



# The Monthly Treat

May 9th, 2017



The Latest and Greatest with the D4D Dogs-in-Training



TWO ISSUES  
FOR MAY!!

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D4D Dog-in-Training, Toga

# Proper Dog Nail Trimming

## By Hayley Sevilla, D4D Trainer

Whenever I see a dog, I'm the one to remark on whether or not their toenails need to be trimmed. I know how uncomfortable it can be to start out trimming nails, but it's a necessary part of the dog's life and health to have well-trimmed nails. Here's a quick look at how you can become comfortable with nail trimming.

Let's first look at the anatomy of dogs' toenails (see diagram to right). Unlike cats, dogs do not have retractable claws. Cats' nails also have a smaller quick and they are essentially hollow, allowing them to shed their claws by using a scratching post. Dogs' nails are much harder than cats', and the only way to wear them down naturally is through vigorous exercise on firm surfaces. Since most dogs only get a small amount of exercise, nails should be clipped at least once a week to keep the quick from growing.

Dogs' nails have a live part, called the "quick", which is also a nerve ending, and the dead part, which is just the nail. The quick extends from the base of the nail in a triangular shape to a point. Some dogs grow their quicks and nails faster, and some grow them slower. If the quick is inadvertently cut in the process of nail trimming, it does bleed, and being a nerve ending, it is also quite painful for the dog.

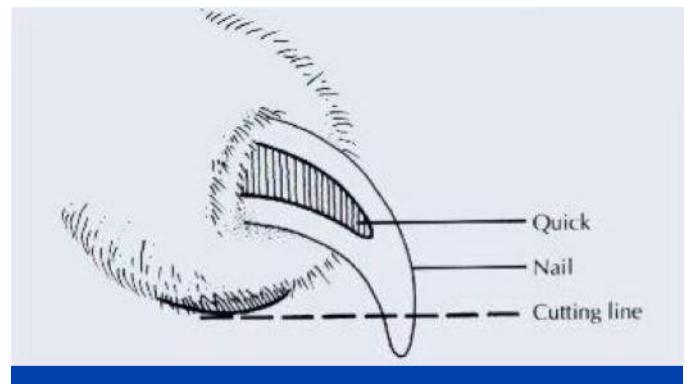
There are three types of tools that can be used to trim nails:

1. **Guillotine** - a trimming tool with a blade that slides up to cut. This tool is difficult to use with a dog that is actively trying to pull his/her paw away.
2. **Scissor Type** - easiest to handle for trimming and for owners that are just beginning with nail trimming.
3. **Dremel tool** - an electrical grinding tool used to file the nail and round them to make them less sharp. The Dremel does create heat and best used on pre-trimmed nails.

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D4D medical-alert dog, Ving



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It's good to have either KwikStop, (a product used to stop bleeding), or cornstarch and a cotton applicator, (which works just the same as KwikStop), on hand. While ideally, it's best to never clip the quick, it's always best to be prepared just in case.

When you first get your dog, get them used to having their paws and nails handled. Make the experience positive through the use of a treat reward or praise. The more you handle their paws, the more tolerant and relaxed the dog will become. I recommend acclimating the dog to having his/her paws handled in the position that would make you (the owner) most comfortable when trimming them.

Depending on the dog, toenail trimming is sometimes best done with two people. One person can feed and reward the dog, while the other person trims. If you are doing this by yourself, remember you don't have to get all the paws done in one go, and make sure to stop and reward your dog throughout the trimming.

Start your dog out in the most comfortable position for you and your dog so that the dog is calm and relaxed. With the trimming tool in your strongest hand, take hold of the paw with your opposite hand. If your pup tries to pull his/her paw away, do not release the paw, but stop trying to trim until he/she relaxes. Praise and reward the dog for relaxing into your hand.

The best way to hold the paw is with your thumb pressed into the pads and fingers wrapped around the top of the paw. Using your thumb, you can spread the toes apart and hold each individual nail still. Place the blades around the very tip of the toenail and cut. Repeat with the other toenails.

Note: If you have never cut nails before, all you should do is cut the very tip of the nail off. Doing this frequently will slowly help the quick recede, and ensure you will not cut into the quick.



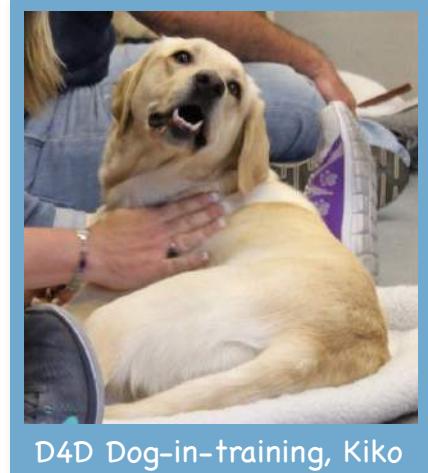
**D4D Client/Dog team, Casie & Anders**

# First Thursday at D4D



D4D Client, Mike, presented D4D Client, Abby, a beautiful hand drawing in honor of Rowan.

