



From Jodie Wang, Editor

After a month-long hiatus, the RWC Newsletter is back with more news about our facility, more training tips, and another success story! As most of you know, we have had to, regrettably, limit the number of dogs we take due to the ongoing labor shortage. We are very sorry for the inconvenience to you, our customers, but we feel that it is very important to maintain our high staff-to-dog ratio so that we can take care of your dogs to the level that we have committed to doing. Please bear with us, as we are working hard on hiring more staff and training them to provide the high level of care we want to give to your beloved family members.

From the desk of Megan Zingo, Director of Operations

This month, I would like to showcase our Tiny Town! This area of our facility allows our smallest 4-legged friends to hang out and play with other like-sized dogs! Tiny Town includes its own exclusive furniture for the enjoyment of our small dogs, and they have a variety to choose from! From tiny cabanas to small sized beach loungers, your small dog can feel comfortable and find a nice place to curl up and cuddle on! Tiny Town is available to any Green small dog under 20 lbs.

Tiny Town also has its own outdoor play area for your small dogs to enjoy. This outdoor yard has a variety of furniture as well as its own built in, small dog pool, and shaded gazebos. Dogs enjoying the pool are always supervised by our canine handlers for their safety. It's always impressive to see how much the tiny guys love to swim, too! In addition, Tiny Town shares a common fence with the "big dog" group, so they can still interact with other types of dogs in a safe environment.

If you or someone you know has a small dog that is looking for a daycare setting tailored to them, Real World Canine would love to spoil them to our Tiny Town!

Have a great, tail waggin' day!

Pictures of Tiny Town on next page.



From Our Founder and Master Trainer, Susan Kijowski

Did you know that there are several possible meanings for when a dog leans on you? The meaning of the act of leaning on you depends on factors such as what is happening in the environment, whether the dog has a memory of an event or person, or if leaning is part of the dog's training. For example, it could be a service dog that has learned how to be a stabilizer for a person with seizures or balance issues. Or, it may be a reflection on the relationship you have with your pup, where the leadership boundaries are unclear, and he is owning you in the presence of another dog or human. Finally, it could also be a sign of a nervous dog or a dog lacking confidence, who needs the security of being very close to you.

On the other hand, some breeds are consistent and reliable leaners on humans, as owners of Great Danes will attest!

From the desk of Angela Dunn, our Training Manager

When walking into a new environment for both you and your dog, it is very important that you carry yourself with calm and confidence. This will help your dog feel safe and trust up the leash. That way you can have more of an enjoyable walk all together as friends but still be in control!

For example, when coming across scary and startling objects or sounds like garbage trucks, decorations during holidays etc., your dog looks to you for guidance with their nose and eyes to see how you're responding. Based on this, they have a sense of how they should feel about it, which is why it's very important to carry yourself calmly and confidently when coming across daily real-world distractions!

Meet Storm – Our Featured Success Story



Storm first started with us as a Yellow Dog because of her lack of ability to read social cues from other dogs, as well as her lack of boundaries with other dogs, and what's allowed in our structured day camp. I evaluated her to be a yellow dog because she was in a heightened state of excitement, and lacked social skills, enough so she could have started trouble within the pack, i.e. over-excitement leading to aggressiveness. Moving forward for the training month, we started with basic bonding and general manners. For bonding, we worked on confidence building with agility poles where she can jump over and under, getting praised each time. This helps build a relationship between the handler and the dog because the dog has to learn to trust the handler up the leash while they guide them through these obstacles. From there, we focused on leash manners and basic obedience, to help build patience and respect around basic expectations such as waiting at door thresholds, respecting personal space, staying in when asked to, etc.

After developing a relationship with Storm, we started focusing on socialization on leash. Starting in a small group, I would put her with some mellow energy greens at first to work on proper introductions, showing her she cannot run up to a dog's face and start smelling or licking until she has a reading on the

dog's state of mind. Once she achieved proper meeting skills with mellow dogs, I introduced her to dogs that matched her energy better as far as rough play or puppy energy. This entailed correcting her when she became overly pushy or invasive of the other dogs' personal space. This was achieved by having her on a leash when meeting these dogs, backing the other dogs up (who were already balanced dogs) and slowing her down, we taught her the proper way to respectfully, and safely, play with other dogs.

