



The Role of a Camp Companion Dog in the CRCC Ridge Dogs Program

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Dogs will soon be at the Camp Facility at CRCC. They will be working in Sage Unit. These dogs have already received basic training and will be acting along the same lines as a therapy dog would work in public. For that reason this article will use the verbiage therapy dog.

It is important to say that therapy dogs and service dogs are not the same thing. Service dogs are trained to assist with the disabilities of their handler such as hearing assistance, seizure detection and alert, Seeing Eye dogs, and many more similar tasks. Service dogs receive public access rights. Therapy dogs are to help with physical/mental therapy of people who are not necessarily the handler of the dog. Therapy dog teams, including the handler and the dog, visit locations such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools, libraries, and other similar locations but do not enter restaurants, markets, etc. Their job is to bring cheer and emotional support to the residents of the facilities, as well as the staff. Sometimes they will work with a physical therapist to help clients use their hands to pet the dog during a session where the person would not normally do so. Other times they help ease stress by offering a comforting presence. Therapy dogs are also used in group Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, PTSD, sessions as a social lubricant or a focal point. Some therapy dogs go to schools and libraries and children read to them because the dogs are good listeners and are not discouraging to the children if they have a hard time with a word or a sentence. While there are many things that therapy dogs do, it is common to see a dog specialize in one area. Therapy dog handlers are to be courteous and respectful but not intrusive. They will ask if someone wants a visit but will not force anyone to be visited. Handlers are taught to maintain the training of a therapy dog as well as how to give it specialized and/or remedial training.

It is proper protocol to greet a therapy dog if the handler says it is okay and follow the instructions the handler gives. There will be occasions where the dog is off duty, on a break, or being trained and at those times the dog will be wearing a bandanna which will signal that you can visit with the dog at another time. For ambulatory people (those who can walk and are not using medical equipment) the dog should sit to greet in most circumstances unless otherwise stated by the handler. For people in beds or using medical equipment the handler will instruct the dog and or patient how to proceed. The handler may need to facilitate the dog by lifting its paws or maneuvering their position before greeting. K. Ellingson CPDT-KA



Blue and Brewster 1st two
Ridge Dogs that will be
Companion Dogs in MSU
Sage Unit!



A Big Thank You to
Denise Cook, CC2 and Jennifer Lynch, Sergeant
Rick Karten, CPM

Many staff at the facility assist with the Ridge Dogs Program. However, there are two staff in particular that have gone above and beyond from the very beginning to assure the Ridge Dog Program runs smoothly - they are Denise Cook, a CC2 in B Unit and Jennifer Lynch, a Sergeant in B Unit.

We give them a big *Thank You*—for all that they do for the Ridge Dogs Program—from attending meetings, making phone calls, escorting dogs, handlers and potential dog owners around the institution, working with the handlers, volunteers and dogs...and much more.



*"Appreciation is a wonderful thing.
It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well."*

Thanks for all the little things,
The "done-and-then-forgotten" things,
The "oh-it's-simply-nothing" things
That make our days much brighter.

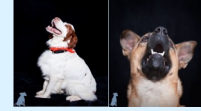
With unobtrusive, friendly things,
And "never-mind-the-trouble" things,
And "won't-you-let-me-help-you" things,
You've made our hearts much later.

-- Author unknown



CRCC Ridge Dogs Program Overview

J. Lynch, Sgt.



We started the "Ridge Dog" program 8 months ago and we have gone through a lot of ups and downs and a lot of dog handlers. This dog program is just about "Self sustaining" with offenders teaching other offenders how to train dogs. The first thought I had when we were having "inmates tell inmates what to do" was that there was no way this was going to work....8 months later, it's working pretty good! We complete a VERY thorough screening of all of our dog handlers, we require them to waive their camp status if eligible and we ensure that this program is a top priority and we hold them to a much higher standard and we expect excellent behavior from them. That doesn't always happen, but considering how this program runs, it's not too shabby!!

It has been a very interesting experience working with this program. I have seen offenders who participate in this program turn into totally different people, for the good. Their attitudes and behaviors are not what they were when they first started. Other offenders appear to be used to the dogs around and give a calming effect in the living units.

