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COURTEOUS CANINE, Inc.
Dog School and Doggie Gym!

July 2007 Newsletter

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1. **Stop Cruelty Against Dogs**

Here's a link asking America's to help the fight against dog fighting. Join with Best Friends Animal Society against dog fighting.

<http://network.bestfriends.org/Petitions/Detail.aspx?pn=4>

2. **American Temperament Test Society (ATTS)**

We will be hosting a test on Saturday, September 8, 2007 starting at 7:30 am at **Courteous Canine, Inc.**

Upon passing the test, dogs will be able to have the initials ATTS placed after their names. Entry fee is \$25 per dog. All entry fees must be made payable to Courteous Canine Inc. Please note ATTS in memo of check.

To learn more about the ATTS program visit www.ATTS.org

We need volunteers to help us make sure the event runs smoothly. Please contact Angelica@CourteousCanine.com or call 813-787-0034 to volunteer. Spectators welcome! It is recommended to bring chairs and tents for shade. Doggie pool for cooling of dogs available. Event will be held at Courteous Canine, Inc. main location: 3414 Melissa Country Way, Lutz, FL 33559. Directions on our website at <http://www.courteouscanine.com/directions/> American Temperament Test Society. A sound mind in a sound body.

3. **Student of the Month**

Mary Ann Campbell and her dog Lacie are students of the month for July! Mary Ann Campbell was voted student of the month by Courteous Canine, Inc. for her tremendous dedication to and training of Lacie. Lacie came to Mary Ann from a Yorkie Rescue. The group of well-meaning folks were at the ends of their rope with this dog. She had been adopted out and returned numerous times. When Lacie saw other dogs she would let out an ear piercing



“savage screech” that was both deafening and very dangerous as high pitched screeching can trigger predatory aggression in other dogs.

Mary Ann initially committed to fostering Lacie and immediately enrolled her in group class. Because of Lacie’s screaming problem she was unable to be in the group class but was only able to stand in the private room next to the group class, however by painstakingly clicking and treating Lacie for calm she was gradually able to move closer and close to the group class, until by the end of the 8-week session she was finally able to be in the class for most of the hour. Armed with this success Mary Ann enrolled immediately in another group class, repeating the process and progress.

At one point training it a wall, Lacie had made stellar improvements but suddenly progress was hampered. Behavior is the result of a combination of environmental influences, genetics and biochemistry. We had apparently hit a biochemical ceiling in our training. Enter Dr. Rachel Kelly who has a special interest in veterinary behavior. Mary Ann set up a consult with her and Dr. Kelly handpicked a drug that seemed most likely to help little Lacie. It worked, with the help of the serotonin boosting drug the behavior modification was back on track and Lacie, to this day continues to improve and surpass all of our expectations.

Next Lacie and Mary Ann decided on a dog sport for mental and physical stimulation, it was clear that Lacie was really more of a Border Collie in a Yorkie suit and that she needed a job. Back at home Mary Ann lovingly juggled dogs since Lacie’s savage screech triggered aggression in one of her other dogs. Mary Ann worked hard to minimize Lacie’s time in the crate. The more freedom Lacie had to run lose in the house, the calmer she became.

Today Lacie is able to safely be lose in the house with all of Mary Ann’s other dogs. The savage screeching is extremely rare and 100% predictable. Some of you may have met Lacie recently when she attended our open house. Mary Ann and I were both thrilled that Lacie did not one time engage in her savage screeching. A great time was had by all. Look for Lacie at agility trials in 2007/2008 as she makes her debut.

Mary Ann and her husband Fred accomplished the training of Lacie using 100% clicker training. At no time was shock, throw chains, spray bottles or any aversive stimulation used. Mary Ann kindly and patiently showed Lacie the desired behavior and reinforced that behavior. Savage screeching consistently resulted in Lacie being placed in time out. Mary Ann and Lacie are a testimony to the power of positive training! Thank you for being our students at Courteous Canine, Inc.

4. Canine Massage Workshop

Presented by [Eve Lucia Boucouvalas](#), LMT, NCTMB, ESMT

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4-Hour Hands-on Workshops

Course fee: \$55. (includes course materials)

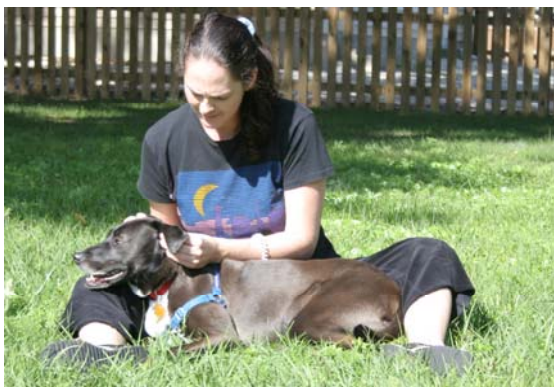
- Introduction to Basic Canine Massage
- Basic Canine Massage for Senior Pets
- Basic Canine Massage for Puppies
- Canine Massage for Rescue & Rehabilitation

• Offered July 29th, in Lutz at Courteous Canine, Inc. 3414 Melissa Country Way, Lutz, FL 33559

To sign up please mail Courteous Canine, Inc. a check for \$55 or visit our website

www.CourteousCanine.com

Eve is also available for private or in-home massage instruction please contact her for more information.



