



New Leaf

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Thank You SCOA Juniors!

By Dana Martin-Newman, Ed.D
and Judy Newton

This year's SCOA 2004 National in Lexington, Kentucky had 14 entrants in junior showmanship. This was the largest entry of juniors in the past five years. Samantha Newton and Lauren Chen organized a pizza party for the juniors by collecting money from people in attendance, with the intention that any left over funds would go to STOLA.

When it came time to buy the pizzas, Pappa John's offered a 30% discount if you bought 10 pizzas, essentially getting 10 pizzas for the price of 7. As 10 pizzas were more than needed (but who could turn down three free pizzas), the juniors sold the left over slices for \$1.00 each to the starving adults waiting for the SCOA annual meeting to start. The juniors of the SCOA 2004 National donated the left over funds from their pizza party, including the sales of their left over pizza slices to STOLA - a total of \$60.00.

The STOLA Support Council, Financial, Regional, Auction-Web Coordinators, Webmaster, all the STOLA members, foster-caregivers, rescuers, transportation drivers, fundraisers, vehicle, auction and ink-jet cartridge donators, artists and New Leaf editor gratefully appreciate your donation. Thank you juniors!

A Plea for Help

We need your help, and we need it now. Since January, 2004 we have rehomed 30 Salukis, providing them with veterinary medical care, grooming and transportation at an average cost of \$750 per dog. In addition, we provided temporary emergency shelter for an additional 8 Salukis. This is more Salukis than we cared for in the entire year of 2003 - and yet the Salukis continue to arrive. Our funds have taken a nosedive. The reported economic upturn has not yet trickled down to nonprofit organizations in the form of donations. We continue to work very, very hard at securing money from a wide range of fundraising programs, but Salukis in need continue to arrive faster than the funds.



These chubby, healthy puppies are part of the reason why we're needing your support this year. On top of all the other Salukis we helped, we had a surprise litter from one of the New Mexico bitches who came to us. When Kira went to the vet for her medical evaluation, it was confirmed that she was, indeed, pregnant, and with all the love and care provided by Janet Noll and her support team, these pups came into a loving world where they got the very best of care. All the pups have been adopted, and when they are old enough they will be going off to their new homes where they are being eagerly awaited. All of the pups are going to homes with previous Saluki experience and the homes have been very carefully selected to ensure they will have wonderful lives.

We need money to provide for the Salukis that will arrive today, tomorrow, and the day after.

It is now time to renew your support as a STOLA Buddy. The dictionary says a buddy is a pal, a comrade, someone you can count on in tough times to lend a helping hand. We are now calling on all you Buddies who have been our core support. We need you now.

Some of you Buddies have already renewed and we thank you so very much for your prompt donations. Unfortunately, there are still 200 of you who have not yet sent in your donation of \$25 or more. When those 200 Buddies renew at \$25.00 or more that will provide at least \$5000 - which will go a long way toward meeting our needs.

Please get out your checkbooks now and donate -we've enclosed a donation form- or go to our website at www.stola.org "Support Us" and make a donation with your credit card through Paypal. It is totally secure. We know these are still hard economic times for most of us. We hear a lot about the economy turning around, but few of us have seen any benefits from it. We know it's hard - but we are asking you to stretch just a little to help Salukis.

Salukis come to STOLA sick, hungry, needy, not realizing the sacrifices that people so often make to ensure their well being. They don't know the sacrifices people make to donate money. They don't know how much time and effort volunteers put in to care for them and love them. But every Saluki we care for is grateful. We know that from the look in those beautiful brown eyes. We know what it's like to turn a dull, matted coat and fearful personality back into a shining, confident Saluki - but we can't do it without you!

Please be our Buddy! Donate your \$25 or more now and help us to keep helping Salukis in need.



We'll be biting our tails until you donate.....



....but we'll be dancing in the streets when your donation arrives!

How Intelligent Is Your Saluki?

By Dana Martin-Newman Ed.D

“Acquiring a dog may be the only opportunity a human ever has to choose a relative.”

(Mordecai Siegal)

If the above were the case, my family tree may be “lacking in brain wattage”! To save face, I tested my Saluki, Diamond’s IQ. Diamond, after all, has become our surrogate child, and we certainly want him to be able to “light up” if he wants to be included into the Martin-Newman family.

Since the early 1990s, a number of tests have been developed to “measure a dog’s brainpower.” The most notable is Stanley Coren’s book, *The Intelligence of Dogs*. Alex Lieber (PetPlace.com), adapted five doggie IQ tests from Coren’s book.

Prerequisites

1. Your Saluki has to perform each test correctly. You may want to have a stranger test your Saluki, as “correctly” may have a different meaning to you.
2. Your Saluki should be at least 1 year old.
3. You need to treat the test as a game, so your Saluki wants to do it.

