



# Lead Lines

*A Newsletter for Members*

*September, 2017*



The General Meeting this month is Monday, September 25, 2017  
7:00 PM

Pictures below from the ACT test Sunday, September 17, 2017



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Jennifer Patti just passed the BAR and is now an attorney. Now we can get back to dog shows :)

*Mary Lou Patti*

Congratulations Jennifer. It is always nice to have multiple attorneys in the house.

*Celeste - Editor*

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# Six Foods to Feed Your Dog When He's Sick

Anna Burke | August 09, 2016 AKC Dog Health/Nutrition



Feeding a sick dog is challenging. Decreased appetite, upset stomach, diarrhea, and vomiting make caring for a sick dog stressful for both you and your pet. A bland diet can help relieve some of these symptoms while also giving your dog the nutrition he needs to recover.

The following six recipes are intended for use for dogs with [mild stomach upset](#), including gas, nausea, constipation, and [diarrhea](#). As these symptoms are occasionally signs of a more serious problem, always check with your vet before taking treatment into your own hands. Only use these recipes once you have ruled out other health risks and discussed your plan with your veterinarian; and remember that dogs with existing health conditions like [diabetes](#), [cancer](#), [allergies](#), and [senior dogs](#) might need additional nutrition to stay healthy.

## Chicken and Rice



Chicken and rice are prime ingredients in many dog foods, and these mild foods sit well on upset canine stomachs. Plus, this bland meal is easy to prepare. All you need are boneless, skinless chicken breasts and rice. White rice is lower in nutritional value than brown rice, but its blandness makes it more suitable for upset stomachs. Oils, butter, and added seasonings can irritate your dog's stomach and make the problem worse, so stick with plain boiled chicken and rice and save the extra stuff for your own meal. Make sure the chicken is cooked thoroughly and cut or shred it into small, bite-sized pieces for your dog, since enthusiastic canines might choke on this unexpected treat.

## Shredded Chicken



Shredded chicken is easy on upset stomachs and acts as a huge eating incentive for dogs with decreased appetites. Plain, unseasoned, boiled, shredded chicken is easy to digest and is packed with essential vitamins, minerals, fats, and amino acids, making it a great snack for dogs feeling under the weather. Chicken keeps in the fridge for [three-to-four days](#), or you can freeze it for two-to-six months.

## Sweet Potato Balls



Dogs love this orange vegetable. Not only is it a great treat, but it also has many health benefits. Sweet potatoes are frequently used in dog food products because they are high in fiber and full of vitamin B6, vitamin A, vitamin C, potassium, and manganese.

The fiber in sweet potatoes helps regulate dogs with intestinal difficulties like loose stools or constipation. Unseasoned, plain, peeled, cooked, and mashed sweet potatoes make a healthy addition to your pet's existing diet. Talk to your vet about how much sweet potato to feed your dog. If you plan on continuing to use sweet potatoes as a dietary supplement, scoop them into tablespoon-size balls and freeze them for convenience.

## Pumpkin

Pumpkin and sweet potato have similar digestive health benefits. Like sweet potatoes, pumpkin is also high in fiber, which helps regulate canine digestive systems. Cooked, peeled, unsalted, and unseasoned pumpkin contains vitamin E, thiamin, niacin, vitamin B6, folate, iron, magnesium, phosphorous, dietary fiber, vitamin A, vitamin C, riboflavin, potassium, copper, and manganese, giving your dog a nutritional boost along with a little digestive help.

Adding pumpkin to your dog's meal usually helps regulate [mild constipation](#). [Veterinarians recommend](#) one to four tablespoons of pumpkin, depending on your dog's size. Canned pumpkin is a convenient alternative to preparing pumpkin yourself, as long as it is unseasoned. Feeding your dog a can of pumpkin pie filling might end up sending you back to the vet, as the spices and sugars could irritate your dog's stomach and cause further complications.