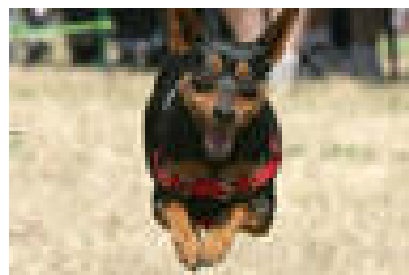
Licensure and Qualifications

- Nationally Certified in Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork
- Licensed Massage Therapist; Massage Instructor for accredited colleges
- Florida State Massage Therapy Association
- CranioSacral Therapy Level 1 and CranioSacral Therapy Level 2
- Science of Intuition & Energy Medicine Level 1 and Level 2
(**Teachers:** Norm Shealy MD, PhD and Caroline Myss, PhD)

- Energy Medicine Techniques Certification: Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3
- Reiki Master - Teacher Certification
- International Association of Animal Massage & Bodywork
- Animal Communication Specialist Training: Basic and Advanced Level 1

5. Min Pins Needs Foster Homes

Several min pins are losing their min pin foster home and need to be moved as soon as possible. If you have the room and the love to temporarily house one of these little guys until they find their new forever home please fill out an application to volunteer at www.minpinrescue.org under Forms and Guidelines.



6. Papillon in need of Forever Home

AGE: 1.5 years old

SIZE: 8.5 Pounds

"You wanted the best, so you got the best, the hottest dog in rescue...KISS!!!" Well, I may not be a rock star, but I assure you that I could be an obedience or agility champion.

<http://www.papillonclub.org/rescue/availdogs.html>



7. Courteous Canine News

Grooming -- We are looking for a part time groomer interested in building business to full time. Alternately if you are a mobile groomer who already has clientele but is looking for a location, please contact Angelica@CourteousCanine.com.

Fitness -- We are looking for a certified human fitness instructor to conduct handler fitness group classes at Courteous Canine, Inc.'s main location. If you are interested, please contact Angelica@CourteousCanine.com.

Part time Dog Trainer -- We are always interested in talking to certified trainers who are interested in teaching clicker training at Courteous Canine, Inc. part time. A commitment

to force-free training is first and foremost. A minimum of one year of dog training experience and preferably completion of program at www.CASInstitute.com is desired. For more information or to interview please contact Angelica@CourteousCanine.com

Save Pedro Fundraiser ongoing!



Pedro the kitty still needs your help to raise money for his knee surgery. Pedro was tossed out of a car at 3 ½ weeks old to fend for himself. Luckily someone witnessed this dastardly deed, saved him and found him a wonderful home. Unfortunately, he has terrible knee problems and the surgery is \$1200 each leg!

Joan Miller from PartyLite has generously donated a fantastic, pet friendly reed diffuser for a raffle. The diffuser joins a basket full of fun dog toys and would make a great gift for loved ones, or even yourself!

Joan is also donating 25% of the profit from orders placed by Courteous Canine clients. Contact her at 813-654-9597 office, 813-628-1862 mobile or visit her web site at: <http://www.partylite.biz/sites/joanmillerlites>

To purchase raffle tickets or make a donation, mail a check with Pedro donation or raffle tickets in the memo to: Jacqueline Munera, c/o Courteous Canine, Inc 3414 Melissa Country Way, Lutz FL 33559 or call 813-949-1465. If you are purchasing raffle tickets, please include your phone number on the check. Drawing will be held September 1st, 2007 and the winner must pick up the prize from the Courteous Canine, Inc Lutz location.

New Group Classes –

July 10th a new Puppy Kindergarten Group class starts!
July 11th Canine Good Citizen: 4-week Crash Course begins August 11th at 6pm at the Courteous Canine, Inc Lutz location. This course is recommended for dogs already possessing good basic skills and manners whose humans are interested in doing canine therapy work. The first 3 weeks will be used to cover exercises required for the evaluation held on week 4. Dogs that pass the evaluation will be AKC Canine Good Citizens and are eligible to participate in the Delta Society test for potential therapy animals. This popular course will be challenging and fun so sign up online today at www.courteouscanine.com or call 813-760-9541 for more info!



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Happy Clicker Training,

The Staff of Courteous Canine, Inc.