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"Improving dogs' lives by positively changing dog-owner relationships through balanced training."

WELCOME QUIGLEY!

Eight weeks after Ky left us for his journey beyond, he brought us another Leonberger. We were contacted out of the blue from a Leo breeder we respect. She had a 2 year old male in a home that was looking to re-home him. They were experienced Leo owners, this one being their second. I think their lifestyle changed, they were moving to another state, and the dog was allowed to be more in charge than he should have been. They wanted this dog in a new home, not their home.

The breeder, being responsible, had in her contract if it didn't work, the dog was returned to her. The breeder had heard we had recently lost Ky and was wondering if we might be interested. We were told he'd make a good demo dog.

We weren't looking, but the whole situation made us think Ky was bringing this dog to us. We saw some video of him in his original home and quickly decided Ky was actually bringing us to this dog.

People used to looking at and dissecting canine movement can pick up red flags in his gait immediately. He has bad hips.

He has great energy and spirit. He's fun. He's smart. He's adjusted to life here very well.

He had been known as Q for his first two years, but now he's been renamed Quigley, but is most often called Quig.

He's already been put to work helping with some lessons.

Look for this new addition to our canine staff.



I'm Wiggley, Piggley, Quigley Q. How do you do?

New Delta Pet Partner

Tringa is now officially a Delta Therapy Pet Partner. As a Delta Evaluator, I'm not allowed to evaluate ourselves as a team.

We drove to Rice Lake to be evaluated. Tringa, like Ky before her, passed at the highest level her first time. Although in all honesty, I didn't think we deserved the highest level. Maybe it's a good thing we can't evaluate ourselves!

We're looking forward to the start of the school year and the Book Buddies program we started.

We're anxious to see if the students who read to us did any reading over the summer break.

If you're interested in having your dog read to or visiting nursing homes or any other therapy dog activities, please contact us for more information.

The rewards are incredible.

Summer/Fall

It's hard to believe summer is winding down and fall is just around the corner. Especially with the cool temps, it seems like summer never even got here.

In a few short weeks school will be starting. I actually got behind a school bus today discharging children to remind me of the common scene we'll all be encountering soon. It's also time to start spending a little less time with the family dog. That will help get him used to spending more time alone so when the kids go back to school it won't be a big change. Remember to keep Fido under control to and from the bus stop. Also use the bus stop as a teaching place not only to teach your dog, but to teach the kids about dog safety.

Lost Dogs

Recently, upon arriving at the training center, we were greeted by a stray dog. We couldn't let her run out onto the highway so we of course welcomed her with open arms. She marched right into the training center and into a crate, seemingly happy to not be running loose any more.

She appeared to be well cared for, well socialized and crate trained.

She had a collar, but no tags. We scanned her for a microchip. We found nothing. No ID at all. I still thought it would be easy to find her owners because it seemed someone loved her and would be turning the world upside down to find her.

Not so. We contacted the shelters, the area animal hospitals, the radio station, etc. Not a single call about her.

One shelter told me the sad scenario that happens often is a pet owner going on vacation leaving the dog in the care of a friend or neighbor or relative. The dog "escapes" and the caretaker never looks for the dog!

Wow. Not really a caretaker in my book.

Simply having ID on your dog can help assure the return of your dog if s/he happens to get away. Here at Canine Coach, our dog collars have ID riveted right onto them. That way there

are no tags to get hooked onto anything, fall off or make annoying jingle noises in the house. Our ID simply reads "Reward" and our phone number.

Enough info for any honest person to find us, but not enough info for any dishonest person to know the dog's history or name or anything else making it easy to keep him or her.

Upcoming Events

We'll be CLOSED 9/17-9/22 for an educational conference.

Pee Wee Puppy Class

Saturdays, 9:00-10:30 a.m., Oct 17-Nov

We're just working on our fall schedule right now. We hope to have it done shortly.

Keep an eye on the calendar at
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for updates and additions to our schedule.