Our Programs, Our Dreams, Our Goals

Foster
Thanks to the help of one of our many fabulous foster homes, this momma dog and her litter of sweet puppies had a safe place to stay until the puppies were old enough to be placed. "Precious" the momma dog found a permanent home - she's being adopted by her foster family! We need foster homes, especially as spring puppy and kitten season is upon us. We will provide everything you need, and you provide lots of love and cuddles!! Please call Lisa at (509) 534-8133 x207 if you are able to foster a precious family!

If you have time, love and room to share and would be willing to take in a wayward dog or cat for a short time, we need you!
What happened in 2014?

2014 was a crazy year filled with so much change, many challenges, celebrations and a new leash on life. We could never have accomplished so much without the inspired leadership of our board, commitment from our team, the hours and passion provided by our volunteers, and the incredible generosity of our supporters. Our adopters have encouraged us to expand our programs to save even more lives and put a little “happy” in more homes. Thanks to all for cheering us on and supporting our endeavors.

If you are able to donate time, talent, or financial support for this major project, please call Dori Peck 509-995-6010 or email: development@spokanimal.org for more information on how to get involved.

Thank you to everyone who has supported SpokAnimal through the years and continue to support us as we move forward in a very positive, exciting way to help the animals in need.

- 3,301 animals saved
- 2,937 animals found new homes
- 158 animals were transferred or reclaimed
- 1,050 new people donated to SpokAnimal
- 1,823 volunteers provided 9,985 hours of service helping the animals
- 318 pets found homes at Petco South
- 194 pets found homes at PetSmart Northpointe
- 19 pets found homes at the new PetSmart on the South Hill
- 24 dogs graduated from the Pawsitive Dog Prison Training Program
- 1,844 owned pets were spayed or neutered
- More than 7,500 pounds of food provided for those in need

What’s Next?
- Expanding volunteer programs and training
- Expanding staff training
- Increasing the number of lives we save
- Going paperless- adoption paperwork on flash drives to save time, money, and trees

Come See Us Online!

We’re on Facebook! Stay up to date with all things SpokAnimal and talk to us! Our Companion Animal News quarterly newsletter is available for download on our website at www.spokanimal.org. We hope you will share your paper copy with another animal lover when you have finished reading it - reduce, re-use, recycle! For an up-to-the-minute update, we also put out a regular e-letter. If you would like to join our email list, you can submit your email address on our website, or email miracles@spokanimal.org to be included.
From the Executive Director

Well, we have completed our first full year of life without animal control and let me tell you – IT FEELS GREAT! In talking with some of you, the same questions keep coming up and I would like to take this opportunity to answer them.

1. What community programs are offered through SpokAnimal and how are they funded?
A. The Pawsitive Dog Prison Training Program helps both ends of the leash, training dogs and handlers. This program is paid for by adoptions of the dogs in the program, training fees, and private donations.

B. The KOKO Lifesaver Fund allows SpokAnimal to assist other partner agencies in providing more extensive veterinary care for the animals transferred to us. 100% funded through private donations.

C. The Cruisin’ Critters transport program pays for the trips we take to meet with partners to transfer adoptable animals from at risk shelters to SpokAnimal. Each trip costs between $150-250, and about half the trips are paid for by grants we write. The other 50% paid for by your donations.

D. Our volunteer program teaches people to perform a variety of tasks to assist us in fundraising, office work, preparing animals for adoption, behavior modification, and adoption counseling. The volunteer program is self sufficient.

E. The Dorothy Clark Animal Center offers spay/neuter services, microchips and vaccines. This low fee clinic allows those in need to still be able to afford quality care for their pets. Additionally, our clinic assists other animal welfare organizations to make sure their animals are spayed/neutered prior to adoption. This program is funded in a small part by grants, some by revenues generated, and some by donation.

F. SpokAnimal’s Dog Park at High Bridge. SpokAnimal leases the park property for $1 per year. We pay for maintenance and upkeep, water and garbage. Thus far, the general fund has been paying for the program, but we are hoping to find clubs to each pick a part to fund. Grants are being researched.

2. How do I become a volunteer and what do they do?
When people come to SpokAnimal to volunteer, they usually have a very specific idea of what they want to do—behavior modification, assisting frightened pets, working at off-sites to adopt animals, assist in the veterinary clinic. All volunteers attend an orientation and often more training is available for more experienced volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, call Nichole at 534-8133 ext 212.

