

Summer is around the corner! It's a perfect time to take your furry friend to summer school with Pawsitive Results classes, and I'm excited to announce a NEW course -- Family Manners 3! Read on for details.

I'm headed to Southern California later this month to give a workshop, right after my Finian turns ONE year old! His official name is Loteki Rainbow Chaser, and he's certainly been my little pot of gold with his sunny humor. That's his latest picture to the right ... you can see he's come into those Papillon fringes! Although I think he's convinced he's a Labrador ...

Give your dogs cookies from me!

Teoti Anderson, CPDT



In the News

Thanks to the Pit Petters!

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to Pet a Pit during our special class for the rescued Pit Bulls. The dogs made great improvements during class, and I hope they will find wonderful forever homes. Both Chance and Carmella will soon be put up for adoption by the Humane Society. You can catch up on the latest with Chance at WLTx.com (you can click on the icon to see the video).

Breed Specific Legislation Doesn't Solve the Problem

Representative Jeffrey Duncan has sponsored bill [H5010](#) that calls to amend section 47-3-710 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, specifically to "provide that dangerous animals include certain breeds and species, including Pit Bulls, to authorize but not require, county governing bodies to designate other breeds or species as dangerous animals; and to delete the provision that an animal is not a dangerous animal solely by virtue of its breed or species."

It is important to protect our communities from dangerous dogs. But targeting specific breeds does not solve the problem. The most dangerous dog I ever worked with was a Cocker Spaniel. I've also known seriously aggressive Malteses, Chihuahuas, Golden Retrievers, Australian Shepherds, Great Danes ... should we create a laundry list of breeds that should be banned? All dogs have teeth, and any dog can bite.

The Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) [opposes breed specific legislation](#). Laws should target dangerous dogs, not breeds. The solution is to educate breeders, dog owners and the general public on how to prevent aggression. Address the behavior, not the breed!

If you would like to share your views with Representative Duncan, here is his contact



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Upcoming Classes

Learn [how to register](#).

West Columbia - Tri-City Leisure Center

Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. - [Family Manners I](#)

Already full! Now taking names in case of cancellations.

The class advanced students have been asking for -- Family Manners 3!

Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 8:30 p.m. - [Family Manners III](#)

Now taking registration!

Prerequisite: Must have completed Family Manners II.

Please note: This advanced class has a different schedule and locations than regular classes, as we will be taking a few field trips! Please see the [schedule](#) for details.

Lexington - Lexington Leisure Center

Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. - [Family Manners I](#)

Now taking registration!



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