



WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE RWC NEWSLETTER!

We started this newsletter for our valued customers to provide some useful information and tips for your four-legged family members, and to keep you informed of the latest happenings with the RWC Pack! Each month, your newsletter will feature an informative insight from our Founder and Master Trainer Susan Kijowski, and an additional training tip from our Lead Trainer Angela Dunn. Megan Zingo, our Director of Operations, will provide an update on RWC's features that you may not know of. We will also feature, from time to time, the story of a dog/dogs whose life we have transformed at RWC! Finally, every month, you will get to see our birthday pack, as well as our pack members who have graduated from various classes! Enjoy, and please feel free to submit feedback to general@rwc-nv.com!

From the desk of Megan Zingo, Director of Operations

Real World Canine is proud to announce the addition of our new outdoor play equipment for day camp dogs! Along with our current ramp and play house, we have added a mini A-Frame and extra elevated platforms to our main outdoor yard, called the Meadows. Now your dog can have the higher ground when they play a classic game of "chase" with their friends!

This equipment is not only super fun to play on, but it allows trainers to build confidence in dogs by getting them up onto different elevated and textured surfaces. Some dogs who may not have great self-esteem get the opportunity to live the life of an agility dog! Going up and over obstacles, crawling under platforms, and working a "stay" command on different surfaces are all great ways to build a dog's confidence and provide mental and physical enrichment.

Whether you have a hard-core parkour pup, or a dog that enjoys a higher view, this new equipment will add a new layer of fun to their day camp or boarding stay. We plan on adding more equipment in the future to continue providing your pup with exciting new activities and stimulation!

Happy Tails and Happy Trails!



From Our Founder and Master Trainer, Susan Kijowski

Did you know you have only 2-3 sec from the desired or undesired behavior to reward or discipline your dog? Your dog lives in the moment. Rewards/discipline must also be in the moment. Giving your dog feedback immediately after they do something ensures that he/she understands exactly what it was for. Beyond the 2-3 seconds, your dog will not connect the reward or correction to their actions. For example, to potty train your dog, you need to reward him/her within 2-3 seconds after they eliminate their bladder or bowels outside. This allows the dog to make the connection “eliminate outside – Good!” If you wait until you go back in the house, go to the kitchen, and then give your dog the treat, the act of elimination is forgotten.

From the desk of Angela Dunn, Lead Trainer

To build a strong relationship with your dog, it is important that he/she knows to check in on you or look to you for guidance on walks. Train your dog to do this with an “attention exercise.” Get a treat, place that treat on your forehead between your eyebrows, and the second your dog gives you eye contact, reward him/her with the same treat! With consistent practice, your dog will learn to focus more on you, and pick up clues on what you want him/her to do next. Having your dog “check-in” frequently while on a leash, is very useful in high-stimulus or stressful environments and will keep your dog from making bad decisions on their own.

Meet Kai and Sully – Our Featured Success Story



Sullivan



Kai

Kai and Sullivan are French Bulldogs who came to Real World Canine after having poor experiences at other facilities. Their owner, Jackie Giammara, reported that they both had anxiety issues, and would redirect their aggression at each other, when they were fearful of other dogs. Their behavior was also unpredictable when they met dogs they didn't know.

At RWC, Kai and Sullivan began their rehabilitation by being separated from each other, so each could work on their own issues. As Sully is the older and more dominant/confident dog, he was placed in our Yellow Dog training program. In the beginning, he would be aggressive toward any dog that walked by his kennel, or who was stationed in the condo next to him. When this occurred, Sully received immediate correction. This interrupted the pattern of behavior in his mind, and let Sully know that this was not what his human leaders wanted him to do. Sully continued to be placed in situations that required him to understand his behavior was not desirable and was rewarded when he responded favorably. Eventually, Sully's desire to please his human leaders outweighed his aggressive response. We are happy to report that Sully learned to let go of his past, and live in the present, and even made some friends!

Kai also started off as a Yellow Dog, but our trainers saw that his negative behavior arose from insecurity rather than aggression. Our main goal was to build his confidence around other dogs on his own. To do this, we brought him into small groups with calm, experienced dogs under close supervision. This gave him the opportunity to build much needed social skills as well as his overall confidence. He started to understand that other dogs were not bad, and his true playful personality emerged.

Once both Kai and Sully had learned to make friends, we placed them in group play together, so they could learn to happily co-exist. With strict rules and boundaries, they both achieved Green status. Their human Jackie says they are now happy, contented dogs who no longer fight at home, or on walks. “Real World Canine is a tightly-run ship. They did all the legwork, we just had to reinforce their training at home. It was an empowering experience,” said Jackie. We are grateful for the opportunity to help dogs live life to the fullest!



Graduations!!!

Since January of this year, we have graduated the following dogs from Yellow to Green!

Well done,

Scooby Grady, Ivy Valcanas, Luna Ehrenpreis, Nikki Arnold, and Dingo Lucas!!!

Let's Celebrate Our April Birthday Pack Members!

Abby, French Pointer – 3	Bear, Goldendoodle – 3	Black, Pit Bull – 3	Bobbit, Keeshond - 5
Buck, Lab Retriever – 1	Buddy, Lab Retriever – 5	Cabi, Lab/Staffordshire Mix – 2	Cora, Shepherd/Bluetick Coonhound Mix - 1
Farley, Lab Retriever – 1	Fenriz, French Bulldog - 1	Franklin, Mixed Breed – 3	Gibbs, Great Pyrenes – 1
Gracie, Lab Retriever – 3	Hobo, Pembroke Welsh Corgi – 4	Iggy, English Setter – 1	Jade, Lab Retriever – 2
K, Miniature Poodle – 3	Koko, Wire Terrier/Chihuahua Mix – 1	Lola, Staffordshire Terrier/Boxer Mix – 3	Lucy, Rhodesian Ridgeback - 4
Lucky, Corgi – 1	Mac, Pit Bull Mix - 1	Maci, Labradoodle – 3	Major, Min AussieDoodle – 2
Mason, Lab Retriever - 2	Maverick, German Shepherd – 2	Mila, Rottweiler – 2	Nena, Bulldog Mix – 10
Otto, Lab Retriever Mix – 2	Pepper, Moyen Poodle - 1	Ragnar, German Shepherd – 1	Raimy, Black Mouth Cur/Greyhound – 4
Rukia, German Shepherd/Husky Mix – 1	Ryder, Mixed Breed - 9	Sadie, Lab Retriever - 4	Sasha, Toy Aussie Poodle - 2
Sawyer, Lab Mix – 2	Shiva, Borderdoodle – 1	Tyson, Pitbull – 7	Wyatt Earp German Shepherd, - 3