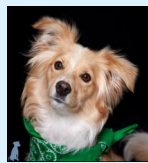
I know we still have people who don't like the program or don't think it belongs and I'm sure they'll come around J – What's not to like about it? It keeps the offenders busy and preoccupied with a dog, it gives them a way to give back to the community by training quality dogs for families and keeps the dogs from being put down due to overcrowding at the shelters. CC2 Cook, Krystal (Our Volunteer Trainer) visited WSPen on June 17th to check out their dog program, the difference between the two was very obvious but the goal was the same – Keep the dogs out of the shelter and hope to find them a great family. We found that here at CRCC – we deal a lot with K9 behaviors and as well as obedience cues/training. We realized just how important behavior modification is when it comes to the dogs and the quality we adopt out. Some of our dogs have been here since January but seeing the progress made with a dog who bit and growled when he first got here anytime someone came near him and now sit and lays down and loves attention. It took 6 months to get him to that point and he will make a great dog! I think we have a fantastic program here at CRCC and I enjoy working with it. We plan to bring the dogs to E-unit and start the program there and move a couple of offenders from B-unit to E-unit and get them a dog. This should take place with-in the next couple of weeks. We will be getting H-Unit started next on the MI3 side and that should take place mid to end of July. We have had 11 dogs adopted from the program, and we currently have 10 dogs in training. Two dogs will be moving to camp shortly – Blue and Brewster will make a great addition to the Sage unit where they will visit the older offender population through-out the day.



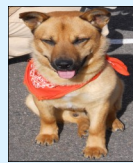
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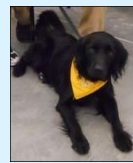
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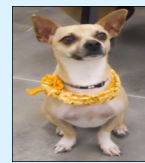
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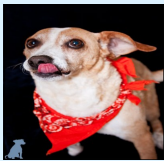
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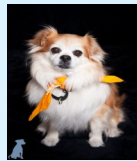
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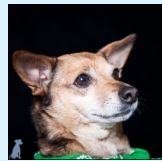
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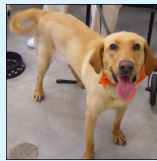
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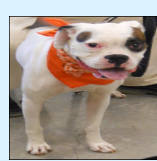
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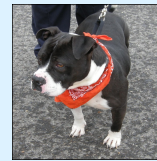
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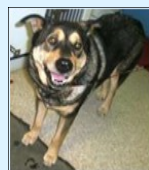
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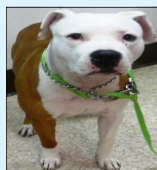
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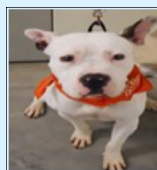
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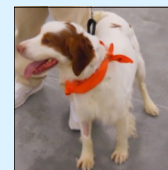
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Dash



Betty



Remington



SKIP A little black and brown Chihuahua mix. I unit!



Mack is a black and white Pit/Bulldog mix about medium size. B unit



Thor is a brown and white Pit Mix and is a very large





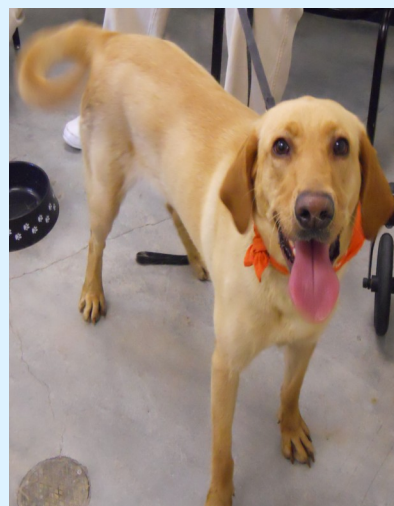
RIDGE DOGS PROGRAM UPDATE....UPDATE....UPDATE

AMY



White Boxer mix currently in B Unit with Garza, temp housing until Brewster and Lordie leave, then she will be moved.

MARILYN



Yellow Lab mix currently in I Unit with Larson and Gamboa for temp housing until a smaller dog comes in for I Unit.

Two more new dogs—Amy and Marilyn—arrived to the Ridge Dogs Program on Tuesday June 21st, 2011!

