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COURTEOUS CANINE, Inc.
Dog School and Doggie Gym!

April 2007 Newsletter

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1. Open House May 13th! Everyone's Invited!

Come and join the fun at Courteous Canine, Inc. Sunday, May 13th, 2007. We will be providing disc dog, agility and rally o demos and run thrus all day! The event starts at 10 am and ends at 4 pm. We are going to offer tail painting, fun contests and more! We are using this event to raise money for a rescued cat that had to have two knee surgeries. To see a flyer about the event go to <http://tinyurl.com/24gvxv>

2. Student of the Month: Mauricio and Roscoe

Congratulations to recent Canine Good Citizen graduates Mauricio and Roscoe Rosas. 2½ year old Roscoe was very excited and high energy the first few weeks of class, but with a lot of work from Mauricio, and a lot of patience and support from their classmates, Roscoe was able to focus and relax enough to pass the Canine Good Citizen Evaluation. He is also in training to become a service dog for Mauricio. Here is a bit more information about this incredible duo:



CC: When and where did you get Roscoe?

MR: I met Roscoe in February of 2005 and spent 4 weekends together to see if we would get along well. His owner lived in the Brooksville area, and was very ill. With his health failing, he couldn't care for Roscoe anymore. Finally, in March 2005, Roscoe came to live with me forever.

CC: What do you particularly love about Roscoe?

MR: Everything! His playfulness! He always knows when it is time to work and time to play.

CC: What would you like to share with other Courteous Canine, Inc students?

MR: If 90 pound Roscoe can learn to release a tennis ball when a 6 year old Courteous Canine student asks him to, anyone can learn from the wonderful instructors at Courteous Canine!

CC: What motivates you to train your dog?

MR: Love!

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3. Dog Breed Composition Tests Now Available

At least two DNA tests are now available to test your dog and determine breed composition. One test can only be administered by a Veterinarian and involves drawing a small sample of blood. This test, introduced by Mars Veterinary will be launched this summer. The Wisdom Panel MX is said to identify 100 American Kennel Club breeds. If you have always wondered what breeds are present in your mixed breed this is the test for you! It will take two to three weeks for you to get the results, which provides information on breeds detected in the blood sample. Since some dogs are prone to diseases based on specific breeds understanding your dog's breed composition can be life saving. For additional info you can visit <http://www.marsveterinary.com/faq.aspx#3>.

A second test that is already available uses saliva instead of blood, but evaluates DNA for only 38 breeds.

Canine Heritage™ Breed Test is the *first* DNA-based diagnostic test that can genetically determine the breed composition of your mixed breed pet.

Features

- [Identify Up to 38 Breeds](#)
- Safe, Non-Invasive, Sampling Method



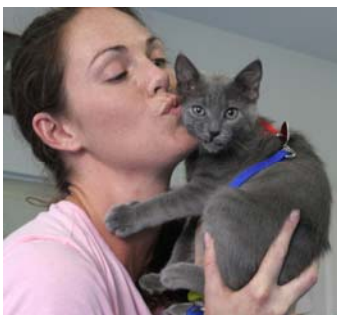
- No Veterinarian Needed
- Test at Any Age
- Quick Turn-Around Time
- Certificate of Canine Breed Analysis

Benefits

- Identify and Record the Breed Composition of Your Pet
- Learn More About Your Pet's Heritage
- Infer Potential Health Risks Associated with Breeds
- Better Health and Wellness Management Through Breed Knowledge
- Understand Behavior and Personality

For more information contact <http://www.mmigenomics.com/CHBTKits/order.php> or call toll-free number 800.311.8808 (9AM-5PM PST)

4. Our Instructor Jacque Munera Wins Prestigious Award



Our own Jacque has won the cat category of the prestigious Karen Pryor Clicker Training Canis Film Festival Award. To see the winning Ankle Attack video click the following link: http://www.canisfilmfestival.com/submissions_07.html.

5. Disc Dog a Fun Sport for All Dogs

No matter what breed or mix your dog, you can play the dog sport game of disc dog. Disc dog competitions essentially have two forms of playing. You can play the distance game, which challenges dogs and handler teams to toss and catch a flying disc. Points are accumulated based on how far the disc flies and are only assessed if the dog catches the disc. If the dog catches the disc while in the air an additional half point is assessed.



The other type of competition is for more experienced disc dog teams and involves designing a routine of disc catches and throws to music. The distance the disc is thrown is irrelevant in this type of competition, but instead judges look for at least five different kinds of throws.

One of the fantastic benefits to disc dog competition is that any dog can play regardless of breed. None of the local or national disc dog organizations require that your dog be purebred in order to compete.

The game of disc dog offers benefits to you and your dog. For little expended energy, simply tossing a flying disc, you get a completely worn out and tired dog. A tired dog, is a good dog. The sheer joy that your dog experiences will be associated with you, since you are tossing the disc, and this will deepen your dog's bond with you.

Courteous Canine, Inc., is offering disc dog instruction in group and private settings. For more information please call us at 813-949-1465 or visit our website www.CourteousCanine.com.

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Happy Clicker Training,

The Staff of Courteous Canine, Inc.