



## THE KID'S EDITION

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Hi everybody

Welcome to the September edition of the Kid's Dog Guardian. For those of you who are new members let us introduce ourselves. We are the Dog Guardian newsletter co-editors' dogs - Tyler, Julie's pup, and Morgan, Jill's pup. We decided the Kid's newsletter needed articles written by us dogs. We want to give you guys our perspective of being responsible around us dogs. 😊



It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Nellie, part of our Dogs' Den team. She would have been 14 years old in December. She died from liver cancer on July 23rd. Nellie had 3 homes before she came to live with the More family. She was supposed to be trained as a seizure response dog, but instead chose the life of leisure at the More's. The More family always joked that she chose to adopt them instead of the other way around. Nellie (always a very thoughtful dog) looked around and decided she liked this household the best, and she was going to stay here.

Nellie was met at The Rainbow Bridge by Rob, her best person playmate. The two of them are now playing ball at Rob's special farm in Heaven. We will miss you terribly, Nellie.

Tyler and Morgan

### **Dogs with jobs**

Hi everybody,

In the August newsletter we told you about guide dogs. In this newsletter we would like to introduce you to service dogs.

Service dogs are very well trained dogs who can do lots of different activities depending on the person's special needs. In this newsletter we are going to tell you about mobility assistance service dogs.

These dogs are trained to help their owners who have problems moving around. They may use wheelchairs, walkers or canes to get around. These specially trained dogs help them with everyday activities, like getting the person's slippers from another room, fetching the phone when it's ringing, picking up and carrying things, operating light switches, opening/closing doors, drawers and cabinets, and so on.

Just like the guide puppies, a mobility assistance service puppy moves in with a foster family for a year to 18 months. This is where the puppy learns to trust people, to have fun with kids, to play, basic obedience etc. Then the puppy goes back to the training school to get more specific training.

It is important to remember that these dogs have special jobs, so please don't talk to them and don't disturb them. The owner's safety depends on the service dog concentrating on his job.

### **Indoor activities for you and your pup**

We know you love to go outside with your pup taking him for walks, playing ball, or just hanging out in the backyard. Unfortunately, some days it's just too hot, too cold or too wet to be outside. We would like to share an activity we love to do on those days. We call it the "Hide a treat game". Here is how you play it: Get your human to hide a treat somewhere in the house while you wait patiently in the kitchen. Then, when your human says "go search," you go around the house looking for it. Nellie was really good at this game. She first would go down the hall and quickly glance in each room. If she didn't find the treat, she would go into each room checking everywhere including corners, under beds, etc. until she found it. That dog had a method to her search. She got rewarded when she found those tasty treats.

## Teach your dog a trick



### Which Hand?

This is a fun trick to teach your dog. Tyler and Morgan love to do this trick. Your friends will be very impressed how smart your dog is.

<http://www.loveyourdog.com/whichone1.html>

Put a treat in one hand, show your dog, and then close both of your hands, making two fists. Hold your fists in front of you, about six inches apart, and say "Which one?"

Your dog will try to pry at your fists with his mouth to find the treat, but don't open your hands. Wait until he tries to use his paw (he will if you wait long enough), let him touch the correct hand and then give him the treat.

**TIP:** "If you have tried this several times, but your dog still won't use his paws to touch your hand, let him use his mouth to point out the correct hand. It'll be just as good and your audience will love the trick just as much."

Trick courtesy [www.loveyourdog.com](http://www.loveyourdog.com)

## Dogs' Den storybook

This month our duo storytellers tell us that they love to go for walks with their favourite person. (Remember things that are fun and safe to do are in **blue**, and things that we don't like and are dangerous are in **red**.)

Yeepeeee! You are taking us for walks. We love walks, as long as an adult comes with us.

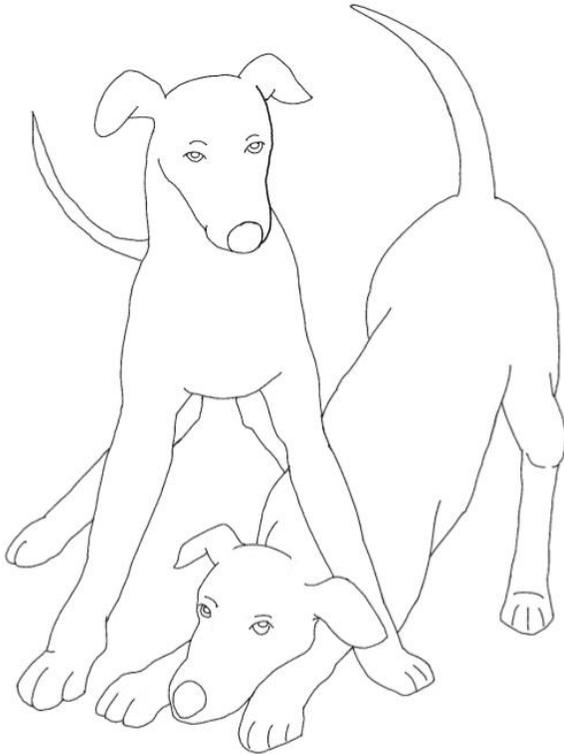
You can use the 2 leash method: you hold one leash, while your parent holds the other.



## Colouring Contest

Fido, Friend or Foe?

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Stay calm around dogs.

Our advice of the month from the 'Fido, Friend or Foe' activity book is to stay calm around dogs. Just like you, they can get scared by people jumping or screaming. They may bark or growl at you. It's their way of telling you to calm down and use your inside voice. It is always best to be calm and relaxed around dogs, especially if it's a dog you don't know.

Colour the picture of the two dogs. Scan or take a photo of the picture you coloured, and send it to us at [morejulie@hotmail.com](mailto:morejulie@hotmail.com) with your email address. We will choose a winner each month and post it in our newsletter for everybody to see.

## Quiz

Can you figure out which sentences are true and which ones are false? Having difficulty? Just scroll up and read the stories again. (To check the answers, look at the bottom of the quiz and then stand on your head. Just kidding!)

1. Service dogs are trained to help their owners do things like getting slippers from another room, fetching the phone when it's ringing, picking up and carrying things.
2. When you see a service dog, run up to him and say hi.
3. You play "Hide a treat" game by getting your dog to hide and you give him a treat when you find him.
4. Tyler loves to do the "Which hands" trick.
5. It's not safe to take your dog for a walk by yourself. You need an adult to come with you.

Answers  
1. True 2. False 3. False 4. True 5. True

## Thank you

A big thank you goes to our committee for proofreading this newsletter. We really appreciate your help. You are the greatest. A special thank you to Kit Watson for the final proofreading of the newsletter.

Tyler and Morgan