



Happy New Year! If you've been a subscriber to the Pawsitive Results newsletter, you'll notice we have a new look. I've changed e-mail newsletter services for greater flexibility. I hope you enjoy it!

Even though Pawsitive Results takes a break from classes in January, it's still been busy. Logan and I made an appearance on WLTX News in Columbia, SC offering training tips. I've been working on some freelance writing assignments, and tweaking the lessons plans for this year. We've got another great year planned for you and your dogs!



Give your dogs cookies from me,

Teoti Anderson, CPDT
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Lots of Labradors

For the 18th year in a row, the Labrador Retriever ranks as the most popular dog in America, according to 2008 registration statistics released by the American Kennel Club (AKC).

Here are the popularity rankings:

1. Labrador Retriever
2. Yorkshire Terrier
3. German Shepherd Dog
4. Golden Retriever
5. Beagle
6. Boxer
7. Dachshund
8. Bulldog
9. Poodle
10. Shih Tzu



I must admit I have a soft spot in my heart for Labradors (see Logan and Cody above!). These active dogs are not for everyone, though. Remember that Pawsitive Results is available for consultations on breeds and individual dogs to help you find the right family member for you!

Class Schedule

Lexington

Tuesday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m. - [Family Manners I](#) - **FULL**

We are taking names in case of cancellations.

Tuesday, February 3 at 8:30 p.m. - [Family Manners I](#)

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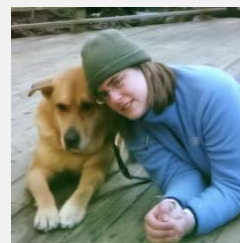
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Welcome, Gayle!



Please join us in welcoming Gayle Watson as a new member of the Pawsitive Results Support Team.

Gayle recently graduated with honors from Animal Behavior College, a dog training instructor program. She served her externship with Pawsitive Results. When she's not helping us work with people and their canine friends, she works as an attorney.

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About Pawsitive Results, LLC

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.

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.

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[West Columbia](#)

Thursday, February 5 at 7:30 p.m. - [Family Manners I](#) - FULL

We are taking names in case of cancellations.

Thursday, February 5 at 8:30 p.m. - [Family Manners I](#) OR [Family Manners II](#)

If there are enough students, we will hold this additional class. Please indicate your preference when you e-mail us about West Columbia classes.

New Year, New Dog?

The [Association of Pet Dog Trainers](#) (APDT) asked its members to provide some essential tips to help new dog owners. Whether you're the everyday dog owner or our new President, these tips will help get your relationship with your new dog off on the right paw!



Work with Your Veterinarian. If you don't already have an established relationship with a local veterinarian, now is the time to find one. Set up a "meet & greet" and make the first visit a fun and positive experience.

Train the Family. If there are children in your home, make sure you train the entire family, not just your puppy. Teaching your children how to interact properly with your dog from the beginning will help to build a loving and trusting relationship.

Use a Dog Crate. Crate training can aid in house training and will also prevent your new dog from practicing unwanted behaviors (like chewing on your cell phone) when you can't supervise him.

Provide Chew Toys. Provide your new dog with a variety of chew toys, even when he is in his crate. Providing him with chew toys will teach your dog what items are appropriate for him to chew on.

Socialize Your Puppy. Barbara Long, President of the APDT, says, "Make sure your puppy has a great time meeting all sorts of people. Expose her to noises, objects, and surfaces in a gradual, positive way. Encourage her to explore new things."

Ready, Set, Go! As soon as your veterinarian okays it, sign you, your family, and your new dog up for training classes. Training classes will help you teach your dog good life skills and household manners. These classes also teach owners techniques that will help prevent and fix many behavior problems.

Use Positive Training Techniques. Dog training has changed over the years and there are newer, more humane methods that rely on scientific understandings of dog behavior. The APDT recommends that you work with a qualified trainer who uses sound positive reinforcement and humane methods.

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