Setting Up The Tests

Each test scores up to 3 points, but there are bonus points.

1. On a day you normally don’t walk or go to the dog park, quietly pick up your keys and leash (and whatever else you take with you), while your Saluki is watching. If he gets excited, score 3. If you have to walk to the door before he knows it’s time to go out, score 2. If he sits there with a confused look on his face, score 1.

2. With your Saluki out of the room, rearrange the furniture. If she goes directly to her favorite spot on the couch (the one with her impression branded into the cushion), score 3. If she investigates the room and finds her favorite spot within 30 seconds, score 2. If she settles for a less comfortable place because she’s just too lazy to make the effort, score 1.

3. Take a large towel and gently throw it over your Saluki’s head. If he manages to extricate himself within 15 seconds, score 3. If it takes 15-30 seconds, score 2. If he walks around with it all day bumping into things, score 1.

(Bonus Points) If your Saluki walks around all day with his head covered by the towel and NEVER bumps into things, give him an extra point. Subtract points from yourself for being so mean as to let your Saluki go around all day with a towel on his head!

4. With your Saluki watching, put a treat under a table or chair low enough so your Saluki can only fit a paw, not her head. If she reaches under with a paw and gets the treat within 1 minute, score 3. If she uses her muzzle and her paw, score 2, whether she gets the treat or not. If she gives up after using her muzzle, score 1.

(Bonus Points) If your Saluki looks at the treat, then at you, then at the treat again, then at you again, score 5. She knows you’ll eventually get it for her.

5. Construct a barrier from cardboard. The barrier should be higher than your Saluki when he’s on 2 legs. Attach 2 boxes on either side of the barrier. The entire barrier should be about 5 feet wide. Cut a 3-inch rectangle in the center of the barrier. The rectangle should run from about 4 inches from the top to about 4 inches from the bottom. Show your Saluki a treat from the other side of the barrier. If he walks around the barrier within 30 seconds, score 3. If he goes around the barrier between 30 seconds and 1 minute, score 2.

If he gets his head stuck in the opening, score 1 for trying. Score 10 for yourself if you constructed the barrier without having to place a tourniquet on yourself afterwards.

(Bonus Points) If your Saluki goes to someone else in the house (apartment, etc.) and gets a treat, score 3.

Rating Your Saluki's Intelligence

16 points or higher. You should be so smart!

13 to 16 points. Well above average. Take a few lessons from your Saluki, he knows how to get what he wants.

9 to 12 points. Your Saluki is comfortably average, and comfortable on the couch is what your Saluki wants to be.

5 to 8 points. Below average is no big deal, join the crowd.

1 to 4 points. With a Saluki as pretty (handsome) as yours, who needs smarts.

Less than 1 point. Check for breathing.

So, how well did Diamond do? Let's just say that he may just be playing dumb so I continue to cater to his every whim. Anyone can be too smart for his or her own good. Fortunately for Diamond, intelligence is not a prerequisite for love.

**There are three faithful friends—an old wife,
an old dog, and ready money.**

—Benjamin Franklin

STOLA Salukis

For up-to-date information on available Salukis and Saluki crosses, please check the Open Cases on the website at www.stola.org or contact us by E-mail at stola@gazehound.com.



Jerry

Jerry was rescued from a shelter. He is AVAILABLE and still waiting for that perfect home to appear. Jerry is about six to eight years old.



Valentino

Valentino is a year old cream/golden feathered male. He is AVAILABLE to the right home for him.



Josh

It took a long time to find the perfect home for Josh because of his medical condition - but now he's going to a wonderful home where he will receive all the care and love he needs. Heartfelt thanks to Kelly who fostered him and loved him while he was waiting for the perfect home to appear.

To help Salukis like Josh who have ongoing medical conditions, we have now begun the:

STOLA Supporting Angels Program

We invite you to join this new venture to provide ongoing funding for Salukis with chronic medical conditions that can be managed with medication and treatment. These dogs may be more difficult to place because of their ongoing medical expenses, but with Supporting Angels making donations to help maintain them they can live wonderful happy lives in loving, adoptive homes.

Please consider donating to this very worthy cause. Monthly payments can be made through Paypal on the STOLA website at www.stola/support/index/html or by check to the main address - STOLA, 3701 Sacramento Street #345, San Francisco, CA 94118.



Kira

Kira gave us all a big surprise with her litter of adorable pups. Adoption is pending and Kira will soon be off to her new home.



Now happy and restored to health, Ali and Dahlia will soon be going together to their new adoptive home..

