



Pawsitively Speaking

Dear Teoti,

The year is off to a great start at Pawsitive Results, although I can't believe it's almost March!

If you missed our Family Manners III class last year, please take special note of the class information later in this issue.

WLTX-TV news invited me for a return appearance, so I decided it was time for Finian the Papillon to make his television debut. He and his ears were a hit! On the writing front, I'm wrapping up my next column for *Modern Dog* magazine. I also recently reviewed a book for *The APDT Chronicle of the Dog* and I thought those of you with children in your lives would enjoy it, so I've included information on it here.



Spring is just around the corner! Give your dogs cookies from me,

Teoti Anderson, CPDT
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Peanut Recall Affects Pet Food

The news has been full of reports about the peanut product recall. Salmonella was discovered in peanut butter and peanut paste made by Peanut Corporation of America in Blakely, GA.

Pet foods have also been affected by this contamination. Are your dog's treats on the list? Get the latest information on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Web site here:



<http://www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/salmonellatyp.html>

Class Schedule

Lexington

Tuesday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. - [Family Manners I](#) - **Now taking registration!**

Tuesday, March 17 at 8:30 p.m. - [Family Manners I](#)

If there are enough students, we will hold this class. Please note all students attend at 7:30 p.m. the first night, as dogs do not attend that night.

West Columbia

Did you miss Family Manners III last year? It was a great class that included field trips to practice your skills in the real world. We plan on holding it again during our

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Southern Living Has Pawsitive Results!



If you were in one of our class sessions last year, you may remember Southern Living magazine making an appearance, interviewing me for an upcoming issue. Well, the issue is finally here!

Teoti and Pawsitive Results made the SC edition of the March issue. (If you're a reader in another state, your editions won't have the article.)

Check it out on newstands today!

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session after this one, which will begin in late April. You must attend Family Manners II in order to qualify for Family Manners III, so please note we are offering Family Manners II this session to get you ready!

Thursday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. - [Family Manners I](#) - **Almost full. Sign up now!**

Thursday, February 5 at 8:30 p.m. - [Family Manners II](#) - **Now taking registration!**

Pawsitive Results, LLC offers reward-based group dog training classes in Lexington and West Columbia. Owner Teoti Anderson is a Certified Pet Dog Trainer (CPDT), author and public speaker.

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Teaching Kids About Dog Safety

It's so important to teach children how to be safe around dogs. Not every dog likes children. Even dogs that usually love kids may have moments when they don't want a child to hug or touch them. Dogs that are stressed are much more likely to bite.

Stephanie Calmenson has written a book that can help teach your children how to properly interact with dogs, with illustrations by Jan Ormerod. It's called "May I Pet Your Dog?" (Clarion Books, 32 pages, 2007, \$9.95).

The book features Harry, a friendly Dachshund, who coaches a young boy how to meet his fellow canine friends. He also warns him when they encounter dogs the boy should avoid.



When explaining how to be safe should a child encounter a stray dog, the author advises "being a tree or being a rock." This isn't explained thoroughly in the book, so you may want to explain to your child exactly what to do:

Being A Tree

Children should wrap their arms like branches tight around their bodies. Their feet should take root firmly in the ground. And like all good trees, they should look up, towards the sun.

Being a Rock

Children should clasp their hands together, then hold them against the back of their necks. They should then curl up into little balls on the ground, and like all good rocks look straight down into the earth.

What these activities do is teach children to be STILL. One of the worst things a child can do is run from a dog, as this will likely trigger the dog to chase, which could then lead to an attack.

Teach your kids how to treat dogs with kindness, and how to be safe around them. It will help build a lifetime of respect for our canine friends.

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