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Committee Volunteers

Committees are active!

Volunteers have been welcomed with open arms for each of the newly established committees.

Can't wait to see all the great ideas and future fun this group creates!

It takes a lot of time, work and ideas to put on a good Event...

As Events are held throughout the year at different locations, a few members have volunteered to assist at specific events. If you would like to be on the Events committee or help with a specific event please contact Clay Montgomery.

Per the trainer

Potty Training Doesn't have to Stink

So you've brought home a new long awaited, carefully picked new family member, a brand new puppy. The whole family is excited and wants their turn at interacting with the puppy. All family members must be a part of the necessary needs of this new puppy; house training. House training is one of the most important and basic training your puppy will ever receive. So keep the steps simple and straight forward and success will be quicker and easier for everyone.

The simplest method involves using a crate consistently. If the puppy makes a mistake with this method it is generally because he wasn't being watched or was left for a long period of time and could no longer hold his water or poop. The crate for training a puppy should be only big enough for the puppy to stand up and turn around in. Puppies by nature feel secure in a small confined space, and the crate is perfect for this purpose. The puppy stays in his crate at night. When putting the puppy to bed offer a treat and tell him good dog when he is in the crate with the door closed. Then offer a treat. Do not simulate the dog when putting him in his crate, because this is a time he needs to learn to settle.

It is best not to say anything past good dog, reward with a treat and walk away. Don't turn back and look if and when the puppy cries or barks. Do be sure to take him out before you put him up for the night. If you haven't taken him out, do so and start over again with the above exercise. Dogs do not make messes in their personal spaces. If you are having a problem with this, one of two things is probably happening. Either the crate is too large or you are putting the puppy up when it needs to go potty. There are some exceptions, like the puppy is sick, perhaps with a bladder infection or has most likely eaten something that doesn't agree with him. The crate will teach the puppy to hold his bladder for longer periods, but be advised, most puppies under the age of 6 months can't hold it for more than 2 to 4 hours.

Again, make sure to always take the puppy outside before and after they are in the crate. Pick the puppy up and tell him "outside". When you put him down outside tell him go potty. Keep it simple for him and don't say anything else. Let him search in an area you have determined the potty area. You should keep him on a leash so he doesn't go beyond the area you have chosen. This will keep the messes in one area making it easier for

cleanup. When he goes potty tell him good boy and treat him. It also introduces him to a leash.

Puppies will have accidents. They are babies and all babies will have their bad days. When the puppy has an accident, pick him up, say nothing, and take him outside and tell him potty and repeat the potty exercise you've practiced all along. Do not scold or yell at the puppy, this can actually cause a setback. Leave the puppy outside to the designated area. Return to the accident and clean the area out of his sight.

It is necessary for you to become aware of your puppy's habits in order to successfully house train him. Watch for signals indicating that the puppy needs to go out so you can prevent accidents. Preventing accidents will expedite the house training. When you react to your puppy's signals, this not only prevents accidents but will encourage him to improve his signals so you will assist him and let him outside to do his business. Make sure you always praise your puppy when they complete any training successfully. Positive reinforcement is the quickest way to get the correct response to anything you are trying to communicate to your puppy.

Events

TLGDA Lacy Fun Day-Bay City, TX

Saturday Sept. 17, 2011

9:00 am-4:00 pm

Matagorda Co. Fair Grounds

4511 FM 2668

Bay City, TX 77414-3991

(979)245-2454

COME JOIN THE FUN!

If you missed the fun days in the past, check out this site to see how much FUN they really are!!

<http://2011tlgdamembermeeting.shutterfly.com/>

Full information can be found on the TLGDA forum

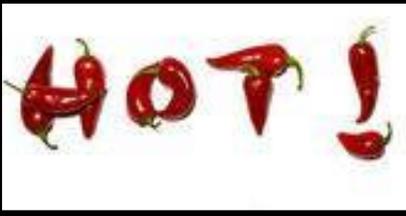
RECIPE'S OF THE MONTH

The BIG RED hot sauce

Ingredients

- 2 cans of whole tomatoes
- 1 tbsp crushed red pepper
- 1 tsp garlic salt
- 2 tbsp sliced jalapeños

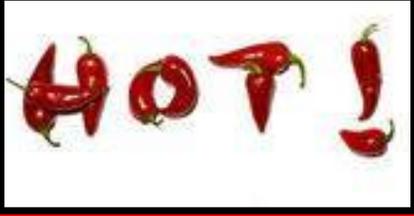
Mix in blender



If you have
REALLY HOT TASTEBUDS
leave in fridge for 3 days!