3. Where do you get your funding?
Revenues to help the animals come from a variety of sources: special events, recycling, adoptions, clinic fees, donations, and retail sales of pet supplies. We provide services for pet owners such as pick up and delivery to their vet/groomer, last day services, etc.

4. I heard about the renovation of the Event Center, what does that mean?
It means we now have a very nice area to do trainings for staff, other shelters, the public, and other organizations. We have an additional area for kids for birthday parties, a lounge/board room for visiting students from the vet school to stay over so they can be here bright and early to assist in our clinic the next morning. Weddings with your dog present? No problem. After the renovation has been paid for, this will be self generating.

5. Why are you bringing in animals from partner shelters outside of our area?
Area shelters have been working together since 2007 on controlling the overpopulation problem. We have had a good handle on the dog aspect for several years. Cats continue to be a problem, but one SpokAnimal has worked on diligently for 31 years. There are ebb and flow times for cats and rarely does animal control have surplus cats during the winter months. We pull as many cats as possible from our local animal control, but when they have none to transfer, we do our best to help other shelters with at-risk pets. We partner with many organizations in order to save even more lives.

When we were under contract for animal control with the City of Spokane, we had several partners who accepted our transfers and found homes for them. Now, it is our turn to give back. It is crazy (as some have suggested) to leave our facility empty if there are no local pets to transfer. That is like asking us to let other animals die. Not on SpokAnimal’s watch. We love our partners and love making a difference for each

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Dogs Can Change Lives – You Can Help!

We were contacted by Linda MacNaughton, a volunteer here at SpokAnimal. She had seen on television that a companion dog made all the difference in the world for veterans. She thought that veteran adoptions were a clear choice for some of our dogs. Linda donated the first adoption fee for a veteran and challenges other donors to do the same. All adoptions will include first vaccinations, rabies, microchip, sterilization, 30 days Trupanion pet insurance, and a free health check up. Anyone wanting to meet Linda’s challenge should contact Gail 534-8133 ext 202.

Volunteer

Dearest Readers,

My name is Nichole Payton and I have been blessed with this new and exciting career opportunity at SpokAnimal. I have been given the gift of being Dori Peck’s new Volunteer and Outreach Assistant. I am so excited to start this new career venture with Dori as my mentor and friend.

I am a mother of two wonderful little girls; Abagail who is eight and MaryJane who is six. Oh and I can’t forget to add my wonderful partner Geffrey, who has held my hand and supported me for the past 11 years.

I worked as a nursing assistant for 14 years caring for people that needed assistance in maintaining their daily living needs. In December 2011 I decided it was time to go back to school to further my education. In June of 2014 I graduated, with honors, from Spokane Falls Community College with a degree in Small Business Management.

I love animals so much I currently have three dogs, three cats and four fish. I enjoy going camping, fishing, swimming, and gardening in the summer; and in the winter I love to curl up with my family, drink hot cocoa, and watch a movie or read a good book to my girls.

I’m so thankful for the opportunity SpokAnimal has given me to better my future and my family’s future as well. So please feel free to stop by and say hi to me anytime, we are always in need of volunteers to help our wonderful animals we have here at SpokAnimal.

Volunteer & Foster Orientations

Meetings are held twice per month on the 2nd Saturday at 10:30am and the 4th Thursday at 6:00pm at SpokAnimal, 710 N. Napa.
By Angela Scheres

People often ask us why we take in animals from other states, and those that don’t ask may silently wonder the same – why does SpokAnimal have animals flown in when there are so many in our area that are in need? An excellent question, indeed, and we hope our answer helps others understand why we, along with a multitude of other humane societies and rescue groups, are so willing to help save lives across the miles.

Since January of 2014, our priority has been taking in animals from area shelters whenever the need arises, and this remains our priority. It did not take long before we started to receive phone calls and emails from many different agencies, asking for help, once word of our new mission spread. They heard that we take animals from shelters that are full, to give the animals a second chance, and to help prevent animals from being euthanized just because there is room. These queries came from farther and farther away, and our Cruisin’ Critters vans were constantly on the road to help out shelters that were full – giving the animals we brought back to SpokAnimal a chance, and helping animal control agencies with the two things that are always in short supply: space and time. In the world of animal welfare, space and time hold not only the key to life, but the key to death as well.

