



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM HEART

November 2018

Membership Stats

ALL CONTACTS	145	
ALL MEMBERS	71	
	Professional Members	38
	Supporting Members	14
	Inactive Members	19

Just a Few Comments from our Founders



We saw this photo on Facebook a few weeks back. Its caption reads: “**Hallelujah! I’ve been born into a force free foster home!**”. We loved the sentiment and the questions it brought to mind. What can be done to grant **EVERY** puppy or even **MOST** puppies the joy of being born into a force-free environment? How can we educate people on what force-free means and how it helps their relationship with this new nascent life. Unfortunately, competing and more aversive strategies are still very much part of our culture and sometimes even seem prevalent. We are proud and encouraged, however, that **HEART** is an organization dedicated to addressing this issue. We all swear an oath to abide by force-free principles and methods. We are grounded by the science and ethics that underlie those principles and methods. And we strive to educate others and spread the word about the wondrous potential of positive training.

We have a large committed and talented group of people. So, we wonder what all of us might **DO** to help every puppy joyously find themselves in the loving hands of a force free owner, caregiver, shelter employee or trainer. Let’s start the new year with new resolve and hope for our little group to make a big difference in our community. Warm woofs to all...Skip & Kay

Recent HEART Information & Updates



BIG CHANGE: The November **HEART** meeting has been changed to **Monday, November 26, 2018** – same place (Canine Solutions in Olathe), same time. We are planning on having some open topic round-table discussions. If you have a dog behavior or training subject or issues to discuss with peers, this might be a good time!

ELECTION NOMINATIONS ARE ONGOING: If you have not received a nomination form, please let us know via e-mail to INFO@TrainersWithHeart.com. PLEASE HELP US IN THIS PROCESS . **The Nomination period has been extended until Monday, September 12, 11:00 PM.** The election will be electronic this year and you should be receiving your ballots before the end of the month.

BOARD MEETING: The Board met on Monday, November 5, 2018. Attending were Skip Daiger, Kay Lampe, Penny Minniear, Melissa Laub and Terry Serphen. A range of topics were discussed. Members can view the minutes of this meeting by clicking on the following link:

[View 2018-11-05 Board Minutes](#)

Upcoming Local & National Events

Local Event		Adoption Event
	Adoption Event	Sponsored by The Humane Society of Kansas City
	Date	Saturday December 1 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
	Location	Brookside Barkery & Bath 118 West 163rd Street Kansas City MO 64113
Local Event		November HEART Meeting & Board Elections
	About	INovember HEART Meeting Meeting topic: Open topic round-table discussions. If you have a dog behavior or training subject or issues to discuss with peers, this might be a good time!
	Date Change	November 26 -- 6:30 PM Social Time / 7:00 PM Meeting

	Location	Canine Solutions LLC 417 N Rawhide Dr Ste H Olathe KS 66061 (913) 712-8742
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Wayside Waifs Position Opening: Behavior Evaluator

Wayside Waifs is seeking qualified candidates for a Behavior Evaluator position. This position will report to Teresa Randall, The Canine Behavior & Training Manager at Wayside Waifs.

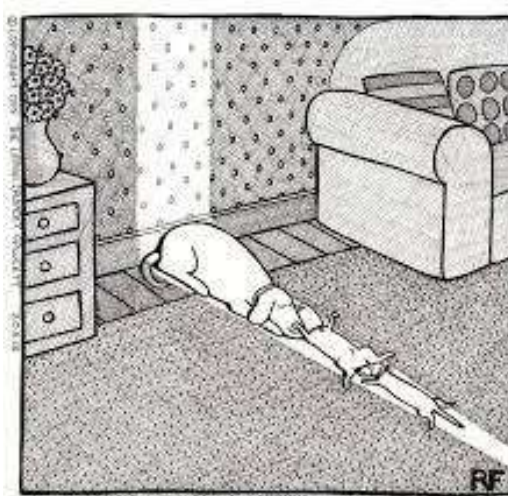
[View the Position Details](#)

Dogs In A Humorous Mood



More Dogs In A Humorous Mood

How many of us have seen some variant of this scene before?



