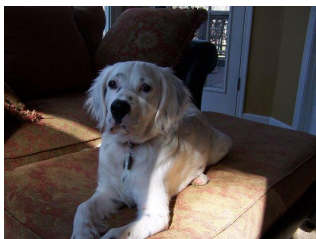
Visit our Setter Rescue Network web page to view our current Adorable Adoptees, located on our website at <http://www.hickoryhollowllewellins.com/SetterRescue.html>

If you have a setter that you need to rehome, please e-mail us at setter_rescue@hickoryhollowllewellins.com and we'll do our part to get you connected. 🐾

Success Stories *Fur-Ever Homes*



Meet Jake, relocated from Atlanta, GA to Muscatine, IA.



Previously known as Buck, this young Llew pup was adopted within in a record 24 hours after posting his information on our Setter Rescue page.

His new family, including two young boys, is totally in love with him and within just two short weeks of becoming part of their family Jake molded into their "dream dog". Now they say they cannot imagine life without him.

Meet Lucy Lou, relocated from Oshkosh, WI to Marble Rock, IA.



One afternoon there was a knock on our door and when I opened it I was surprised to see Lucy Lou and her new owner standing on our doorstep. They were traveling through the area and he wanted to meet us and introduce us to the wonderful dog we had helped to bring into his life. It's not often that we get to meet the dog or the new owner since the exchange usually takes place between families but what a treat! He thanked us for what we do for these dogs and what Lucy Lou has meant to their family.

Meet Rugby, relocated from Fayetteville, AR to Juda, WI.



Rugby is now part of a Tri-Llew family! His new Llew sister is Hayden from our "H" litter and he has a big brother Llew named Spirit. So far the reports are good. He's adopted their son as his "person" and has also claimed a corner of the couch for his own!

Meet Katie, relocated from Central IL to Morganfield, KY.



Previously known as Kachina, Katie was relocated from a non-hunting home into a family where she will now have the chance to challenge her natural instincts and put her bird hunting nose to use. She will need a little training, but they say she sure has the drive. She now has two sisters, one of which is a Llew.

Katie is a joy to her new family and is treasured every day. 🐾



Bob and Laura at teh Russian River during the Salmon run.



Dez & Dash in the float plane.



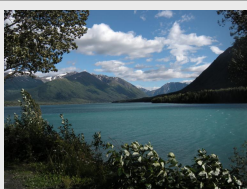
On the tundra, starting our Ptarmigan hunt.



Dez taking a bird from Dash after a nice retrieve.



Laura with Dex and an arctic char after some fly fishing lessons!



A veiw of Skilak Lake.

Hunting with Dez & Dash

Our Cast-n-Blast Alaska Adventure

By **Bob Whitlock**

In August of this year, we packed our bags and headed to the beautiful state of Alaska for a 10-day trip of a lifetime.

It all started in October of 2009, I was working on booking a trip to Alaska for myself, when I saw the greatest thing ever! Dez Young of "Hunting with Hank" fame, puts out a monthly news letter, and as I was looking through his news letter, my mouth just about hit the floor. Dez was taking Dash to Alaska to hunt ptarmigan and the public was welcome. I think I actually strained my fingers dialing the phone so quickly! I put in my reservation and then told the other half when I got home, and she said "You are not going without me!", so now there were two of us going.

By the way it ended up being a family vacation, Jim and Linda, Laura's parents also decided to join us, Jim was our designated videographer for our 2 day fly out hunting and fishing trip. Our destination was All Alaska Outdoors Lodge near Kenai.

After 33 straight days of rain in Alaska, we woke up on the morning of August 19th to sunshine, cold and not a cloud in the sky. Six of us boarded a deHavilland Beaver, 6-seat float plane and headed 130 miles SW of Kenai Alaska, 120 miles from the nearest road, through mountain passes and over glaciers to our first hunting spot. As our pilot landed on the remote mountain lake, Dash became very excited, as did the rest of us.

