

Handi-Dogs Happenings

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Help! The Leash Turns My Dog into Cujo!

Helping the Leash Aggressive
Dog through BAT (Behavior
Adjustment Training)

Saturday

June 25, 2011

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

\$25.00 per person

(fee supports Service Dog
Training)

People Only Please - A classroom
with stressed dogs is not a good
learning environment for you or
your dog. You will be able to
focus on learning the technique
without worrying about what your
dog is doing. We will use demo
dogs to demonstrate the methods.
You can then use what you've
learned to work with your own
dog in a more controlled
environment.

Drop-In Classes Fridays @ 10:30

For basic obedience and minor
behavior problems. Please provide
current shot records, including
rabies.

Eligibility: Seniors (65+); People
with Disabilities, Caregivers of
Children with Disabilities;
Training for Therapy Dog

Congratulations!

Our newest certified Service Dog
teams with Teal Vests are Linda & Aiden,
Andre & Velvet, Ed & Otto, Kevilee &
Ellie, RuthAnne & Cassie, and Ken &
Callaway. Tom & D.O.G. earned their Red
Vest. Receiving their Canine Good Citizen
certification and Blue in-training vest
are Rachel & Ruffy, Marty & Luna, and
Judy & Penny.



Training Fees

The "new normal" has impacted Handi-Dogs along with other
organizations – loss of city funding and shifts by foundations to
supporting basic human needs have taken a financial toll. With the
summer session, class fees will have to increase. The goal has always
been to keep fees as low as possible, but fees must go up to match
the value of the program being provided. This increase will create a
hardship for the 59% of our clients that are low income. The lost
funding was used to offset the basic fee for low income clients so
that all clients were paying 29% of the \$2,384 annual cost of the
program. Handi-Dogs raised the rest of the funds. With the fee
increase, clients will pay 41% of the annual cost.

Ways You Can Help: Sponsor a Team

By sponsoring a team, you are changing two lives – the life of the
person and their dog. Please consider splitting your generous Arizona
State Tax Credit contribution into monthly increments to help a team
meet their class fee (\$250 per ten week session). Your bank can do
this for you automatically -- no fuss, and you don't have to remember
to write that all important tax credit check when you're in the midst
of the busy holiday season.

The IRA Charitable Rollover has also been reinstated for 2011.
Taxpayers age 70½ and older are required to make annual
distributions from their IRAs which are then included in the
taxpayers' adjusted gross income (AGI) and subject to taxes. The
IRA Charitable Rollover permits those taxpayers to make donations
directly to charitable organizations from their IRAs without counting
them as part of their AGI and, consequently, without paying taxes on
them.

Our supporters share our dedication to the idea that dogs and people
have an incredibly valuable partnership. Thank you so much for your
continued support of this partnership!



Georgia & Penny have met in the office before, but always use polite greeting language:

***Curved bodies**

(looks like parentheses)

***Sniffing**



Even though Georgia & Tye are roommates & best friends, they still use curving to communicate friendly intentions while they go after the same toy.

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Dogs that Serve

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Tight Leash = No Greet

Remember this: Never let your dog greet another dog when their leashes are pulled tight. Even better? Never let your dogs greet when on leash.

Why? Because dogs have proper greeting behavior, just like people do. You know -- smiling, holding out your hand, leaning slightly forward. **Polite dog greeting behavior involves approaching sideways, curved bodies, and sniffing private parts.**

Greeting properly, for both people & dogs, shows others that we are friendly, polite, and not a threat.

Rude greetings, on the other hand, can lead to bad feelings, fear, and even fights. **When on leash, your dog has no control over his movements or posture. His head is being pulled up, his legs are stiff and braced -- both of these postures are rude and threatening to other dogs.** He may be trying his hardest to be polite, but the person on the other end of the leash is busy yapping at their human friend and not paying any attention to what is happening at their feet. This can cause fights, and be the start of on-going leash aggression.

So why is your dog pulling like crazy to greet when he's on leash? Because he's a dog, he's obsessed with other dogs, and his brain has shut down. He doesn't know his behavior is risky, but you do. Before you get caught up in your people-to-people greetings, make sure your dog is kept safely at your side, out of leash range from other dogs. Most humans will appreciate that you are controlling your doggie-child. If someone does try to let their dog get too close to yours, just say "no thanks" and use your body to turn your dog out of the way.

P.S. If you're having a problem with your dog getting snarly when on-leash, we're having a seminar in June that addresses this problem. Check the sidebar on page one for more info.