Sue Baker

Remembered

by Janet Noll, STOLA Support Council

I met Sue Baker in the Summer of 2000 when I was fostering a smooth Saluki found running loose just west of Dallas. Sue volunteered to come by and see if she might be able to identify a breeder for this Saluki. Sue was always willing to help STOLA when we asked and she fostered Saluki rescues for STOLA over the past several years. Her passion for Salukis was apparent and her dedication to rescue was steadfast. STOLA asked for her help many times and her knowledge and years of experience were invaluable to all of us.

I heard from her just a few weeks ago. She was just checking in to see how the STOLA puppies were doing, offer some advice on rearing (those of you who knew Sue, knew she was bound to give me advice on puppy raising!), and to let me know about a display for STOLA at the Houston Specialty.

Sue will be sorely missed by all of us, but I will personally miss her cheerful attitude and willingness to give so unselfishly of herself to Saluki Rescue.

It was so touching to read in Sue's obituary that her family had requested, in lieu of flowers, that donations be sent in her name to STOLA.

**It is with great sadness that we
mourn the loss of**

Sue Baker

**A great friend to Salukis and to
STOLA**

Book Review

The Dog Who Spoke With Gods

By Diane Jessup

The story begins when Viktor Hoffman, a university research biologist, is studying the life cycle of feral dogs in the Olympic Mountain Range of western Washington. Hoffman falls and becomes injured and disoriented. Damien, a 62-pound sturdy pit bull, leads him back to his camp where the two part company.

On a return trip, Hoffman traps Damien and places a tracking collar around his neck. Damien now is in dire peril because the tracking collar interferes with his ability to hunt prey. In two weeks Damien loses 8 pounds. In pursuit of a small animal that scampers into a cave, Damien becomes trapped at the entrance for several days, unable to maneuver his head and neck out of the small opening. Hoffman and some of his students locate him.

Damien, injured and malnourished, is placed at the university laboratory where Hoffman and his colleague, Seville, subject him to research experiments. They want to convert his independence to subservience.

Eventually a pre-med student, Elizabeth Fletcher, a handler at the research laboratory, meets and falls in love with the once-proud Damien who is now starved for affection. Elizabeth and Damien quickly become soul mates.

Elizabeth is distraught with Damien's treatment and faces a stark dilemma – should she risk her chances of getting into medical school by helping Damien to escape?

The remainder of the book is cloak and dagger suspense. It focuses on Elizabeth's efforts to stay one-step ahead of Hoffman and Seville to help Damien escape. She teaches Damien to speak

several human words, while Seville hearing this, sees this as his “notoriety” ticket to upstage a longtime colleague at an international conference. An animal liberation group botches Damien’s escape from Seville’s home, and Damien is seriously hurt in the process. Damien escapes (with a \$25,000 award for his return), but.....

(Amazon.com has a used copy for \$4.99 and a new one for \$5.99)

(Petplace.com reviews this book.)

Emergency Kit for Your Saluki

By Dana Martin-Newman, Ed.D

Living in earthquake country, in my car I keep an emergency kit for humans and for our Saluki, Diamond. Emergencies can occur anytime, and the best thing is to be prepared.

Several years ago I bought an emergency dog kit when I found it on sale at my local pet store. January 1 of every year I try to remember to check the kit to see if I need to add or check the dates on some of the supplies. On the outside of the kit I wrote Diamond’s name, and his veterinarian’s name, address and phone number. On the inside I included a photo of Diamond, his age, breed, sex, microchip information and STOLA’s phone number and web address. I also included a list of his medications and dosages (not life-threatening).

Diamond’s emergency kit includes:

1. Cotton Q-tips
2. Trauma and sterile gauze pads
3. Non-adhesive sterile pad
4. Alcohol prep pads
5. Ace bandage
6. Gauze tape
7. Roll of tape
8. Hemostat
9. Penlight
10. Tongue depressor

11. Hydrogen peroxide (check the date)
12. Scissors
13. Tweezers
14. Hydrocortisone ointment (1%)
15. Neosporin
16. Antiseptic burn cream
17. Thermometer (oral and rectal can be used rectally)
18. Exam gloves
19. Eyewash
20. Eye dropper
21. Solar blanket
22. Cold pack
23. Disposable razor
24. A list of pet emergencies, their treatments, and when to call the veterinarian.

Human’s Emergency Kit (which contains 250 first-aid supplies housed in an extra large plastic container), I have included for Diamond:

1. Large towel
2. Blanket
3. Bottled water
4. Dry and wet dog food and two can openers (Some of my dog friends also include oral syringes, medicines, silver nitrate, Pedialyte (or other balanced electrolytes) and meat-flavored baby food.)

I become “anxiously secure” every time I check both kits, but better safe than sorry.

STOLA Introduces E-News Format

Many of you recently received a copy of STOLA’s new monthly E-Newsletter which will keep you up to date with news items, tips, and rescue updates. With this new format we can keep you informed more frequently while saving on mailing costs.

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