



**Spanish
Water
Dog
Club**

Winter 2012 Newsletter



Notes from the Chair

Sheryl Gaines

Time has passed since the holidays were over. We are full swing into 2012 which is a very important year for the SWD in the United States. This

ambassador for the breed. Every single one of us who owns a SWD represents the breed as a whole.

Now more than ever is a critical time for the Spanish Water Dog. Now more than in the past, and in many respects, more than in the future. Each decision that we make will impact the breed in the US for many years to come. There is a small core of people who seem to do all the work, and therefore will have the most influence. This includes many very important aspects, such as the Standard, the By Laws, Judges Education, Health, etc. I appeal to each and every member to join a committee and get involved. Whether you are a very experienced owner, or a newbie, there is a place for everyone. No question or comment is irrelevant or unimportant, and your input is wanted and needed.

Please get involved!

summer, we will enter the Miscellaneous class, and for the first time, we will be able to compete at an AKC show. Although we are not eligible to earn a Championship title, we can still participate in AKC shows and earn a Certificate of Merit.

Not all of our members are interested in showing their dogs. As a matter of fact, it is probably safe to say that most are not, so what can our members who don't show do for the SWD breed as we enter the AKC? Besides doing other AKC performance events, which we are eligible to compete in such as Herding, Agility, Obedience and Rally, every time you go out in public with your dog, you act as an

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Welcome New and Returning Members!

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AKC Certificate of Merit

by Lisa Harper, AKC Liaison

As an AKC FSS (Foundation Stock Service) breed, the Spanish Water Dog is eligible to earn the conformation suffix title of CM, which stands for Certificate of Merit. This is not a breed championship, which is reserved for fully-recognized breeds.

What are the requirements for a CM title?

The Certificate of Merit title requires a total of 15 or more points awarded in conformation shows in accordance with the following points structure.

Conformation show entrants in each breed compete for Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex. Winners of the Best of Breed are awarded points towards the CM title based on the number of competing dogs. Winners of Best of Opposite Sex are awarded points toward the CM title based on the number of competing dogs in their sex. Group winners are awarded the highest number of points that were earned by any breed within that Group.

Following is the number of points awarded based on the number of competing dogs:

Number of Dogs Competing	Number of Points Awarded
2	1
4	2
8	3
12	4
16	5

Where can we earn CM points?

• *Open Show*

Before entering the Miscellaneous Class in late June, our breed may only earn CM points at a venue called the "Open Show". This is a melding of a sanctioned match and a show. At this time, fewer than five Open Shows have been held nationwide. They are not yet listed on the AKC's Events page, but they should be soon. Professional handlers (even if they are showing their own dogs) are barred from exhibiting. Judges must be AKC-sanctioned breed judges.

• *All-Breed Conformation Shows*

After June 28, 2012, the Spanish Water Dog enters the Miscellaneous Class. At that point, Spanish Water Dogs are eligible to compete for CM points at all sanctioned All-Breed Conformation Shows in every state. Page 3 contains a list of scheduled all-breed conformation shows.

For **A Beginner's Guide to Dog Shows** from the AKC —quite educational for those of us not familiar with showing dogs— see <http://www.akc.org/events/conformation/beginners.cfm>

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Níspero's Spanish Word of the Quarter

bigote (bee-go-tay) mustache



fun fact The Spanish painter Salvador Dalí used to claim that he received messages from outer space through his moustache.

All-Breed Conformation Shows

by Lisa Harper, AKC Liason

Farmington Valley Kennel Club, Inc. - July 7

To celebrate the SWD's entry into AKC's Miscellaneous Class, the SWD Club is offering a supported entry in conformation on July 7, 2012 at the Eastern States Exposition Grounds in West Springfield, Mass. A supported entry is like a little party--the club offers some additional prizes to the usual AKC ribbons.

Entries are open to all AKC-registered intact dogs over 6 months of age. Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex are eligible for points towards a Certificate of Merit. The conformation entry fee is \$29.

This is one day of a four-day cluster. Obedience and Rally trials will also be offered. This show is produced by MB-F, a company that produces and manages All-Breed and Specialty conformation shows in addition to Obedience and Agility Trials. The SWD Club will make an announcement when the premium (entry) is available from MB-F; entries must be received by June 20. See you there!

