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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— URSULA HUTTON

Dear ECSC Members,

As 2013 draws to an end, I hope you all were able to be with your loved ones at Thanksgiving and that you had lots to be thankful for this past year.

We'll get back to work on planning our next Schip-nic, our next Regional Specialty at Wine Country, and hosting the 2015 SCA Regional Specialty in Chattanooga after the 1st of the year, but for now I'm keeping this short and sweet—as multitudes of puppies are demanding what seems like my constant attention ☺

**SO, TO ALL OF YOU I SEND MY HEARTFELT WISHES FOR
A VERY JOYOUS HOLIDAY, A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS,
AND
A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH PEACE, HEALTH, JOY,
AND MANY GOOD MEMORIES!! •**





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Twas the Night before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.



The puppies were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of liver-treats danced in their heads.
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

"Now Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! On, Cupid! on, on Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"



As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky.
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of Toys, and St Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fun fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.

A bundle of Dog Toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.



His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself!
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk.
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!



He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"



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The Wonder Of Puppies Enhances The Joy Of The Season



*We Believe Too,
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A Bored Dog Is Never Boring by Marnie Layng

A bored dog is never boring. Truer words were never spoken...or written. How many times have you heard about some dog owner lamenting the fact that they came home to a mess because their dog had done something it shouldn't have? Sometimes they include the statement "I never expected Fido to do that". Bad dog! Well maybe he is bad to the bone..., or maybe not? More likely he was a very bored dog and the owner had not done enough to alleviate that situation which turned bad!

At the risk of boring the readers but in an attempt to have us understand the relevance of boredom I include excerpts from the Wikipedia definition of boredom:

***Boredom** is an emotional state experienced when an individual is left without anything in particular to do, and not interested in their surroundings.*

The Psychology of Boredom

Boredom has been defined by C. D. Fisher in terms of its main central psychological processes: "an unpleasant, transient affective state in which the individual feels a pervasive lack of interest and difficulty concentrating on the current activity." M. R. Leary, as well as others, they describe boredom as "an affective experience associated with cognitive attentional processes."

There are three types of boredom, all of which involve problems of engagement of attention. These include times when we are prevented from engaging in wanted activity, when we are forced to engage in unwanted activity, or when we are simply unable for no apparent reason to maintain engagement in any activity or spectacle.

Although boredom is often viewed as a trivial and mild irritant, proneness to boredom has been linked to a very diverse range of possible psychological, physical, educational, and social problems.

Philosophy of Boredom

Boredom is a condition characterized by perception of one's environment as dull, tedious, and lacking in stimulation. This can result from leisure and a lack of aesthetic interests.

Without stimulus or focus, the individual is confronted with nothingness, the meaninglessness of existence, and experiences existential anxiety.

Typical active solutions consist in an intentional activity of

some sort.

Keeping this information in mind and realizing that boredom is not just a human condition, but one which can pervade the lives of any animal, we can continue.

Planned Parenthood

Despite the reams of information available in books as well as on line, people still don't seem to understand the necessary commitment they must make when they adopt a pet. They really don't seem aware that in terms of time and activity their responsibility goes well beyond feeding and getting the dog out to eliminate. All too

often I hear tales of woe from people who have bought a Schipperke from me and yet despite my warnings have allowed too much freedom to that untrained puppy. Oops! Guess they didn't hear me say that not restricting the puppy to a safe space when they could not supervise him is an instant recipe for a disappointing accident or worse.

Whether just a housebreaking accident, or destruction of your valuables, most bad behaviours can be avoided with proper planning and training. Planning to prevent bad unacceptable behaviour and training so the dog learns to consistently offer the correct acceptable behaviour. Planning means to observe the environment the dog will live in to be aware of potential safety issues and then react to those risks by deciding which preventative measures are necessary and then....(and this is the kicker) to actually incorporate them consistently. Of course this is not just a Schipperke truth. All canine breeds can become bored and all types of people can, and have, experienced varying degrees of frustration with their puppy / dog as a result.