We exited the plane and began our ascent to the top of the nearest ridge, Dash in the lead, and the rest of us in hot pursuit. Now, I would like to tell you it was a walk in the park, but I would be lying, this was one of the most difficult hunts I



Bob with Dez & Dash hunting Willow Ptarmigan in Alaska.



have ever taken, the tundra was spongy and often caused ankles to turn and the uphill climb was also very taxing on our group. But as we neared the top of the first ridge, as I walked to the edge of the ground cover, the first ptarmigan of the day exploded in front of me. As I raised my shotgun, this amazing bird filled my sights and I pulled the trigger. The bird quickly fell in the middle of the shrubs and was a beautiful retrieve by Dash. After a few pictures and congratulations we moved on and hunted for the next couple of hours with Dash pointing and the group downing several more birds.

After our long walk back to the plane, we all boarded again for a quick flight to a nearby lake where we got to fish for several more hours, catching several lake trout, arctic char, and arctic grayling. This was the best fly fishing I have ever done. As we flew back out pilot made sure we would see some bears and other wildlife.

Day 2 started with even better weather and we again headed deep into the Alaskan wilderness. We again made a perfect landing on a new lake and unloaded for another wonderful hunt. Again it did not take long to find the birds, five minutes into the hunt I had a very large and mature female

ptarmigan jump in front of me, quickly I had my first mounting bird of the trip.

After regrouping we started up the hill again, as we could hear the birds chirping in the cover. As I rounded a large cedar tree, I had a quick flush to my right and as I turned a large male busted out of the brush right in front of me. I raised my over under and pulled the trigger, down he came, just as a second bird busted from the same cover; I quickly spun and fired at the second bird just as it cleared the cover. I had a double!!!!

We took a few more pictures and headed back the plane for some more fishing at the same lake we had fished the day before. Again the fly fishing was incredible, almost every cast landed a trophy Grayling or Char and Laura even got some special fly fishing lessons from Dez Young himself.

All in all it was a trip of a lifetime and we have a lot of pictures and video to document our awesome Alaskan adventure. 🐾

Tips From a Trainer

Off-Season Maintenance

By Bob Bartz

Dogs are repetitive learners, no secret, right? How many sporting dog owners put their bird dogs up at the end of December and pull them back out the following October with the expectation of starting right where they left off? MOST! We all know that it is very expensive to own a dog, but to own a working, ready-to-hunt, bird dog is even more expensive. Here are my recommendations to help keep your dog in prime condition from season to season.

Food: Don't skimp on the food. It is not the quantity but the quality of your friend's food that is important. Feed the best quality food you can afford. The importance of your feeding regimen is that it must be matched to the amount of exercise (or lack of) that you give your dog. The most common abuse of a bird dog is taking an out-of-condition, overweight dog into the field when early season arrives. If you think you regret your sore muscles after that first hunt, how do you think your dog feels?

Conditioning: Make it a priority to condition your dog year-round. "Conditioning" does not mean taking him for a walk around the neighborhood, get him out into the field and work him. Road working a dog with a bicycle, or if you dare a 4-wheeler, is a great way to keep your athlete in prime condition. It won't however keep him

quartering, working cover or birdie. Your dog needs to go into the field and drill, the walk will do you some good also. There are dozens of field drills available on the web, a good variety allows you to change up your drills and keep your pal interested in the exercises.

Birds, birds & more birds!

Nothing makes a bird dog like birds more than birds! Join a hunting club and take advantage of the extended season. In Iowa, like most states, hunt clubs have an extended season that ends March 31st. That is three extra months of hunting, training and enjoying your dog. How great is that? Look for a club that allows members to work their dog and only charges for the birds you shoot. This way you can train without needing to shoot every bird that is pointed and flushed only because you paid for it. If you do not have hunt clubs near you, buy birds from a local bird farmer and use them during conditioning. Try to find a public area or speak with a land owner about using one of his fields and get your dog on birds. There is no substitute for birds and lots of birds make a good dog great!

Birds and hunt clubs can be expensive, like I said, owning a hunting dog isn't cheap, so skip the new shotgun or that trip to Cabela's and refocus those dollars on the enjoyment and fun of owning a Llewelin Setter.

Good Training = Good Hunting



Bob Bartz, Gun Dog trainer specializing in Llewelin Setters. Pictured here with Tuck and Bristol.

Tempting Training Treats

Ingredients:

3 ½ cups whole wheat flour
2 cups white flour
1 cup rye flour
1 cup cornmeal
½ cup powdered milk
2 tsp salt
1 T dry yeast
¼ cup warm water
3 cups chicken broth

Combine all ingredients in a bowl and mix until they form a ball. Roll the dough out to ¼" thickness. Using a pizza cutter, cut the dough into 1" squares. Let squares rise about ½ hour while the oven pre-heats to 300°.