One county in California that we welcome animals from euthanized 10,444 of the 37,573 dogs that entered their shelters in 2013-2014, a euthanasia rate of 28%. In 2014, our euthanasia rate for dogs was 2.66%, most of which were owner requested euthanasia. The numbers are staggering, especially when you know that each one of those numbers is a life that was cut short.

We can relate to the disheartening fact that hangs over most agencies: too many animals, and not enough room to save them all. People in the animal welfare industry don’t choose it because of money or recognition, it is a calling we feel. We want to make a difference for animals, we want to save lives, we want to unite pets with people and make fur families happen. When we can’t make that happen, it is a personal failure that weighs on us, and when the day is over we go home with tears in our eyes and broken hearts. The next day, we start over with the hope of saving at least one, knowing the heartache is worth it because the animals that need us deserve it.

Just 10 years ago, we were in the same position that many shelters continue to face every day. I remember the days in animal control when the stray animals poured through the doors, often 30 dogs and 75 cats in one day, yet only having 10 empty kennels for dogs, and even less for cats. We needed more space, more time…but never had enough. You have to make room for the incoming strays, if not by adoptions, reclaims, or transferring animals out, then by euthanizing animals. The anguish I felt, that we all felt, when we were out of space is not something I can describe. Every animal I euthanized because we needed room took a piece of me with them when they took their last breath. We tried so hard to make their last moments peaceful – we would cuddle them and tell them they did nothing wrong, that we were so sorry, and we would always remember them. Time after time, life after life. They are not forgotten, and each of us will carry that weight for the rest of our lives. We still had hopes of getting control of those keys to life and death, control over space and time. And, just a few years later, we did! The number of strays coming in steadily declined, and the number being euthanized followed suit. 2008 was the last year we euthanized a dog because we needed space, and once our animal control contract was up, we knew exactly what we wanted to do to make a difference.

We now have the chance to not only save animals from euthanasia, but to help people that have devoted their lives to animal welfare from having to euthanize adoptable animals when they are out of room. Even though we will always help area shelters in need first, we know that pet overpopulation is a nationwide problem, a global problem. We have the ability to give animals a second chance while easing some of the strain for the people that give their lives to help animals. We are positively impacting pets and the people that love them by helping reduce the number of lives that are lost.

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Clinic News!
Miracles Happen

Shep

On February 6, 2015 a devastated and
tear-eyed dog owner came through the
doors of SpokAnimal.

Her dog, Shep, had been suffering for
quite a while, and she felt like she had no-
where to turn and no hope for her dog. Des-
perate to end her dog’s pain, she had only
one more option left, and surrendered her
dog for euthanasia.

Shep’s owner told us that she had gone
to several places for help and was turned
away because she couldn’t afford treat-
ment, and the pain she and her dog felt
became our pain, too. We knew we could
help, and our team decided if we weren’t
able to use shelter funds for Shep, each of
us would give what we could to see if her
ailment could be treated.

After an initial exam, Dr. Sowa conclud-
ed that Shep’s ears were badly inflamed and
infected. She was sedated and her ears were
cleaned. After a few days of medication
to treat the inflammation, the doctor was
better able to flush her ears and solve her
very painful problem. The Dorothy Clark
Fund covered the cost of Shep’s treatment,
and she stayed at the shelter for a few more
days of rest and receive special care from
our amazing team, until she was on the
mend and ready to go home! On February
12, 2015 Shep was reunited with her very
grateful family. Thanks to the kind hearts of
our team, we were able to save the life of a
beloved family dog!

Here, Kitty Kitty

SpokAnimal’s Kitty City has two colony
cat rooms. These group living rooms have
literally saved cats’ lives. Some cats come
in to the shelter so frightened that they act
feral. The shelter is a very unfamiliar place
with strange people, noises, dogs & other
cats. Recently we had a very large kitty
named Maya who was an owner surrender.
She was just not happy and was very defen-
sive. After a couple of days, she had calmed
down a bit but we still had not earned her
trust. Then we moved her to the Colony
Room. It was a miracle, literally. She wanted
to be petted and appreciated our company.
We added one cat, then two. To our sur-
prise, she did not mind having new friends
sharing her room. She came out of her shell
and the former fraidy cat became a social
butterfly. She has been adopted and is very
much loved by a new family. Miracles truly
do happen!

