

## Pawsitively Speaking -- July 2008



Happy Fourth of July weekend! While we celebrate our nation's independence (and the start of the South Carolina delicious peach season!), please remember to be careful of fireworks. Even dogs who normally don't flinch at loud noises can be scared by the loud displays, so please keep your dogs indoors this weekend during the festivities. Also make sure they're wearing their identification tags, just in case. I've known frightened dogs to end up miles away from home after a night of fireworks. And before you let your dog into the yard, always check for fireworks debris. You don't want Fido eating anything that can harm him!

If you don't mind a road trip, you may want to check out the dog shows in Greenville at the Carolina First Center (formerly the Palmetto Exposition Center) July 25, 26 and 27. Of course you can't bring your dog if he or she is not entered, but admission is free. There are usually more than 2,000 dogs entered, with competition in conformation, Rally and obedience. Plus, there are usually some great vendors. Maybe I'll see you there!

Give your dogs cookies from me!

*Teoti Anderson, CPDT*



## Thank Your Veterinarian

I've often said in class that if your dog isn't healthy, then no amount of training will reach him. Making sure you have a good relationship with a quality veterinarian can help ensure your dog stays healthy for a lifetime. I've been very fortunate to work with some wonderful veterinarians -- how about you? Do you have a great vet? Now you can thank him or her with Morris Animal Foundation's Thank Your Vet contest!

Honor your favorite veterinarian through the "Thank Your Vet for a Healthy Pet<sup>SM</sup>" contest at [www.thankyourvet.org](http://www.thankyourvet.org). In 300 words or less, describe why you think your vet is the best one in America. Entries are due no later than 11:59 p.m., August 31, 2008.



## Keeping Kids Safe Around Dogs

Not every dog is friendly. That's why Prescription Paws, the local Delta Society Pet Partner Affiliate, teaches bite prevention to children. The program covers how to tell if a dog doesn't want to be petted, when you shouldn't pet a dog, how to properly approach a friendly dog, and what to do should you encounter a stray.

Our next program will be held at the Richland County Public Library [North Main branch](#) Wednesday, July 16 at 3:00 p.m. The presentation lasts about a half hour, with an opportunity for kids to practice what they learn with Prescription Paws teams. If you know some children who could use some tips on how to be safe around dogs, please join us!



## Upcoming Classes

Learn [how to register](#).

### **West Columbia - Tri-City Leisure Center**

**Thursday, July 31, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. - [Family Manners I](#)**

Already full! Now taking names in case of cancellations.

**Thursday, July 31, 2008 at 8:30 p.m. - [Family Manners II](#)**

Now taking registration!

*Prerequisite:* Must have completed Family Manners I.

**Please note:** I will take names for this class until July 15. If I have enough students at this time, I will hold the class. If not, then I may open it up as another Family Manners I class, since the West Columbia classes are filling so quickly!

### **Lexington - Lexington Leisure Center**

**Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. - [Family Manners I](#)**

Now taking registration!



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