



Fetching Facts & Noseworthy Notes

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Upcoming Classes

Puppy Class:

July 9 – August 13

Doggy Manners:

July 9 – August 13

July 10 – August 14

Advanced Manners:

July 8 – August 12

July 10 – August 14

Tails on the Trails

August 4 – August 25



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Life After Puppy Class

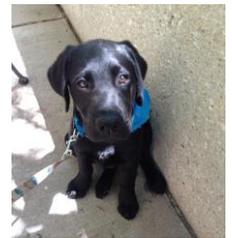
Many people start out right by attending a puppy school or basic manners class with their new family member. Classes establish basic behaviors and provide ways to prevent or address bad habits. More advanced manners training is available as well, including achieving the AKC Canine Good Citizen designation.

After your dog has achieved manners classes, what comes next? Depending on your life style, you may choose to look into agility, rally, competitive obedience, nose-work, fly ball, dock diving, Frisbee and so on. There are lessons, classes, events and practice sessions for all types of dog related sports/activities.

But for many people a full time job, kids to take care of, and other personal responsibilities, there is little time for participation in dog sports. Fortunately, there are other ways to keep your dog's behaviors polished and your relationship fun that do not require events and competitions!

Many trainers (including Happy Tails!) offer weekend workshops and outdoor trail walking classes in the spring and summer. Workshops are offered for a short period, typically on a Saturday, and focus on a specific skill, such as coming when called. Workshops are a great way to fine tune

Practicing does not need boring! Have fun! Q having lunch on the patio at Ramona's last summer!



a skill. The outdoor trail classes offered at Happy Tails are only four weeks, with a "drop in" option if you want to attend one week only.

In addition to workshops, you can do adventures on your own!

- 🐾 Parks: Go for a walk in a new place such as a park or trail. Always keep your dog leashed and clean up! Bring a bowl and water - not all parks have drinking fountains. Practice walking in a "heel" or "close" position, work on stays as people pass by, and require a sit stay for your dog to greet new people. Incorporate rules and learning into an adventure at a new place.
- 🐾 Play date: Have a doggy play date with a couple of friends and their dogs. Please use a separate fenced play area for dogs and kids! Add in a barbeque or pizza for the humans and doggy ice-cream for the canines and you have summer fun for all!
- 🐾 Pool time: Get a kiddie pool and fill it with water and/or ice for your dog to romp on a hot day! Get creative and toss in some cookies or tennis balls for "doggy fishing time" too!
- 🐾 Games: play hide and seek or round robin recall to have fun, tire out your dog and make coming to you a fun thing to do! Teach your dog to go through a hula hoop or jump over a broom stick held up between two chairs or stack of bricks.

Schedule activities each week; a dog sport, a workshop or just a fun outing! Including doggy time in your life will benefit both you and your dog; your dog will be consistently well behaved and you will have a rewarding relationship with your dog.

Q's Views...



Ever since I was a baby puppy, I have gone a lot of places to practice my manners. Since I am still learning, I have to keep practicing my skills. Practice makes perfect, after all!

Q likes to have fun; not just do the same things over and over. So, my mom is creative. I am learning to focus on her and ignore other dogs at my agility class. To keep my recall sharp, she calls me to come at the dog park and then tells me to go play again. It seems a bit silly to Q, but it is fun and she gets so happy, I go along with the game.

If you make training fun, your dog will be happy to go along with the rules!

Koda's Komments...



Enjoy as much time with your dog as you can! Our lives are shorter than humans, so we need to pack in a bunch of fun, joy and love in our years with you!

You humans schedule all kinds of things: work, appointments, exercise, family gatherings, and sporting events. So, schedule in fun time with your canine pal! Some days you get really busy and we dogs understand that happens. Put time with us on your schedule! We really do appreciate every moment of the activity.

Time goes by quickly, so do not miss opportunities to share joyful moments with you furry family members!

A HAPPY TAILS TALE....

I recently read a quote by Roger A. Caras: "*Dogs may not be our whole lives, but they make our lives whole.*" That thought became the inspiration for this month's newsletter. Personally, my life is centered on my dogs and my work – training dogs and their people. The quote hit home for me as I thought about so many of my clients and friends who absolutely adore their dogs but do not have the same dog crazy life style as I do.

Here is my typical week: teaching dog classes and private lessons, going to the dog park, going for a run with my dog, reading books about dogs, and going to agility classes with Quincy. Dogs are my whole life! I feel very blessed to do what I love, spend time with the dogs I love, and enjoy activities that involve my dogs. But my life is not for everyone; even other dog lovers. Actually, that is good news or I would be unemployed!

My thoughts wandered to friends who truly love being with their dogs but have jobs and other obligations that are not dog focused. The main article in this edition is for those dog lovers out there that are working to balance their love of dogs with all the demands of life. While most dog lovers cannot spend the majority of their time doing dog activities, it does not lessen their love and joy found with the time spent with their dogs.

So whether you are a dog sport enthusiast, a part time dog sport participant, a weekends only person, or a short walk and game of a fetch, love the time with your dog! It makes your life whole!

Kirb's Blurb!



Sometimes I get to go on adventures with my mom! Just last week she had to go pick something up at grandpa's house and make a stop at the dog barkery on the way home. Guess who got to go along? Yep, ME!

At my grandpa's house, I got out and sniffed the whole yard. When my mom called me to come, I ran right to her. Plus I did a sit stay while a lady stopped in her car to talk to my grandma.

Then, we went to the barkery. I got to go inside and help mom pick up a birthday cake for me. I was very good with my "close" walk and did a stay while mom paid for things.

I guess good manners pay off if a Kirby gets to go on adventures!!