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Dog City Training Center
15559 Wright Brothers Drive
Addison, TX 75001
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www.dogcitytrainingcenter.com

DOG CITY Speak

Exciting Changes are a'Comin

Paula Weir KPA-CTP

We just signed the lease on our new location and we will be moving on Friday, October 29. The address is 15559 Wright Brothers Drive, Addison, TX 75001. DCTC will be closed that Friday, but classes will resume on Saturday, October 30 at the new location.

Please note that we are unable to move our main phone number to the new location. Our new number will be 214-506-DCTC (3282) or Paula's cell # 214-476-1701.

This is a really exciting move and it will mean that we can offer more of a variety of classes than what we already have on the calendar. Our agility area will be larger, which means that 'open practice' space will be more available, even when classes are in session. There will be room dividers so folks practicing agility, will not interfere with classes going on in the area.

We now have a clear run span of 110', so Flyball will once again be offered as regular classes.

DCTC Membership has also been revised and will be posted to the website in the next week. To summarize, there will be a membership for Current Students and a Visitor's Pass for those not currently taking classes.



Little Teagan Bradshaw

Current Student Membership is \$25 per month – offering open practice anytime an area is not in use for scheduled classes or private sessions. This of course, is for those currently taking classes at DCTC. These will expire the last day of each month. This will need to be renewed each month if there is interest in keeping the privilege.

Non-Student Visitor Pass, price is \$50 for 6 visits. This means that when a Non-Student Member comes to use a training area, it can be a 1/2 hour or 3 hours, as the visit will not be timed. This comes out to \$8.33 per visit and expires 90 days after purchase. The *Non-Student* Membership will be a punch card with 6 'punches'. Our staff will punch the card each time a member uses the facility.

Note – this is not *just* for practicing agility. This will be for Rally, Obedience, Freestyle, etc. Hours will be from 9am to 9:30pm.

(Floor laying party Friday, October 29 at 7pm. If you want to come lay floor and eat pizza, let us know via email;-))

Are you training your dog or is he training you?

Traci Murdock



If you ask a typical dog owner what their Top 10 list is, you are likely to get a list that is much the same as your own.

Chewing/destructive behavior, barking, jumping, pulling on leash, separation anxiety, door bolting, not coming when called, reactivity and similar out-of-control behavior, housebreaking/markings, and fearful or aggressive behavior – you can have any or all of these with your dog.

It usually starts with the destructive problems and housebreaking, then counts down to “well, we’d like to fix it, but working on the other problems is more important.” People often get overwhelmed, especially when working with a puppy or rescue dog that tends to have all of the above – either because he’s been too “cute” and “hasn’t needed any training” or because of the past experiences or unknown history of the dog.

- Remember that breed characteristics and instincts, genetics, and nutrition can have just as much to do with behavior as training and environment, so if you haven’t already researched your breed (or breed mix), finding out what your dog was bred to do will help you set up your training plan.
- Find a non-force based trainer to assist you – there is a ton of information out there about different methods of training your dog (much of it wrong, inconsistent, or just plain dangerous or abusive), so get someone that has been properly trained in the “language” to translate for you.

The good news is that once you start training your dog, it’s less about working on the specific problems and more about changing your relationship with your dog and your family. While there are no magic fixes, often changing the way you communicate with your dog and learning to set realistic expectations will start you down the path to the relationship you dream of having with your dog.

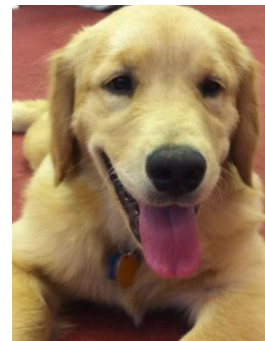
- Teach your dog to love to learn by reinforcing good behavior – if all good things come from you, it will make perfect sense to your dog to look to you for instructions about what behavior is acceptable. Using punishment may stop the annoying behavior temporarily, but doesn’t give the dog any

information about what you want him to do instead.

- Teaching good habits works for your dog too, and since dogs love structure and routine, it’s far easier to maintain with dogs than it is with humans.
- Consistency and learning how to communicate with your dog are key elements in your new strategy and will build a non-adversarial and positive relationship that will help him become a welcome part of family activities.

Catch your dog being good, reinforce the good behavior, and you will see the light bulb come on! Teach your dog that he can influence **your** behavior – he will learn how to make you reward him by showing you the good dog hidden inside and not his evil twin.

If you think that this sounds like good parenting, you would be correct, and although there are no guarantees that the Sit, Stay, or Leave It command will work on your 6-year-old, the principles are the same.



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Potty for Good?

Paula Weir KPA-CTP

As you all know, we are an indoor facility. During Orientation, we ask everyone to potty their dogs before coming into the building and during classes if necessary.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could just talk to the dogs and explain that we would like to keep our training building clean and fresh?

We request that you make a donation of at least \$1 if your dog has a potty accident inside the building.

The donated cash doesn't stay with us at DCTC. We just made our first donation from the 'potty bucket' to my personal favorite organization - Patriot Paws Service Dog Organization.

"Patriot PAWS trains and provides service dogs for the benefit of disabled American Veterans in order to help restore their physical and emotional independence, and to provide a service for other American's with mobile disabilities."



I first learned about Patriot Paws and met Lori Stevens, the founder, while I was attending the Karen Pryor Academy. Our classes were held at their headquarters in Rockwall.



The value of the program reaches farther than just providing wounded veterans a helping paw.