For instance, while I was employed as an Animal Assisted Therapist, a well received part of my pet therapy services was providing on request, consul-



Wool Brags, Brags, Brags Wool

Handled by her breeder / owner Ursula Hutton, **Deloran's Dyngus Day Debut, "Willow"** started her show career off in style winning WB and a 3 pt major her first weekend out during the Leatherstocking Cluster in Syracuse on November 17th.

Am Can Ch Mardeck's The Sorcerer's Son "Cozmo" was awarded BB and made the cut in the Group on Saturday November 16, 2013 during the Syracuse shows. Cozmo bred by Marnie Layng and co-owned by Marnie and Ursula Hutton was handled by Marnie to this win.



Just in time for the ECSC Regional on Saturday September 28th a litter of 3 boys. Dam: Am Can Ch Deloran N'Mardeck's Icy Hot (Haughty / Hailey / Baxter), Sire: Am GCh De Lamer Off The Hook (Minnow). Breeder: Ursula Hutton

Announcing a litter of 2 boys and 1 girl born on Thursday, October 17, 2013 To Mom Crystal (Am Can Ch Deloran's Crystal Ice and Dad Am GCh De Lamer Point Break (Surfer). Breeder: Ursula Hutton is worn out but very happy.

Two Boys and two girls were born Saturday, October 19, 2013 to Angel (Am Ch Delamer Angelica O'Deloran N'Mardeck) x Cozmo (Am Can Ch Mardeck's The Sorcerer's Son). Proud Breeders: Marnie Layng & Ursula Hutton.



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SOCIAL BUG

Shows to plan on attending in 2014 are:

- The Syracuse Shows and the next ECSC membership meeting March. Date TBA
- The SCA National Specialty in Livonia, Michigan on April 27th - May 3rd
- The SCC National Specialty in Brockville, Ontario Canada third weekend in August
- The ECSC Regional Specialty in Sampson State Park in conjunction with the Wine Country Circuit, in September.



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Am Can Ch Mardecks Whiz Kid de Turenne, ROM x Am Can Ch Mardeck's Camenae T'dae

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Upcoming ECSC Events

EVENT	WHERE	WHEN
Next ECSC Meeting	At Syracuse Fairgrounds.	March
Time: Check with Ursula during Schipperke judging.		



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½ Page Ad (Incl. 1 pics)	\$25.00	\$50.00
¼ Page Ad (No pics)	\$15.00	\$30.00

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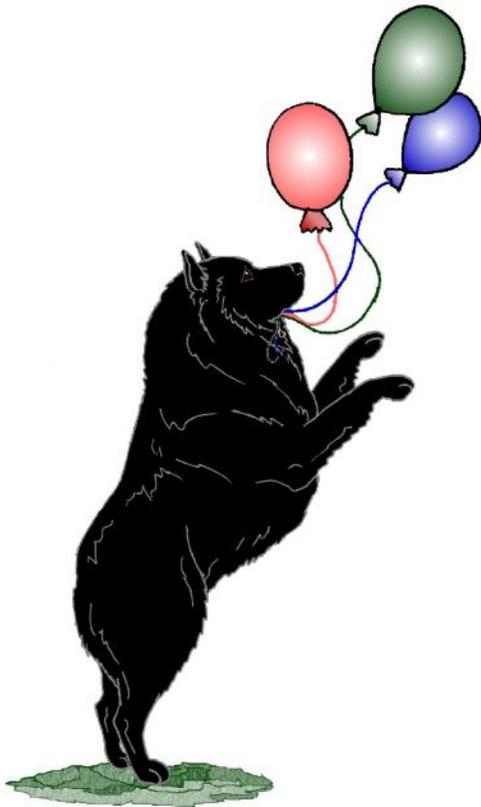


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tation to the staff regarding their pets. Most of the staff came to me basically asking whether their dog was just hopelessly stupid or incapable of controlling himself and therefore was it necessary to get rid of him. Obviously it was the dogs fault after all hadn't they provided a wonderful home for him to live in. How could he be so ungrateful? Probably not the exact words, but certainly as I recall it did have the same frustrated ring to it. Remember these people were well educated with careers in health care addressing human behaviours and the variable needs of their patients. Careers in which consultation to address observed issues is the norm. But only at the brink of giving up on their chosen pets did they consider that perhaps they might need to enlist the help of someone who had more experience with animal behaviour". That is of course a human condition....right? My advice was always quite similar and started with ruling out physical issues that might be causing the unwanted behaviours.

