



Onward and Upward

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After The Boss had earned his Companion Dog Title, I decided to retire him and devote my time to teaching. Advancing in the world of dog training, I became a senior instructor, but my elevated status didnt bring with it the satisfaction I had hoped for. I missed The Boss! Also, my conscience troubled me it didnt seem right for me to be teaching others to train their dogs to do that which mine could not, so I decided to enrol us in the Clever Canines Team. But we didnt cover ourselves with glory there either. Being of sound mind and thin skin I gave our notice and we left before we could be fired. However, circumstances changed when the team leader had to leave for personal reasons, and I found myself conscripted back into the team as MC. Unfortunately, this meant I was again working without The Boss, until I finally decided that the only way to spend more quality time with him was to start doing obedience work again, and we eventually found ourselves back on the trial circuit with unexpected results.

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