Bake the squares for 35 mins or until golden brown. Turn the oven off and leave squares inside until completely cooled or overnight.

Once cooled, store the training treats in a covered container in the fridge or freezer.

These treats also make great gifts! Package them into decorative tins and give to other families with fur kids!

Rating: 8 wags



Sir James of Galloway



Touched by an Angel

In April 2010, we got a rescue call to help place a setter in the Columbus Ohio area. When I saw pictures of this beautiful boy, my jaw literally dropped. He looked familiar and once I saw his pedigree, I understood why. This dog's father was our Duchess' littermate brother. This boy is Duchess' nephew! Needless to say, he instantly had a new home at Hickory Hollow.

I made a few phone calls and the next day he was hitch-hiking a ride on a semi truck from Ohio to Iowa!

James was a complete joy from the moment he entered our home. Well mannered, sweet and gentle, this boy instantly touched our hearts.

But after a few weeks it was apparent that James was

not as well-adjusted here as we had hoped. The stress of being at the bottom of the pack and not getting along well with our two other male dogs led us to the conclusion that there had to be a better life out there for him, so we started searching...

After posting an ad on our Setter Rescue page & turning down several prospects we found him the perfect "forever" home! A wonderful retired couple near Kansas City told us they were already in love with him based on our posting.

Dozens of e-mails and phone conversations later, James was going to live in Kansas.

Since he's been gone, we've received many wonderful updates about him. His new family is home during the day and can spend lots of time with him. He gets to go for long walks and car rides daily.

James' new family loves him to pieces! They are "humbled by his faith and pleased with his companionship. He is a gift for all the ages, for sure!"

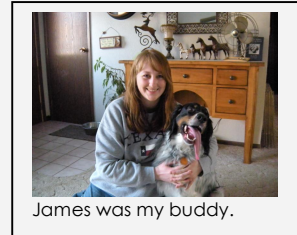
"I cannot begin to tell you what a joy it is to have him with me. I needed a dog, but Jimmy is far beyond my wildest expectations. I love him so. It is so, so nice to sit and have him beside me so I can put my hand down, pet him and stroke his fur. And they say that dogs aren't great psychiatrists!"

"I just know this is going to be a wonderful relationship."
-James' new owner

They thank me regularly for letting them have James, he is such a special dog for sure. Sometimes when you love something the way I did, the best thing is to let him go. 🐾



James on his first day here.



James was my buddy.



James with Aunt Duchess.

Hickory's Living with Grace & Hickory's Doc Leo O'Bliss

Delta Society Dogs

By Rex Williamson

(excerpts taken from HHLS Forum)

Just after her first birthday, (the minimum age), Gracie flew through her tests to become a registered pet partner, aka, therapy dog through Delta Society.

The testing was done outside which made it more difficult given various distractions; the evaluator raises chickens.

Since we had a few minutes before testing time, we walked around the property and Grace had her nose to the ground taking in all of the new scents. Imagine everyone's surprise when the testing began -- Grace had two chicken feathers hanging from her flues when she turned to face the evaluator! We declared "no harm, no fowl!"

She sailed through all of the commands, twice in fact, since Jen was tested with her as well. She probably could have done it 5 months ago, but didn't meet the minimum age requirement.

On Tuesday, April 26, 2010, Leo accompanied me to a school event where I work. The building of 450, 5th and 6th graders sponsored a mini-relay for life with the proceeds donated to the American Cancer Society.

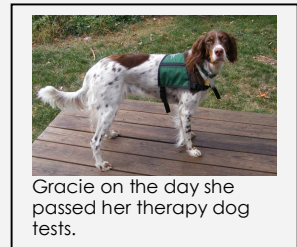
We arrived a few minutes behind schedule, so instead of having time to get settled in, we immediately stood in front of the assembly of students and teachers. I told my experience with my cancer and tied it to the theme of building a caring community.

Leo was AWESOME! He sat quietly by my side but was appropriately interested in his surroundings.

