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Happy dogs, Happy homes!

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Upcoming Classes

Puppy Class:

Wednesday July 8 – August 12

Doggy Manners:

Wednesday July 8 – August 12

Saturday July 11 – August 15*

Advanced Manners:

Monday June 15 – July 20*

Saturday July 11 – August 15*

Tails on the Trails:

Thursday June 4 – 25*

**Outdoor class!*



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Happy Clients!



Summer Fun!

The temperatures are warming, the days are longer, it is time to get outside and have some fun with your dog! While precautions for heat and crowds must be taken into account, it is the perfect time of year to take your dog for a trail walk, go to the doggy beach and participate in other outdoor activities.

If your dog is not well behaved in busy outdoor situations, taking our Manners, Advance Manners or Trails class will help you and your dog to be successful at outdoor activities. During the summer months, classes are held outside to allow the opportunity to learn in a realistic environment. Dogs do not generalize behaviors easily. We need to teach them the rules apply in all situations. Your dog may have a perfect recall and stay at home, but not understand the same rules apply at parks, friends' homes, and on walking trails.

If your dog is "trail ready," summer is the perfect time to enjoy trail walks and family outings! There are several ways to have fun with your dog, ranging from quiet learning experiences to a full on busy park. Most of the area parks allow dogs on leash. Remember to bring water and a bowl; and to clean up after your dog!

If you and your dog prefer at home summer time activities, there are play dates, kiddie pools, and frozen treats to enjoy! Having a doggy friend or two over for a bit of romping and play is fun for your dog without the stress of a large group or a park. To help your dog stay cool, fill a kiddie pool with water. Make a game of "fishing" by adding in small sized cookies or bits of hot dog into the pool water!

For some yummy frozen treats, try Frosty Paws doggie ice-cream or making your own pup-sicles! Frosty Paws is sold at most of the Meijer stores in the GR area. Pup-sicles can be made by filling a paper cup with water and adding in small cookies, bits of fruit and

veggies, and even bouillon to flavor the water; then freeze overnight for a fun outdoor treat!

Summer time is finally here! However you choose to spend some outdoor fun time with your dog, have plenty of water for you and your dog, and be safe!

Quincy enjoying his pool on a warm day!



Q'S VIEWS



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@Quincy Joe Simpson

I love to be outside! Summer is awesome! We play Find it, get to splash in the pool and after the summer rain days there is MUD to play in! Q loves mud! Plus there are play dates, agility jumps practice, and Frosty Paws treats! I wish summer was all the time... but then there would not be snow to play in... A dilemma for certain!

One other thing about summer - all the neighbors are outside. My Momma says Q has to be polite. That means no barking at the neighbors, no running at the fence, and not barking out the windows when I am inside. It can be a tall order, but Q has learned that listening to Momma pays off. When she says Q is to Leave It and I listen well, I am rewarded with a cookie, petting or play time – or sometimes all THREE of those!

As the summer goes on and Q gets used to all the activities, Momma hardly needs to tell me to Leave It. Q just knows if he is a good, quiet boy there will be lots of fun things and play time!

Summer Tips from ASPCA

(content edited for space purposes)

Take these simple precautions, *provided by ASPCA experts*, to help prevent your pet from overheating.

Visit the Vet: A visit to the veterinarian for a spring or early summer check-up is a must. Make sure your pets get tested for heartworm if they aren't on year-round preventive medication... Ask your doctor to recommend a safe flea and tick control program.

Made in the Shade: Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful to not over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.

Know the Warning Signs: Symptoms of overheating in pets include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. They can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees...

No Parking!: Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. *"On a hot day, a parked car can become a furnace in no time-even with the windows open-which could lead to fatal heat stroke,"* says Dr. Louise Murray, Vice President of the ASPCA Animal Hospital. Also, leaving pets unattended in cars in extreme weather is illegal in several states.

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KIRB'S BLURB



Know what is great about summer time? I can go outside with my ball, lie in the grass and just relax! Usually I like a good long play first, and then some relaxing time just me and my ball. Ah, the joy of a relaxing summer day...

Another best thing about summer time is my litter-mate brother Tuck and half-brother Murph come over for play dates every week! When the winter is cold and the spring makes too much rain, we do not get every week play times. But summer is usually sunny and perfect for play dates!

We like to splash around in the pool, fetch the balls, and play a few great rounds of chase. Then we cool off with a drink of water – Momma always keeps lots of water for us – and lying in the shade under the deck. Sometimes Momma and Auntie even let us have Frosty Paws! Those are the best play dates!

Have a fun summer everyone! I know I will! Bring on the play dates!!