Great on food or used as a dip



Philly Spinach Dip

Ingredients

- 1 8oz cream cheese
- 1 cp sour cream
- 1 10 oz package chopped spinach (thawed and will drained)
- 1 1oz envelope ranch dressing mix
- 1/2 cp chopped red pepper

Mix cream cheese, sour cream & dressing.

Mix in medium bowl until well blended.
Stir in remaining ingredients, cover.

Refridge until chilled!, serve with your favorite chips or veggies!!

Excellent cold dip for that HOT summer Party!

Mom's Caramel Banana Pie

Ingredients

- Graham Cracker Crust
- 1 can eagle brand milk
- 1 to 2 bananas
- 1/2 chopped nuts
- Cool Whip

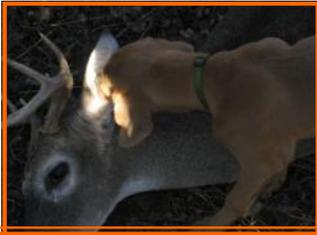
Boil eagle brand milk in can for 3 hours.
Chip bananas in crust, spread caramel over bananas.

Top with cool whip and nuts!

Now dive in like a Monkey on a banana



PHOTO's of The Month



Rein
Owner Paul Coffman/Watauga, TX



Rattle Snake Rose
Owner Jim Bo Williams Ovalo, TX



Rebecca Ferrell pups
Crawfordville, FL



Huey & Dee Man
Owner Sandy Harrell/Crosbyton, TX



Rebecca Ferrell pups



Camo (OOPS editor error 1st edition on the owner, sorry Dusty) Owner Dusty Shelhamer



Cutter
Owner Mike Chittum/Azle, TX

*A dog can express more
with their tail in
seconds than human can
express with their
tongue in hours*



Rebecca Ferrell pup

Dog Tails

The Official Dog of Texas

Blue Lacy exemplifies state's proud spirit and heritage

By [Martha Deeringer](#) Issue: [July 2011](#)

July 2011 The Legislature declared the Blue Lacy the official dog breed of Texas on May 25, 2005, making the state only one of 11 in the U.S. to award a canine breed that honor.

The Blue Lacy, the only dog to originate in Texas, is an energetic, hard-working breed that was brought up on a Burnet County ranch under the supervision of a historic Central Texas family.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 108 describes the Blue Lacy, in part, as "a Texas native, a working dog bred to play an essential role in ranch operations, at a time when the ranches themselves became one of the iconic Texas symbols, and a dog that has more than pulled its weight on many a Texas spread."

The beginnings of the Blue Lacy breed date to 1858, when the Lacy brothers moved from Kentucky to Granite Mountain near the present-day Texas city of Marble Falls. Just 12 years had passed since the U.S. formally annexed Texas, and Burnet County's population was about to reach 2,487 residents when Frank, George, Ewin and Harry Lacy took up masonry and ranching in the shadow of Granite Mountain's 869-foot dome.

The brothers quarried and sold granite from the mountain. In 1885, George Lacy was one of three businessmen who donated the stone—dubbed sunset red granite for its pinkish hue—to build the

state Capitol in Austin.

The Lacys' ranching operation included raising free-range cattle and hogs. The hogs, fueled by a rich diet of acorns and berries, multiplied among the miles of unfenced land like mice in a grain bin.

Moving cattle and hogs to market in the mid-19th century was a labor-intensive operation accomplished on horseback with the help of dogs. It didn't take the Lacy brothers long to notice that while many breeds of herding dogs could move cattle, the process of gathering hogs and getting them to market was another story.

Hogs often refuse to turn and run like cattle; instead, they face their opponents and fight. It takes a gritty, aggressive dog to confront an angry boar, and the Lacy brothers needed a dog that was tough enough to handle the job. They began with a mix of greyhound—a breed that trails by sight—and scent hound for superior tracking ability. Finally, they added a touch of a wild canine—reportedly the coyote or wolf—for quick wits and drive.

Over time, the brothers refined the breed, developing a high-energy dog that is happiest when it has a job, whether it's herding cattle or hogs or following a scent trail.

In a report by the National Lacy Dog Association, Helen Lacy Gibbs, granddaughter of George Lacy, recalls her father rounding up hogs with descendants of the original Blue Lacys during the Great Depression. "We didn't drive the hogs," she says. "We just followed as the dogs led them to the pen."

