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Gary Bogue: Men save dying dog's life by using CPR

By Gary Bogue

Contra Costa Times

Posted: 10/02/2009 01:00:00 AM PDT

Never hesitate to do what is right.

— author unknown

Dear Gary:

I thought you'd be interested in a lifesaving event that happened at the Pinole Dog Park on Tuesday night.

Two dogs, Charlie and Bruno, were playing as dogs do when one of them got his jaw caught in the other's collar.

Needless to say, they were entangled and panic struck.

As the dogs scuffled their collars grew tighter and it was very difficult to control them. The owners were beside themselves and couldn't control their pets.

The collars grew tighter.

Three men — Bob Marieiro of Pinole, Joe Ramos of Hercules and Tom Kroski of Hercules — stepped in and held the dogs down, even as they were being bitten by the panicked animals.

They were able to free Charlie "... but Bruno lay lifeless and not breathing on the ground with the collar tight around his throat and strangling him.

We thought the dog had died.

Bob pulled out his multi-tool and cut the collar. Tom started CPR chest compressions on Bruno, and Bob began doing mouth to mouth breathing, cupping his hands around the dog's mouth.

After three or four breaths, the dog began to breath on his own.

After about 10 minutes the dog was up and wagging his tail!

Everyone at the dog park was so happy to see the dog had lived. If not for these three brave men, Bruno would have met his maker.

Bob is my husband and a Boy Scout leader in

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Pinole. He says he's had CPR training for 35 years, and luckily has only had to use it once — on a dog.

These men were very brave to step in and help those animals. Not everyone is willing to do something like this.

Diane Marieiro, Pinole

Dear Diane:

What a great story!

Let's all put down our coffee cups this morning, stand up and give a rousing round of applause for Bob, Joe and Tom for showing how much they cared about helping two dogs in deep trouble.

You guys are the best!

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Dear Gary:

Last Saturday I noticed the first golden-crowned sparrow in our yard in Rossmoor.

The next day I also saw the white-crowned sparrow join in and was lucky enough to first hear and then see a flicker on our fence post.

I guess fall is really here.

Hannelore,

Walnut Creek

Dear Hannelore:

Oh, no! Not yet!

Fall isn't officially here until the red-shafted flicker screams from MY back fence!

I haven't heard anything "... yet!

A final note

Anyone out there in never-never land discover any humane ways to "ask" wild turkeys to move on?

They can be a problem, especially if you don't want your garden to get "gobbled" up.

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