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**Bone Broth**

Bone broth is a very mild, liquid meal that sits easily in upset canine stomachs. It is also a nutritious and delicious way to add moisture and flavor to dry food and encourage dogs with reduced appetites to eat. To make a bone broth for dogs, fill a crock-pot with beef marrow bones or bones with plenty of joints, like turkey and chicken legs. Cover the bones with 2-3 inches of water, cover, and cook on low for 20-24 hours.

Let the broth cool for 2-to-3 hours in the fridge to let the fat form a hardened layer at the top. Scoop it off and store the jelly-like broth in the refrigerator. If you want to use the broth to add moisture to dry food, microwave the broth just long enough for it to go from a semi-solid jelly to a liquid, but not long enough to get hot, as hot broths can burn your dog's mouth. Freeze the broth in small containers like an ice cube tray for later use.

While bone broth is full of healthy bone marrow, cooked bones themselves are incredibly dangerous for dogs. Make sure you remove all of the bones from your broth before serving. Save yourself a trip to the emergency room and strain the broth just to make sure no small bones escaped your notice.

**Baby Food**

Veterinary emergency hospitals often use certain types of baby food to feed the dogs in their care. Baby food is very easy to swallow and digest and is a great way to give oral medications. [Veterinarians recommend](#) feeding Stage II meat-based baby foods like chicken, lamb, and turkey, as long as the baby food does not contain any garlic or onion powder.

While none of these recipes should be used as a replacement for proper medical care, feeding a bland diet can alleviate some of your dog's intestinal discomfort while also providing him with foods he'll love. These six recipes for dog digestive health also make delicious treats for when your dog starts feeling better, so consider saving some for later to reward your canine patient.

*Anna Burke | August 09, 2016 AKC Dog Health/Nutrition*

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Date Night.  
*Bark Post Stories*

### Wrong in the Ring: Random Errors

Connie Cleveland

You may be caught off guard the first time your dog makes an error in the ring. I understand how difficult it is to respond when you are not expecting the error. Instead of responding, we look for ways to explain errors -- a slammed door, a barking dog, a dumbbell thrown in the next ring. We are then shocked when our dog makes the mistake again at the next show. After all, it was an honest mistake the first time.

#### Let's Make a Deal

From now on, anticipate the mistakes your dog makes in the ring and be ready with a plan to respond if they happen again.

For example, imagine that your dog failed to qualify by coming straight to you on the broad jump. Do not dwell on the fact that the judge was standing in the wrong spot, or the dog in the next ring was doing a go-out. Instead, try the following:

Cause the same error in training. Set up a situation that might cause a specific error to occur. Sometimes just trying to cause an error puts a dog on notice that he needs to focus. Try to create the error by standing three feet from the broad jump instead of two.

If you are successful and cause the error (your dog comes straight to you), simplify the task and start again as outlined in the article, *A Simple Rule to Train By*.

If you are not successful and cannot cause the error, but your dog is performing with improved focus, consider your point made.

Make notes about how you respond to errors in training and be ready to respond the next time it occurs in the ring.

#### Respond to a Failing Error in the Ring

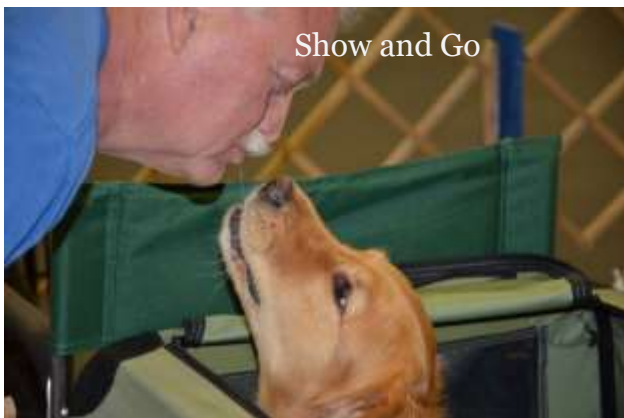
If your dog keeps coming on the drop on recall, give him a second down signal with a verbal. If he heads for the wrong glove, stop him. If he starts to come around the high jump, give him a jump signal and a verbal command. Be matter-of-fact, don't ever get angry or frustrated. You don't want to send the message that you think he's been a bad dog. You are just trying to communicate to him that he's made an error.

