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"One by One Until There are None."

From Donna's Desk - Dealing with Seizures

by Donna Ezzell

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Available Pets We have more than just Poodles!

Meet Luke!



Such a handsome boy—Luke is a sweet, mischievous fella who is very affectionate and who knows how to sit and loves to snuggle. He is an American Pibble (Pit Bull) Terrier.



There are few things as frightening as finding your treasured canine companion down on the ground, body ridged and shaking like a California earthquake, eyes wide-open but not able to see, covered with their own urine and feces. Or finding them simply staring off into space. The body sits in what appears a relaxed pose but when you look into their eyes or call out, you can see that the thinking creature you know does not appear to be there at all. What is happening? Your companion is having a seizure. Electrical impulses in the brain have gone wild.

It could have been caused by a very serious condition such as a brain tumor or your pet could have ingested a poisonous substance that generated the seizure. Household cleaners, rat poison, chocolate, nicotine and yard sprays are just part of the list of seizure inducing substances we all keep routinely in our homes.

Have you and your pet been in a car accident? Trauma can cause seizures, often not appearing for months after the actual event. My first seizure dog was a post-anesthesia seizure dog, having his first seizure 24 hours after his neuter. One of our current seizure dogs, Peyton, was most likely due to distemper disease when she was a puppy. Last weekend, Rocky, a senior toy poodle living at our sanctuary, developed seizures most likely simply from age. Or your dog could have seizures and there be no reason. Epilepsy can come on at any time in a dog or person's life.



Whatever the cause, there are steps you need to take immediately to make your dog safe while you plan for the future. There are two types of seizures. Grand mal refers to the classic shaking, foaming at the mouth, total loss of control type of seizure. If your dog is having a grand mal seizure, try to keep him or her physically safe during this time. Pillows under her head or placing her onto a mattress with you holding lightly will keep her from hurting herself. Talk soothingly and softly to your pet and keep your hands away from her mouth. A snapping jaw movement may result in a bite to you. It won't be intentional but it'll still hurt. Whatever you do, move quietly and calmly. Radiate positive thoughts to your dog. She needs you to be the strong one at this moment more than ever.

If a focal or petite mal seizure, you may not notice anything substantial at first.

Our Lukie is growing up. He spent most of his life at the CPR farm (he arrived at 2 months). He is housebroken and he doesn't chew. He loves to snuggle in bed and it turns out that he is quite the "talker" as he "comments" (grunts) on most every thing!

He is now 3 years old! He did go to a home for 3 months, but it turned out that he is afraid of men. He's a lady's man.

He would love to have someone to sleep beside and to take him for long runs every evening. He is a ball of energy! None of the poodles or non poodles here can keep up with him at CPR. If you are looking for a loving and faithful companion to be at your side--running or sleeping--come meet Luke. He will steal your heart!

Sponsorship Dogs



Porter Wagner

Porter was found as a stray with about twenty other dogs in a national forest near Nashville, TN. CPR was able to take in four.

Porter is a loving and gentle dog, even tempered and happy. He gets along so well with everyone he meets, dog or person. He loves to ride in the car and raises his face to the sun and to watch the world go by.

Porter seen an eye specialist. He has no vision in left eye, but still has sight in his right eye. The doctor thinks it will take another year or more before he goes completely blind. If anyone is looking for a sweet little companion, we'd love to place him now, so he can get settled and know the setup of his new home and get to know where the furniture is.

Never Say No

We never want to say no when there is a dog who needs to come to Carolina Poodle Rescue. Thank you to those who have already given, but we are still in need of more Never Say No supporters. Please visit the [Never Say No Page](#) and help us always say yes!

Your pet may simply appear to be staring out the window but if you call out to him, you'll get no response.

Once you're fairly certain your pet is having a seizure, no matter which type, and after you get him safe, grab a notepad and write down what time the seizure started. If you can't remember, write down the current time and remember to tell your vet "about ____ minutes before I wrote it down." Your vet will want to know this. Note the time when the seizure seems to be over. Documenting the how many and the duration of each seizure will help your vet determine the best plan of action. Keeping a dairy of seizure activity will become part of your life with your dog. Some dogs can "cluster" seize or have seizures that repeat over and over. This is a life threatening emergency and you and your pet will be heading to the nearest vet. You can learn to stop these but for the first time, don't even try. Get to a vet. Your vet will most likely administer valium and you can then decide which of the anti-seizure medications would be best to start your pet on.