Following are details:

Event No: 2012103201

Location: Eastern States Exposition Grounds
1305 Memorial Avenue
West Springfield, MA

For additional information contact:

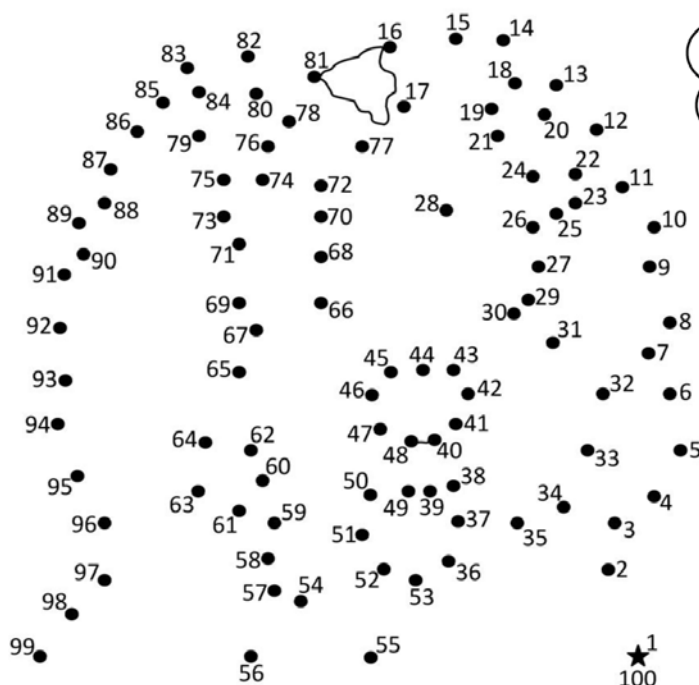
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AKC Eukanuba National Championship Show - December 15 - 16

This year's AKC Eukanuba National Championship show will be held in Florida on December 15-16, 2012. Miscellaneous breed dogs (which include all AKC FSS breeds) who have earned one of the following:

- a Certificate of Merit title
- at least three Best of Breed WITH COMPETITION
- one Best in Miscellaneous Class WITH COMPETITION

before October 12, 2012 will automatically receive an invitation.



Team Jeff & Tipó (aka ARBA CH. Orange Blossom's Admiral MACH, AAD, OJC, WV-O, TN-O)

by Marnie Harrison



as a kid, and was around a lot of dogs with friends." Finally as an adult, Jeff started the search for a dog with some definite criteria. He wanted a non-shedding breed, but knew that he didn't want a poodle (sorry Kris!), and he didn't like the tail of the Portuguese Water Dog. Having seen some dog agility, Jeff wanted to give it a try, so knew that he needed a dog that was active, fast and smart.

Jeff first encountered the Spanish Water Dog breed on the Internet and then found the website of the Spanish Water Dog Association of America (SWDAA) which featured an announcement that the club was planning a Specialty in Maryland. When Jeff drove over for the day to see the dogs, he met Carl and Patsy Rankin, and as the saying goes, "the rest is history." Tipó was born on July 11, 2003 to a litter bred by Carl and Patsy using two dogs imported from Spain: Bandolero La Perrera Flamenca X Azahar La Perrera Flamenca.

Jeff describes Tipó as a dog who "does not have much of an off switch." He is very active and loves to play Frisbee and with a ball. He is a big barker, in a protective way, when he plays, and when running courses. If Tipó gets "revved up," he gets very high and crazy and then doesn't listen to commands, so Jeff has to work at keeping him calm before entering the ring. On the other hand, Jeff has found that if as a trainer he is too repetitive, Tipó will become bored. Finding the balance between control and "go" is a constant challenge.

Despite being very much a one person dog, Tipó is an independent thinker and if he thinks that he can do something better than what is

asked of him, he will do it his own way. Jeff gave the example of working "2 on, 2 off" contacts. When Tipó is asked to do his contact more quickly, he might try to do it with one paw. He is always thinking, trying to come up with a "better way."

Training for agility has presented some significant challenges, and Jeff describes his and Tipó's agility journey as "a long road." First of all, Jeff was a complete novice in the sport, and then there was the reality that none of the trainers had ever seen the breed and had to gain an understanding of how to work with an SWD. Another challenge of which Jeff became aware as he got underway in the sport is the different agility venues (NADAC & USDAA initially), and that each one has different equipment, different courses, and variations in their rules.

