

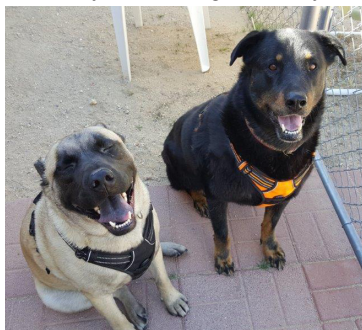
LEASHES -- II

Every Saturday morning our two wonderful dogs take me for a walk. No, I don't take them -- they take me. It's my day off, and I have a routine when I get up, but the entire time I'm trying to do my stuff, they dance around and bug me. Maggie pushes her hyperactive, laser-focused wet nose in my hand, and Rocky weaves himself all around my legs, both saying to me: "LET'S GO!!"

I do love taking their walk with them, and one big reason is that they are the most cooperative and good-natured dogs we've ever had. Why? Because they have had their Doggy Basic Training. And since we all know that I am terrible at such things, how did they get their DBT? Krystie Stuart.

In case you haven't seen the notices all around town for several years, or the newspaper articles and headlines, I should explain that Krystie is the young lady who disappeared several years ago, with no evidence left behind except her pickup truck and some personal items inside. Her parents searched high and low, and spent much time and money trying to find her, to no avail. Recently her remains were found in North Apple Valley, bringing their search to its unfortunate, heart-breaking conclusion.

I think of Krystie when the doggies and I go on our walks, and I tell Rocky, "No, let's go this way,"



and he cheerfully goes this way. Or when I tell either of them to sit or lie down, and they sit or lie down (after 3 or 4 commands, of course). Or when they patiently (sort of) stand as I put their harnesses on them. I thank her silently and pray for her as I think of her.

When my heart broke after the loss of my beloved dog Pook (Luke the Pook, Lukey Pooky, or just plain Luke), I found a flyer on the bulletin board at the store. On it were pictures of beautiful dogs

available at a dog rescue on High Road. I was surprised to find out that there was one there.

So Sir William, Jan, Debbie and I went over there to see if there was the perfect dog to replace Pook, and sure enough, there were a few, and two in particular. We found Maggie who is a female Rottweiler-mix, and Rocky, new to the place, who is a beautiful, athletic, blonde something-or-other. He LOVES squeaky balls and other toys, fetching, and playing tug-of-war with all his might.

At the dog rescue, several local people were there to show us the dogs, and they mentioned that Krystie Stuart worked there also, and trained the dogs. She volunteered her time out of sheer love for animals and for dogs. She had worked with both Rocky and Maggie, providing them with their DBT. Later, she came by the house to visit the two dogs, just to say "Hi" to them. Needless to say, they were overjoyed to see her, also.

I cannot say strongly enough how much that has meant to me personally, since dogs are a major part of my life, providing intense love and uncomplicated affection that is available nowhere else. Krystie's DBT helped these two provide that benefit all the more, since there is so little hassle with them.

We have had the two dogs since the summer of 2013, 5 1/2 years, and over all of that time, I have thought of Krystie, thanked her silently, and prayed to God for her. Her spirit and presence remains here to this day.

A while back, I wrote a little piece in this space called "Leashes", in which I compared our walks with our dogs on their leashes with our walk with God on our spiritual leash. That message came back to my mind as I thought about Krystie's DBT for our doggies.

We need our own SBT, or Spiritual Basic Training, during which we learn to love, respect, and obey our Master, the One on the other end of our leash. We learn what pleases Him and He becomes the focus of our existence. We can be the Krystie Stuart for others by providing them with some of their SBT, either by the example of our lives or direct instruction.

Unfortunately we'll never be as lovable as a pair of well-behaved

doggies, but fortunately, God doesn't require us to be likable or lovable. He only requires that we commit our lives to Him and obey His every command, to the best of our ability. Arf! *Linda Gammel*

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Contributed. From the Web.

A DOG'S DIARY

7 am: Oh boy! A walk! My favorite!

8 am: Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!

Noon: Oh boy! The yard! My favorite!