Our May 4th "First Thursday" was a memorable evening as D4D client, Mike, presented D4D client, Abby, with an absolutely beautiful hand drawing of Abby's service dog, Rowan, who recently passed away. The drawing of Rowan was truly stunning!



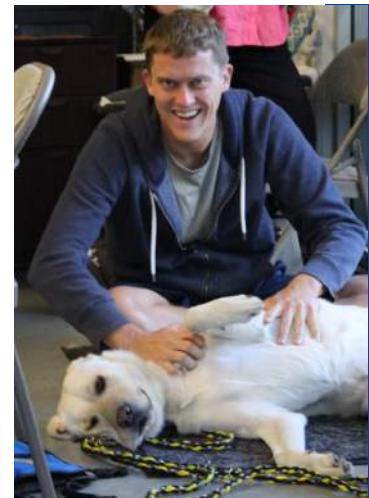
D4D Dog-in-training, Kiko



After the thoughtful gift was presented, "Canine Massage Therapy" was the topic of the night taught by Abby. She discussed proper massage techniques and covered the numerous health benefits of massage for both the dog & the human.



D4D Dog-in-Training, Robie



Client/Dog team, Spenser & Milton worked on proper Doggie Massage techniques. Milton sure loved his personal massage.

Canine Massage 101



# Dogs-in-Training

## Darling



Look at this sweet pup go! Darling is kickin' serious tail in her bucket training and has reached Phase B4.



## Robie



D4D trainer, Christina, and her little helper, Mason, are teaching Robie the ropes when it comes to bucket training. Robie is now in phase B-1,3.



## Toga



Toga has completed her training and has recently been placed with a client. Stay tuned for the May 30th issue to find out who is the new client/dog team.



## Kiko



Kiko is in phase B-1,3, and is working towards being a life-saving medical-alert dog. Keep up the good work, Kiko.



# New Client/Dog Team



## Conner & Ving

Congratulations to our new Diabetes Buddy dog team, Conner & Ving!

We wish them the best of luck as they work to meet their graduation requirements in their trial placement.

The duo has been kickin' tail and going on many adventures together such as a fun boating trip with our D4D's Programs Manager & Trainer, Carrie. She taught the team water safety and ways to safely board and exit the boat together. Keep up the good work!



Thank you D4D Foster, Beck Morgan, for having a hand in the placement of Conner & Ving.



# Working Towards Graduation...



*Trial Placement*

## Lani & Quinoa

How adorable is this picture?! Dogs4Diabetics team, Lani & Quinoa, are working hard to meet their graduation requirements. The photo left was taken the very first weekend the team was placed in their trial placement together. They are even wearing matching D4D blue!

"Sometimes I just need to stop, take a breath, and look at her face to know my life is better because of Quinoa!"

- Lani



*Trial Placement*

## Holly & Escort

D4D team, Holly & Escort, pose for a photo with Chico State's mascot "Willie" the Wildcat while greeting next year's new students. Great picture, you two!

"Escort and "Willy" were greeting next year's students! Escort is an amazing partner on this ever changing diabetes journey!"

- Holly



## 2016 Dogs4Diabetics Spring Graduating Teams



*Aimee & Shamrock*

*"Shamrock has changed my life over the last couple of months! I am so grateful to everyone at Dogs4Diabetics, and to Shamrock for being a constant life saver!!!*

*- Aimee*



*Chelsea & Josette*

*"Having Josette there by her side made her feel safer. I have to say, Josette has yet to disappoint; she catches highs, lows and continually loves whole-heartedly. Thank you D4D, and all those whose love, dedication and training went into helping shape Josette into the AMAZING companion she is today."*

*- Chelsea's Mom, Sasha*



## 2016 Dogs4Diabetics Spring Graduating Teams



*Jordan & Flutter*

*"Flutter allows me to go and do things on my own. My parents have less worries with her by my side."*

*- Jordan*



*Paul & Hunter*

*"Hunter and I are looking forward to many new adventures."*

*- Paul*



## 2016 Dogs4Diabetics Spring Graduating Teams



Peggy & Pilsner

*"Pilsner and I are looking forward to many wonderful adventures together."*

- Peggy



Tiffani & Charcoal

*"Since being placed with Charcoal, he has helped me change and improve so much. Not only does he save my life by alerting, he has made me more proactive with my diabetes and promoted much better habits. I find myself checking more often, exercising every day when we play, and just feeling healthier and happier overall. He is truly amazing."*

- Tiffani



## 2016 Dogs4Diabetics Spring Graduating Teams



*Spenser & Milton*

*"Milton is the perfect start to any conversation. He immediately breaks down the barriers that can exist between strangers and gives both parties a reason to let their guard down. It's truly incredible... Milton has not only made me into a more responsible diabetic, but he has improved my professional relationships as well. How many humans, much less animals, can do that? None. Just Milton."*

