



GRIFFIN GEORGIA KENNEL CLUB

AUGUST, 2009 ISSUE

President: Walt Sanderson – V. Pres: Jo Gahm – Secretary: Tammy Sasso – Treasurer: Sue Yates
Board Members: Lois Milligan-Noel Clarke-Willie Crawford

Next Meeting:

Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009

Picnic - Picnic - Picnic

Walt & Helen Sanderson's Home

825 Five Points Road

Barnesville, GA 30204

770-358-9918

2:00 P.M.

I am so sorry that the time has slipped up on me, but I need to let you all know that the August meeting will not be on Aug. 18, which would be our regular date, but on Saturday, the 29th instead. I hope nobody showed up at Ryan's. Please forgive....!!

The Sandersons have graciously agreed to host our summer picnic again. We all have such a good time at their home. Thank you, Walt & Helen!
Please call Helen at the above number to let her know what you will be bringing to the picnic.

Directions from Griffin: Take US 19/41 south, and continue on US 41 (when US 19 turns off.) Go 12.1 miles and turn right onto Five Points Rd. Go 3.6 miles and you should arrive at 825 Five Points Road.

Griffin Georgia Kennel Club
Board Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2009

Walt called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Walt proposed rescheduling the date of the match due to the heat. We discussed dates that are going to be open. We will talk about this more in a future meeting.

In regard to Joyce's email concerning raising rates for catalog ads, we don't believe now is the time to raise ad rates. Tammy will email Joyce and inform her of our decision. Also Willie moved and Tammy seconded a motion not to support a tent for juniors.

Noel moved and Lois seconded a motion to donate \$1,000 to Brian Hall's service dog.

Walt adjourned the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

General Meeting Minutes

Walt called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. and welcomed our speakers and guests. Our guests were Barbara and Keith Deline who own collies.

Secretary's Report

Helen moved and Chuck seconded to accept the minutes from June. Since Tammy was absent from the last meeting there was no secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report

Sue gave the treasurer's report.

Old Business

Lois reminded everyone to turn in the necessary paperwork for their awards.

Jeff did a great job with the match, but we need to look at an earlier date due to the heat.

The Irish Setter Club of Georgia loved the pavilion for the Meet The Breed booth and thanked Griffin again for letting them participate.

New Business

The board approved a \$1,000 donation towards Brian Hall's service dog.

Noel gave an outstanding menu for the October shows.

Helen moved and it was seconded by Tammy that we have our summer picnic on

August 29. It will be at Walt and Helen's house starting at 2:00 P.M. Contact Helen and let her know what you plan to bring.

Tommy moved to adjourn and Willie seconded the motion at 7:55 P.M.

Present: Walt Sanderson, Helen Sanderson, Tammy Sasso, Chuck Crawford, Willie Crawford, Lois Milligan, Chase Todd, Noel Clarke, Kelly Burge, Sue Yates, Jo Gahm, Jeff Gahm, Kaitlyn Fraley

Guests: Tom Milligan, Barbara Deline, Keith Deline

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## **COURTESY OF DOGMAMA** (online)

Obedience training provides a wealth of information on the basic commands used to guide your canine's behavior. We all learn "sit" and "stay" and "down". As time goes on, you realize there are situations not covered by the commands you already know and love. You begin to make your own...

I strongly believe dogs can, with proper coaxing, gain a good bit of understanding of human language. We talk to our pups constantly - identifying various activities and places exactly the same way you teach words to a human child. As they begin to attach meaning to the words, you can more easily make behavior modifications. Some attempts are functional - some futile. Eventually, you will have a variety of "custom commands" for various situations which arise. Here are some of mine...

## **The Supreme Command**

### **OR DON'T...**

For those of us who follow the "close enough is good enough" school of dog training, this command is indispensable. You can use it with any command, for example; "sit, *sit*, SIT, I SAID SIT...or don't". Use of the powerful "or don't" command ensures that your dog is always following your orders - one way or the other. You are in total control of your animal.