Patriot Paws has enlisted the help of select inmates from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as puppy trainers. The partnership with TDCJ is intended to provide help not only for disabled veterans. This also provides opportunities for prisoners to have a job while serving their sentence, learning a career trade and giving back to the community.

Eleven women have been paroled since the program began and Patriot PAWS has hired one of the parolees and at least 9 others are working in dog related programs. At this time, the recidivism rate is zero.

For more information on Patriot Paws, please go to their web page at www.patriotpaws.org. They are always in need of volunteers and donations to further a most worthy cause.

November Events

Date: Saturday, October 23
Walk & Wag and Run

White Rock Lake
8am to Noon

Participants can register for any of the events at walkwagandrunk.org. All proceeds will go to the YMCA at White Rock, For the Love of the Lake, and Friends of White Rock Lake Dog Park.

Date: Saturday, October 23
Barktoberfest 2010

Frisco Commons Park,
Noon - 4:00 p.m.

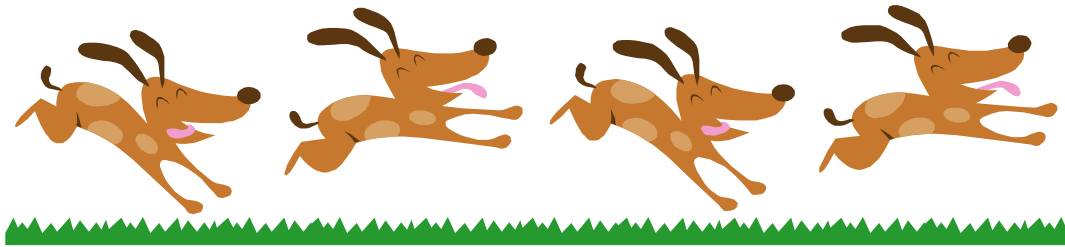
www.friscohumanesociety.com/

Date: Sunday, October 24
PetOberFest

North Dallas Veterinary Hospital
1pm to 4pm
<http://northdallasvet.com/petoberfest.html>

Food
Live Music by Jeremy Megert & the Megalomaniacs
Silent Auction
Pet Photographer
Caricature Artist
Pet Demos: Fly ball, Frisbee and agility by DCTC
Gifts
Vendors
Adoptable Pets and... Dunk the Doctor!!

DCTC will be attending each of these events and also will be participating in demos of Flyball, Agility, and Frisbee.



November 2010 Classes and Events

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<p>Obedience Show N Go Sunday, November 14 Details to Follow In the Next Week or So</p>	<p>HUMAN GAMES NIGHT CANINE GAMES NIGHT Because we are moving we have not committed a date for these events. We'll send out a notice when the dates are put on the calendar;-)</p>
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Agility JUST FOR FUN

This will be a VERY FUN and fast paced class for you and your pup. We will be teaching your dog to dash through the agility tunnels and instructing you how to 'handle' your dog through the course. After learning that tunnels are very fun places to be, you and your dog will be able to be competitive in our monthly CANINE GAMES and other outings sponsored by Dog City Training Center. We will have numbered courses and you will 'walk' the course to learn the pattern. Once you learn the pattern, you and your dog will race through the tunnels to see who WINS!!! Great exercise for the dog AND the handler as well as a fun time bonding with your dog. This class is a 4-week class and is not intended for those interested in serious agility competition. This is just for FUN!

6-week class and the cost is \$120

Saturday, November 6

4:30pm-5:25pm

!COME! (Part A)

This Class is the Ultimate "Call your dog once and they come running" class. If you would like a reliable Recall from your dog and it is just not there, then this is the class for you. Two new classes starting. One on Sunday OR one on Monday. (classes are 5 weeks long) This is Part A of this course. Part B is a 4 week course and will start after the first of the year. The pre-requisite to Part B is attendance in all 5 Part A Classes.

Sunday, November 7, 2010	Monday, November 8, 2010
10:15am – 11:10am	10am – 10:55am
5 week class – Dogs not present at first class	5 week class – Dogs not present at first class
\$125	\$125

Treibball

This has been described as 'herding balls'. This is not entirely accurate, but gives you an idea of what this up and coming sport is all about. Invented in Germany and just now making its way to the USA. Eight exercise balls are on the field, the dog is sent out to face the handler on the other side of the balls. When given the signal, the dog drives the balls, one by one back to the handler and puts them in a goal. This is a timed event with points taken off for handling errors, etc. This is a great sport for *all* dogs, large and small. Need not be of a herding breed. Type in Treibball in YouTube to see the action. Two new classes are forming.

Monday, November 15 @3pm – 6 weeks - \$120

Monday, November 15 @8:15pm – 6 weeks - \$120

The Nose at Work

No prior training is needed to participate. We request that all dogs be crated when it is not their turn to work. Crates will be available on a first come, first served basis, so you may want to bring one as a backup.

Please have your dog work on a different collar than they normally use for obedience, or loose leash walking. If your dog has never worn a harness, this might be a good time to try one. We don't want to discourage the dog from pulling (while he is searching) in any way.

Please bring lots of small pieces of a HIGH VALUE food reward, and your dog's very favorite toy.

This class is limited to 6 working teams. If the class fills, please ask to be put on the waiting list. If we have enough people, we will have an additional class. Contact Mickey Schufman with ANY questions about this class at fourpawstrainer@yahoo.com or 469-323-4143.

Friday, November 5 @7pm – 6 weeks - \$120

Flyball

We now have plenty of room for flyball classes in our new location. Traci will post a new class to the calendar in the next week.

For more information, please email us at info@dogcitytrainingcenter.com

**For more information on any of our classes or events, please email
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