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Happy dogs, Happy homes!

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Upcoming Classes

Winter/Spring 2015

Puppy Class:

Wednesday Jan 14 – Feb 18

Wednesday Mar 11 – Apr 15

Doggy Manners:

Wednesday Jan 14 – Feb 18

Wednesday Mar 11 – Apr 15



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Happy Clients...

Some of our recent graduates!



Baby, It's Cold Outside...

Happy New Year! The holidays have passed and we are now facing months of cold weather here in Michigan. Not every day will be snowing, windy and freezing cold! But if it is anything like last winter, we will not be seeing the grass any time soon...

The long winter takes its toll. Our dogs, used to daily walks, romps in the yard or trips to the park, are suddenly cooped up in the house due to frigid temperatures and icy sidewalks. The lack of daily exercise typically leads to boredom; which often leads to unwanted behaviors such as chewing, barking, and pacing.

Here are ideas to help your dog avoid "cabin fever" this winter!

- ❗ Doggy daycare: Not all dogs enjoy playing with other dogs. For those who are social butterflies, utilizing a doggy daycare a couple of days per week provides an outlet for all that energy!
- ❗ Training classes: Even if your dog has attended classes and knows all his manners, attending class provides a night out! Meeting new dogs and people, plus the opportunity to brush up on your training, is a fun way to beat the winter blues. Check out "fun" classes such as agility or nose work!
- ❗ Tricks: There are endless tricks to teach your dog! If your dog enjoys learning new things, teaching him tricks is both mentally and physically tiring. If he has mastered shake, high five and rollover, try more complex tricks such as opening a mail box, wrapping himself in a blanket, or jumping through a hula hoop!
- ❗ Games: Hide n Seek, Find It, and Stairway Fetch are all great ways to burn off energy. Hide n Seek is fun and reinforces the Come behavior. For Find It games, have your dog search for cookies or toys hidden around the house. Tossing the ball down the stairs makes fetch a bit more tiring! Of course, make sure your dog is physically able to run up/down the stairs with ease.
- ❗ Chew toys: Stuffed frozen Kongs, elk antlers, and other chew toys provide your dog a safe outlet for energy!
- ❗ New toys: Bring home a new toy for a change of pace! Dogs love new toys. Or rotate old existing toys, keeping some out and others hidden for a few days.

Be creative, and do something each day. And, if we get a decent day, get out for a walk or play in the snow! Even if it is just a short while, your dog will appreciate the change of pace!

Q'S VIEWS



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@Quincy Joe Simpson

Q loves the snow! Running, romping and chasing my brother Kirby through the snow are some of my favorite things to do! But sometimes, when it is super cold, I have to find other fun things to do.

I am not supposed to chew the walls, dig at the rug, or jump over the chair in the family room. So, my Momma makes sure I have what she calls "more productive" ways to spend my time.

We play on the peanut exercise ball so I can improve my balance and strengthen my core muscles. I am learning new tricks, such as *Take a Bow* and *PickItUp*. For *PickItUp*, Momma is teaching me to get stuff off the floor for her and give it to her in her hand.

Plus, I go to doggy daycare to play with my buddies. And, I am in agility class! I guess "productive time spending" is fun! And, I get to spend time with Momma! She is so proud when I do my new tricks and ball exercises! Winter is fun!

New Year, New Opportunity!

One of the goals of Happy Tails is to provide quality training at an affordable price. Group classes may not work for some families, for a variety of reasons. With that in mind, we offer private lesson training packages!

- 🐾 The Puppy Package offers four sessions to address all your puppy training needs! The training will resolve housetraining issues, nipping, mouthing and jumping. Plus, provide all the basic foundation behaviors needed for a well-mannered adult dog! Your puppy will learn to focus on you, come when you call him, and the foundation for walking on a leash and stay.
- 🐾 The Basics Package is designed to build on the skills learned in puppy training or teach adolescent and adult dogs the foundation behaviors for good manners. The training teaches come when called, walking on leash, and stay; as well as resolving behavior issues such as jumping up and not listening. Also, how to successfully utilize these behaviors in real life situations – not just in a training session!
- 🐾 The Next Step package allows the opportunity to take your dog's training to an advanced level. Using field trips and other real life experiences to prepare your dog for the Canine Good Citizen test, becoming a therapy dog, or a dog you can take anywhere!

Check out the website for more information and pricing! The perfect training package is available for you or your friends looking to achieve a well behaved canine companion!

KIRB'S BLURB



As a mature dog, I am less fond of winter than my younger brother Quincy. I do enjoy romps in the snow and going to day care a couple days per week! But I also enjoy naps on the couch afterwards...

The youngsters can tolerate the cold a bit easier than I. At age 8, I have a bit of arthritis so the cold is not exactly my favorite for too long of a time. Momma still makes sure I get plenty of exercise, though. She also gives me a massage and helps me stretch my muscles after we play on the peanut ball. That way, I am limber as can be after my nap!

On a colder day, instead of a long walk, us older dogs may prefer a short walk followed by playing with a new puzzle toy or a new chewy to entertain us. So if you have a more mature dog like me, he will still want to do something fun each day – even in the winter time! We need our fun and mental stimulation too!