The last thing Storm struggled with was her off leash play. We started on a medium sized outside area so she would have freedom, while I was still able to step in when needed. With time, she started to learn when her friend was done playing and wanted to lie down. She also learned to pick up on other dogs' energies and intentions when first meeting them. Once she had a good grasp of boundaries, and reading energies, I started to integrate her into the big group in the big field outside and saw a big change! In the beginning she had a hard time with open space, other dogs, being off leash but by giving her clear expectations and slowing her down when necessary, she has made tremendous progress. Storm is now at the point where she can freely be off leash outside and inside with our green group. Bravo, Storm!

FINALLY, LET'S CELEBRATE OUR MAY AND JUNE BIRTHDAY PACK MEMBERS!

Abby, Scottish Terrier– 5	Ace, Boxer Mix – 5	Akela, German Shepherd, 3	Amstel, German Short Pointer, 4
Angel Eyes, Pointer/Queensland Heeler, 2	Annabel, Golder Retriever – 3	Anubis, Doberman Pinscher/Rottweiler Mix – 1	Apollo, German Shepherd/Lab Mix, 2
Bane, Mastiff Mix, 6	Becca, Chihuahua/Terrier Mix, 1	Bella, Border Collie Mix, 5	Berra, Pit/Lab Mix, 4
Bijou, Standard Poodle, 2	Birdie Mae, French Bulldog, 2	Bizzy, Yorkshire/Pom/Poodle Mix, 2	Blitzen, German Shepherd Mix, 9
Blu, Giant Schnauzer/Poodle Mix, 2	Blue, Lab/Golden Retriever Mix, 4	Blue, Pitbull, 1	Bo, Doberman Pinscher, 4
Bo, Sharpei/Blue Heeler Mix, 3	Bodie, Australian Shepherd, 12	Bozy Boo, Chihuahua, 7	Briar, Standard Poodle, 2
Brody, Labrador Hound Mix, 3	Bronson, Rottweiler, 3	Bucky Barnes, Husky Mix, 2	Catianna, Maltipoo, 1
Chance, Lab Retriever Mix, 11	Chester, German Shepherd, 8	Chewey, Brittany Spaniel, 8	Ciarra, Labrador, 2
Clarke, Husky/Pyranees/Rottweiler/German Shepherd Mix, 1	Clover Heart, Mini Aussie, 1	Cookie, Border Collie Mix, 1	Cruz, Boxer, 2
Daphnee, Sheepadoodle, 2	Diggy, McNabb Collie/Beagle Mix, 7	Dixie, Goldendoodle, 2	Dixie, Goldendoodle, 2
Duke, Labrador Retriever, 8	Duncan, Pomeranian/Chihuahua Mix, 2	Elle, Goldendoodle, 2	Elliott, Goldendoodle, 2
Enzo, Lab Retriever, 1	Estrella, German Shepherd, 1	Finnegan, Aussie Shepherd/Border Collie Mix, 5	Freckles, Catahoula Mix, 6
Gordon, Chihuahua Mix, 13	Gretzky, Goldendoodle, 12	Hank, Catahoula, 3	Hank, Corgi, 4
Harley, 11	Harley, Alaskan Malamute, 7	Harley, Pitbull, 5	Harley, Yorkshire Terrier, 3

