



TERV TRAILS

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TO SQUEAK OR NOT TO SQUEAK!

Courtesy of "Miles" Helber

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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Sept. 15, 2020
Articles, Pictures, Brags Welcome!

***The next meeting of the LSBTC
is TO BE SCHEDULED***

***Postponed
Due to COVID-19
Restrictions***



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Devota M. Swenson

President, Lone Star Belgian Tervuren Club

July 27, 2020

I hope this message finds you all well. It has been a few months without a lot of dog show news. The hope of having the Texas series of shows in July fell quickly away as venue after venue had to cancel due to COVID-19 restrictions or the facilities not being available. There are still some shows that are planning September and October events.

The news from Dallas is that the shows are still planned in December as I write this update.



Alo and I have been competing in Dock Diving events in Central Texas. We are driving back and forth from venues and have not stayed in any hotels post COVID-19.

We are hopeful that we can get back to that later in September for a trip to the coast for an event I would like to attend but is outside the three hour drive limit I have decided on for now.

NADD (National Association of Diving Dogs) has decided to have regional championships instead of

our national championships in Orlando due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

I have heard that Herding, Tracking, Agility, Nose Work and Barn Hunt events are still happening. Is it time to try something new with your dogs? AKC is allowing video submissions for trick dog titles; some obedience titles are also available for video submissions. Now would be a good time to try a new sport. We all know how versatile Tervuren are.

ALO IN HURRICANE HANNA

Alo competed in the NADD National qualifier at Houston Dive Dogs on July 24-27, 2020. We competed during Hurricane Hanna and came in first in the Senior Division (15-20 foot jumps).

SHOW RESULTS--ONLY SHOWS NEAR TEXAS SO FAR THIS SUMMER

BARTLESVILLE KENNEL CLUB INC., JUNE 27, 2020, JUDGE MR GARRY K NEWTON

Puppy Bitches 6 Mos & Under 9 Mos .

1/RW CIBOLA'S JOYEUX NOELLE. Robert Taylor.

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches .

1/W/B CIBOLA'S WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR AT STAR BAYOU. Melinda Andric
Samantha Niemeck & William Allen.

BARTLESVILLE KENNEL CLUB INC., JUNE 28, 2020, JUDGE MR JAMES A MOSES

Puppy Bitches 6 Mos & Under 9 Mos .

1/RW CIBOLA'S JOYEUX NOELLE. Robert Taylor.

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches .

1/W/B CIBOLA'S WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR AT STAR BAYOU. Melinda Andric
Samantha Niemeck & William Allen.

CLAREMORE KC OF OKLAHOMA INC., JUNE 29, 2020, JUDGE MRS DANELLE M BROWN

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches .

1/W/B CIBOLA'S WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR AT STAR BAYOU. Melinda Andric
Samantha Niemeck & William Allen.

MID-DEL-TINKER KENNEL CLUB INC., JUNE 30, 2020, JUDGE MRS LINDA CLARK

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches .

1/W/B CIBOLA'S WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR AT STAR BAYOU. Melinda Andric
Samantha Niemeck & William Allen.

Editor's Note: I couldn't resist including the only Show Results nearby for the summer--for a historical record, and also to salute the judges that agreed to judge and the Kennel Clubs. July 2020 saw shows in Alaska, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina--3 clusters.

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DUES ARE PAST DUE -- Hurry!

"Membership dues shall be \$10.00 for single membership and \$15.00 for family membership per year."

Per the LSBTC Constitution: A membership shall be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first of June of each year.

**Remit dues to: LSBTC Treasurer
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THE GREAT SQUEAKY EXPERIMENT

by Susan Hervey and Sarah Helber

Have you ever wondered if the squeakers that only dogs can hear actually squeak?

"Miles" and Sarah Helber conducted a Squeak fest experiment. Miles received a dog toy with a squeaker that "only dogs can hear" for his birthday. While he seemed to enjoy it, it wasn't any more special than the other toys he played with that had fairly subdued squeakers.

Miles definitely prefers very loud (and VERY ANNOYING) squeakers! The human element prefers quieter squeakers!



