



# Courteous Canine, Inc

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No Force, Just Fun!  
Dog and Cat training  
Private, In-home and group classes



Aggression, Agility, Rally Obedience, Behavior Modification, Canine Good Citizen, Pet Therapy, Service Animal Coaching and MORE!  
Servicing the Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco counties of Florida

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**Happy Howlidays and a GREAT new year from Courteous Canine, Inc.**



**Peace on Earth!**

**Joy to the World!**

## 1. Dog Safety: Seat Belts

Just like humans dogs are in danger of being injured during motor vehicle accidents.

Please make it a habit to either seat belt or crate your dog while having your fur kid travel with you.



Pictured at left, is a dachshund wearing a safety harness that attaches to the human seat belt. Dog seat belts are available at all major pet supply stores or you can shop online.

## 2. Control Unleashed: First Group Class Graduates

The first Control Unleashed (a program for shy, fearful or reactive dogs) group class has graduated and students have reported a 25% to 70% improvement in their dogs. The

class lasted 8 weeks and met for one hour at a time. Students read Leslie McDevitt's book and worked her program under the supervision and coaching of Angelica Steinker. Students saw a nervous lab calm and learn to relax, a space conscious Border Collie learned to allow dogs into his space showing considerable improvement. A dog worried about other dogs, made a few friends, and a dog very reactive with other dogs learned some excellent substitute behaviors and made some very impressive progress.

Our second Control Unleashed group class is showing considerable progress also and is getting ready to graduate in two more weeks. New Control Unleashed class starting December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Another Control Unleashed class is slotted to start on Sunday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 am. Sign up at [www.courteouscanine.com](http://www.courteouscanine.com).



This program rocks, guys. If you have a dog that lacks focus, stresses, is fearful or reactive this is the program for you.

Ann Farmer is preparing to teach Control Unleashed at our Tarpon Springs location. Jacque Munera is developing a Control Unleashed program for cats. Stay tuned for more information or as always contact [Info@CourteousCanine.com](mailto:Info@CourteousCanine.com).

### **3. Coming Soon to Courteous Canine, Inc.**

Control Unleashed - - For fearful, unfocused and reactive dogs. This class requires instructor permission prior to enrolling and we will be adding more start dates and times soon. If you are interested in this class email: [Info@CourteousCanine.com](mailto:Info@CourteousCanine.com). New Control Unleashed class starting December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Another Control Unleashed class is slotted to start on Sunday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 am. Sign up at [www.courteouscanine.com](http://www.courteouscanine.com).

Canine Good Citizen Group class – this group class will prepare you for both the Canine Good Citizen test provided by the American Kennel Club and for the Delta Society Pet Therapy Program.

Delta Society Pet Therapy Program – the testing for pet therapy was so popular it filled almost immediately we are continuing to offer testing on a bimonthly basis. Email [jacque@courteouscanine](mailto:jacque@courteouscanine) if you are interested in the mini pet therapy prep course class or future evaluations the next one is on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 10 am. No charge, BUT you MUST pre-register!!! Call 813-760-9541 or e mail [Jacque@courteouscanine.com](mailto:Jacque@courteouscanine.com) for info or to register A.S.A.P.

Great group classes to prepare your dog for pet therapy are our Canine Good Citizen and Trick Training. Canine Good Citizen 4-week crash course for \$70 starts on Sunday at 1pm on Jan 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **4. Jazzie the Cat Helps Autistic Children and Middle Schoolers See Cats in New Light**

Jazzy the kitty has been very busy since passing her Delta Society Evaluation. She has participated in the Buddy Breaks program with autistic children and was the star of the show at the Teach-in for Young Middle Magnet School. She loves people and is a big show off, especially when there are chicken treats around! If you are interested in having your cat evaluated for therapy work or want to teach them fun tricks to amuse us silly humans, call 813-760-9541 or e mail [Jacque@courteouscanine.com](mailto:Jacque@courteouscanine.com).



#### **5. Siberian Huskies Need Help!**

Janet Cross of Siberian Rescue is in need of donations, foster homes or any other assistance for some Sibes that are loosing their homes for Christmas. Contact Janet at (813) 991-7253.

If you have ideas for newsletter content or pictures you would like to contribute please email [Info@CourteousCanine.com](mailto:Info@CourteousCanine.com)

#### **6. Puppy Play Group Saturday at 2:30**

For the most fun you will have all weekend, come and join us at Puppy Play Group which is every Saturday at the Lutz location. For \$5 dogs play off leash for 45 minutes. Large dogs play with large dogs on the agility field and small dogs play with small dogs in the dog school building.

**Happy Clicker Training,**

**The Staff of Courteous Canine, Inc.**

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