Jeff and Tipó first competed in NADAC (North American Dog Agility Council) trials in 2005, and Tipó quickly began to earn titles. As Jeff gained knowledge and experience however, he realized that he preferred USDAA (United States Dog Agility Association) events, and then really wanted to compete in AKC (American Kennel Club) trials when our breed became eligible to do so in January 2008. By May 2008, Tipó had already earned his Agility Excellent title. In spite of this, Jeff recognized that the AKC trials required a handling style significantly different from that used in NADAC, and that if he and Tipó were to achieve their goals, major changes were necessary. This led to taking a year out of their trialling career to retrain Tipó.

I first met Jeff and Tipó in July 2004 and was immediately struck with this family pet who was an all around clown. As we sat around the pool in Jeff's backyard, my daughter threw a toy into the pool for Tipó over and over and...he was tireless. Now, just over 7 years later, Tipó and Jeff continue to make Spanish Water Dog history with their amazing agility accomplishments. Jeff and I spent some time recently chatting about the relationship and life together.

Jeff says that he "always loved dogs," but was never quite able to convince his parents to allow him to have one, not even when he went so far as to bring a Beagle home to try to convince them. He said, "I spent a lot of time hunting

When they returned to competition, Jeff and Tipo were serious players. They qualified for the AKC Invitational's in 2009, 2010 and 2011. They attended in 2009 and again in 2011. They also qualified for nationals in 2010 and 2011. (Jeff took the time to explain the difference between these two events, and the main thing for him is that because Invitationals only include the top 5 dogs from each breed, it isn't overrun with Border Collies, unlike Nationals which gets all of the top dogs by points, and there are dozens of Border Collies.)

The **really big news** earlier this year was Tipo earning his **MACH** title! (See page 6 for a description of what MACH is.) This amazing accomplishment will likely be a breed "gold standard" for years to come, and is truly a testament to their combined teamwork, effort and skill. Jeff says that they will continue to work towards a MACH II, but also asserts that there is no need to push this 8 year old veteran who is "starting to hurt." In considering his success with Tipo, Jeff gives unqualified credit to the mentorship of former US world team member Chris Parker, still their teacher and coach, and who Jeff asserts got him to where he is with Tipo.

"So why then a Border Collie for your second dog?" I asked him. Jeff's response was largely about his own competitive nature. He wants to win, and the quick, graceful and light-footed Border Collie is the Ferrari to Tipo's linebacker/freight train athleticism. The speed of the Border Collie is essential to top agility performance.

To a SWD owner starting out in agility, Jeff gives the following advice. First of all (and Jeff emphasized this repeatedly), the biggest thing is to really socialize the dog a lot because they need to do well around other dogs and people. Tipo is fearful of

other dogs, especially larger ones, and this can cause him to be reactive. Use positive methods including playing a lot with your dog; teach them how to tug, and use treats. Clicker training can be used for foundation work. It is really important to know what you are doing because these dogs learn so quickly that any mistakes the trainer makes get passed on to the dog.

Tipo has demonstrated great versatility over time, and won the SWD Club's "Super Dog" award in 2007. In addition to continuing with AKC trials, Jeff still hopes for Tipo to complete the USDAA Master's Agility and the extremely challenging Agility Dog Championship. After retirement from agility, Jeff says that they may try their hand/paw at tracking as Tipo is "a very, very good tracker." Tipo has also shown good potential for herding, but they just couldn't do any consistent herding work with their huge commitment to agility.

Jeff isn't sure if there is another SWD in his future. Because of his competitive nature, he would want one that was proven to be able to compete at such a high level. Although he really likes the way this breed listens and their one person nature, the temperament definitely creates some considerable challenges in such a demanding and public performance sport. Unlike Border Collies, SWD's are not (yet) being bred intentionally for the speed, structure and temperament that Jeff feels he will want over the next few years.

(P.S. By now most of us have heard about Jeff and Tipo's great success at "invitationals" in Orlando in December, AND Jeff's assertions that it truly is not over yet! And most recently Tipo received the USDAA Master Agility Dog (MAD) title.)



I asked Jeff what kind of a conversation he and Tipo would have if they could sit down over a beer. This is what he said we might overhear:

Jeff: Tipo! Why, why, why did you always have to be so stubborn?!? You're a GREAT dog, but you can be so independent when I need you to do things my way!