Sarah had recently downloaded an app to her phone called "Birdnet" that records, analyzes and ID's birdsongs in the wild. It works by showing a spectrogram of the sound while it is recording. The user can then select a portion of the spectrogram and send it to be analyzed using artificial intelligence. We wondered if it could tell us if the squeaker actually squeaked.

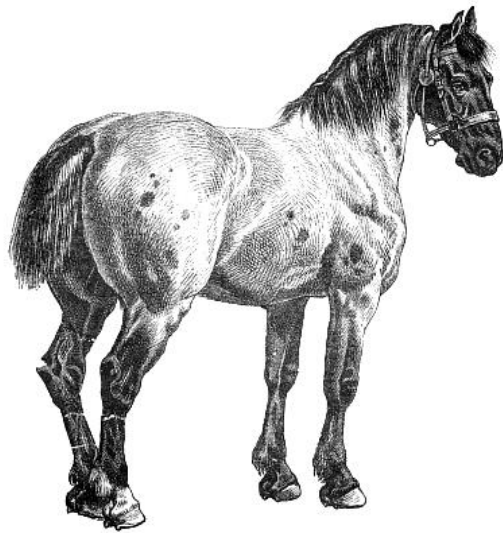
When reporting the result of the analysis the app gives the species of bird singing, along with an estimate ranging from "almost certain" down to "highly uncertain" of the likelihood that it is indeed that bird.

At first we tried recording while Miles was squeaking it. Sarah had to laugh at the answer - the app said "probably human!" She didn't know that was even a possible answer. However, it was encouraging that it recorded and analyzed something.

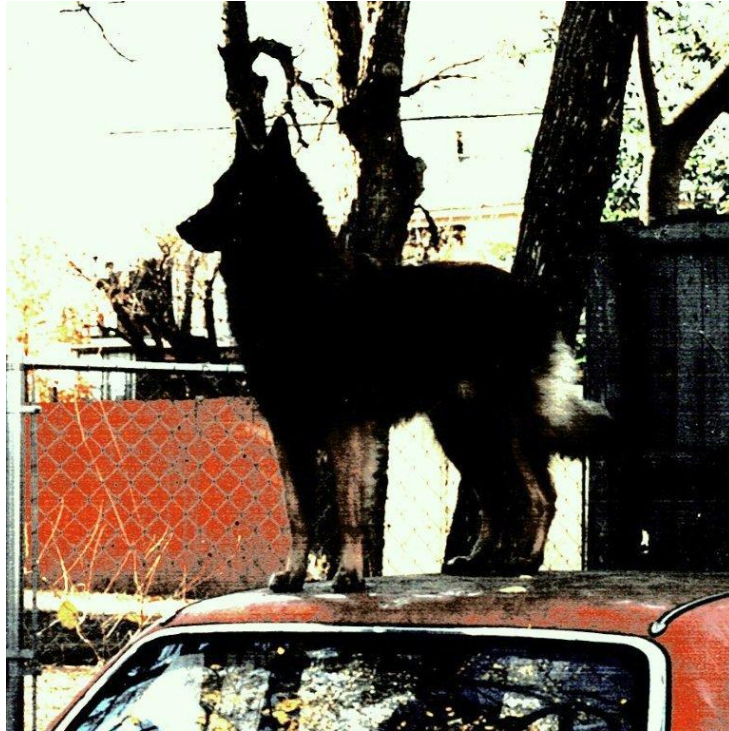
Then Susan squeaked it according to the number of fingers Sarah held up - squeaking twice, then four times, then three times. The spectrogram clearly showed a distinctive sound in sets of 2, 4, and 3.

So--the toy actually makes a sound that the app can hear! We can probably also assume that dogs can hear it. Of course it is possible it was analyzing the "squeeze" sound rather than the "squeak" sound.

From Miles reaction, however, I'd have to say it might not be one of the really loud squeakers!



PERCHERON



PERCHER-ON
(THAT WOULD BE ON A CAR!)

**NEXT ISSUE: SEND ME PERCHING PICTURES!
TERVS PERCH!**