She describes how the dogs would nip the hogs and then run toward the pen, dodging the slashing tusks of the hogs in wild pursuit. A hole high in the fence on the opposite side of the pen allowed the dogs to jump out after they led their pursuers inside. The ranchers followed, closing the gate

behind them. The Lacy brothers used this method in taking their hogs downstream along the Colorado River to a packinghouse they owned in Austin.

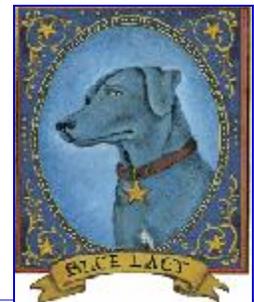
"They are powerful dogs," says Marlo Riley, the great-great-granddaughter of Frank Lacy. "They have a surprising intelligence that convinces me they are capable of reasoning. It's a common saying that one Blue Lacy can do the work of five mounted cowboys."

Riley also manages the Lacy Game Dog Registry, keeping track of bloodlines and gathering photographs and documents to record the Blue Lacy's history. The descendants now number more than 1,000 dogs. But at one point over their 150-year-history, Blue Lacys almost became obsolete.

When pork producers began to pen their hogs and feed them corn, the need for the dogs' unique abilities diminished. But in 1975, a renewed effort to save the breed emphasized their value for hunting and search-and-rescue work. Since then, Blue Lacy numbers have steadily increased. The recent explosion of Texas' feral hog population has also helped boost the dogs' popularity as hunting companions.

"The Lacy brothers did fine work, and the breed is unique and special to many," Riley says.

Article from the July Texas Co-op Power Magazine



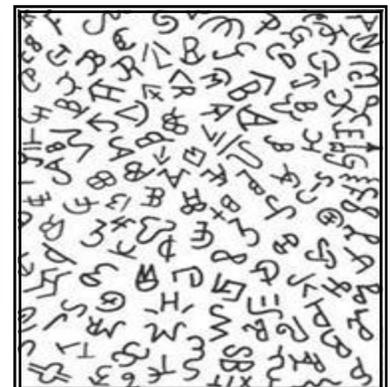
Do you ID your livestock, pet or belongings?

Livestock brands

How to read

1. Read from the left to the right as ML (M L).
2. Read from the top to the bottom as \overline{M} (bar m).
3. When the brand is enclosed, it is read from the outside to the inside \textcircled{S} (circle S).

*Tomorrow hopes we
have learned
something from
yesterday!*
John Wayne



History Lesson

Did you know.

Lacy are classified as 3 colors, Blue, Red & Tri-colored

State Symbols

GEORGIA

Bird-Brown Thrasher
Crop- Peanut
Fish-Large Mouth Bass
Game Bird-Bob White Quail
Song-Georgia On My Mind
Wildflower-Azalea



Georgia Motto

“Wisdom, Justice
&
Moderation”

Texas History Quiz (answers in next months news letter)

1. What is the official state insect?
2. What is the State bird?
3. Which river runs along the Texas/Mexico border?



Answers from June

1. Which President of the U. S. was born in Texas? [Lyndon Johnson](#)
2. What is the highest point in Texas? [Guadalupe Peak](#)
3. What is the motto of the State of Texas? [Friendship](#)

Letters from ...

I'd like to thank the Board for not only nominating me, but also for appointing me to the VP of Membership position. I'm excited about what this position means to the TLGDA but I'm also excited about the new things we are doing with the committees. The Membership Committee consists of Kathy Presley, Chris Chittum and Kristie Montgomery. I want to thank these young ladies for their ideas and look forward to completing the projects we have on the table. At this point we are working on getting a new member packet up and running that will be mailed to all new members. We are also working on getting membership cards out to the members when their yearly dues are paid. Keep checking the forums for new ideas and updates!

If your reading this and are not an active member of the message board, I urge you to head on over there and say hello. We enjoy getting to know each other and sharing each other's experiences with our Lacys. This is your association too, get involved! I hope to see you over there! Thank you!

Paul Coffman

Vice President of of Membership

paul@texasbloodtrackers.com

Editor's chat

It is easier to do the job right than to explain why you didn't.

Its been a **HOT** one!

Hopefully everyone has found some cool summer fun!

Here at the Chittum hacienda we have been hosing down canines and equines trying to give everyone some relief from this scorching summer.

If you haven't been on the TLGDA site lately, take a moment. There is a lot going on, committees taking off at a run, event planning, logo changes and a lot of good times/pictures & conversation.