The intake process and the recording of Amy and Marilyn's behaviors of when they first arrived were documented by camera and video camera; documentation will continue as their training moves along. We hope the end result will be to show the drastic difference and changes in these dogs as they progress through the CRCC Ridge Dogs Program!

On Thursday June 23rd, Michael Kloth, the photographer, was here taking photos of all the new dogs and to assist in the documentation of the Ridge Dogs program. Pictures from this visit will be available in the July Ridge Dogs Newsletter.

Alternate Handler Postions

Alternate Handler applications were being screened during the week of June 20th—24th to get alternates hired for in D-unit, I-unit and hopefully to begin having Dogs in E-unit—the goal is to move 2-4 handlers from B Unit to E Unit to get the Ridge Dogs Program started in that unit as well. That should be happening fairly soon! Interviews for these positions will be held before the end of June.



Dog Testing Updates

by Sgt. Jennifer Lynch

Lordy was tested on June 5th out at yard and in the living unit. He did such an AMAZING job!!! He only had 2 fumbles with the coming when called – he wanted to walk to the cooler area of the patio but he got an 8/10. He got a 9/10 on the sit, down, and stay in place. I had him in the dayroom sitting in the middle right before gym movement for the walking through a crowd, reaction to a distraction and accepting friendly strangers, he did AMAZING!! He was greeted by 13 people and NEVER snarled at all. He passed everything – We did the 10 trials for him. He is now Green Bandana!

Mack – was tested in the B-unit dayroom and he did a great job. He got a 9/10 on Recall, 8/10 on sit and stay and 10's on the rest. It is amazing on how far he has come since he first got here, especially his leash walking. He no longer walks the offenders, He is now Yellow Bandana!

Skip – He did a great job on Recall 9/10, Sit & stay 8/10 and 10's on the rest. The behavior he has now is so much different than what he showed up with, it's crazy!! He's such a happy dog and loves being around people. He is now Yellow Bandana!

Thor was tested on June 6th, he promoted to Yellow Bandana. He did great...He's a fast learner and already knew a lot of his cues when he got here.

Bo was promoted to **GREEN Bandana!!!!!!** Bo made tremendous improvements from the last time I tried to assess him. He is definitely ready to go to his new home!

New Procedure Implemented for Handlers and Alternates to Check Out Dog Supplies and Leashes

ALL UNITS WITH DOGS:

On May 26th all Handlers and Alternates were issued a card at yard. These cards have their names on the back of them and are used to check out dog supplies such as brushes, medications (Anything from the lock box) and leashes.

SPEAK DOG NOW HAS A FACE BOOK PAGE

submitted by K. Ellingson

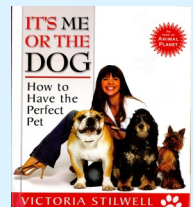
Please check us out. Many of you have asked for Speak Dog to join Facebook so we just did. Please friend us, like us, post your doggie pictures on our wall, and all that good stuff. Here is a link to the page:

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We will have lots of graduation photos, class photos, and even some videos posted on a weekly basis. One of my new trainers, Audrey, has built and is managing the page for me so please leave her some good comments and feedback where applicable. Thanks, I look forward to seeing what gets posted on the wall!

It's Me Or the Dog

Each unit with dogs will receive a copy of It's Me Or the Dog book for offenders to check out. This book will stay in each unit. Please develop a check out system to account for the book. Each book with be marked on the cover with the unit and state dog program. This book is one that each handler should read.





NEW ADULT DOG



Adopting an adult dog can be a marvelous alternative to raising and training a puppy. Alternatively, a new adult dog can be a full-time project. Adult dogs can be perfect or problematic—carrying the behavioral baggage of their previous owners. Take your time to search for the right dog for you and only choose one that you know your family knows how to train.

Some shelter and rescue dogs are purebred, but most are one-of-a-kind mixed-breeds. Some shelter dogs are well trained, well behaved, friendly, and simply in need of a caring human companion. Others may have a few behavior problems (housesoiling, chewing, barking, hyperactivity, etc.,) and require their puppy education in adulthood. Other dogs are shy and fearful and require a dedicated

owner who is going to spend the time that it takes to rebuild the dog's confidence.