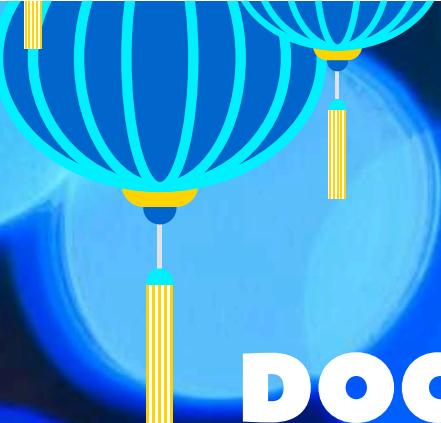
- Spenser

*Congratulations  
Graduates!*



*All Graduation photos taken by the wonderful and truly amazing, Mary Hooker, with Yellow Neener Photography.*

*Thank You, Mary!*



# **DOGS4DIABETICS** **5K LANTERN "RUN"**

CELEBRATING OUR 10TH ANNUAL WALK FOR THE DOGS

**JOIN THE LANTERN FUN "RUN" - HELP SAVE LIVES  
CREATE. JOIN. BACK A TEAM.**

[D4DLANTERNRUN.ORG](http://D4DLANTERNRUN.ORG)

Heather Farm Park, Walnut Creek Saturday, June 10th

5:00pm – 9:00pm



- Glow Gear
- Costume Contest
- Lantern Lighting Ceremony
- Unbeatable Swag Bags

- Raffle Prizes
- Food Trucks
- Vendors
- Live DJ

An illuminated 5k walk/run through the evening...  
all humans and dogs welcome!

## Foster Care Class Schedule:

All Dogs4Diabetics Foster Care Training classes run from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, at IBEW Union Hall 1875, Arnold Dr. Martinez, CA 94553. A special thanks to IBEW Union Hall for letting us use their space free of charge.

### Thursday Night Classes:

- 05/04 - No Class, D4D's "First Thursday"
- 05/11
- 05/18
- 05/25

As a reminder, send all reports (Foster Care & Evaluator) to [FosterCare@Dogs4Diabetics.com](mailto:FosterCare@Dogs4Diabetics.com)

### Did you Know?

Your donations, large and small, contribute to the success of our program. Learn more how your donations make a difference.

Donate today: [Dogs4Diabetics.com](http://Dogs4Diabetics.com)

### Please Join D4D for our May Type-YOU Meeting.

This is an open support group for insulin-independent diabetics to provide a forum for discussion of your life with diabetes.

**Tuesday, May 16th  
@ 7:00 pm**

1400 Willow Pass Ct.  
Suit 200, Concord CA  
No registration needed.

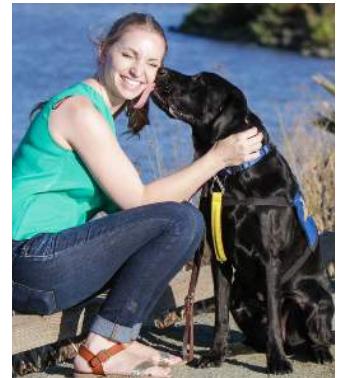


D4D Client/Dog, Holly & Escort while at "First Thursday."

## We Need Foster Care Providers...

Foster Care is one of the foundations of Dogs4Diabetics. The number of dogs we can accept into our program is determined by the number of Fosters available. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity where your service will help save a life. Please contact Foster Care Leader, Stephanie Perkins:

[fostercare@Dogs4Diabetics.com](mailto:fostercare@Dogs4Diabetics.com)



[Yellow Neener Photography](#)

*Get involved and really make a difference!*

**Waggin' Wednesdays...** continue to be a great opportunity for Guide Dog Puppy Raisers to learn more about community placement, and our training program. Waggin' Wednesdays is open to all GDB puppy raisers and GDB staff. Contact Carrie Treggett to set up your visit! [carrie@Dogs4Diabetics.com](mailto:carrie@Dogs4Diabetics.com)

Looking to recycle your aluminum cans, plastic & glass bottles? Donate them to Dogs4Diabetics' Recycling Program and help us in carrying out our mission to serve the Diabetic Community. We are also in need of volunteers to help build the program. For more information, contact Jeannie Hickey at [ghjeannie@aol.com](mailto:ghjeannie@aol.com).



# DOGS4DIABETICS TRAINING PHASES

The A,B,C phases of Dogs4Diabetics training refers to the dogs' current level of training and socialization.

## Phase A...

- GDB Released from the Puppy Home or GDB Early Training Release (Phases 0-3)
- Little or No Formal Training

## Phase B...

- GDB Training Release (Phases 4-7)
- Needs more formal training to pass the ADI Public access test

## Phase C...

- Completed Formal GDB Training (Phase 8) or Guide
- Meets standards of the ADI public access test

## Scent Training Phases 0-8

- 0 - Pre-training evaluation
- 1 - Bringsel training
- 2 - Beginning scent training
- 3 - Intermediate scent training
- 4 - Advanced scent training
- 5 - Testing
- 6 - Waiting for placement with a client
- 7 - Placement with a client
- 8 - Client and Dog are ready for Graduation