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UNUSUAL EMPLOYMENT

Beagle artists

A team of Beagles in Newfoundland raise funds for charity by painting pictures. Trainer Tonji Stewart used clicker training to teach Piper and Tuig to daub paint on canvas with a painting mitten worn on one paw. Their colorful abstracts are selling well, and the dogs thoroughly enjoy their artistic career, even though Tuig has been almost totally blind from birth and has never seen his own artwork.



🐾 *Learning new skills through clicker training made life more fun for blind Tuig. As well as painting (above), he can also ride a tricycle!*

Mobile walking frame

Hariel the Pyrenean Mountain Dog is the first of his breed to become a "mobile walking frame" in Britain. His 70-year-old owner ignored advice that Pyreneans were unsuited for training to



🐾 *A guide dog with a difference, Pippin leads the way for her blind friends Lotty and Dotty.*

help the disabled (although they have been used successfully in the U.S.), and trained him herself to help her stand up, walk beside her so she can lean on him, and catch her when she loses her balance.

Rock musician

Not many rock stars pluck their guitar strings with their teeth, but Sven, half of the team that made up the acid rock band K-9 Fusion, didn't have much choice—he was a dog. The talented mongrel provided vocals, guitar, electric bass, and piano on the band's debut CD, with owner Steve Brooks on the drums and backing vocals coming from an assortment of Sven's canine friends.

Epilepsy alert

Seiko, a handsome black Standard Poodle, became Canada's first seizure dog when he was trained to watch over epileptic Sue Hoffman. Seiko was taught exactly what to do if she suffered a seizure, from dragging her away from traffic to sounding an emergency alert at