



Barbara & Gabriel

# The Dog's Den

## Ruby in Rehab – by *Lady Canine*

A beautiful puppy she was, all ears, tail and teeth. Don and Maureen also noticed that Ruby was very alert for a puppy, so alert in fact it was difficult to take her out for walks or any type of socialization. In an attempt to burn off excess energy they played with Ruby endlessly, but her play had an unusual intensity to it, Ruby seemed driven vs. playful. At the same time Ruby's nipping was now biting, but she wasn't aggressive and this was puzzling to Don and Maureen, why was Ruby biting so hard? She was affectionate and loving and yet she was biting, what was going on in Ruby's head to cause this? And why was she so "active"?

Instead of settling down as she grew Ruby was becoming more wound up. In the truck Ruby was like a tornado, she chased & barked at everything they passed and even bit at the dashboard. The yard and house were hazardous too, because of Ruby's strong prey drive all objects moving in the house and yard were a call to arms. The vacuum, brooms, rakes, a shovel, anything moving needed to be stopped. Ruby's world was shrinking and along with her's so was Don and Maureen's. Continued on page 2.....



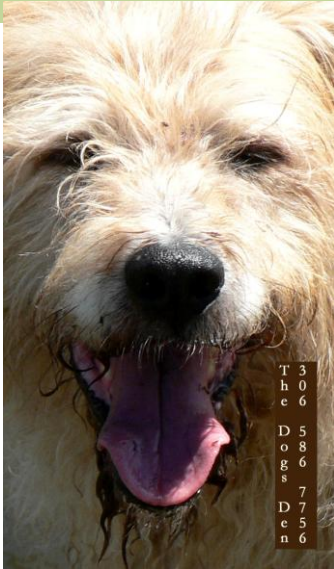
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## Jake's Tips: A Dog's Perspective

When I was a pup I used to get several baths, not because I was dirty but because my Mom, Barbara thought I needed to have a weekly bath, so every Sunday it was in the tub for me.

every 6-8 weeks would do and that my dry coat was due to all the baths I was receiving, all my essential oils were being washed away.

On one of my regular checkups at the vet's Barbara asked the Vet how come my coat was so dry and how often should she bathe me? The vet replied, "How often do you bath Jake?" She replied: "Every Sunday". The Vet laughed and told my Mom a bath

*Call in with your dog question Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:35PM to Barbara's radio show "Canine Line" on CBC Radio One's Afternoon Edition 540AM or 102.5FM, 347-9500 or text 22222.*

### March Class Schedule

**Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup>:**  
Clicks & Tricks 7-8PM  
Agility starting 8-9PM

**Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>:**  
SMART Puppy 1-2PM  
Family Manners 2-3PM  
Puppy Agility 3-4PM

**Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
SMART Puppy 7-8PM  
Family Manners 8-9PM

See our class descriptions and  
online registration at  
[www.dogsdentrainingschool.com](http://www.dogsdentrainingschool.com)

### Toy Review

Test the intelligence of your dog with Interactive dog toys. They come in a variety of skill levels to test every dog. Follow the link and you can watch Precious the Puppy Prodigy in action solving the "Dog Tornado"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOuc70Q3cL8>

### Ruby in Rehab continued:

In an attempt to expand Ruby's horizons Don and Maureen registered Ruby for a Family Manners class. The first night of class Ruby refused to go through the door of the school. In her anxious state she lashed out at Don's arm with her teeth and connected.

When it was clear that Ruby could not attend the class I talked briefly with Don and Maureen and found out that Ruby came from lines meant for police work and protection, even though they bought her as a pet. In that moment Ruby's reluctance to come through the door of the school made sense to me, she was a high drive dog with no job and she was already 11 months old. We made a decision: If Ruby couldn't come to the school. I was going to have to go to Ruby. So we booked an in home consultation.

In the home visit I was apprised of Ruby's puppyhood and her spiral into erratic behaviors. By then I had done a little research into Ruby's pedigree and it confirmed that she was indeed from military and police lines, and having had some experience with protection work I knew my news for Don and Maureen would not be good.

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## Photo Contest

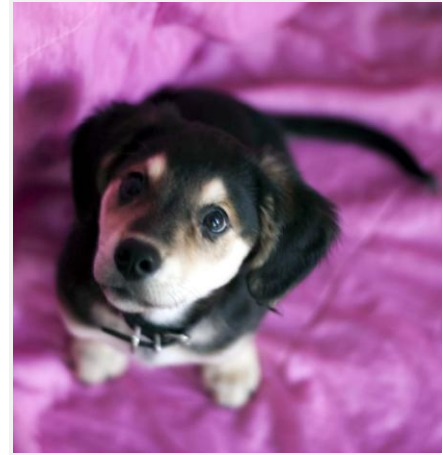
The Dog's Den is looking for a fresh face to put on our new business card; do you think it could be your dog? Enter our "Dog's Den Fresh Faces" dog photo contest. [Send us](#) your favorite photo of your dog for a chance to Win. Visit our website [dogsdenrainingschool.com](http://dogsdenrainingschool.com) for full contest rules.



Remember to get your family and friends to vote for your dog's photo! Contest ends February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Follow the link to check out our free training videos:

[Dog's Den Videos](#)



Look for news on Barbara's video blog at The Dog's Den page on facebook.

The video blog will document the progress of Precious the Puppy Prodigy's training as a service dog.



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## Ask *Lady Canine* ~ [LadyCanine@dogsden.ca](mailto:LadyCanine@dogsden.ca)

Lady Canine, my dog hates having a bath and every time I give him a bath it ends up in a battle. How can I make it less of a battle?

Dirty Dog

## Response

Dear Dirty Dog:

The easiest way to a no hassle bath for your dog is to have two things in place before you put your dog in the tub. First, a good bath matt so your dog doesn't slip. Second, smear the back of the tub with something like cheese whiz, peanut butter, or cream cheese. The food will give your dog a delightful distraction while you are scrubbing him down, bringing a truce to your dog bath battles.

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