Even the most heart wrenching seizure can be over in a few minutes and your pet will bounce back up and act as if nothing at all happened. If your pet has such a seizure once, make an appointment and watch him closely to insure that you are not missing anything but it does not require a trip to the emergency vet. If you have more than two seizures in a day, time to head to the doctor even if it's on a weekend. Phenobarbital is the most common drug prescribed for seizure dogs.

The good news is that there is life after seizures have started. For some, the seizure may be a once in a lifetime experience. For others, learning to live with a seizure dog is in your future. There are people and resources who will help. An excellent resource for or owners of seizure dog <http://www.canine-epilepsy-guardian-angels.com/>. This is hard to watch--but seeing it takes the mystery out of it. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3O-ITxln1t8>

Twelve Dogs of Christmas

Are you ready?
They're coming!



The 12 dogs of Christmas!
Stay tuned for a special release on Black Friday for the 12 Dogs of Christmas!

Update on London--A Soldier's Dog

A very special thanks goes out to the 34 people who offered their homes and hearts to little London. Offers are still coming in as friends of CPR have forwarded London's story to their friends so we may hit 50 offers before it is over.

I can't tell you how good that makes me feel.

I have not yet contacted everyone privately to thank them but plan to do so. For now, London is in a temporary foster home in Blythewood SC (thank you Robert and Angela!) and we've reviewed the potential homes and selected one that will be meeting London this week to see if it's a good fit. We all think he'll work out just fine. As for what will happen in six months or next year when Alicia is scheduled to return, only time will tell. She is going to Kuwait which is fairly safe - but it's still the Middle East with all the turmoil that goes on there.



London is understandably upset and nervous about all the changes. It will take him a bit to realize that the upheaval is a good thing.

House Training Instructions

by Caroline Hair of Central Carolina Poodle Rescue

Help Wanted

CPR is growing! Last newsletter we talked about volunteering. One of the best ways to help poodles in need that lets you do it from home is to be an adoption counselor. Do you have 2 to 4 hours per week to give? Do you have an unlimited phone plan? Do you have Word? Do you enjoy talking to other dog friendly people on the phone? Do you have good instincts about people? If so - adoption counselor work may be for you. For more information, email Sherry Wilson at poodles4ever@bellsouth.net.

CPR Wish List

CPR dogs are still in need of a few items to help with the care of the animals.

- Cuisinart stainless steel food weigh/measuring bowl but not going to use it for food - going to use it to weigh puppies!
<http://www.everythingkitchens.com/cuisinart-digital-kitchen-scale-precision-chef-bowl-KML-KO3B.html>
- Legs/end pieces for our Kurando beds.
<http://kuranda.com//li>>

Please contact CPR if you are able to donate any of these items.

(donna@carolinapoodlerescue.org)



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Pet Insurance

We love our pets, and 73% of families would be willing to go into debt if their pet needed medical care. But they don't have to! Best Friends pet insurance helps ensure that no matter the illness or accident, you are financially prepared. Plus, your purchase helps homeless pets, too!

Dogs can be house trained because they are born with an instinct not to soil where they live and sleep. Most puppies begin learning to leave their bed area to relieve themselves when they are very small and this is continued when they are weaned and go to new homes.

Unfortunately, when a dog is kept in unclean surroundings, with no opportunity to go to another place to relieve itself, that instinct becomes repressed. When that happens, before the dog can be house trained, it is necessary to retrain this instinct.

Step one of these instructions is for dogs who have been kept in such small and/or dirty surroundings that the instinct to be clean has been repressed to the point that the dog wets or soils a crate. Dogs that are already clean for at least four hours or overnight in a crate may begin with step two. Your newly adopted poodle, _____ should begin on step _____.

