

Howling Good News!



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↑Poncho, our newly adopted family member is taking his first family dog training class. He's still pretty "barky" at other dogs but continues to improve each week. Skippy still thinks he's pretty cool! They have a howling good time together!



News Flash! Ever wondered about what to look for when searching for a dog at the local shelter? How about how to introduce a new puppy into your household? Do you want to know how to find healthy foods to feed your dogs? There will soon be a new column in the Steamboat Today that will help guide you to the answers for these and other questions you may have concerning your dogs. We are writing a series of articles to address some of these common questions. Send us your feedback!

Canine Structure and Movement Seminar with Chris Zink DVM PhD DACVSMR

(CEU's available for certified trainers and behavior consultants – CE's pending for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians)

Sat. and Sun., February 18th and 19th, 2012 - 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Co-Sponsored by The Tiara Rado Animal Hospital
Held at The Clarion Inn, Grand Junction, Colorado



Chris Zink, author of *Peak Performance: Coaching the Canine Athlete*, *Jumping A - Z* and *The Agility Advantage* will present a two-day seminar focusing on how the canine body works, and what we can do to improve performance and keep our dogs healthy. The seminar is broken up into several segments, with lectures followed by demonstrations and discussions.

Email Sue Sternberg at: sue@suesternberg.com or Laura Tyler at dogs@totalteamworktraining.com
Or Laura Van Dyne at Lvandyne@sopris.net Auditor spots are available.

This seminar information will apply to all dogs including hiking dogs, skijoring dogs, hunting companion dogs, and walking buddies. This unique opportunity to have internationally recognized speakers on our side of the mountains is a real treat! Call or email me if you have additional questions. Laura 970-629-1507



Class Schedule

Our new classes are filling fast! If you or someone you know is interested in filling the winter months with some doggy fun, then have a look at our class schedule!

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Family Dog Training - This 6 week class is for dogs of any age. We teach everyday manners, address management issues and provide help for annoying behavior problems. Current vaccination records are required. Be sure to ask questions if you have concerns about your dog. Dogs with aggression issues toward humans or dogs require private training.

This Family Dog Class is full and in session.

Class time 1 PM Saturday January 14, first class is orientation no dogs – we will send you home with a training plan to prepare your dog for class. January 21 – 28 – February 4 – 11 – 25

Pre-registration is required to reserve a place in class.

To register contact: Laura Tyler 1-970-629-1507 or Lisa Mason **1-301-807-4110**

Head Start Puppy/Puppy S.T.A.R. Training This class is for healthy puppies. Puppies are required to have a veterinarian check up and a clean bill of health. Vaccination records are required. Starts 10:30 February 4 – 11 – 25 – March 3 – 10 – 17

Just a few spots left so please call 1-970-629-1507 This is the most important class for young dogs!

American Kennel Club – Canine Good Citizens class is a titling program for advanced training. Family Dog Training class is a pre-requisite. Starts 1 PM March 3 – 10 – 17 – 24 – 31 – April 7

There's still some room to sign up for this one! Call 1-970-629-1507

Classes will be held at Riverside Plaza, suite 250 just around the corner from Sears and Pisa's restaurant.

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This Family Dog Class is full and in session.

Call to get on our waiting list for the next class – Sandra 970-824-4189 or 970-629-5006

Family Dog Training This 6 week class is for dogs of any age. We teach everyday manners, address management issues and provide help for annoying behavior problems. Current vaccination records are required. Be sure to ask questions if you have concerns about your dog. Dogs with aggression issues toward humans or dogs require private training.

Class time 6 to 7:30 pm starting Monday January 9, first class is orientation night no dogs. We will send you home with a training plan to prepare your dog for class. January 16 – 23 – 30 February 6 - 13

Pre-registration is required to reserve a place in any class.

To register contact: Sandra Kruczek 1-970-629-5006 or 824-4189

Head Start Puppy/Puppy S.T.A.R. Training This class is for healthy puppies. Puppies are required to have a veterinarian check up and a clean bill of health. Vaccination records are required. Starts Tuesday, February 28 - March 6 – 13 – 20 – 27 April 3rd - from 6 PM to 7:30 PM

American Kennel Club – Canine Good Citizens class is a titling program for advanced training. Family Dog Training class is a pre-requisite. February 27 - March 5 – 12 – 19 - 26 – April 2nd from 6 to 7 PM

Classes will be held at Centennial Mall, suite 112, between Eye Care Specialties and Vallarta's Mexican restaurant.

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Family Dog Training This 6 week class is for dogs of any age. We teach everyday manners, address management issues and provide help for annoying behavior problems. Current vaccination records are required. Be sure to ask questions if you have concerns about your dog. Dogs with aggression issues toward humans or dogs require private training.

Class time 10 to 11:30 AM starting Saturday March 3, first class is for people orientation do not bring your dog today. We will send you home with a training plan to prepare your dog for class. March 10 – 17 – 24 - 31, April 7.

Pre-registration is required to reserve a place in class.

To register contact: Arlene Estes 878-5655

Head Start Puppy Training This class is for healthy puppies under 16 weeks old. Puppies are required to have a veterinarian check up and a clean bill of health. Vaccination records are required. If we have enough interest we'll schedule a class. Class starts 1 PM March 3 – 10 – 17 – 24. This 4 week class will address common puppy problems, management issues and early training.

American Kennel Club – Canine Good Citizens class is a titling program for advanced training. Family Dog Training class is a pre-requisite. If we have enough interest we'll schedule a class. Classes will be held at Rio Blanco Fairgrounds.



Ask the Trainer ???

Our question for today: How do you get your dogs to quit eating dog poop?

In our last newsletter we asked our readers to send in questions. This one pops up from time to time and can be very complicated. Instead of typing in a VERY long answer I've copied a link to a very informative article on the web. Follow the link below by using your copy and paste feature. If you have trouble then email back at dogs@totalteamworktraining.com and I'll help you out. <http://www.aspcbehavior.org/articles/31/Coprophagia-Eating-Feces.aspx>

While we're on the subject of poop, please clean up after your dogs! This is the most disgusting part of any walk; especially in the spring when every park and trail turns into poop soup. It's unhealthy! Disease lives in this stuff! Be an advocate for dogs in public places by setting an example of responsible dog ownership. Offenders should be required to attend a Zoonotic disease workshop. You'll really learn about how certain diseases can easily be transferred from animals to humans through feces. This is dirty business but must be said.

Alphabet Soup! – ACDBC – Associate Certified Dog Behavior Consultant - CPDT-KA – Certified Professional Dog Trainer – Knowledge Assessed

School is always in at Total Teamwork Training! I recently earned my Associate Certification through the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants. You can Google www.iaabc.org for additional information on this organization. These certifications require a high level of expertise in the application of behavior analysis and creating a process for behavior change in our family dogs. Continuing education is required to maintain this certification as well as our Professional Dog Trainer status. You can google www.ccpdt.org for information on these credentials.

All of our instructors and assistants at Total Teamwork Training benefit from the sharing of knowledge and practical experience this continuing education provides. Our commitment to you, our families, will always be to offer you the best available scientifically and behaviorally sound advice.

More to come.... www.totalteamworktraining.com