



Heads & Tails

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We are dedicated to hearing loss and service dog info



HELP!!

There are organizations you can join for support and information, with chapters in your area. Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) is where we started our journey (www.hearingloss.org) and then Association for Late Deafened Adults (ALDA) is amazing as well (www.alda.org) – each has something to offer. They each have annual conventions where technology is exhibited and new information shared, and friends “who understand” are made.

Every state has a Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – they will also have valuable information, resources and a library to point you in the direction for the help or support you are looking for.



New Products

- Storytelling DVDs for kids in ASL (Prek-5)
- Pregnancy Education 3 DVDs
- Teaching Baby Signs
- New leather collars & leashes on the way
- Blingy clothes for people and their favorite pet
- Look for blingy patches too

Scheduled Events 2011

May 6-7 DeafNation
Riverside, CA

June 10-11 New Mexico
Commission
for the Deaf
Las Cruces, NM

New News



The most awesome website I've seen in a long time is Cooking with Michi. Whether you want to learn sign, learn to cook or just get great recipes—you HAVE to check out this website. www.michicook.com. The videos are great and show you how to cook something, how to measure—everything—and she does it in ASL.

Did You Know ~ ~

Dogs have no sense of time. They do not know if you have been gone for an hour, a day or a week

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NEW

CLASSIFIEDS

This will be a new section devoted to used equipment. If you would like to post an ad, please contact us by e-mail with your information or click on the link provided. Any prospective buyer can contact you directly through e-mail or telephone. Your ad will expire each quarter when the next quarterly Newsletter is published. There is no charge BUT we will **only** accept ads that have to do with hearing products or dog products. (You cannot sell your washing machine here.) NO COMMERCIAL ADS, PLEASE!

We will not be responsible for the condition of items sold, representations made or satisfaction or disappointment in goods received.

All listings will be free in both the Newsletter and both websites



Dog Training Tips

by

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Training Your Dog Using Hand Signals

People communicate with words, spoken and or written.

Teaching our canines our words can take some time, teaching by using hand signals, facial expressions, body language, now that's dog talk!

Using a lure (a piece of food/kibble) is recommended - your dog will follow the hand which contains the lure. Hold the lure with your thumb, pointer and middle finger or in a fist is that is more comfortable. Use your lure when teaching a new exercise, after 3 to 4 times of success, start to randomly offer treats, keeps the training fun, also gives you the

opportunity to reward faster sits, longer downs and stands!

Your hand signal for sit it a sweeping motion in front of your dogs face, palms up, your dog will be following your hand motion, which will guide him into a sit! For down, use a sweeping hand motion, palms facing down and for your stand, move your hand straight out to the side, once your dog is standing, stop moving your hand otherwise your dog will keep walking towards your hand.

Keep your training short, little bits, I always recommend lifestyle training which includes

short, maybe only seconds of training, many times per day. Incorporate what you do during the day with your training. What do you do during the day that you repeat? It is those times of your repetition of behavior and patterns that you can have your dog learning hand signals to sit, down & stand.

ASL hand signals/signing will work just as well. Whichever you use, be consistent.

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"So: What Happened?"

by

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One day my Ears became quite tired.
They told my Eyes: "Look here, you're hired."
"We're leaving now on strike," they said.
"We're signing off. We're playing dead."

My Eyes, they widened in surprise,
So much that they grew twice in size.
They thought my Ears were quite unhinged,
(They had, you know, been *hearing things*.)

My Eyes decided to rebel.
They told my Ears to . . . *Go to hell!*
To their dismay, my Ears obeyed,
And so my hearing began to fade.

They tried, my Eyes, to double-shift,
To see and hear -- you get the drift.
They learned a nifty kind of trick
To understand by reading lips.

And others joined in to assist,
To capture everything I missed.
My Feet, they listened through the floor,
For sounds my Eyes could not explore.

Throat swallowed hard, but helped a bit --
I could "hear" my voice by touching it.
And Hands stepped in to feel vibrations,
Hearing through its touch sensations.

So, on we went for several years.
I heard with everything *but* Ears.
My Feet, my Eyes, my Throat and Hands,
And Brain to help me understand.

But then their world turned upside down:
Synthetic Ears moved into town!
The Team filled first with trepidation,
Which then transformed to celebration.

So Hands-Eyes-Feet , and Throat now too,
Resumed their normal jobs and ways.
(Except my Eyes, which once were blue
Ended up quite prematurely grey.)

I wonder now, with some concern,
How they'd all react if Ears returned.
They'd likely box them at the door,
Say, "*We don't need you anymore!*"

My Eyes would roll around with spite.
My Nose would turn up at the sight.
My Hands would give the finger -- quite!
Then Throat would sound off, much disturbed,
And Feet would kick them to the curb.