Tipo: Hey man, you chose the Alpha pup out of the litter; what did you expect?

Jeff: So you say, but sometimes you're pretty soft you know.

Tipo: I have to keep you guessing; I mean really, what would you have learned **without** any surprises?

Jeff: Well, you're right about that. With all of your idiosyncrasies, I sure did learn a lot. I guess you have made me a much better trainer than if I'd started with a more predictable dog.

And you know that you really have done me proud buddy, and we're not done yet by a long shot.

MACH - Master Agility Champion

The MACH (Master Agility Champion) is the highest title awarded in AKC agility. There are several requirements for the title.

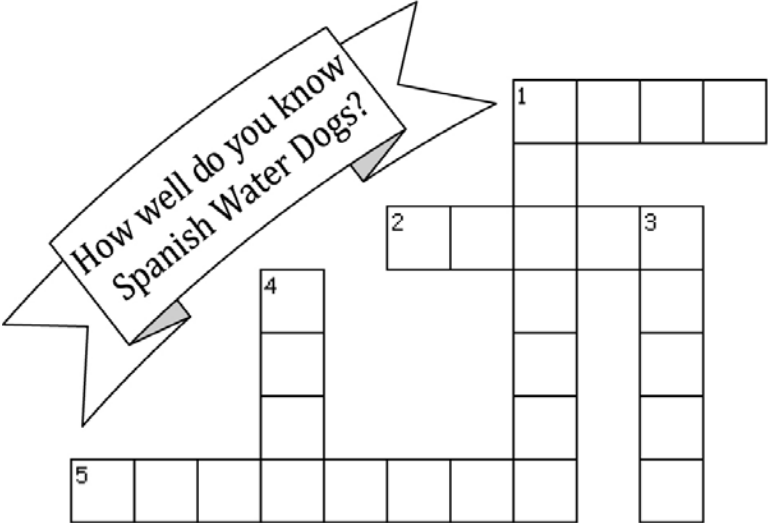
First, the dog must be eligible to compete in the Excellent class. To be eligible to compete in the Excellent class, the titles for the 2 lower classes must be completed.

Once in the Excellent class, 20 double Q's are required for the MACH title. A qualifying score means that the dog runs the course with no mistakes - no dropped bars, no off course, hitting all the yellow on the contacts, and no refusals (stopping before an obstacle). In AKC, the dog must run both the Standard Agility class and the Jumpers with Weaves class perfectly on the same day to get a double Q.

In addition, 750 Championship Points are required. Championship Points are accumulated based upon the run time. Every run has a set SCT (Standard Course Time) based upon AKC rules. In a run, one Championship Point is accumulated for every second under the SCT. Dogs placing first in their class double their Championship Points for that run. Dogs placing second in their class receive 1 1/2 times their Championship Points for that run.

These requirements mean that a dog must run accurately and quickly.

TIPO is the first SWD to be awarded the MACH title.



How well do you know Spanish Water Dogs?

Across

1. Do SWDs have hair or fur?
2. What do you call SWD hair that looks like a mop?
5. What is the big prize at the SWD Specialty called?

Down

1. What AKC group is the SWD going to be in some day?
3. Where are SWDs originally from?
4. How many colors does a SWD come in?

Litter Announcements

Kennel: Timber Oaks, Linda Scheele



Birth Date: December 11, 2011

8 puppies - 3 girls and 5 boys

Colors: 2 black and white, 2 white and brown, 2 beige and white with black noses, 1 white and beige with brown nose, 1 solid brown

Dam: UKC Ch. Lija's Timber Oaks Cheka

OFA Hips - SWD-49G32F-PI

Penn Hip - 80%

Thyroid - Normal

Optigen - Carrier

CERF - SWD-150

CHG - Normal

Sire: UKC Ch. Cacololab De Ubrique

OFA Hips - SWD-60E24M-VPI

OFA Elbow - SWD-EL24M24-VPI

OFA Thyroid - SWD-TH21/28M-VPI

Optigen - Clear

CERF - 11/14/2011 SWD-360523

CHG - Normal

Kennel: Casa de Rancho, Sheryl and Samantha Gaines



Birth Date: December 22, 2011

10 puppies - 9 girls and 1 boy

Colors: 4 solid black; one black and white; one white and black; 2 brown and white; 2 solid brown

