SUN CITY PET CLUB NEWSLETTER

Exclusive to Pet Club Members

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2022 Club Information YTD

Membership: 781

Purchased Donations to Shelters YTD: \$15,000

Collected items donated to shelters and members: Value over \$5,500

The Newsletter will be coming out on the 1st of each month starting with September, 2022.

Training Classes

- 9/10: Snake Aversion: Ticket sales end on September 1, online or at the Members Services Desk. Details will be emailed to all who signed up along with arrival schedules prior to the event.
- October Training Classes: The October dog training schedule is now posted on the Pet Club website. Sign into the Pet Club website, click on TRAINING, click on Monthly Training Information, click on Training Schedule to view dates/times of each class. <u>Tickets will be</u> <u>available from Sept 8-14.</u> Classes offered in October: Assessment/Walk, Beginners and Intermediate levels.

Dog Training Class Reminders:

Email alert reminders will go out from Ruth Olsen when tickets go on sale for all training classes. For any information pertaining to dog training classes, dog issues or Pet Partners Team Evaluations, contact Ruth Olsen at 6pawstraining@gmail.com

Online Dog Training Lessons

Go to the Pet Club Website, Click on Training, Click on Virtual Training. There are over 30 written lessons to help train your dog.

Monthly Training Tip Exercise and Mental Stimulation

Walk your dog for both their health and happiness

Regular walks provide many benefits for your dog, including preventing boredom, helping the digestive tract, keeping them at a healthier weight, and helping them to burn off excess energy. By giving them a constructive outlet, you may find bad behaviors, like chewing, barking or digging, decrease too. Letting them sniff on their walks is important and keeps the dog mentally active and calms them down.

Fight boredom by adding variety

Break up your dog's normal routine by adding in extra walks or outings. Take them to a dog-friendly place or drive-in for a change of scenery. Take them on errands with you and switch up their toys to keep them mentally active. Freeze a toy such as a Kong (peanut butter is great) and give it them as a special outdoor treat to keep them engaged.

Challenge your dog mentally

Just like us, dogs need plenty of mental stimulation to stay happy and healthy. Give your dog a puzzle toy, teach them new tricks, and play new games with them to <u>keep them engaged</u>. Toss small dog treats in the grass in the fenced-in yard and let them find them. Dogs love to play hide and seek with their humans.

Slowing down a supereater

If your dog or puppy eats their meals very quickly, they increase their risk of having stomach issues or upsets that may lead to vomiting. Slowing down your dog's eating is good for their digestive health and can be done easily. There are quite a few options - a tennis ball in the dish, a slow feed bowl, a snuffle rug or a treat release toy are some options. These all will work similarly making your dog have to work around the inedible obstacle to eat their meal.

Exercise together

Any activity you can do with your dog will benefit both of you, build a stronger team and keep you young.

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Pet Club Upcoming Events Mark your Calendars!!

September 14

Pet Club General Meeting No pets.

Guest Speaker: R.O.C.K (Rock Ride on Center for Kids)

www. <u>rockride.org</u> Florence/Georgetown Room Cowan Creek Amenity Center. 9:30 a.m.

Our speaker is R.O.C.K., Ride On Center For Kids, a very special nonprofit located right here in Georgetown. R.O.C.K. uses horses--many of which were rescued or donated--to help heal children, adults, and veterans with physical and emotional disabilities. Come hear their amazing journey from 1 woman with one horse and an idea to the incredible facility it has become today. Their wide range of unique volunteer opportunities have enabled them to expand in the areas of rehabilitation, education, and research, now serving all of Central Texas.

October 4

Blessing of the Animals

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Steven Pope Music by: Lionel Menchaca Cowan Creek Amphitheater, 2 p.m.-3 p.m. Open to all Sun City, tickets not necessary. Bring your dog, cat, fish or any pet. be properly leashed at all times.

October 8 Pet Club Luncheon Social

Sun City Ball Room, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Tickets Available:** 9/12 -9/22

Activities Include: Lunch, Door Prizes, New Pet Merchandise for sale, Pet Partners Presentation, Meet our Dog Training Team and More.

Cost: Only: \$8.00 per person Guests are welcomed @ the same price. To help keep the price reasonable, the Pet Club is subsidizing the cost. Lunch: Choice of Ham&Swiss, Turkey&Muenster or Vegetarian Sandwich (Cheese, Hummus, Cucumber) on a Croissant with Couscous Salad, Chips, and Cookies. Lemonade.



How to Sign Up: Use the "Purchase Ticket" system on the SC Resident Page or at the Members Services Desk. <u>Tickets will be available starting Sept. 12 thru Sept. 22.</u>

Sandwich selection will be made at time of ticket purchase. Food is ordered according to ticket sales, sorry, no walk-ins. Merchandise For Sale:

Over a 150 new pet items: costumes, harnesses, collars, leashes, doggie doors, pet raincoats, and more.....

Sample of some of the costumes that are available for sale.

Can be fun for the upcoming Pet Photo Portraits.











Join Us!

October 11, 22, and 23 Pet Photo Portraits

The Pet Club is offering photo portraits on three different days. Tickets are available 9/24-10/6; choose your date. A finished portrait will be emailed to you to use as you wish. Fee: \$12 per sitting.

In order to accommodate as many members as possible, we are limiting one ticket per member.

Professional photos taken by Ann Marshall.