I often cite the story of a highly respected and accomplished Psychiatrist who came to me for such consultation. The doctor told me that his sweet little beagle girl was causing him great concern. One day shortly after he had first acquired her she had stolen his smoking jacket off of his favourite living room chair while he was at work. After tearing it apart she had dragged it into her doggie bed in the kitchen where he had found her all curled up on the remnants of the jacket sleeping quite contentedly. He hadn't the heart to take it from his little puppy girl as she obviously felt the need to have something of his close to her while he was away. And so Miss Beagle kept her new bed liner / smoking jacket. Some months later after his wife had bought him another smoking jacket history repeated itself. Lo and behold Miss Beagle did it again. This apparently was the only mistake Miss Beagle had ever made..., so he sought my insight into resolving what he thought to be a rather unique problem. Beginning to sound familiar? Since indeed as Chief Psychiatrist of the hospital he was...per say my boss, I might have...depending upon my mood...given him a plethora of advice such as:

- Quit smoking. Your pipe tobacco is obviously irresistible to her.
- Confine her to a small crate in your bedroom so she can't get at your coat in the living room.
- Put her outside until you get home so the neighbours can adore her too.
- Tell her what a bad girl she is and take both of her smoking jacket bed liners away from her because by now they need to be washed. And then just give her your best suit.
- Keep smiling and get another smoking jacket. Eventually she will outgrow this behaviour.

I jest of course for I truly do believe in telling it like I see it. What I did tell the doctor was to begin each morning by taking his beagle for a long walk before he left for work so that she would be relaxed having spent pleasant time with him. As a bonus Miss Beagle would not be so uptight with pent up energy. Also, that he should provide her with safe chew toys to play with. I mentioned Nylabones, and Kong toys as an alternative to household possessions. And by all means that he should hang his clothes up out of reach of Miss Beagle! We went on to discuss various means of confinement so he might select the ones most acceptable for his home situation. I stressed that the local kennel club held puppy socialization and obedience classes he might find very interesting from a behaviour modification perspective of course, but as well classes provided learning opportunities not available at home.

Months later he updated me that he indeed had followed up with the local kennel club and had enjoyed taking puppy socialization classes. In fact he was now taking basic obedience classes with his now one year old dog. Further that Miss Beagle had not touched his latest smoking jacket, his wife was no longer cleaning up the suspicious water off the kitchen floor *that he had not been aware she had been doing* and his life with Miss Beagle was good. Oh and he bragged that he was losing weight himself due to regularly enjoying walking his dog about the neighborhood since she no longer pulled him hard as she bayed loudly up

the street.

Of course it isn't just the puppies that misbehave. Believe it or not even adult dogs have been known on occasion (or more often) to misbehave to varying degrees.

Why is it that the otherwise wonderfully sweet dog that never does anything wrong..... while the owner is home.....all of a sudden becomes "dogzilla" when the owner leaves for any period of time? Upon returning home the owner would naturally be aghast at finding pools of urine or piles of foul smelling "stuff" where it shouldn't be. Or if the just purchased magazine, the toilette paper roll, box of tissues, or favorite book etc. are found floating like snowflakes around the room. While it might look funny the first time...after the second time just maybe it's time to recognize that someone is doing something wrong. And that it might not really be the dog!