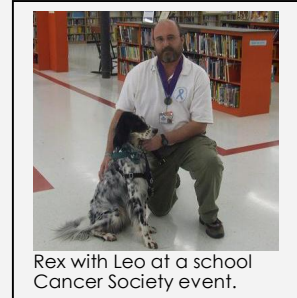
Later, we walked laps then stood by the official "lap counters" where Leo greeted the students as they passed. Whether the student was in a wheel chair or walking, each hand that reached out to Leo was greeted with a wag of his tail and a nuzzle of his snout. That was a great day in the "field" for us.

Grace and Leo certainly do enliven a visit to the nursing home when they can go as a pair! 🐾

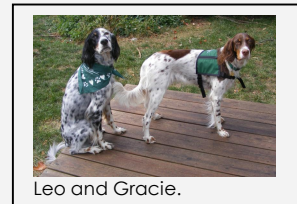
Leo is "Doc" from Litter D. Gracie is from Litter G.



Gracie on the day she passed her therapy dog tests.



Rex with Leo at a school Cancer Society event.



Leo and Gracie.

Hickory's Hayden

Field Reports

By Jeff Kopp

(excerpts taken from e-mails)

08/09/10: We started working Hayden on birds earlier this week. She started to scent point on the 3rd bird and now points hard, seems like she will be easy to steady up. She is very energetic and we expect her to be a fairly big runner in the field. I left her with my trainer after this morning's session. She will be there for 4-6 weeks, and then we will hunt her this fall. Plan is to get her steady to wing early next summer then send her to Michigan for cover dog and grouse training. We are very pleased with Hayden.

11/30/10: We are very happy with Hayden's progress this fall. She has spent quite a bit of time in the field with us and Spirit. Hayden has nice style on point and is doing well with force fetching. We will start to shoot birds for her soon.

We had a pleasant surprise when working dogs a couple of weeks ago with a friend over chukers. His GSP went on point and Hayden backed its point! We have not had the opportunity to set up any more backing practice but it is exciting as we are working on getting her steady.

I am very pleased with what we have in Hayden.

Hayden is from Litter H. 🐾



Hayden on her second bird after holding a point longer than she should have had to, the bird is about 10 ft in front.

Watch video of her point and retrieve on YouTube!
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x41xqIN4QJ8>

Hickory's Daisy Duke

Thanksgiving Hunt

By Tim Sims

(excerpts taken from HHLS Forum)

Daisy has gotten to go hunting with me a bunch this season. She is outstanding in the field and all my friends are very impressed with her style and natural instinct. I have been very proud of her.

This photo was taken of Daisy during a Thanksgiving hunt this year.

Daisy is from Litter D.



Daisy with her 8 birds on Thanksgiving weekend 2010.



Top 5 Health Concerns as your Pet Ages

Did you know that dogs are considered seniors at 7-10 years of age? At this age, health related changes can occur quickly.

You can greatly improve your senior pet's quality of life by watching for the following signs:

- 1) **Arthritis** – Stiffness, limping or trouble getting up, laying down, walking, climbing stairs, or jumping.
- 2) **Kidney Disease** – Weight loss, vomiting, loss of appetite, frequent drinking or urination, tiredness.
- 3) **Diabetes** – Weight loss, vomiting, frequent drinking or urinating, urinary "accidents", tiredness.
- 4) **Dental Problems** – Bad breath, red bleeding gums, plaque on teeth, eating slowly.
- 5) **Behavioral Problems** – uncharacteristic aggression, vocalization, and disorientation.

If your dog shows any of these signs, please schedule an appointment with your veterinarian right away.

For senior pets, veterinarians recommend wellness exams every 6 months instead of yearly. Early detection of any disease is easier to treat during early onset. 🐾



Hickory's Tall Corn Wilson

Llewelin in Training

Wilson was born in December 29, 2009 and went to live locally in Marion. His new owners, Jon and Liz Grandon, started Tall Corn Kennels and were training him to a "started" level during this past summer.

While Wilson is living in their home as part of their family, they are working to cultivate a great hunting partner for someone in the future and plan to sell him as a "started dog" for this hunting season or a finished dog next season.

If anyone is interested in hearing more about Wilson, call Jon at 319-389-2465. 🐾



Wilson in the bird dog trial fields hunting scratch birds.

Hickory's Pied Piper

Learning on the Job

By Jon Grandon

(excerpts taken from e-mail)

Attached is a picture I got of Piper on point. As she learns and gains experience her tail keeps getting higher and higher.