Dam: Gordomoraf de Ubrique

OFA Hips - SWD43F24F-VPI

OFA Thyroid - Equivocal

CERF 2/20/11 SWD-144

OptiGen - Carrier

CHG - Normal

Sire: Spanish/Portuguese Ch. Rancholunac de Ubrique

OFA Hips - SWD25G53M-PI

OFA Thyroid - SWD-TH18/125M-PI

CERF - 2/20/11 SW-124

OptiGen - Clear

CHG - Normal

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Dam: CH Rosa de Tejas, CGC, TD
 PennHip: 889088, 70th Percentile
 CERF: SWD 156
 PRA: Obligate Clear
 Thyroid: May develop comp. thyroiditis
 CHG Carrier

Sire: CH Cacololab de Ubrique
 Hips: OFA SWD-60E24M-VPI, Excellent
 Elbows: OFA SWD-EL24M24-VPI, Normal
 PRA: Optigen "normal"
 CERF: SWD-360523
 Thyroid: Michigan State University, DCPAH OFA Classification = Normal
 OFA SWD-TH21/28M-VPI, Normal
 CHG Clear



Special Thanks to Debra Molkentin of Lake Breeze Kennels, WI

Litter Planned Spring 2012

SWD Develops Addison's Disease

by Beth Laws and Lisa Harper

Living on a lake in the northern Midwest, Coal seems like the average, happy Spanish Water Dog. He chases balls, swims, likes to sleep upside down, and loves winter snow. He also has primary *hypoadrenocorticism*, better known as Addison's disease.

Addison's disease is an autoimmune disorder reported in most breeds of dogs. It occurs when the adrenal gland does not produce sufficient hormones that control metabolism of sugar and maintain the balance of salt, potassium, and water in the body. The cause of Addison's is still under research. It is likely hereditary, but the mode of inheritance is unknown. An underlying autoimmune disorder is most common in primary Addison's disease, but it may also be caused by direct damage to the adrenal cortex and triggered by physical stress, injury or exacerbated by another illness. The condition is difficult to diagnose as symptoms typically wax and wane. Symptoms include anorexia, vomiting, depression, lethargy, weakness, hair loss, and muscle weakness. Untreated, Addison's disease can lead to death.

The Krause family had no idea that their dog had a medical problem until one summer day when Coal froze on the dock ladder climbing out of the lake. Jody Krause says Coal began walking like a drunken sailor, and finally he collapsed. In the hour and a half trip to the emergency vet, Coal's eyes rolled back several times and he became unresponsive. The vet ran a full blood panel and also an ACTH stimulation test, which was the start of diagnosis of primary Addison's disease.

Addison's disease and Cushing's disease are opposite ends of the same problem. Where Addison's disease is due to an insufficiency in adrenal gland secretions, Cushing's disease is due to a hyper level of corticosteroid secretion. Cushing's disease is the more commonly found of the two disorders; it has not yet been reported in the SWD.

Once the disease is diagnosed, the treatment is fairly

straightforward. Coal receives daily medication to replace the mineralocorticoids and glucocorticoids lacking in his body. Levels are checked and adjusted three times per year. Coal has responded well to his medication, although Jody reports Coal has gained some weight, a common side effect of the treatment. Now that Coal has a treatment regimen, his outlook looks good. The family looks forward to a long and full life with Coal.





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Patricia McConnell 2010 Dog Behavior Seminar Part 2: Anger in Canines

by Nancy Valley

Let's look at the biology of anger:

1. Anger is primitive necessary for survival.
2. Anger is mediated by the amygdala.
3. Anger results in the production of adrenaline.
4. Creates high-energy
5. Its effects can be long-lasting.

There are those who have some question about whether or not the dog has enough higher functioning brain power to manifest actual anger [as opposed to frustration; all animals get frustrated] but do dogs really get angry? I personally think they do.

There is anecdotal evidence, as well as scientific evidence that leads towards the conclusion that anger is evident in canines. Pat McConnell discussed a famous study of fur foxes and breeding for docility done by a Russian scientist by the name of Belyaev.