2 pm: Oh boy! A car ride! My favorite!

3 pm: Oh boy! The kids! My favorite!

4 pm: Oh boy! Playing ball! My favorite!

6 pm: Oh boy! Welcome home Mom! My favorite!

7 pm: Oh boy! Welcome home Dad! My favorite!

8 pm: Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!

9 pm: Oh boy! Tummy rubs on the couch! My favorite!

11 pm: Oh boy! Sleeping in my people's bed! My favorite!

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Equaline Personal Lubricant.	1.4	
Astroglide Personal Lubricant.	6A.	5
Tuang Ot Chili Sauce with Garlic.	9B.	5
Everyday Essentials		
Meatloaf Seasoning Mix.	8B.	5
Horizon Milk in box with straw.	1	
Fudgsicle, bagged.	✓	
Thrifty Ice Cream, Walnut, 48 oz.	✓	
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Fresh Pet Slice & Serve Turkey.	✓	
El Dorado Sunflower Oil.	7B.	5
Campbells Tomato Bisque Soup.	8B.	5
Texas Toast.	12A.	4
Sliced Strawberries with syrup frozen.	12A.	5
Newcastle Brown Ale.	1A.	4
Starbucks Refreshers.	2.3	
Rockstar Energy Drink, Lime Freeze.	1A	
Crystal Palace Vodka.	14.	5
Coke Zero Sugar, 12 pack (or more).	1A	
Monster Hydro, Assorted, 25.4 oz.	A1	
Arizona Fruit Punch, Iced Tea, 23 oz.	1A	
Sharpening Stones.	1B.	5
Pure Leaf Green Tea, unsweetened.	1A.	5
A&W Diet Root Beer, 20 oz in cold.	1A	
Pistachio Nuts, larger bags.	✓	
Buffalo Meat.	✓	
Jimmy Dean Sausage Crumbles.	✓	
Little Debbie Glazed Donuts.	11A.	4
Rold Gold Flamin Hot Crisps, big bag.	✓	
Smirnoff Hard Cider Artisanal Blend.	✓	
Bang Energy Drink, Georgia Peach & Blue Raza.	1	
Juggling Balls.	8A.	5
Terrycloth Towels.	✓	
Large Sketch Pads.	8A.	5
Badia Onions Flakes.	7B.	4
Farmer John Maple Bacon.	2	
Essential Everyday Maple Bacon, 16 oz (great price).	12B.	5
Ore Ida Just Crack an Egg.	11A.	5
Spumoni Ice Cream.	✓	1
Flax Oil Blend, large bottle, coming.	7B.	5
Cayman Jack Margaritas.	✓	1
Red Heart Yarn Big Rolls.	2.3	
Rubber Boots.	13.	4
Beads & Tools for jewelry.	8A.	5
4 Cup Coffee Filters, flat not cone.	8B	
50 Cal. Ammo.	3	
Lampholders for LED T8 Lights.	✓	
Full Circle All Purpose Cleaner, Lemongrass.	✓	
Atkins Shakes.	7A.	5
Gluten Free Bread.	1	
Tones Turmeric Spice.	7B.	5
Dawn Dish Liquid, Soft Hands.	5B.	5
"Simply" Lays Doritos, Cheetos, etc.	all over	5
Gold Peak Tea, Peach? Slow, we'll try again in the summer.		

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LVEDA Meeting

(Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)

TUES. MARCH 5, 5 PM.
at the Senior Center

- Report on the Board of Supervisor's Feb. 28 action on RECE Policy 4.10
- Digitizing past L.V. Leaders.
- How to make the L.V. Leader more community oriented?

Who volunteers?

- Update on Calcite Solar Feb. 13 environmental scoping session, and comments.
- Phone meeting with State School Land Commission staff on land exchanges with BLM.
- Caltrans' plans for Hwy 18 through town.
- Set date for Workforce Development panel (County/School Dist./Mitsubishi, etc.).

L.V. School Board Meeting

Thursday, March 14, starts at 5:30PM. At the Alternative Education Center, 8560 Alianto Rd up Highway 18.

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