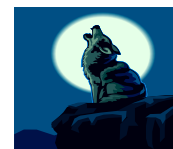
Raising and training a puppy requires a lot of time and know-how. The puppy's behavior is always changing, for better or for worse, depending on his socialization and training. However, an adult dog's behavior and temperament are already well established, for better or for worse. Traits and habits may change over time, but compared with the behavioral plasticity of young puppies, an older dog's habits are much more resistant to change. Whereas temperament problems may take longer to resolve in a adult dog, good habits are also just as hard to break. Thus the key to adopting a good shelter or rescue dog depends on selection, selection, selection! Take your time to test drive plenty of prospective candidates. The perfect dog is waiting for you somewhere. Be patient, search well, and be realistic about your choice, i.e., choose with your brain as well as your heart. When selecting an adult dog, you need to evaluate whether you like the dog, whether the dog likes you (and other people), and the dog's basic manners and household etiquette.

Mutual Affection

All family members must be involved in the selection process and agree 100% on the final choice. You must equally check that the dog likes all family members. Make sure that the dog eagerly approaches each family member and thoroughly enjoys being handled and stroked. Additionally, check that the dog likes other people. Observe the dog's behavior when he interacts with a wide variety of people, especially children, men, and strangers. The most important quality in a companion dog is friendliness: he should enjoy the company and attentions of people. If he is at all fearful or standoffish, you will need to devote time to teach him that people are non-threatening.

Test-Driving

Make sure that you get a good feel for your prospective dog before you take her home. First, check her general demeanor. Is her kennel soiled or clean? Does she play with chewtoys? Is she calm and quiet, or hyperactive and barking? Make sure all family members spend plenty of time "test-driving" the dog. Check to see that everyone can get the dog to pay attention,



DESTRUCTIVE CHEWING



Chewing is essential for maintaining the health of your dog's teeth, jaws, and gums. Puppies especially have a strong need to chew to relieve the irritation and inflammation of teething. Dogs chew to relieve anxiety and boredom, as well as for entertainment. Your dog's jaws are his tools for carrying objects and for investigating his surroundings. Essentially, a dog's approach to all items in his environment is "Can I chew it?"

Chewing is Normal, Natural, and Necessary
Dogs generally sleep at night and in the middle of the day. However, chewing is your dog's primary form of entertainment during his morning and late afternoon activity peaks. After all, there are only so many things your dog can do when left at home alone. He can hardly read a novel, telephone friends, or watch the soaps! Indeed, most chewing sprees stem from your dog's relentless quest for some form of occupational therapy to pass the time of day when left at home alone.

Chewing is a perfectly normal, natural, and necessary canine behavior. Prevention and treatment of destructive chewing focus on management and education—to prevent your dog from chewing inappropriate items and to redirect your dog's natural chewing-urge to appropriate, acceptable, and resilient chewtoys.

Prevent Destructive Chewing

When leaving home, confine your puppydog to a long-term confinement area, such as a single room—your puppydog's playroom—with a comfortable bed, a bowl of water, a doggy toilet (if not yet housetrained), and nothing to chew but half a dozen freshly-stuffed chewtoys. Housetrained adult dogs may be confined (with their chewtoys) to a dog crate. When you return, instruct your dog to fetch his chewtoys so you can extricate the freeze-dried liver pieces and give them to your dog. Your dog will happily settle down and entertain himself with his chewtoys as soon as you leave in the morning, and he will be more inclined to search for chewtoys when he wakes up in anticipation of your afternoon return. This is important since most chewing activity occurs right after you leave home and right before you return.

When you are home, confine your puppy to her doggy den (crate) with nothing but a freshly-stuffed chewtoy for entertainment. Every hour on the hour (or at longer intervals with housetrained adult dogs), take your puppydog to her doggy toilet (see *Housetraining* blueprint), and if she goes, praise her and play some chewtoy games with her before putting her back in her crate with a freshly stuffed chewtoy.

The purpose of confinement is to prevent your dog from chewing inappropriate items around the house and to maximize the likelihood your dog will develop a chewtoy habit.



