

Heads & Tails

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Hearing people must understand that manual communication (signs and fingerspelling, not speech) is the natural mode of communication for the Deaf.

Since my husband began to lose his hearing at the age of 52, I totally understand what this new journey will bring. But life is not over – this is the very best time to experience this issue because the new technologies make it so much easier than what our parents and grandparents endured. That said, there are a number of things you can do:

- ◆ Go to the events where you will meet other people learning to cope with hearing loss
- ◆ Join an organization where you will get support and answers to things you don't know how to do.
- ◆ A wonderful website to find friends with similar interests—including hearing loss—is www.meetups.com. On this site you can find people in your area who sign, go to movies, hike, knit—or whatever you like to do. And if you choose to meet others with hearing loss, this does not preclude these other interests.

New Products

- Ceramic 11 oz photo mug (awesome gift)
- 4 x 4 ceramic tile leash hook encased in black wrought iron
- Leather collars that say “Service Dog”

Upcoming Events 2011

No events
are currently scheduled
due to illness

New News

Our new photo mug and leash hook are amazing – what a fabulous gift or a memory



Did You Know ~ ~

Moisture on a dog's nose acts like Velcro and helps odors stick to it. If there is not enough moisture to identify a scent, the dog licks his nose.

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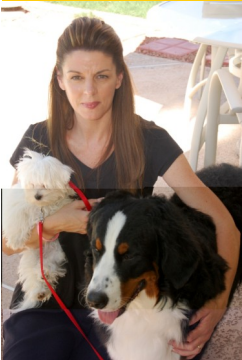


FOR SALE:

LEATHER COLLAR & LEASH: says "Service Dog" - but not our style. Selling at cost: \$30 each. A bit of a western look. If interested, write and ask for picture to sales@mrpaws.com. This was a trial and error for our newest product.

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DOG TRAINING EQUIPMENT: Seven pieces of K9 training equipment used for a photo shoot, then sat on shelf in office for a couple of years. This is top grade equipment, without one scratch on it. Bite suit.

All seven pieces for a total of \$950.00 plus \$50.00 for shipping. These items cost close to \$3000.00 when they were purchased for photo shoot. Contact sales@mrpaws.com for photos—or <http://phoenix.craigslist.org/evl/bfs/2487747253.html>



Dog Training Tips

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Forging

Forging makes it very difficult to walk with your dog and to control it. If you cannot control your dog during a walk, no one is having a good time.

Concentrate on making your dog "heel" on your left side. When you create the behavior you want your dog to follow, use the word as a reinforcement. Soon you will only need to say "heel" to get the proper response. When the dog understands this, you can give it more leeway on a retractable or long leash—so that your dog can have a good time too and yet you maintain control.

To stop the forging, hold the leash in your right hand and keep the leash behind your back instead of in front. When your dog tries to "forge" ahead, he will be unable to move and that will keep your dog at your side in the "heel" position.

Your dog will soon get the message of what you expect him to do. Each time he does the right thing, praise him and pet him letting him know he did good. He works for your pleasure.

Remember, if you are taking a "walk", it is your dog's walk too

and you want to give him time to smell the roses and relax too.

But if you are "working" you need to be in control at all times.

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Doggie Health Tips

from PedMD.com

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Reverse sneeze. This is caused by nasal drainage or anything that tickles the back of a dog's throat (lots of videos of it on YouTube). Dog stiffens, eyes bulge, starts snorting uncontrollably. It's not a seizure or asthma attack, and the dog is not choking. (If the dog is panicking, turning blue, pawing at its face, drooling etc., then it could be choking!) If you're not sure, best to just take it to the vet. If it's episodic, videotape the episode and bring it in with the dog.

Occipital protuberance/sagittal crest. This is a fin-like projection or knob-like bump on of the top of a dog's skull. They are more prominent in dogs with long noses, like Dobermans or Collies. Generally they are normal skull bones, not tumors. Occasionally, if they suddenly become really prominent, they can indicate muscle wasting. Oh, and did I mention I had to look occipital protuberance and sagittal crest up in reference books? Apparently I've been calling them the wrong thing for years

Perirenal Fat pad. These matching lumps occur generally in overweight dogs just behind the rib cage on either side of the spine. They are basically dog love handles and not cancer

Floating ribs. Some dogs, often Dachshunds, have extra ribs sticking out that feel like tumors under the skin or have weird cartilage at the ends of their ribs that make them "flare" out funny.

The "tick." Often these cases are brought in by the "senior" crowd. The owner thinks their dog has a tick, but despite all their picking, it just won't come off. The dog, in fact, has a skin tag – usually one that is bleeding. Ticks only bury their mouthparts, not their little legs. So if you think your dog has a tick, get a magnifying lens and look for those legs!

"My dog cries when I pick him up by the armpits." How would you like to be picked up by your armpits? There are huge (I know they're huge because I did my first front leg amputation last month, and let me tell you ... they're big!) nerves — called the brachial plexus — that run through the armpits. When you grab there to pick up

the dog, you stretch those nerves, it probably hurts a little and the dog yelps. The solution to this one is to not pick the dog up by his or her pits.

Lenticular sclerosis. You know when old dogs have that bluish cast to their eyes? Usually, it's not cataracts. It is a normal aging process that results from the thickening and stiffening of the fibers in the lens, making them hazy and pale. Doesn't seem to affect dog vision.

Elbow Callus. If your dog likes to lie on hard floors, he may have thickened, brown, hairless, gnarly patches on the outside of his elbow(s). That's his body's way of protecting that bony protuberance; it is not cancer, usually.



The International Association of Assistance Dog Partners (IAADP) is now partnering with International Assistance Dog Week (IADW). This partnership will help us to reach out to even more people around the world.

IAADP is a cross-disability consumer advocacy organization made up of people with disabilities who work with guide, hearing and service dogs along with others who support the assistance dog movement. As a non-profit organization, IAADP's goal is to foster the assistance dog movement in the United States and throughout the world.

IADW invites all IAADP members to organize Assistance Dog Week events, take part in others' activities, and spread the word.

You can find event ideas, free materials, and a place to submit your own local events at

www.assistedogweek.org.



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