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From Lost Cause to Proper Paws !



Mark Your- Calendar

- PPU Racine Campus egg hunt April 4 th
- PPU will be at Regency Mall April 8 th
- Burlington Pet Expo April 18
- TDAA- Teacup Agility Working seminar April 24
Trial- April 25/26
- Rally Run-Throughs April 26
Racine Campus
- PPU 2010 Calendar Photo Contest - June
- Doggie Fest Racine Campus July 18, 2009
- APDT Rally Trial September 12/13
- TDAA Teacup Agility Nationals October 2009

The Nose Knows - Nila, Selected APDT Conference Chairperson!!



The association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) is a professional organization of individual trainers who are committed to becoming better trainers through education. The APDT offers individual pet dog trainers a respected concerted voice in the dog world to increase public awareness of dog friendly training techniques. Our membership has grown to almost 6000 members worldwide.

The APDT Conferences began in 1993 by Ian Dunbar DVM, Ph.D. as a forum for trainers to associate with one another and to discuss topics of mutual interest. Since then it has become a member-driven organization producing educational conferences in locations throughout the United States. The annual conference has grown from 250 participants a few years ago to 1500 participants.

The conference provides up-to-date behavior studies, training methods, business development, health and nutrition sessions and more. Presenters gather from across the country and share their tales of exploration and expertise in interesting and informative ways that uplift and inspire. The Exhibit Hall provides demonstrations, a chance to explore educational materials and products, networking with other professionals and a chance to catch up with old friends. Whether someone is a dog trainer, Veterinarian, a Vet-technician, Animal Behaviorist, Shelter Staff or just plain LOVES DOGS, the APDT Conference provides cutting edge information invaluable to the profession.

The conference committee works all year to design, plan and oversee the annual APDT educational conference and trade show. Proper Paws University's Dean, Nila McKendry CPDT, was selected as the conference Chairperson for the APDT's 16th Annual Conference in Oakland, California.

Congratulations, Nila !!! We are all so proud of you !!!



The Bare Bones—Exercise

Exercise is important for your dog's health. Exercise is an outlet for your dogs energy and it helps your dog build strong muscles and bodies.

Without proper exercise your dog can become bored and engage in undesired behaviors. For many dogs, a walk around the block is not enough. Even if you have a large yard most dogs will not exercise on their own. They need you to play and exercise with them . There are many fun ways to exercise your dog outside. You can play catch, fetch, frisbee or tug.

There are also many fun ways you can exercise you dog indoors on those rainy days. You can play a game of hide-n-seek. Ask someone to hold your dog while you go and hide. When you are ready, call your dog and then let him come find you. While your dog is looking for you your helper can go and hide.

Mental exercise can be just as tiring as physical exercise. One form of mental exercise is object discrimination. To begin this game, first ask your dog to give you eye contact. Show your dog the object (ball) when your dog bumps/touches it click, or say "yes", and treat. This tells your dog the behavior was correct. Move the ball around so he has to move to touch it. Next add the verbal cue "ball" just before he touches it. As he touches it click & treat. Repeat these steps with the next item. When you cue your dog to touch an object, immediately click & treat to reinforce the behavior. If he touches the wrong object simply say nothing. If he continues to touch the wrong object you didn't spend enough time learning the individual objects and you may need to back up a bit.

Exercising with your dog helps you and your dog to grow a good & close bond.

The Dog's Dish—Tuna Fudge by MSZANZ

2 6oz. cans of tuna (salmon works well, too) - do not drain

1 1/2 cup whole wheat flour

1 tbl sp garlic powder (not garlic salt)

2 eggs slightly beaten

1/4 cup parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients together until well blended. Spread mixture into a greased 9x9 cake pan and bake covered for 20 minutes, for a not so thick treat you can use a 13x9 cake pan for 17 minutes.

Refrigerate or freeze to keep fresh.



Paws to Ponder ...

The tragedy in life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in not having a goal.





Kenosha Expo

Racine and Kenosha Proper Paws employees, clients and dogs attended the Kenosha Expo on February 22 and entertained the Expo visitors with their obedience, tricks and charms. Everyone had a blast. If you missed the Kenosha Expo join us in Burlington on April 18 !!



Photos submitted by
Brandie Pie



The Poop Scoop

***Proper Paws University** will host TDAA Teacup Agility Nationals this October 2009. Watch for details!!! . . . **Another first for Proper Paws!**

***Congratulations** to Jen Hornyak, Marshall & Bindi on their New AKC Titles, RE. **Apaws !!**

***Proper Paws University** will host **APDT Rally Trial**- September 12/13

***Start collecting your snapshots:** This year's PPU 2010 Calendar Photo Contest will begin in June. Watch for details !!!

***Rally run-throughs** are held the fourth Sundays of the month at Racine Campus, 6:30 pm. Doors open at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$5.00.

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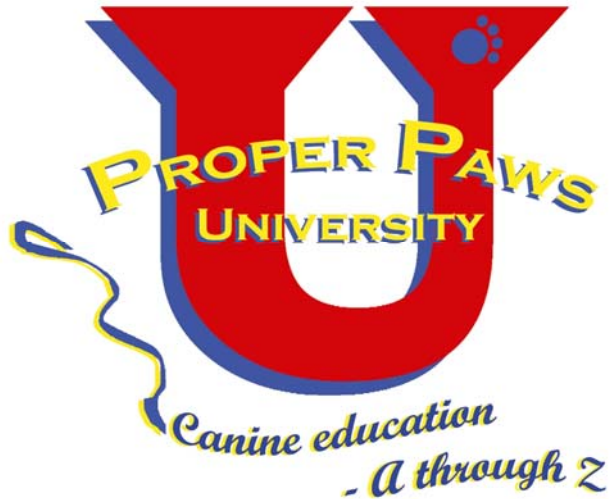
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Chablis Phillips is PPU “**Kenosha**” Daycare Dog of March!

Chablis is the younger of the “Winers”, a pair of Bichon Frise belonging to Jerry and Donna Phillips.

Chablis has been attending PPU daycare since October 2008.

Chablis and her sister Chardonnay run and play hard at daycare every day.

Her favorite sport is running up the slide, standing at the top and daring the other dogs to join her. She is not the least bit timid. She loves to jump, run and chase with the other dogs.

She is a good listener, always interested in the other dog’s comments and antics.

Her favorite friend is Owdi, a Chihuahua mix.

We’re lucky to have this “Personality-Plus” pup in our daycare!



Rusty Burton is PPU “**Racine**” Daycare Dog of March !

Rusty first started coming to Proper Paws Daycare in 2004. He is a Basic Obedience graduate.

Rusty has been a daycare ambassador for the daycare dogs since March 2005.

His guardians describe him as a scaredy cat/dog despite his size.

After an altercation with a big scary Shih Tzu, Rusty runs for the door every time he sees her.

His nickname is “Killer”.

. . . all kidding aside, he’s a gentle lamb.

He loves to follow the staff around the large play yard.

Three paws for Rusty !!!