

Pawsitively Speaking -- October 2008



Dear Friend,

There are still a few spots left in our upcoming classes, including our newest class, Rally for Fun! Remember, Pawsitive Results takes a holiday break, so we won't have other classes starting up until February 2009. Please see the schedule later in this issue.

Phyllis and I had a wonderful time at the Association of Pet Dog Trainers Annual Educational Conference in Louisville, KY. It's a good thing we took my van ... we made a dent at the Trade Show!

Just two weeks before the conference, the APDT contacted me and asked me to cover for a speaker who had fallen ill and couldn't attend. Talk about short notice! At one point, I was working in the van as Phyllis drove! But luckily it all worked out and the presentation was very well received. The conference itself was packed with great information on canine behavior. Other speakers included Dr. Ian Dunbar, Dr. Patricia McConnell, Victoria Stillwell of "It's Me or the Dog" (see right) and more. We brought back some great ideas to incorporate into our classes.

Halloween is just around the corner, so be sure your dogs stay safe and away from the sweets. Read on for more Halloween tips, and please give your dogs cookies from me!

Teoti Anderson, CPDT



Trick or Treat?

Halloween can be a fun holiday for you and your dog ... or a real nightmare. Here are a few tips to help keep the holiday safe and enjoyable:

- Chocolate is poisonous to dogs. So is candy and sugarless gum with Xylitol in it. Keep your dog away from your candy stash. Don't let kids share their candy loot with Fido, too.
- If you want to dress your dog up, practice ahead of time. If you just put the costume on your dog Halloween night, you could frighten him if he's not used to wearing clothes. Instead, train him to enjoy wearing it. Be sure to choose a costume that doesn't interfere with his vision or ability to walk comfortably.

Get a bunch of treats. Let him sniff the costume and mark "Yes" and give him a treat. Gradually put it on, marking "Yes" and treating as you go. Take your time.



If he starts yawning, licking his lips, turning away from you or struggling, these are signs of stress. Make sure the costume you picked for your canine friend is going to be fun for him.

- Some dogs love it when children come to the house in their costumes. Other dogs will be terrified. If your dog will be scared, put him up safely in his crate or another room away from the front door. Give him a food-stuffed chew toy and turn on the TV or radio to help mask the festivities.
- If you're taking your dog with you as you ... er, *your children* go trick or treating, make sure he is wearing a sturdy collar that has his identification tags on it. I also recommend a reflective leash and a flashing beacon for his collar, so drivers can better see him throughout the evening.

Upcoming Classes

Last classes of 2008! Learn [how to register](#).

West Columbia - Tri-City Leisure Center

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

Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 8:30 p.m. - **Brand new class!** [Rally for Fun](#)

Prerequisite: Must have completed Family Manners I.

This is an introductory course to Rally. It will cover both American Kennel Club (AKC) and Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) rules. Rally for Fun will follow the Pawsitive Results tradition of having fun with your dog using reward-based training. If you enjoy activities with your dog and want to improve your skills as a team, then this is the class for you!

Lexington - Lexington Leisure Center

Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. - [Family Manners I](#)



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