Garfield

Garfield came to us from West Valley Hu-
mane Society on February 19th, 2015. He
was a chubby guy who had to have his back
shaved because of mats. A little girl and
her parents came in looking for a family
cat. They went into the colony room where
Garfield was. He jumped down from the cat
tree just to greet the little girl. He put his
paws on her shoulders and kissed her. From
that point on, he was their cat and they took
their new family member home.
It was a Thursday morning in mid July 2011. I was sitting upstairs in the conference room at the shelter taking notes at the weekly staff meeting. And then I heard Gail utter words that would change my life forever. “I just got off the phone with Airway Heights Correction Center and we are going to be working with them to start a dog training program. We will be sending dogs from the shelter out to be trained.”

Her words trailed off in my ears as I could feel my heart begin to race. Being the only professional dog trainer in the room, I knew what was coming next. She turned her head to the left and looked directly at me, “We’ll talk later.”

Prison? What was she thinking? Days later, I was sitting in the drive-thru line at a local coffee stand when a message came across my phone. “So, what do you think?”

As if my hands were acting all by themselves, I typed, “Okay, I am interested.” So began the journey to create and build the Pawsitive Dog Prison Training Program at Airway Heights Corrections Center.

Knowing I did not want to do this alone, I roped in my colleague, mentor, and good friend, Carol Byrnes (owner of Diamonds in the Ruff, and editor of this newsletter) to join me. Carol agreed to come on in an “advisory” role. Over the next few months we met with prison staff, connected with other training colleagues in the prison program arena, developed a curriculum, and began getting equipment approved. Thinking all along, this should not be too difficult. We have been teaching classes and working with dogs for years. It was just a matter of teaching classes in a new location. We were wrong.

Carol and I went to AHCC to tour the prison. We saw the classroom, the outside training area, and where the dogs would be living in the cells with their handlers. Having a visual of where the dogs would be and seeing the population the dogs would be working with first-hand changed everything. Carol and I walked back to the car in near silence and headed to lunch to discuss the tour and work further on development of the program.

Sitting at the table in the restaurant and almost in unison, we looked at each other and said, “This is not about training dogs. This is about changing lives. This is about giving a second chance to BOTH ends of the leash.” And we knew this was something we HAD to do. I still thought I was crazy for doing it, but now knew, without a doubt, I had to be there. As for Carol’s “advisory role”? Well, it ended that day and she became an indispensable collaborator on the program and teacher.

The first dogs went in May 2012 and over the past three years we have worked with nearly 100 dogs in the program and about half as many different men. There has been unbelievable change and success with both the dogs and the men. Is it any wonder why this program works? The dogs and the guys ‘get’ each other. They have been dealt the same hand. They come together and show each other love and compassion and

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Carol Byrnes leads class at Airway Heights Corrections Center.
change each other’s lives.

There are so many stories and comments from over the years that are examples of the incredible changes that are happening. The offender who used to get into fights daily, who challenged staff, who had no relationship with his family, and who was so very angry. This offender, this handler, grew into a kind, gentle, caring person who had incredible skills with the dogs. He was able to coach and encourage his fellow handlers, and was a positive influence to those struggling. He said the dog program saved his life. He told us that for the first time ever, his mom was proud of him. Staff who had once written him off, said “I would never have believed it if I had not seen it with my own eyes. That is not the same guy who came in.”

Being witness to men and dogs helping one another shine and showing who they really are deep down inside is one of the greatest gifts I have ever received. It has changed my life forever.

Thank you to all of the handlers, for your hard work not only to help change the dog’s lives, but to change your own lives for the better. Thank you to all of the dogs, for your unconditional love and showing your handlers that you understand. And thank you to Gail and AHCC for adding one more task to my plate.

Kim Imel, LVT, CPDT-KA

Want to know how you can help the Pawsitive Dog Prison Training Program continue to give a second chance to both ends of the leash?

- Visit and like our Facebook page to follow the progress of the dogs, see our current support needs, and donate to the program.  https://www.facebook.com/PawsitiveDogPrisonProgram.
- Visit the Prison Pups page at spokanimal.org to donate.

Purrs, Licks & Tailwags

Thank you!