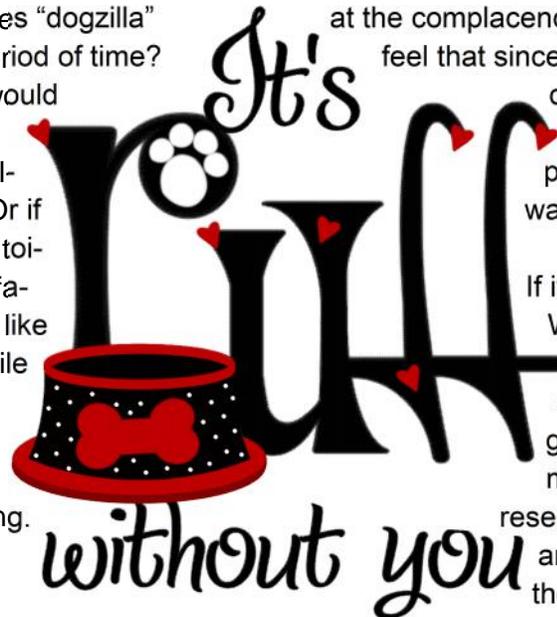
The human half of this relationship probably didn't totally live up to his obligations. The bored dog (or dog without a job as I like to call them) is an just accident waiting to happen. Accidents as simple as just a plop of poop on the floor or as costly as those that have you rushing off to the veterinarian for life saving surgery. The latter outcome is a reality that is never boring! It is very scary and detrimental to the animal as well as to the owner and his pocketbook.

So I repeat myself. Bored dog syndrome is very much an owner problem. Oh my goodness why do I keep saying that? I do so because boredom is an avoidable state of mind and body resulting from an owner not ensuring the dog has enough exercise to reduce tension, proper entertainment to stimulate the brain and an appropriate environment to be safe in, especially when not being supervised. The truth is that boredom combined with unwarranted freedom is one of the major reasons why so many

dogs find themselves in shelters or rescue programs...or worse.

I'm sure you have all heard of tough love. I don't mean hard core discipline causing bodily harm to the recipient of such measures. I mean consistent intervention to prevent bad behaviours and cause acceptable mannerisms to become the norm. Yes, I do go on and on because I am always so amazed at the complacency among dog owners who feel that since their dog didn't come with detailed written instructions that they are somehow pre-programmed to behave as we want them to.

If it were only that simple, eh? Why is it that most people, accept that a human child should be prevented from getting into mischief which might harm them. Without reservation parents and guardians of children will protect them by using different tools



such as **discipline** (i.e. training / guidance), and even **prevention** (i.e. high chairs, cribs, playpens, car seats). So why is it so hard for people to accept that the same premise applies when they take a puppy or dog into their homes? Why do they fail to believe that left to their own recognizance that sweet little puppy, or adorable untrained dog, may very well perform acts that might harm them or damage the owner's property.

Hopefully moving forward SchipSnips will publish several articles that will give us tips on living with our Schipperkes. For now I hope each reader can agree....

- Training is not punishment,
- Confining a dog appropriately is not cruel,
- And exercise is crucial to overall well being.

With the busy holiday season upon us I thought it might be a good time to remind everyone that it can also be a difficult time for our pets.

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The increase in social events that take us away from home, or potential preoccupation with many visitors can cause him stress. So do watch for signs of pending boredom even in the most exemplary of dogs.

And don't forget that our pretty Christmas Trees can be a bored dogs delight with all the dangerous tinsel and chewable dangly things on them and / or mysterious packages laying so accessibly underneath them.

I do hope that no one got bored reading this article, but if you did please let me know. It may be time to restrict the author's literary freedom and retrain her pen. :)

Please enjoy your families both two and four legged this holiday season. Keep them warm and safe so that you all can have a

Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year





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Happy New Year
Isabel & The Getman's*

*Merry Christmas From
The Hare Crew*

*Mary, Chris, Maria,
Pat, Cruiz, Rhode &
Cally*

*Happy Schip
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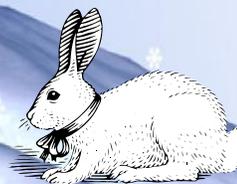
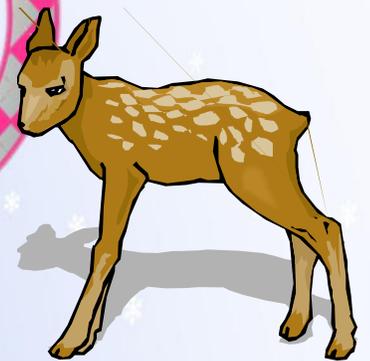
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