STEP ONE

First the dog is taught to be clean in a crate. This is done by being sure the dog is taken outdoors every hour, and praised and rewarded for relieving itself. No bedding is kept in the crate, so that if he soils it, he will be very uncomfortable. If this happens, he is bathed, the crate washed, and he gets another chance to learn that it is possible to "hold it", and that clean is better than dirty. This is repeated as long and as often as necessary. As the dog learns to control bowel and bladder functions, the time between 'potty trips' is gradually lengthened, and the dog is introduced to the house.

STEP TWO

When an unhousetrained dog first is allowed in the house, it is essential that he NEVER be placed in a position in which he could make a mistake. Prevention is the key to successful house training, and that is YOUR job. To do this, he is kept at all times on a six foot leash for a large dog and a four foot leash for a small one, and the leash fastened to a person. A large safety pin can be used to fasten the leash to the person's clothing. In this manner, the person will always be aware of what the dog is doing and can quickly take him outside when necessary. Set a timer to remind you to take the dog outside, first every thirty minutes, then every hour, so that the dog gets ample opportunity to "do the right thing" and be praised and rewarded for it. Every time he relieves himself outside, he should be praised and given a treat. If you are unable to keep the dog on leash with you, he should be crated to prevent accidents. After several weeks of this, the dog can be allowed off the leash inside.

STEP THREE

When first taken off leash inside, the dog must be kept within sight of a responsible person (not a child) at ALL times. He still doesn't know the difference between another room and outdoors, and if allowed to wander off, he will make a mistake, and set the training back. Start by allowing the dog to be loose in the room with you only after he has just relieved himself outside. Use closed doors and/or baby gates to keep the dog in the same room with you, and watch him constantly. If you are too busy to watch him, he should be put in his crate. Again, set a timer first for thirty minutes, then an hour, gradually lengthening the time between outside visits. Only after the dog has been reliable in your sight for several weeks, should he be allowed more freedom. If there is a relapse in training, go back a step and try again.

If at any time the dog soils the floor, take him outside, then clean the spot so that no odor is left there. White vinegar, Odo-Ban, or OxyClean are all good for this, as well as products designed to remove pet odors. Do not scold the dog; instead, fold a newspaper, and hit yourself over the head with it three times, while chanting "I will watch the dog more closely."

Remember that prevention of mistakes is essential. If you allow the dog to have free run of the house too soon, he will go into another room to relieve himself. Every such accident will set the training back, causing it to take much longer. Follow each step in the training carefully, and within a couple of months, you

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should have a house trained dog. Even after the dog is dependable in the house, it is still a good idea to crate him when you must be away from home, in order to prevent any mistakes if you are delayed in returning, as well as to keep the dog from getting into things that could be damaged or could harm him.

Random Acts of Kindness

Pamela Fish - who saw our request for salad shooters in last issue and guess what showed up by UPS today! Thank you!

John Gore, adopter, who kindly brought his pictures of his lab Taylor who passed so we would feel good about where our lab puppy Waylan was being adopted to.



Patricia Morse, adopter, who brought us yummy pizza!

Richland and Lexington, S.C. County Supporters

We need your help. Robert and Angela Crooks of Blythewood SC have set up a temporary sanctuary at their home in Blythewood. They are pulling animals from the area shelters and then bringing the dogs up to Dreamweaver Farms on a regular basis. Robert and Angela both work. Getting to the Lexington SC shelter is a challenge. If you are in the area and can offer transport from Lexington, S.C. to Blythewood S.C., please email Donna at donna@carolinapoodlerescue.org and she will pass the information on.

We'd Like to Hear from You

Do you have a story about a Carolina Poodle Rescue dog that you'd like us to publish?

Please send your stories to newslettercarolinapoodlerescue.org as well as a photo or photos to go with the story.

The Rainbow Bridge



Dedicated to those who have passed over

"Dolly"
 Susie and Howie Carter

More Pictures



Mandy Karns dressed for Halloween.



Max Sommerville on his first boat ride.



Ms. Silly Goodman enjoying her couch.

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Our Mission:

To rescue, rehabilitate, offer permanent sanctuary and, when appropriate, rehome needy poodles and small dogs.

To encourage the human-animal bond by promoting activities that serve to bring animals and their people closer together

To support the efforts of those in the animal rescue community seeking to end euthanasia as a means of population control.

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