



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM HEART

September 2018

HEARTland Positive Dog Training Alliance


Membership Stats

ALL CONTACTS	144	
ALL MEMBERS	70	
	Professional Members	36
	Supporting Members	13
	Inactive Members	20


Just a Few Comments from our Founders

As we reflect on **HEART** from its earliest vision 8 years ago through its founding in 2013 to today, we are gratified by the support and participation of members and the encouragement of non-members. We've enjoyed learning through wonderful speakers at seminars and inspiring presentations at meetings. Our mission of educating about and creating more awareness of positive training has moved forward along with the rest of the dog training community worldwide. But one of the benefits that we now know is most valuable is the newfound friendships we've made. **HEART** provides a place to share experiences, talk about issues in a non-judgmental forum, learn from each other and support each other. Our experience as dog training professionals is so much richer because of the wonderful friends we've made. Our annual picnic is Sunday September 23. Even if you have to come late or leave early, please try to come for awhile. It's a wonderful welcoming time for **HEART** members, **HEART** family, **HEART** friends and **HEART** dogs. One of our favorite things is watching the dogs frolic in the pond. You'll have a great chance to check out how reliable your recall is when your dog spies the chickens. It's fun and we'd really love to see you there. Warm Woofs. Skip & Kay

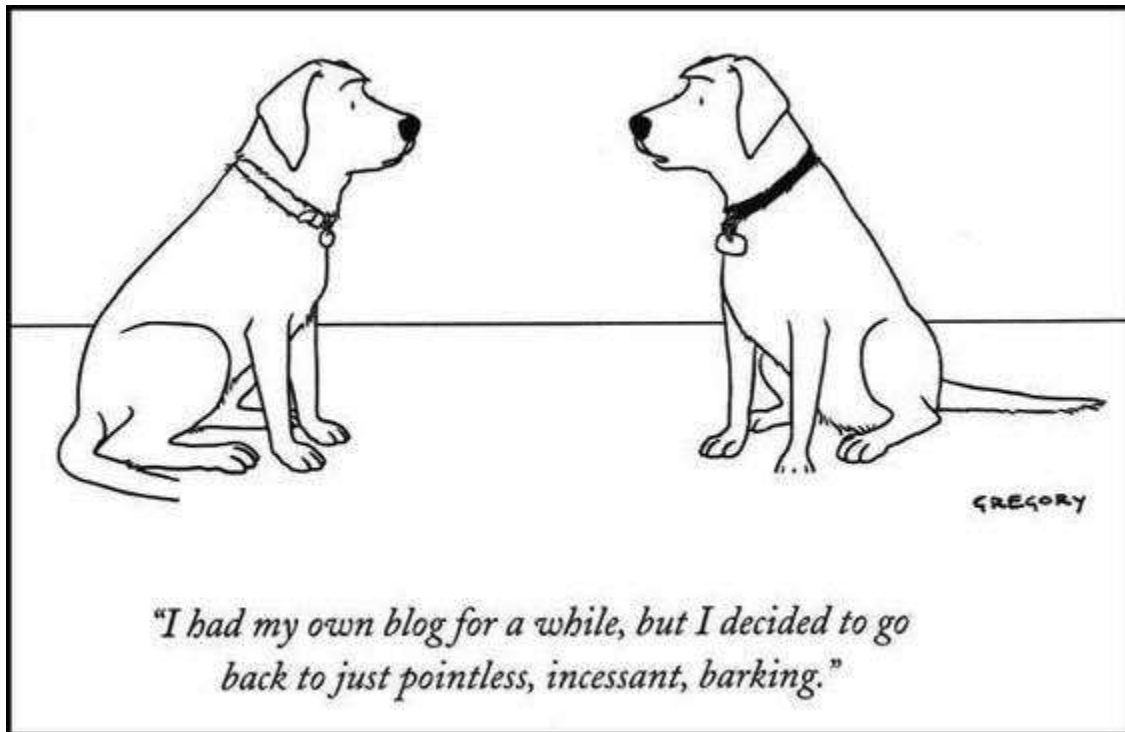
Upcoming Local & National Events

Local Event		September HEART Picnic
	About	HEART's Annual Potluck - Starts at 4:00 pm Bringspouses, kids and friendly dogs. Plenty of open space to romp and play, and even a lake to swim in (maybe just the dogs!). There will be lots of goodvitals in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. It really makes for a