Still requesting info, recipes, pictures, stories, articles etc...to share on the newsletter

If you have questions, information, suggestions or would just like to chat please contact me,

Chris Chittum, at wild.cactus@yahoo.com

*in the event of incorrect details, names, etc...please contact me for corrections on future publications

FYI-Tick/Natural Preventives

Many **dog** owners today are looking for all natural **tick** prevention for their dogs. While these owners worry about the dog's tick problem, they're also concerned about the effects the tick treatments have on their dog's digestive tract, internal organs and overall health, both short and long term. They're looking for more all natural products to alleviate the problem. Here's a guide to treating tick bites with all natural products. [Use Several All Natural Tick Prevention Products Together](#)

When looking at the all natural tick prevention products, keep in mind that these products will most likely have to be used in combination with each other in order to provide effective coverage. A dietary solution, combined with a topical and an environmental product, provides broad-spectrum protection while avoiding the complications that introducing chemicals into the dog's system and surroundings can bring. There are many all natural tick prevention products out on the market and that can be made at

home. The following, while not an exhaustive list, can give you an idea as to what products will work best for you and your dog. [Dietary Tick Preventatives](#) Yeast - Brewer's Yeast comes in tablets and powder, with or without garlic. It's easiest to give Brewer's Yeast in tablet form, 1 tablet for every 10 pounds of weight. Tablets can be added to their food or tossed to the dog as treats. The tablets are chewable and dogs like the taste. The Brewer's Yeast makes the dog's blood acidic and (cont)

repels both ticks and fleas. Garlic - Garlic given as a dietary supplement makes the dog less appealing to ticks too. The smell is excreted through the skin and repels both ticks and fleas. However, garlic contain sulfoxides and disulfides, which can damage red blood cells and cause anemia in dogs. If you use garlic as your tick prevention, use it sparingly. Apple Cider Vinegar - Apple cider vinegar adds acidity to your dog's blood, making it less appealing to ticks and fleas. Add 2 tablespoons of the apple cider vinegar to the dog's water bowl as a preventative.

Topical/External Tick Preventatives Herbal flea/tick powder or spray - There are several herbal flea and tick powders and sprays on the market utilizing various herbal combinations to prevent ticks. Apply these powders sparingly to your dog's coat. Herbal flea/tick collars - There are several herbal flea and tick collars on the market, but you can also make your own at home. Using a web or rope collar or even a bandana, apply several drops of essential oils (Eucalyptus, Tea Tree, Citronella, Lavender or Geranium) to the fabric and allow it to absorb. Reapply the essential oil to the collar weekly. Citrus repellent - Cut a lemon into quarters and put into a pint jar. Cover with boiling water and let steep overnight. Put the solution in a spray bottle and spray all over the dog, especially behind the ears, around the head, at the base of the tail and in the arm pits.

Environmental Tick Preventatives Nematodes - Beneficial nematodes are a microscopic, worm-like organism that live in soil. They feed on tick larvae so break their life cycle and kill off the parasite. Diatomaceous earth - Diatomaceous earth is a non-toxic powder consisting of ground fossils, marine life and fresh water organisms. While non-toxic to humans and animals, this powder is lethal to ticks and fleas. Preventing ticks doesn't need to be a chemical based treatment. There are many all natural methods of prevention so your dog can live a healthy, chemical free life. Read more: [All Natural Tick Prevention for Dogs - VetInfo](#)

A Brother's Revenge

By: Naughty Unfound

SASS # 42785

(Jim Williams)

He rode into town on a big buckskin stud.

He rode into town looking for blood.

He looked at me with those cold icy blues.

"I've tracked you down to collect what is due."

I'd shot his brother a long time ago,

Over a woman, in Old Mexico.

The town folks scattered when we took the street.

It had been a long time but I knew we would meet.

He had a pearl handled colt strapped tight to his thigh.

I knew I had to be quick or die.

In the flash of an eye, his gun hand went down.

A split second later, he lay dead on the ground.

How long till the next one, I thought, as I holstered my gun,

For I knew too well his mother had three more sons.

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<http://lacydog.com>

Sporting toys!
send pics of yours



Mule Power



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Links of Interest & Books

CANINE

<http://www.texasbloodtrackers.com/>

http://www.doglovertees.com/blue_lacy.html

<http://x-tremeoutdoors.com/>

Books

*Tracking Dogs For Finding Wounded Deer
by John Jeanneney

*Dog Owner's Home Veterinary Handbook
by James M. Giffin

EQUINE

<http://www.rodeoz.com/index.php>

<http://www.texashorsepark.com/>

<http://www.actha.us/>

Books

*Connect with your horse from the Ground Up
by Peggy Cummings

*True Horsemanship Through Feel
by Bill Dorrance & Leslie Desmond

*Think Harmony with Horses