Henry, Goldendoodle, 5	Honey, Pit Mix, 5	Hugo, French Mastiff, 7	Huxley, Mini Bernedoodle, 2
Icky, Pitbull, 10	Indiana Jones, Australian Shepherd, 3	Indie, Goldendoodle, 3	Ink, Lab Retriever, 3
Izzy (Isabelle), Border Collie, 5	Jax, Golden Retriever, 4	Jim, Australian Shepherd, 9	Judy, Lab Retriever, 2
June Carter, Cattle Dog Mix, 4	Kai, German Shepherd Mix, 2	Kailee, Labrador Retriever, 4	Karma, Dutch Shepherd, 6
Keira, Border Collie, 1	Kera, Pitbull Mix, 6	Koda, German Shepherd, 2	Koda, Golden Retriever, 2
Kona, Rottweiler, 3	Leo, German Wirehaired Pointer, 4	Lexi, Mixed Breed, 9	Lily, Labrador, 2
Little Foot, Chihuahua/Mini Poodle Mix, 3	Loki, Czech Shepherd, 4	Loki, Husky Mix, 5	Loki, Mixed Breed, 2
Lola, Australian Shepherd/Poodle Mix, 2	Lola, English Springer Spaniel, 3	Lola, Pitbull, 8	Lucky, Staffordshire/Pitbull Mix, 3
Lucy, Blue Nose Pitbull, 2	Lucy, Boxer/Pitbull Mix, 3	Luna, Husky Mix, 5	Lyli Belle, Shih Tzu, 6
Madison, English Springer Spaniel, 7	Malu, Frenchie/Pug Mix, 3	Manny, Labrador Retriever, 2	Marley, Labrador Retriever Mix, 5
Mary Jane, Standard Poodle, 3	Matilda, Dogo Argentino, 5	Max, Chihuahua, 4	Maya, Bull Mastiff, 9
Meeko, Terrier Mix, 9	Memphis, Havanese, 11	Michelle, Teacup Yorkie, 8	Miles Davis, Norfolk Terrier/Poodle Mix, 7
Millie, Pitbull Mix, 12	Molly, Lab Retriever, 2	Moses, Kantal Shepherd, 3	Mystique, Giant Schnauzer, 8
Nero, German Shepherd, 3	Nova, English Bulldog, 4	Oakley, Border Collie Mix, 1	Obiwan, King Charles Spaniel Mix, 2
Olive, English Springer Spaniel, 5	Parsley, Schipperke/Pug Mix, 3	Pedro, German Shepherd, 3	Pharaoh, Blue Nose Pitbull, 5
Poppy, Brittany Spaniel Mix, 1	Ramona, Corgi, 1	Remington, Cocker Spaniel, 4	Riley, Lab Retriever, 13
Roscoe, American Eskimo, 12	Rosey, Bull Mastiff, 6	Roxy, Dachsund/Terrier Mix, 14	Rudy, American Pitbull, 7
Ruger, German Shorthaired Pointer, 6	Sadie, German Shepherd Mix, 3	Samantha, German Shepherd, 12	Sammy, Dachshund Mix, 3
Scout, Terrier Mix, 1	Shanti, Siberian Husky/Alaskan Malamute Mix, 2	Shiloh, Cattle Dog/Pitbull Mix, 2	Sho, Pitbull Mix, 3
Sierra, Border Collie/Lab/Pit Mix, 4	Sir Klaus, German Shepherd, 4	Snuggles, Terrier Mix, 19	Sophie, Chihuahua, 10
Spokane, Lab Retriever Mix, 6	Squish, French Bulldog, 3	Stella, Doberman Pinscher, 5	Storm, Shepherd Mix, 1
Strider, Akita, 3	Sully, Duck Tolling Retriever Mix, 2	Teddy, Golden Retriever, 2	Theo, Aussiedoodle, 3
Theo, Golden Retriever, 2	Toby, Labradoodle, 2	Tori, Dachsund/Shepherd Mix, 3	Truckee, Golden Retriever, 4
Tula, Pitbull/Lab Mix, 11	Tuxedo, Terrier Mix, 7	Violet, Silky Terrier, 9	Wall-e, Pitbull Mix, 3
Little Wayne, Blue Heeler/Corgi Mix, 6	Wile, Belgian Malinois, 3	Woodstock, Hound Mix, 8	Yankee, Labradoodle, 3