		nice,relaxing, family day! Seating may be limited, so bring along a chair for yourself.
		
	Date	September 23, 4:00 PM until Whenever
Local Event		
		Blessing of the Pets
Look for a Service Near You		The blessing of pets and animals is often celebrated on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, or on a Sunday near that date. Be on the lookout for a service near you.
	Date	October 4
Local Event		
		Grisha Stewart - Empowered Socialization: BAT
	Date	October 13-14
	Location	MuttSchool, 4912Skyway Drive, Manhattan, KS
	Event Registration	<i>Information & Registration Here</i>
National Event		
	Date	October 17-20
	Location	Memphis, TN
	Event Information	https://apdt.com/apdt-conference-2018/
Local Event		
		Dogtober Fest
	Date	October 21 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
	Location	Kemper Outdoor Education Center 8201 S Jasper Bell Road Blue Springs MO 64015 Fleming Park
	Event Information	https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/171/Dogtober-Fest
Local Event		
		Great KC Pet Expo
	Date	November 3-4
	Location	Overland ParkConvention Center, 6000 College Blvd., OP, KS
	Event Information	http://www.greatkcpetexpo.com/

Local Event		November HEART Meeting & Board Elections
	About	Watch for details. If you would like to nominate someone for a position on the HEART Board of Directors, we will be accepting nominations at the September 23 HEART Picnic. Look for further information about Board Elections and the November Meeting in the next newsletter.
	Date	November 19 6:30 PM Social Time / 7:00 PM Meeting

Dogs In A Humerous Mood



Looking Back Just a Bit

On Saturday, August 11th, **HEART** participated in the **Tails on The Trails Pet Festival** event in Lenexa, KS. This was a day of fun for dog owners and their furry friends. Folks browsed pet vendors' booths, participated in the pet talent show, let their pooches plunge into the community pool for dog swims and watched a variety of canine related demonstrations, all within the beautiful acreage of Ad Astra Pool and Park. **HEART** had a booth set up with information and Melissa's dog, Baymax as our proud canine representative from **HEART**. We gave out lots of information, helped many folks with canine issues, and talked endlessly about positive, force free training methods.

On Sunday, August 26th, **HEART** also joined Jeannene & Jerry at their fabulous new training center in Lawrence, KS. The event was *Wagmore Canine Enrichment's* OPEN HOUSE FOR DOG TRAINING along with several other

local area vendors. It was a super fun afternoon for spreading the good word about force free, positive dog training and meeting lots and lots of awesome dog owners and their fabulous pooches!

Forward to a Client or Dog Owner Friend

Whole Dog Daily

Tip

Ask Yourself "Why"?

Excerpted from Behavior Adjustment Training 2.0 by Grisha Stewart, M.A., CPDT-KA

If your dog is exhibiting some behavior you don't want, you may have wondered, "Why is he doing it?" does he not love you? Is he trying to dominate you? If he knows you don't like whatever it is he is doing, then why does he keep doing it? Is he not your best friend, after all? I think the answer is that he behaves the way he does simply because he has some need that the behavior helps him meet. He may not even find the behavior particularly fun to do, as is the case with most reactivity. But your dog has learned that behavior is a way to get what he wants or needs.