HOUSE TRAINING



Housoiling is a spatial problem. Your puppydog has been allowed to eliminate in the wrong place. Housoiling quickly becomes a bad habit because dogs develop strong location, substrate, and olfactory preferences for their improvised indoor toilet areas. To houstrain your puppydog: first, prevent any more mistakes; and second, teach your puppydog where you would like him to eliminate.

Prevent Mistakes

Mistakes are a disaster since they set a bad precedent and create bad habits, which can be hard to break. Consequently, you must prevent mistakes at all cost. Whenever you are not at home, leave your dog in a long-term confinement area, such as a single room indoors with easy-to-clean floors (bathroom, kitchen, or utility room)—this will be your puppydog's playroom.

Provide your dog with fresh water, a number of stuffed chewtoys for entertainment, a comfortable bed in one corner, and a doggy toilet in the corner diagonally opposite from his bed. Your dog will naturally want to eliminate as far as possible from his bed, and so will soon develop the good habit of using his toilet. And remember, good habits are just as hard to break as bad habits.

For a doggy toilet, use sheets of newspaper sprinkled with soil, or a litter box filled with a roll of turf, or a concrete paving slab. Thus your dog will develop olfactory and substrate preferences for eliminating on soil, grass, or concrete.

The purpose of long-term confinement is to confine your dog's natural behaviors (including urinating and defecating) to an area that is protected (thus preventing any mistakes around the house when you are not there), and to help your dog quickly develop a strong preference for eliminating on soil, grass, or concrete.

Teach Your Dog to Eliminate in the Right Place

When you are at home, confine your dog to a short-term confinement area with a number of stuffed chewtoys for entertainment. A portable dog crate makes an ideal doggy den. Alternatively, keep your dog on a short leash fastened to an eye-hook in the base board near her bed, or attach the leash to your belt. This way your dog may settle down beside you while you read, work at the computer, or watch television.

Every hour on the hour, say "Let's go pee and poop" (or some other appropriate toilet instruction), and hurry your dog (on leash) to her toilet (in your yard, or at curbside outside the



HOW TO IDENTIFY A METH LAB

SUBMITTED BY ROBIN RATKE



Yellow Lab



Black Lab



Chocolate Lab



Meth Lab





10 Top Tips on How to Keep Dogs Cool in Hot Weather Conditions

Make sure your dog has access to clean, fresh and cool water. It's always best to have two bowls full, just in case one gets empty, knocked over or becomes dirty. Don't be afraid to overdo it with the water and if you are leaving the dog alone for any amount of time, placing a few water bowls around the home so that your dog can easily get to them, also reduces the risk that they will knock one over.

Make sure that there is a nice shady spot in the garden for your dog to rest and get away from the sun. A carefully placed umbrella or a leafy tree can provide ample shade or make sure a enclosed porch is well ventilated and out of direct sunlight. During really hot times, it's always best to keep your dog in the cool house rather than let them over heat through their desire to want to be outside with you.

Don't walk your dog during the hottest part of the day. Try walking him first thing in the morning before the sun heats up or in the evening when the sun is losing its heat. It sounds so simple and so obvious but sadly many owners forget just how hot their dog can get when the sun is at its peak.

Walk him somewhere you know there are lots of trees and shaded paths. Avoid open fields and opt for wooded paths and shady areas.

When walking your dog make sure you have a large bottle of cool water with you at all times for if your dog does get hot. Dogs don't sweat like us and pant to release heat. Having a nice cool drink will reduce your dog's body temperature.

When walking your dog you need to take note of the surface that your dog is treading on. Certain kinds of pavement, asphalt and sand can burn your dog's paws if really hot. Try the surface with your hand; if it's too hot for you to place your hand, it's way too hot for your dog's paw pads.

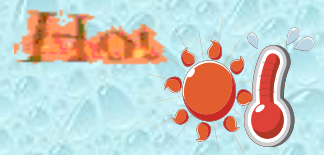
You should never leave your dog unattended in a car, ever. But in hot weather it can prove a fatal mistake. The temperature inside a car increases rapidly and air supply is limited. Dogs don't lose heat the same way as us, in fact they make the area they are in – if it is an enclosed, poorly ventilated area – they will make the space much, much hotter than it is already.