Some (dog)Food for Thought - A Worthwhile Read

We have included a link from the **Whole Dog Journal** to an interesting and worthwhile article on the age-old subject of client demands for “quick fixes” to problem behaviors – something most of us have had to deal with more times than we would like. Nancy Tucker provides some insights about this by issue, by describing a recent experience with one of her clients. It is an interesting and worthwhile read.

[Click Here for Article: Solving a Behavior Problem Crisis](#)

BLOG, BLOG, Blog...

Yes, we are still blogging away.

Perhaps you have a story or situation to share with your peers? Maybe there is something you learned recently that could benefit someone else? How about a new training technique that came your way. The BLOG page is just the right place for this kind of information. It can be very short – a paragraph or two or it can be pages long. Shared information is the key. If you are hesitant about writing, let us know and we will help you get to a finished product.

Take a look at some of blogs:

Check out the latest blog on the **HEART** website at TrainersWithHeart.com/BLOG.

Got ideas for a blog post or have something you want posted on our BLOG, send them to us at Info@TrainersWithHeart.com.

Dogs In Season - Thanksgiving Safety Tips



Thanksgiving is a time for friends, family and holiday feasts - but also a time for possible distress for our animal companions. Pets won't be so thankful if they munch on undercooked turkey or a pet-unfriendly floral arrangement, or if they stumble upon an unattended alcoholic drink.

Check out the following tips for a fulfilling Thanksgiving that your pets can enjoy, too:

- **Talkin' Turkey:** If you decide to feed your pet a small bite of turkey, make sure it's boneless and well-cooked. Don't offer her raw or undercooked turkey, which may contain salmonella bacteria. Do not give your pet the left-over carcass. Cooked poultry bones are brittle and fracture into shards very easily. This can cause serious harm to the digestive tract prompting a quick trip to an emergency room.
- **No Bread Dough:** Don't spoil your pet's holiday by giving him access to raw yeast bread dough. When a dog or cat ingests raw bread dough, the yeast continues to convert the sugars in the dough to carbon dioxide gas and alcohol. This can result in bloated drunken pets, which could become a life-threatening emergency, requiring hospitalization.
- **Don't Let Them Eat Cake:** If you plan to bake Thanksgiving desserts, be sure your pets keep their noses out of the batter, especially if it includes raw eggs—they could contain salmonella bacteria that may lead to food poisoning.
- **A Feast Fit for a King:** While your family enjoys a special meal, give your cat and dog a small feast of their own. Offer them made-for-pets chew bones. Or stuff their usual dinner—perhaps with a few added tidbits of turkey, vegetables (try sweet potato or green beans) and dribbles of gravy—inside a food puzzle toy. They'll be happily occupied for a while, working hard to extract their dinner from the toy.
- **Avoid the Counter-Surfing:** try to keep countertops free from unattended food platters thus providing dogs with a temptation way too hard to avoid. Maybe put them in another room until dinner is over and the kitchen has been dog-proofed.
- **Stick to Tried & True Diets:** A few small boneless pieces of cooked turkey, a taste of mashed potato or even a lick of pumpkin pie shouldn't pose a problem. However, don't allow your pets to overindulge, as they could wind up with a case of stomach upset, diarrhea or even worse—an inflammatory condition of the pancreas known as pancreatitis. In fact, it's best to keep pets on their regular diets during the holidays.

WARM WOOFs AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

Have Ideas About Future Content? Tell Us!

If you have ideas about content for future newsletters, **please let us know!** We welcome all ideas and inspirations. More input will make this better. Please submit blogs you find particularly useful or interesting, upcoming events that are related and anything else you want to share with our community. **We are a large, diverse and very talented group of professionals. Let's share with one another!!**

It's easy to let us know. Just drop us an e-mail to info@TrainersWithHeart.com. If you just have an idea, there's no need to type out a long e-mail, just let us know you want to talk about and we will call YOU!

Thanks for Updating Your **HEART** Information

PLEASE don't hesitate to call us if you have questions, concerns, or any issues that you are not able to resolve. We are pretty good problem solvers!

It is easy to maintain your information. Just find your way to the **HEART** web page and then click on the "HEART MEMBERS" tab. Then select your name and you can edit your profile. You may be prompted to login. Don't hesitate to call us if you have any issues that you are not able to resolve. We are pretty good problem solvers!

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