Chronic problems develop when you fail to respond in the ring. Giving a second command is never ideal, but it is far better than watching your dog make a mistake in silence. If you say nothing, the message you are sending is that your standards for him are different in the ring.

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## [Rally Sign Description Update 301 and 302](#)

by [Diane Schultz](#) (AKC Obedience Representative)

The **descriptions** for signs 301 and 302 have been edited.

**HALT - Recall over Jump - Finish - Right Turn - Forward** - This sign will be placed at least 8 feet before the jump. While heeling, the handler halts and the dog sits in front of the jump. The handler will leave the dog, walk to the other side, stand in front of the jump and turn to face the dog. The dog must remain sitting until called over the jump. The dog must clear the jump on the first attempt, in the proper direction without stopping, come and sit in front, without moving their feet, the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. The dog must finish to the right or left. As the dog clears the handler's path, the handler will move to the newly established line, turn right and heel forward before the dog returns to heel position. (Stationary) *Sign 301A must be used with this sign.*

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[Diane Schultz](#) | August 23, 2017 at 4:47 pm | Categories: [Rally](#), [Regulations](#), [Sign Clarifications](#), [Signs](#) | URL: <http://wp.me/p6Ckol-dc>

# THANK YOU

A bit thank you to all the OTCPCB members that contributed to the Texas dogs. The below pictures show the outpouring of support from our club. Thank you Susan Minx for coordinating this drive.



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## BRAGS



Casey and Susie along with the rest of their pack successfully evacuated to and returned from Pittsburgh for Hurricane Irma. Hope everyone is well, has power and plenty of treats!

*Katie and Brian*

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Chili (CH Seaworthy's Make Your Own Kind of Music) earned his Act 2 Title in AKC Agility on Sunday Sept 17, at 18 months of age handled by Sandra Brown . Thank you Chili and Barbara Bounds for your hard work.

*Sandy Brown*

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On September 17, the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County held their 2nd ACT tests, with 28 dogs competing in a total of 94 runs with 45 Qualifying runs. We had many volunteers from the club show up to help us that worked from 7 in the morning until 230 pm. I can't begin to thank them enough. I also want to thank [Kimberly Carey](#) for rushing back from Michigan to evaluate and judge my boy Fox, who I am happy to say earned his ACT 1 title. I also need to thank Lori Patterson for being our Trial chair and Trial Secretary and for donating her time. I loved judging all of these new dogs that will soon be entering trials. I also have to especially thank my granddaughter [Hailey Bounds](#) and her friend Ally who helped me setup last night and volunteered all day. It was a great day with a lot of great dogs and wonderful handlers

*Barbara Bounds  
Agility Coordinator*

OTCPBC held it's 2<sup>nd</sup> ACT trail on 9/17. We had 28 dogs entered for a total of 94 runs. There were 45 qualifying runs and 18 new titles!

I would like to thank Barbara Bounds for organizing the set-up, creating the courses and judging! Also the club members who came the night before to set-up and then who stayed most of the day to help: John Gorbas , Hailey Bounds , Sandra Brown , Diana Johnson Ford , Katie Grosso , Kim Carey and Carol Munn, Couldn't done it without you!!

*Lori Patterson  
ACT Trial Chair & Secretary*



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*Braggs - continued*



Fizz was High in Trial on Sunday, September 17 at a UKC nose work trial hosted by the Northeast Georgia Canine Club. He finished first in Advanced Containers and Exteriors and second in Vehicles. Lark had qualifying runs in an Individual Element Exteriors trial also hosted that weekend by NEGCC.

*Marti Hohmann*

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I have my first brag for Hollywood!! We received our certificate for her MJP and as of yesterday, only need one more leg for her MXP. Love this little doggie!!

*Streisand*

*Judith*





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