Kids Helping Pets
Thank you, Melissa Gutman for holding a food and toy drive for SpokAnimal in December!

Happy Birthday, Alex Knoll – for his 10th birthday, in lieu of presents, he asked for donations to SpokAnimal!

Pawsitive Dog Prison Training Program Donation
We received an amazing donation to the Pawsitive Dog Prison Training Program from Carol Gannaway who is a dog trainer on the west side of the state. She has been working with a little Bowie, one of our prison program graduates, so he can serve as a hearing dog for one of her clients. “I am closing out my non-profit account and would like to donate the money to the prison program. Peggy Callister and Bowie, from Session 9, are doing great! Thanks for all you do for people and dogs.” Thank you, Carol!”

Bowie’s owner reports that he is doing very well alerting her with four different sounds: cell phone, door bell, home phone and the microwave buzz. He is also enrolled in an agility class and attends doggy daycare for a couple hours once a week. She takes him with her almost everywhere – including a trip to Las Vegas on an airplane!
HOW YOU CAN HELP

SpokAnimal is a non-profit and tax-exempt organization. All contributions, donations and gifts are tax-deductible.

We need:
- Zip ties at 6” long
- Dawn dishwashing detergent
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Copy paper
- Stamps

Donate Online!

Donating is easy through Amazon! SpokAnimal has a general Amazon wish list and there is also a special wish list for items approved for the Pawsitive Dog Prison Training Program. Simply search either “SpokAnimal” or “Pawsitive Dog” to gain access to either list. Your donations will be delivered directly to our door! Donate exactly what you want from a list of exactly what we need! It’s like Christmas every day when we get a box from Amazon!

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Where Shopping & Giving Unite

Support your favorite nonprofit just by shopping at Fred Meyer with your Rewards Card. FM donates $2.6 million each year - up to $625,000 each quarter - to local schools, community organizations and nonprofits of your choice. All you have to do is link your Rewards Card and use it when you shop at Fred Meyer!

Planned Giving

SpokAnimal depends on the goodwill of our donors and sponsors. Planned gifts provide the resources that create extraordinary opportunities and preserve our future while also helping you to achieve your own financial objectives.

You can remember SpokAnimal in your will in several ways:
- Specify a dollar amount
- Designate a percentage of your estate to be given through your will or living trust
- Give only what is left after all your bequests to loved ones have been made (the “residual”)
- Provide for a gift of stocks or other securities
- It is also possible to name SpokAnimal as a contingent beneficiary of your estate in the eventuality that your named beneficiary is no longer alive at the time your will is probated

Living Trust: When you choose a living trust, you can provide for yourself and your family before and after your death. You can arrange a contribution through a living trust by naming SpokAnimal as a beneficiary.

Monetary Contributions: Monetary contributions are a quick and easy way to show your support of SpokAnimal. If your employer has a matching gift contribution you may double or even triple your donation. Recurring donations can be set up with your Visa or Mastercard.

Gifts of Retirement: Naming SpokAnimal as a beneficiary of a retirement account is potentially very advantageous for both you and your heirs.

If left to an individual, these funds may be subject to both estate tax and income tax, thus greatly reducing the amount of money your heir will actually receive.

If the funds are left to a charity such as SpokAnimal, these taxes are usually avoided, often resulting in a larger gift than you might otherwise be able to make.

You can name SpokAnimal as your sole or partial beneficiary on the form available from your retirement plan’s administrator. You retain complete control over the funds or assets in the account while you are living, and these gifts are completely revocable.

Gifts of Real Estate: Your charitable contribution of real estate; a personal residence, farm, vacation home, commercial real estate or vacant land, is a tax-wise gift that has income and capital gains tax advantages. By choosing an option called “Retained Life Estate” you can give your personal residence to SpokAnimal and still maintain lifetime use of the property.

Life Insurance Gifts: Life insurance policies are an easy and often overlooked way to make a significant charitable gift. There are a number of ways to support SpokAnimal’s many programs with an insurance-related gift.

Make SpokAnimal a beneficiary - it is simple to change the beneficiary or beneficiaries of your life insurance policy without changing your will or other aspects of your estate plan.

Give an existing life insurance policy: Do you have a policy that has outlived its intended purpose, such as protecting a child or mortgage? You can donate the policy to SpokAnimal. You receive an immediate income tax deduction for the gift of the policy up to the cost basis, or what you paid for it.