November 17

New Resident Orientation and Club Fair

Sun City Ball Room The Pet Club will be present from 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

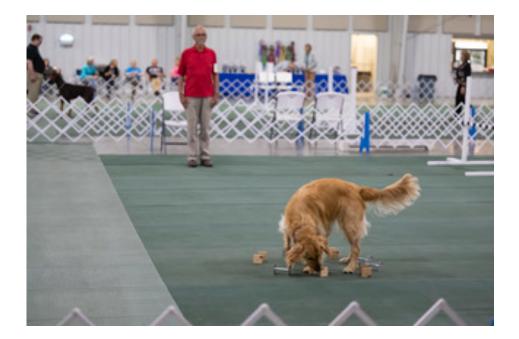
Golden Retriever, 'Happy' Wins Two Blue Ribbons

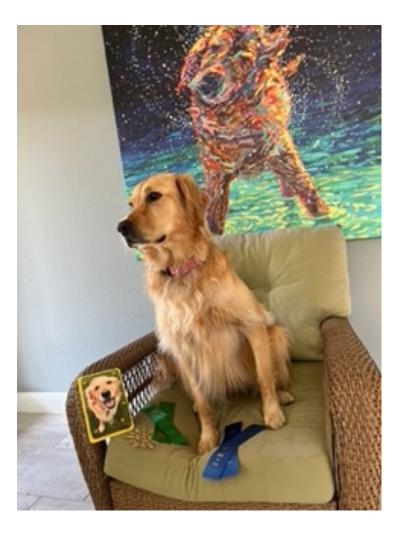
Lorenzo Gordon's Golden Retriever 'Happy' won two blue ribbons in the Utility Dog Exercises in the Houston World Series Of Dog Shows at the NRG Center, Houston Texas, July 20-24. She competed in this exercise 4 times and won two out of the four days of competition. She also earned two additional qualifications to finish her AKC Utility Dog Obedience Title.

The Utility Dog Exercises consist of: Signal Exercise, Scent Discrimination, Directed Retrieve, Moving Stand and Examination, and Directed Jumping. She also competed in the following events: Utility Dog Exercise, Rally Intermediate, Scent Work Container Novice, Scent Work Interior Novice, Scent Work Exterior Novice, Canine Good Citizen, Trick Dog Intermediate, and Companion Dog Excellent.

Happy will be four years old on August 27, and she has been competing in obedience for nearly that long. From a line of Field Goldens, Happy is full of drive and always eager to work. If you see them walking in Sun City, please say hi.

Lorenzo Gordon Treasurer, Pet Club Neighborhood 81







"Rusty" Cameron

About a week ago Bob and I talked about getting a new kitty. We decided we would wait until next year, about 6 months since our 10-year-old Kasey crossed over the Rainbow Bridge.

Six weeks later...

So much for best laid plans . Sunday Bob checked out the kittens online at the Williamson County Animal Shelter here in Georgetown. He got us an appointment on Monday afternoon to visit the shelter. So . . . we got a kitten.

His name is Rusty. His name at the shelter was "Merlin." That name didn't really fit him. He is 3 and a half months old. He was born on July 26th, which was the day before Bob's birthday (karma). He weighs 3 pounds 8 1/2 oz.

This is Rusty in the laundry basket. He loves to help me fold laundry.

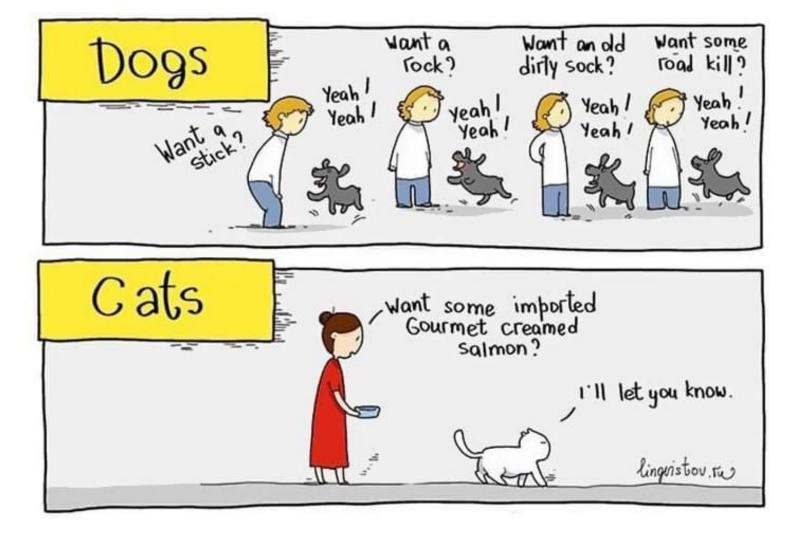


He was with a family for 11 days and he was returned to the shelter - on Sunday - the day before we adopted him. The family had kids and they said someone was allergic to him.

He is a super talker, very athletic, playful and a cuddlier. He's a real character.

He is in his forever home now.

Michele Cameron



Pet Club Resource List and Re-Homing Policy

Lately we are getting too many calls from people outside of Sun City and from residents who are trying to help someone outside of Sun City. One example, my name and number was given out to someone in Houston who wanted help re-homing a cat.

It takes a huge effort to create our Resource Lists, maintain them, manage them and keep them updated on the Pet Club website.

The Pet Club will gladly assist club members with our Resource List and assist with Re-Homing a pet that lives in Sun City with their Sun City resident as best we can.

We hope everyone appreciates we cannot accommodate everyone.

Please, do not give our information to anyone outside of Sun City. Thank you.