Unfortunately, from owners, there is often confusion about anger in dogs. Examples: Dog won't bring the ball back or come when called, etc. etc. because it's mad at you. Dog defecates on the rug because he's mad you left him home.

These are more likely deficits in your training program rather than expressions of anger. Perhaps you have never made it worth it to the dog to come back to you when called or perhaps your dog was never 100% house trained, or cannot physically "hold it" for that long of a period of time. How many hours can you tolerate having no access to a bathroom?

Certainly dogs have good reasons for true anger. You can almost read what they are thinking at times: "Don't you even think about taking away this bone!", "Hey, I was barking and growling hers get your #&@% hand off my collar!" "I'll kill you if you hurt my babies....."

Pat McConnell then showed a heart stopping videos of a beautiful golden juvenile with a terrible possessiveness problem. The family had been taught by the previous trainer to be totally alpha dog and aggressive in demanding the dog give up its toy. You could feel the tension shoot up in the room as the audience viewed the clip of a woman on her hands and knees, with her head right next to the dog's face, shaking the collar and yelling in the dog's ear for it to give up the toy. Pat said, "...Grabbing an already aggressively aroused dog by the scruff of the neck and shaking them again.....and again.....and again.....is the equivalent of encouraging a dog in a doggie version of a bar fight." It was scary.

The video had been taken a few months before the family came to ask for Pat's help [the dog had finally bitten a family member quite severely since that time]. After some months of trying to correct the situation, the dog was put down, this was a young dog. The family was devastated.

So how could such and young dog get pulled into a cycle of such aggressive anger? Anger and frustration control has a strong genetic component [again Pat reminded us of the breeding study of fur foxes]. She urged that frustration tolerance should be a factor in breeding decisions. Today's temperament tests can be helpful predictors of pups that may have lower tolerance for frustration. Such pups are good candidates for extra training and behavioral conditioning to avoid behavior problems.

So how can we, as owners, help dogs learn anger and frustration management? By taking the time to teach and reinforce the teaching of:

- Stay
- Wait at the door
- Leave it
- Get Back

"Remember", she said, "Reinforce the behavior that you want." Make it worth it for the dog to wait until released. A dog can learn that good things happen to those that wait, patience reaps good rewards. Often the most dominant dog in a pack is the one with the most self control, not the one that solves all of its problems with aggression. Those kinds of dominant dogs just exude confidence, and other dogs know it right away.

She writes in the companion book:

"Some people imagine "positive" training to mean that we treat dogs with kid gloves and let them do whatever they want. Far from it. Just because I use positive things like treats, playing and petting, doesn't mean I let my dogs act like coyotes of the living room. Positive doesn't mean permissive. It just means that dogs learn to mind their manners, because that makes them feel good. As much as I love my dogs, I want and need them to be polite members of society. If dogs are going to live with us they need to learn manners, just like children do. There are lots and lots wonderful dog trainers who avoid using punishment wherever they can and their dogs are often more obedient than dogs that have been threatened. You can be positive, while still setting boundaries being what I call a "benevolent leader" to your dog just like a good parent or teacher."

Next quarterly's article will be about happiness!!

Patricia McConnell, Ph.D., a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist, (CAAB) has made a lifelong commitment to improving the relationship between people and animals. She is known worldwide as an expert on canine and feline behavior and dog training, and for her engaging and knowledgeable dog training books, DVDs and seminars. Patricia has seen clients for serious behavioral problems since 1988, and is an Adjunct Associate Professor in Zoology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, teaching "The Biology and Philosophy of Human/Animal Relationships." For fourteen years she dispensed advice about behavior problems, and information about animal behavior research, on Wisconsin Public Radio's Calling All Pets, which was heard in over 90 cities around the country.

She is the author of the much-acclaimed books *The Other End of the Leash* (which is now published in 13 languages), *For the Love of A Dog: Understanding Emotions in You and Your Best Friend* and *Tales of Two Species*. Her self-published book and booklets on dog training and dog and cat behavior problems continually receive rave reviews from professional trainers, veterinarians and dog and cat lovers from all over the world. Dr. McConnell is also the behavior columnist for the Bark magazine (www.thebark.com) "the New Yorker of Dog Magazines") and writes for many other publications, including APDT's Chronicle of the Dog and Natural History. She has made numerous television appearances, including spots with Anderson Cooper on CNN, Martha Stewart and Wayne Brady.