Making SpokAnimal the owner and beneficiary of a new policy: You can take out a new policy and make SpokAnimal the owner and beneficiary of the policy. Premium payments are tax deductible. They can either be made by SpokAnimal from your annual contribution for this purpose or you can pay for the policy directly. This process enables you to make a manageable annual tax-deductible payment that provides a significant contribution to SpokAnimal when the policy matures.

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SpokAnimal welcomes the opportunity to help you achieve your financial and philanthropic goals. If you would like more information, please contact our Executive Director at (509) 534-8133 x 202.

This information is intended to assist you, and is not legal or tax advice. We recommend you consult with an attorney or other advisor that can best assist you in your planned giving endeavors.

Become a SpokAnimal Constant Companion - your monthly sustaining gift helps SpokAnimal save more lives. Call (509) 534-8133, ext. 211 to get started.

You may be someone who adopted a beloved pet from SpokAnimal. Maybe you are one of our core volunteers, or perhaps you’ve had your pet spayed or neutered in our veterinary clinic? Most likely, you’ve given a monetary gift to assist with our operations or because you believe in one of the many services we provide.

Now there’s a way to make your gift go even further by becoming a SpokAnimal Constant Companion. It’s a simple, convenient, and safe way to give and you will help us begin to save hundreds of dollars a year on printing, mailing, and postage expenses. Most importantly, we will be able to use these additional saved funds to help more animals in need. If every annual donor turned their gift into a monthly sustaining gift, SpokAnimal could, literally, double or triple the amount of lives we save each year. Ask yourself, “How much do I spend on my morning coffee? Are the lives of at-risk animals worth the same price?” For many of you, the answer is “yes.”

Think about this. If you already give SpokAnimal $100 each year, why not increase your donation to $120 annually by giving $10 per month? Not only is it a 20 percent increase in your donation, it saves us money, and making a smaller monthly donation instead of a larger one-time donation is actually easier on your pocketbook. A gift of only $15 per month, charged on the 20th of each month to your debit or credit card, adds up to $180 per year and will feed more than two shelter pets. For as little as $20 per month, you can make an impact on feral cats and over-population problems in our region. Or, you may consider giving $1 per day, approximately $30 per month, and know that you are assisting at-risk cats and dogs from regional partner shelters find homes with Spokane families.

To help see the impact, here are some suggested monthly gifts:

- $10 month = $120 year
- $15 month = $180 year
- $20 month = $240 year
- $25 month = $300 year
- $30 month = $360 year
- $50 month = $600 year!

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These are just a few of the lucky animals that found their forever homes and happy endings. Is there someone special waiting for you at SpokAnimal right now?
Stop by SpokAnimal to find your forever friend.
Dear Run-Away,

Dogs learn via consequences. They are drawn to repeat things with positive outcomes and avoid things with disagreeable outcomes. He comes happily when you say “treat” so the question is: what reliably happens when you call “treat”?

It isn’t about the words. Dogs don’t speak English. One sound is accompanied by a pleasant tone of voice and reliably predicts something good. The other doesn’t always. I’ll bet you never get louder or threaten impending consequences when you say “treat!” “You get in this house right now and eat this treat!” And I’ll bet you never say “treat” when you really mean “get away from there” or “stop having so much fun” or “I’m leaving for work and it’s time to go in your crate.”

The problem isn’t the puppy being stubborn. The answer is what have you actually taught him? Mom is awesome when she makes the sound “Treat!” so I run to her right away. When mom makes the sound “Come” she is sometimes unpredictable and often grouchy. So when I hear that sound, I hesitate and check to see if she’s going to be happy or not. When she scowls and becomes threatening, I avoid her. Sometimes she chases me around the yard and drags me into the house and repeats the bad word.

“Come” is a warning. “Treat” is a promise.

Change how you think about the words you use. If you use a word as an order, it’s likely there will be some level of anxiety associated with the word. If you think of the word as a happy invitation, you will associate positive, joyful emotions to the word – and you will create happy compliance. You can just go ahead and use “Treat!” when you’d like him to come. Or you could change the word to “Here!” and condition it positively, the same way you did “Treat!” by following it with a treat. Just be careful to always make sure the word is a promise, not a warning or threat!

Happy Training!

Stanley

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