Think creatively about what your dog gets as a result of doing a problem behavior (whatever he's doing that you want to change). In other words, what is the functional reward for his behavior? Think of the functional reward as a "real life" consequence that reinforces the problem behavior. Has your dog learned that barking at strangers makes them move away? The fact that the person moves away creates safety in the dog's mind by putting distance between him and a stranger. That is the functional reward for his barking.

Once you know the functional reward(s) for your dog's problem behavior, the next step is to find other behaviors you can encourage your dog to do that can reasonably lead to that same reward. For example, you can reward your dog's choice to turn his head away from approaching strangers instead of barking at them. That would make looking away a replacement behavior for the problem behavior of barking. Sniffing the ground, yawning, sitting, or looking at you are also appropriate possible replacement behaviors for reactivity. Reinforce the replacement behavior(s) by using the same functional reward that your dog earned from doing the problem behavior. For example, when he looks away (a replacement behavior), happily walk your dog away from the stranger, thereby increasing the distance between dog and stranger (the functional reward). That's the core concept of Functional Analysis - using the functional reward of the problem behavior to pay for more appropriate behaviors. The functional reward concept can be applied to just about any problem behavior. Behavioral adjustment training is a way to apply the scientific concept of Functional Analysis to reactivity problems: use the functional reward of reactivity to pay for more appropriate social behaviors. *To read more on ways to deal with fear, frustration and aggression in dogs, purchase Behavior Adjustment Training 2.0 by Grisha Stewart at Whole Dog Journal.*

Some (dog)Food for Thought - An Article Recommendation

Is Your Dog a "Bully"?

Why (and how) you should intervene if your dog is bossy - pinning down other dogs at daycare, or picking on less confident dogs at the dog park.

Whole Dog Journal, May Issue, 2018

By Pat Miller, CBCC-KA, CPDT-KA

[Updated January 16, 2018]

You can find them everywhere – at dog parks and doggy daycare centers, in dog training classes, in your neighbor's yards ... perhaps even in your own home. "They" are canine bullies – dogs who overwhelm their potential playmates with overly assertive and inappropriate behaviors, like the out-of-control human bully on the school playground.

We encourage you to read the entire article. It's a good one.

[https://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/9_5/features/Canine Aggression Socialization 15805-1.html](https://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/9_5/features/Canine%20Aggression%20Socialization%2015805-1.html)

BLOG, BLOG, Blog...

YES! We are still adding blogs at least every month to the **HEART** website. This month, we have a subject of interest to all – how might you give a 3 minute "elevator pitch" about the efficacy of force free training to client steeped on "old school" training methods? The solution comes from two of our own **HEART** members (Melissa & Kay). Well done ladies!

Check out the latest blog on the **HEART** website at TrainersWithHeart.com/BLOG.

Got ideas for a blog post or have something you want posted on our BLOG, send them to us at Info@TrainersWithHeart.com.

Have Ideas About Future Content? Tell Us!

If you have ideas about content for future newsletters, **please let us know!** We welcome all ideas and inspirations. More input will make this better. Please submit blogs you find particularly useful or interesting, upcoming events that are related and anything else you want to share with our community. **We are a large, diverse and very talented group of professionals. Let's share with one another!!**

It's easy to let us know. Just drop us an e-mail to INFO@TrainersWithHeart.com. If you just have an idea, there's no need to type out a long e-mail, just let us know you want to talk about and we will call YOU!

Please Please Please Update Your **HEART** Information

It is really important that e-mail addresses and phone numbers are kept current. Otherwise we may not be able to contact you. The system shows several members whose e-mails are no longer valid. Consequently they are no longer receiving any communication at all from us. It is a good idea to periodically skim through your profile to see if there is missing or errant information. How about your address? Have you added a new business? Do you have a new credential? Will you be teaching a new dog class?

It is easy to do. Just find your way to the **HEART** web page and then click on the "HEART MEMBERS" tab. Then select your name and you can edit your profile. You may be prompted to login. Don't hesitate to call us if you have any issues that you are not able to resolve. We are pretty good problem solvers!

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