When driving in your car ensure your dog is sat in the shade and near a partially open window or air conditioning vent. On a long journey, prepare to make regular rest stops.



WARM AND HOT WEATHER PRE-CAUTION

Keep the Dogs Cool!



With the start of warm and HOT weather, Krystal wants us to remember some of the basics when it comes to cooling down the dogs.

Concrete floors in the units are nice.

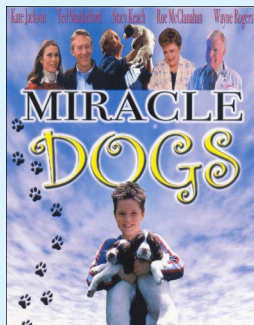
Damp/wet towels around the necks of larger dogs

Damp/wet towels on the backs of smaller dogs.





Dog Movie's Suggestions for Your Family Entertainment

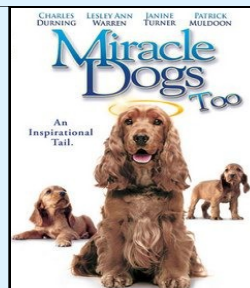


MIRACLE DOGS

Young Charlie and his family have just moved to Cleveland, where his parents are working at the Cleveland Clinic. There, he meets Annie, a three-legged Springer Spaniel who seems to have positive effect on all she meets. Annie has just had puppies, which will be destroyed if they don't find homes. Desperate to help his new friends, Charlie goes on a quest to find homes for the dogs. This family adventure is based on the best-selling children's book ANNIE LOSES HER LEG BUT FINDS HER WAY by Sandra..J. Philipson.

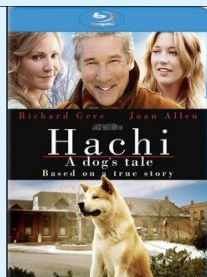
Miracle Dogs Too

A young boy finds a pair of lost dogs who seem to have miraculous healing powers, but his determination to keep the dogs forces him into confrontation with a dangerous criminal elements, and brings him face-to-face with the potential of his own human spirit.



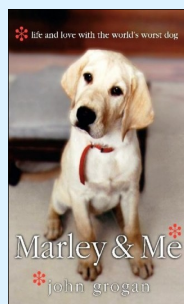
HACHI—A dog tale

A college professor takes in a dog he finds abandoned, and both find their lives changed forever as they form an unbreakable bond. Based on the true story of Hachiko, an Akita dog in 1920s Japan remembered for his remarkable loyalty to his master.



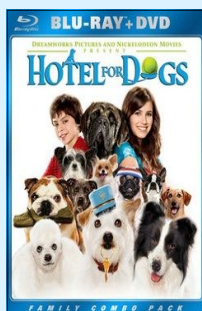
MARLEY & ME

For a dog lover, *Marley & Me* captures all that is right with the companionship between man and animal. Based on a true story and book of the same name by John Grogan, *Marley* spans the life of a Labrador and his family as they grow. Despite the three kids and multiple cross-country moves, the dog is always center stage in their lives through it all.



HOTEL FOR DOGS

Hotel for Dogs, stars Emma Roberts, Jake T. Austin, Lisa Kudrow, Kevin Dillon and Don Cheadle in a smart, funny comedy adventure that shows how far love and imagination can take you. When their new guardians forbid 16-year old Andi (Roberts) and her younger brother, Bruce (Austin) to have a pet, Andi has to use her quick wit to help find a new home for their dog, Friday. The resourceful kids stumble upon an abandoned hotel and using Bruce's talents as a mechanical genius, transform it into a ...magical dog-paradise for Friday – and eventually for all Friday's friends. When barking dogs make the neighbors suspicious, Andi and Bruce use every invention they have to avoid anyone discovering "who let the dogs in." (Also, in regular DVD).



Watch for the July Newsletter for more Movie Suggestions!

Ridge Dogs

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A Little Laugh Time! Submitted by Tara Proctor



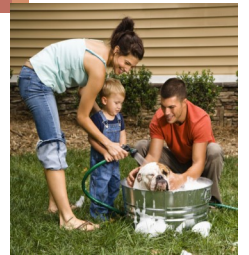


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