She also has started picking up the birds and bringing them back to me. She isn't what I could call a reliable retriever yet, but she is getting the hang of it. It is so much fun watching her learn something every time we are afield. 🐾



Piper on point!

Chicken & Carrot Casserole

Ingredients:

2 lbs ground chicken
2 eggs
2 cups cooked rice
3 carrots, diced
8 oz peas, frozen
1 apple, diced
1 clove garlic, minced

Preheat oven to 375°.

Cook peas, drain and set aside. Cook rice, cover and set aside and let cool.

While the peas and rice are cooling, dice the carrots and apple.

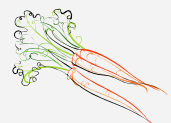
In a mixing bowl, combine all ingredients and mix well by hand.

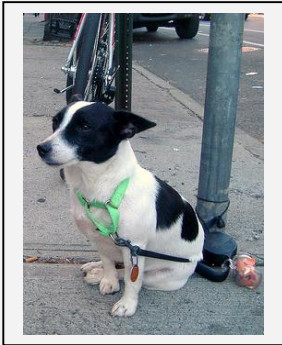
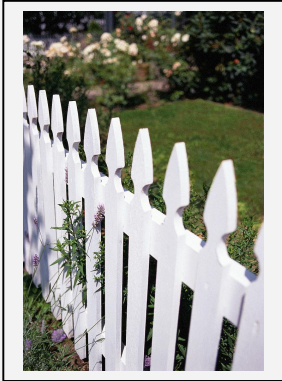
On baking sheet, just for fun, form mixture into the shape of a large dog bone.

Bake at 375° for 45 minutes. Let cool and serve.

Store any unused portion in an air-tight container in your refrigerator.

Rating: 9 wags





Don't Give Pets as Gifts!

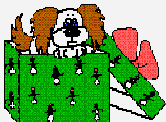
While considering the perfect gift to bestow upon friends or family this year, please do not buy them a new puppy or kitten!

Pet ownership is a *huge responsibility* for the entire lifetime of the pet, so anybody who will be taking on that responsibility should be *willing and fully prepared*.

The decision to add a new pup or kitten to the family should be well thought out, *not a surprise!*

Please consider the animal's well-being before making any impulse decisions that will *impact the rest of their lives!*

SPREAD
THE
WORD!



Preventing Pet Theft

Thwarting Thieves

Dog theft is a crime that is hard to measure in statistics. Was the dog actually stolen or did the dog get out and wander off? Some estimate the number of total pet thefts to be over 2 million per year! That is astounding.

Here are some ideas to help keep your dog safe:

- **Secure your yard** – put up a fence, preferably a privacy fence, and secure the gate with a lock.
- **Don't leave your dog unattended** – never leave your dog outside when you're not around, whether it be in your yard, your car, or tied up outside the grocery store waiting for you to return. It only takes a moment to untie him and take off.
- **Talk to your neighbors** – make sure your neighbors are aware when you are going to be away so that if a strange car shows up they should call the police.
- **Never allow roaming** – your dog should never be allowed to roam free through the neighborhood. This is for the safety of the dog and for your neighbors.
- **Wear a collar** – always make sure your dog is wearing a collar around his neck with ID tags that contain your contact info.
- **Permanent Identification** – consider microchipping your dog with permanent identification in case the dog should lose his collar with ID tags. Microchips are a proven way for shelters and veterinary hospitals to unite lost or stolen dogs with their owners.
- **Recent photos** – keep recent photos of your dog taken from different angles that clearly show coat type and coloring, close-ups of the face and any other unique physical traits that would help identify him.
- **Keep Records** – make sure to keep all your proof-of-ownership papers such as adoption, breeder contract, bill of sale, registration papers, vet health records, etc in one place. This will help you prove ownership of the dog in case of a dispute.

If you believe your dog has been stolen, call the police. You can also post a lost ad on the web at:

- * www.petfinder.com
- * www.missingpet.com
- * www.findfido.com

The best way to keep your dog safe from theft is prevention! 🐾

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Holiday Hazards - Foods

During the **Holidays** when there seems to be an extra abundance of food around the house, please be aware that some could be harmful to your dog. Read on!

Alcoholic beverages – can cause intoxication, coma and death at a rapid rate.

