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Look What I Found!

Study Guide

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This class is part stuff that is super handy and all scientific about raising puppies.

The other part is meant to be an enjoyable story, one which I hope you enjoy and laugh and cry along with us. It is meant to be a reflection of all of our stories as we plan for and get our very own, adorable and certainly "Perfect" Puppy.

It is also an extensive collection of data regarding body language and signaling in neonates and on up.

You will gain much knowledge from a long-time and extremely experienced breeder, Diane, who has a veterinarian husband.

Enjoy!



It Begins...Andy Wants A Puppy

When Andy, one of my dear and long time clients told me she wanted another dog in the fall of 2014, we began discussing what she wanted.

We agreed that neither of us was getting any younger. Andy's previous dogs had been a variety of breeds. When I first met Andy, she had Yuki, a Wire-Haired Pointing Griffon, who got his CD and was working Open and Utility, as well as some Agility.



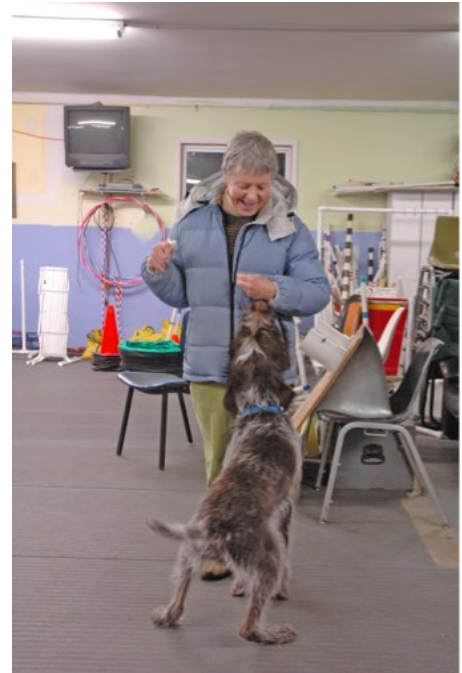
Next was Kip, a wonderful Border Collie rescue, whom she got a Utility Title on.

Then there was Sammy, a Miniature Poodle, who lived in a kennel until he came to live with Andy.

Andy said she would love another Border

Collie, but honestly, Kip was a unique BC. He was calm, quiet and I was not optimistic about finding another like him. We went back to the "we aren't getting any younger" thing. A small dog might be best.

When Andy said she would be amenable to



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another miniature poodle, I said let me check around and see what's out there.

This dog would be our 4th together. When I met Andy and Yuki, Yuki was a gangly and wild adolescent. Whew! A heart of gold, but a handful! I found Kip for her as a 12 mo. old rescue. When Yuki passed on to the Rainbow Bridge, I looked around for a smaller dog and a good match for Kip and Sammy was perfect, even though he had no training and hadn't been out and about much. Andy works hard with her dogs and I was very excited about getting her a dog that would be awesome and not have any prior owner issues.

Kip had been an awesome dog from the get-go, but he was a strong minded BC, albeit quiet and lovable with no dog aggression or anxiety issues. Sammy, however had been a real project, due to his lack of socialization issues. He currently has his CD and we are working open. He is a smart little guy, but sometimes his anxiety makes training challenging. We don't love our project dogs any less, but still, it was time for a dog that was going to be relatively easy and fun. And Andy was ready for a puppy, this time.

As soon as Andy left, I beat feet to the phone and called Diane, a long time dog friend and one of my instructors.

I shared the situation with Diane and begged her advice on which breeders to go to....or, hope of hopes, would she be breeding a litter anytime soon? I breathed a sigh of gratefulness and relief when she said that Page was going to be bred this year. I love Page! She is one of the dogs that I worked with for some of the training film in my Virtual Academy Online.

I eagerly awaited the pups as Diane and I had



Diane working at her grooming shop, with Page standing guard.



discussed at length all the things we wanted to do with the litter.

Diane had always done lots of stuff in the whelping nest to give the pups as many experiences as she could, but was frustrated. She wanted to do more, but was unsure exactly what that should be. So we collaborated and were so excited to try out some of our ideas and see the results.

Diane had used the Early Neural Stimulation work with her puppies for years. But at about 3 or 4 weeks that was pretty much done. Of course, you make sure the puppies get lots of interaction

with all sorts of humans, and you do a variety footings and toys. But Diane wondered if there was more training that could be done to help her puppies be the best they could be.



Why Not It's A Fantasy, aka Dervish, the day he finished his Championship.

What you don't see here is my bandaged finger, I sliced myself but good cutting up bait that morning. While I went to get stitches, Steve babysat the dog at the show.

There's always a back story!

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For years, I had wanted to work with some very young puppies while they were still in the whelping pen. I had so many ideas! And so much curiosity.

When Dervish, one of my male Smooths had sired a litter, I kept the puppies from week five to week 7. There was one shy puppy in the litter and because I saw the tendency early I worked extra with restraint tolerance and handling. By the time the puppy had been 2 weeks with me, he was as bold as all the other puppies because of the work I had done. It was flat amazing!

However, I never had breeders knocking down my door, begging me to experiment with the behaviour of their prized and precious young puppies.

Andy eagerly awaited the pups, because she was excited about a new companion and dog to continue training with.

Puppies were born Jan 19, 2015.

This photo was taken on January 23, 2015.

