



THE RDOC DOG GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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Hi everybody

Welcome to the September edition of the Kids Dog Guardian newsletter. 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 Kids newsletter needed articles written by us. We want to give you guys our perspective of being responsible around us.

We Are Special *by Tyler*



This month I would like to tell you about my doggie sister Nellie's breed, the Australian Shepherd. You remember her. She was one of the co-editors of this newsletter until a year ago, when she died and went to the Rainbow Bridge. She was a fun pup, with quite the personality.

Nellie was a rescue dog. She had 2 homes before she came to us. When she arrived at our house she decided she liked our home and wanted to stay here. Julie and Mike thought they adopted Nellie. In reality, Nellie picked them. Woofie! Woof! 🐶

You would think Australian Shepherds, or "Aussies", came from Australia. Wrong. According to [Wikipedia](#) they came from ranches in the United States during the 19th century. They are medium-sized dogs, just like the Dalmatians we talked about in our [August newsletter](#). Aussies weigh between 16 to 32 kg (35 to 70 lbs). They are between 46 to 58 cm (18 to 23 inches) tall. They can live up to 13 to 15 years. They are smart, good natured, affectionate, active and protective dogs.

Australian Shepherds come in lots of different colours (red or black) and coat patterns (solid or merle). Just look at them all in the chart on the next page. Aren't they beautiful dogs?





Self Black



Black and Tan



Black Bicolor



Black Tricolor



Self Blue Merle



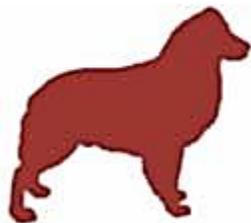
Blue Merle and Tan



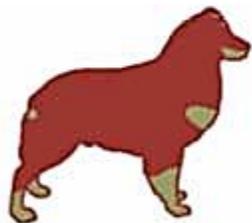
Blue Merle and White



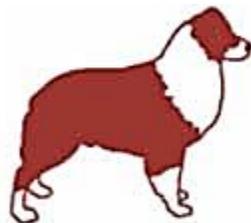
Blue Merle w/ White and Tan



Self Red



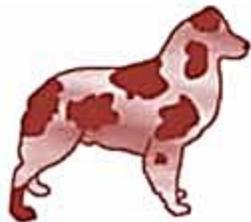
Red and Tan



Red Bicolor



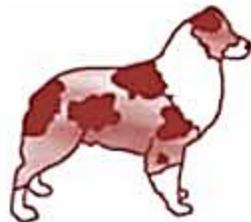
Red Tricolor



Self Red Merle



Red Merle and Tan



Red Merle and White



Red Merle w/ White and Tan

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Here are some fun facts about Australian Shepherds from the article, [“11 Active Facts About the Australian Shepherd”](#) by Rebecca O’Connell:

- Their eyes can be mismatched. Yep, 2 different colours.
- Quite a few puppies are born with naturally bobbed tails.
- They can do lots of different jobs, like herding, agility, rodeo, perform tricks, therapy, search and rescue.
- They need to be kept busy, otherwise their natural instincts may kick in. Yep, Aussies are herding dogs, so if they are bored they may herd you guys. Anybody want an Aussie babysitter? (Smile)

Very Useful Things To Learn *by Morgan*

In our July newsletter we started a new section called “Very Useful Things To Learn”. We are going to tell you about things we learned that make us safe, well behaved, and (best of all) earn us lots of cookies. Woofie! Woof! 🐶

They are easy skills to teach us. In July we talked about “Sit”. Last month we discussed “Come”. This month we are going to talk about teaching your pup his name.



I like my name. When I hear my name, I look at Jill because I know good things happen when she calls my name. It could be we are going for a walk, a car ride, or just hanging out in the back yard having fun.

It’s easy to teach your pup his name. Ask an adult to read with you the step by step instructions in the article, [“How to Teach a Puppy Its Name”](#).

Enjoy teaching your pup. Woofie! Woof! 🐶

Dogs' Den Storybook *by Morgan*

Over the last year we shared with you all our thoughts about having fun, and being safe around us. Now it's your turn.

Ask us questions about things you want to know about dogs. Email your questions to morejulie@hotmail.com and we will try to answer them.

*Here is this month's question from Kit:
"Why do puppies chew?"*

Very interesting question, Kit.

In the article, ["Puppy Chewing - SYS! Save your shoes by training your puppy to chew the right things"](#) by Jolanta Benal, CPDT-KA, CBCC-KA, Jolanta explains: "Like all young animals, puppies explore the world and ask questions about it."



You guys use your words and hands. Puppies use their jaws and teeth. Yep, we will experiment on anything we can get our paws on, like your furniture, your shoes, and, of course, you. It's our way to find out about the item, its taste, if it makes a noise, etc.

Chewing also help us strengthen our jaw muscles, and soothes our ouchie gums when we are teething.

Colouring Contest *by Morgan and Tyler*

We agree with the picture on page 15 of [“The Fido, Friend or Foe?” Activity booklet](#).
When a dog you don’t know runs up to you, stand very still like a tree, or curl up like a rock. If you run, the dog may chase you.

Colour the picture below. Scan or take a photo of it, and send it to us at morejulie@hotmail.com with your email address.



When a dog **you do not know** comes close, stand like a tree or be like a rock.

Game *by Tyler and Morgan*

Tyler and I decided to set up a scavenger hunt game for you guys. Some people play scavenger hunt outside, some play inside. We are way more creative. After all, we are very smart puppies. We play scavenger hunt in this newsletter. “What?” you say. “That's crazy!” Of course it is. That's why we are doing it. Woofie! Woof! 🐶

Here is how it works. We will give you 6 clue questions. Yep, clue questions. That’s because you guys are special. Special kids get special clue questions. We even give you a special magnifying glass with each question to help you find the answers. Aren’t we thoughtful pups! (Chuckle)

The answers to the questions are in this newsletter. Your mission is to scavenge through the newsletter until you find the answers to each question. (The answers are on the last page of this newsletter, but no peeking.)

Clue #1 🔍 - Why do I come running when Jill calls my name?

Clue #2 🔍 - Do Australian Shepherds come from Australia?

Clue #3 🔍 - What do you do when a strange dog runs up to you?

Clue #4 🔍 - Why do puppies chew?

Clue #5 🔍 - Why is our scavenger hunt crazy?

Clue #6 🔍 - What happens when Australian Shepherds are bored?

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 goes to Kit Watson for the final proofreading of the newsletter.

Tyler and Morgan

Answers to the Game

Clue #1 🐶 - I know good things happen when Jill calls my name. It could be we are going for a walk, a car ride, or just hanging out in the back yard having fun.

Clue #2 🐶 - Nope, they came from ranches in the United States during the 19th century.

Clue #3 🐶 - Stand very still like a tree, or curl up like a rock. If you run, the dog may chase you.

Clue #4 🐶 - Puppies use their jaws and teeth to learn about everything including your furniture, your shoes, and, of course, you. It's our way to find out about the item, its taste, if it makes a noise, etc. Chewing also help us strengthen our jaw muscles, and soothes our ouchie gums when we are teething.

Clue #5 🐶 - We play scavenger hunt in this newsletter. Isn't that crazy? 😊

Clue #6 🐶 - Aussies need to be kept busy, otherwise their natural instincts may kick in. Yep, Aussies are herding dogs, so if they are bored they may herd you guys. Anybody want an Aussie babysitter? (Smile)