Avocados – contain a toxin called persin which can damage the heart and lungs. **This fruit is extremely toxic to dogs!**

Bones – bones from chicken or pork can be very sharp causing internal lacerations or blockage of the intestines.

Candy or Gum – containing

Xylitol (a dietary sweetener) can cause a sudden drop in blood sugar, seizures, loss of coordination, and death.

Cat foods – generally are too high in protein and fats.

Chocolate, coffee, tea and other caffeinated items – caffeine can be toxic affecting the heart and central nervous system.

Fat trimmings – in large amts, it can cause pancreatitis.

Grapes & Raisins – contain an unknown toxin which can damage the kidneys causing death. **As little as a single serving of raisins can kill!**

Liver – in large amounts, it can cause Vitamin A toxicity

affecting muscles & bones.

Milk & other dairy products – some dogs do not have sufficient amounts of certain enzymes required to digest the lactose in dairy products.

Mushrooms – contain toxins which may affect multiple body systems causing shock and may result in death.

Nuts – **Walnuts & Macadamia nuts are especially toxic.** They can cause vomiting, paralysis and kidney failure eventually leading to death.

Onions – contain sulfoxides which can damage red blood cells and cause anemia; **effects are also cumulative over time.**



More Holiday Hazards - Decorations

Lights, decorations, good food... every year as we celebrate the holidays we fill our homes with seasonal cheer for ourselves and our families.

However, what may seem beautiful and harmless to us may pose hidden dangers to our pets. Don't let an emergency spoil the family festivities. Here are some common holiday hazards for our pets and how to prevent them.

Electric Cords - keep all electric cords securely taped down or out of reach of your pet. Our pets may chew dangling wires and be burned or electrocuted.

Ornaments - Hang ornaments out of reach of your pet. Dogs especially may try to eat

ornaments or wire hangers which can get caught in their stomach or intestines.

Tinsel, Ribbon and String - Make sure these are kept out of reach of your pet and are properly disposed of. If swallowed any of these can require emergency surgery to remove. Tinsel also has sharp edges which can cut the soft tissue in the mouth.

Lilies, Poinsettia & houseplants - Prevent your pets from eating plants or flower arrangements. Lilies and poinsettia are very poisonous.

Christmas Tree - Put the tree in a pet-safe room or monitor your pet when s/he is around the tree. Both dogs and cats may eat the needles (even from artificial trees) or drink

the water at the base of the tree, which can be toxic especially if it contains preservatives for the tree.

Signs of Poisoning: Muscle tremors or seizures, vomiting & diarrhea; drooling; redness of skin, ears and eyes; swelling and bleeding.

If you suspect your dog has come into contact with a toxic substance, contact the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.



Breath Bustin' Biscuits

1 ½ cups whole wheat flour
1 ½ cups Bisquick baking mix
½ cup mint leaves
¼ cup milk
4 T margarine
1 egg
1 ½ T maple or corn syrup

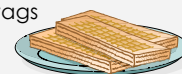
Combine all ingredients in a food processor and chop until well mixed and forms a ball.

Press or roll onto non-stick surface or floured board to thickness of ¼ to ½ inch. Cut into 1"x2" strips or use bone shaped cookie cutter.

Place on non-stick cookie sheet and bake at 375° for 20 minutes or until lightly browned.

Cool and store in an air-tight container. Makes about 30 medium sized biscuits.

Rating: 8 wags



Pumpkin Cookies

1 ½ cups whole wheat flour
½ cup pumpkin, canned
1 T brown sugar
½ tsp ground cinnamon
½ tsp ground nutmeg
4 T Crisco shortening
1 egg
½ cup buttermilk

Preheat oven to 400°.

Combine flour, cinnamon and nutmeg then cut in the shortening. Beat egg with milk and pumpkin, then add dry ingredients mixing well. Stir until soft dough forms.

Drop by tablespoons onto an ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 12 to 15 minutes. Let cool.

Store in an air tight container in the fridge or freezer.

Rating: 10 wags!



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We thoroughly enjoy all of your cards and letters and especially the photos. Hearing from you brightens our day.

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We specialize in breeding 100% pure Llewelin Setters.

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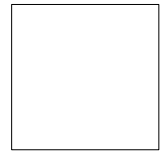
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