## **Fully Functional...**

### **SETTLE DOWN**

Stop whatever you're doing and do something - anything - else.

This actually works. I have no idea how.

The trick is to use it until the dog accidentally complies and then praise for hours.

### **WHAT??**

Don't even think about growling/nipping/ignoring my commands!

Do you think I'm STUPID? Do you think you're IN CHARGE?

Do you suppose for one moment that you are not CANINE SCUM?

For uppity dog behavior. Best used with a menacing voice and an alpha roll for emphasis.

### **SCOOT!**

Move your body to anyplace other than where you are now standing/sitting.

Strangely enough all the furkids learn this one quite easily. When they move, you shut up.

### **UPSTAIRS/DOWNSTAIRS**

A vital command for multi-level dwellers. Dominant dogs will rush ahead - and trip you. Submissive dogs will pause on the steps to let you pass - and trip you. Uncertain dogs will heel all the way down - and trip you nonetheless. If you make them go up or down ahead of you, you have a fighting chance of getting the laundry to its destination.

## **POTTY ONE AND POTTY TWO** (or any two embarrassing terms of your choice)

Early identification of bodily functions will allow you to eventually tell your dog why you are both standing outdoors in a downpour in the dark in a strange town. If potty 1 and/or 2 is desired, you simply state your case. Training is easy if you catch them in the act. When you see it - say it! Be sure to pick words that will not come up in normal conversation...

## Functional but Odd...

### **NO HUMPING!**

Good for girl and boy dogs. Discourages unsightly and comical mounting of animate and inanimate objects. A variation which always makes the neighbor's peek - "No humping your brother!"

### **STAY... FOR ALL ETERNITY**

When just stay is not enough...When the dishwasher is being loaded and your dog is *sure* you really do need her help in pre-washing the plates and your "stay" command must have been a careless mistake on your part...

### **RIGHT NOW !**

All marginally trained dogs need this command.

It means you really, really, really would like them to comply - this time. As in: "Get in here, right NOW!"

### **I MEAN IT!**

A variation on the Right NOW theme borrowed from those who have human children.

### **TV!**

A special command which stops the dog barking because a doorbell/phone rang on a TV show. The "TV" command is used frequently in our household.

### **NO RAWHIDE ON THE SOFA/BED**

Emma actually understands this one.

It doesn't keep her from sneaking the occasional morsel onto the cushions, but the point is made.

### **GET OUTTA THERE!**

Trash...toilet...another dog's dish...a guest's crotch. A nice all-purpose command.

### **IN YOUR DREAMS...**

A milder variation of the popular "WHAT??" command. For use when the dog is merely contemplating an evil deed. Can be used for begging, thwarted thefts, practice runs at forbidden furniture, etc. Lets the canine know you're not going to let anything escape your notice.

## Totally Useless Commands/Exclamations ...

### **DON'T PEE ON THAT!**

As you sing out, you know it's too late...

### **NO TONGUES!**

Keep your nasty tongue out of my ear/mouth/eye for a moment, WILL YOU! I *know* where it's been!

This is a totally non-functional command, but it does make the neighbor's look over the fence...

### **I AM NOT A NAPKIN!**

Dogs love to thank you after a hearty feed - up close, in your face. While they are thanking you, they realize they may have a speck of food on their muzzle which you might find offensive. Dogs are very sensitive about this, so they wipe their slimy mouths on your clothing to show that they are fastidious creatures. Now you are soiled, but they are the tidy pets you're always nagging them to be. The dreaded "eye buggers" are also dealt with in this manner.

### **DON'T WALK ON ME!**

This is usually used as part of a tirade which goes something like: "Who do you think you are? I am not furniture! Show me some respect! Men usually can only express this command as a pained, high pitched squeal.

### **WHO FARTED?**

They'll never tell...

### **DID YOU DO THIS?**

Of course they did. You know it - they know it. What a charade!

**Now, go forth and enhance communication with your furkid(s).**

*And give your neighbors something to talk about...*