

# Genius Dog Newsletter

## GENIUS DOG TRAINING

*"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." Roger Caras*

### The Grass is Always Greener...

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**...on the other side of the fence.**

UNLESS you have a dog(s) on the other side of the fence and then it may look like this instead.



This is a photo of my back yard lawn. I have a neutered male and spayed female dog; both are around 40 lbs. each. Before trying each of these products I had either installed new sod or had re-seeded the entire lawn.

Generally speaking, I don't like feeding my dogs supplements unless there is a medical need to do so. However, after discussing it with my own veterinarian and researching several products, I decided to try Lawn Aid by Pet Naturals of Vermont.



According to their website, "Lawn Aid chews feature methionine, an amino acid that helps reduce ammonia and reduce lawn discoloration."

Per the instructions, I gave 1 chew per 20 lbs. of body weight, daily. That meant 2 chews for each of my dogs, daily. They are simple to use and both my dogs had no problems eating them. I also didn't notice any adverse side effects in either dog. However, after about 4 weeks I also didn't notice any difference in my lawn.



The next product I tried treated the lawn, not the dog. According to their website, "Revive is a natural organic soil treatment composed of processed plant bi-products, organic and decomposition extracts and fulvo-humates."



I attached the garden hose to the nozzle and followed the directions on the bottle and treated all of the spots in my back lawn thoroughly. There

was absolutely no change. I contacted the company's representative and told him my dilemma. He was kind enough to send me two additional bottles and gave me a few tips. So I tried again. Although the customer service was great, this product didn't work either.



According to their website, "Dog Rocks® are a 100% Natural Australian product that will save your lawn from those nasty burn patches that your dog's urine can cause."

You simply place Dog Rocks® into your dog's water bowl; the Rocks are supposed to filter out impurities found in water such as tin, ammonia and nitrates. I tried these on two different occasions for 8 weeks each time.



Although they were easy to use, they did not work either time.



So the search continues. I will let you know if I find something that works.

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## SPRING TRAINING SPECIALS!

### **FREE New Kitten/Cat Orientations during the month of April.**

Sign up today to attend our brand new group orientations especially designed for kitten and cat owners. Some of the topics include: litter box training, health & safety issues, how to address common unwanted behaviors (e.g., scratching, spraying).

### **FREE Training Tune-Ups for all Fast Track or Fast Track Take 2 Clients during the month of May.**

Do you want to improve your dog's recall, increase his stay, or teach her a new trick?

Then bring your dog in for a Training Tune-Up (private, in-store training session up to 30 minutes). You can schedule an appointment on our "Service Request" page. One (1) FREE Training Tune-Up per dog. Spaces are limited.



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## Wylie's Corner

Here are some of our recent students:

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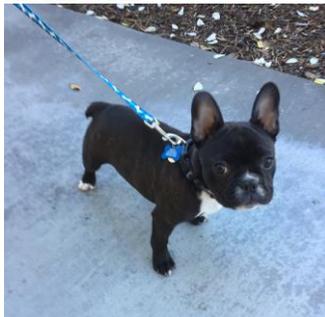
**SASHA**



**ANNA**



**ASHFORD**



**OLIVER**



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