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COURTEOUS CANINE, Inc.
Dog School and Doggie Gym!

January/February 2009 Newsletter

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1. **We Are Growing!**

Courteous Canine, Inc. is looking for additional locations to hold group classes. Our Control Unleashed Group classes are extremely popular and we would love to offer this class and others at different locations. If you have a location or an idea for a location please contact Angelica@CourteousCanine.com.



2. **Tom Brownlee Scent Seminar**



Courteous Canine is hosting a scent seminar by Tom Brownlee on February 21 and February 22. Mr. Brownlee is certified by the American Society of Canine Trainers as a Master Trainer and Assistance Dog Trainer. He is also a certified pet obedience trainer, an AKC CGC evaluator and a member of IAADP and ADI. If you want to learn about scent training, please join us for this fascinating seminar! The sign-up form and flyer are at the end of this newsletter.

3. Terrier Racing!

On January 31 and February 1, the Hurricane Alley American Hairless Terrier Association is proudly sponsoring another United Kennel Club (UKC) event in Florida! The show starts at 9:00 a.m. both days with racing starting at 10:30 a.m.



3 Conformation Shows	3 Junior Shows
2 Flat Races	2 Steeple Races
2 Puppy Fun Matches (pup does NOT need a UKC # to participate)	

Evyl & Rummy racing.

Temporary Listing Numbers will be available at this event. If your dog is not UKC registered and you want to run in the official races, we can help you do that—even on the day of the event. The races are for most "smaller" terrier. For a complete list go to:

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/Rules/DETerriSectionVEligibleBreeds>.

For more information about the Hurricane Alley American Hairless Terrier Association, visit HAAHTA@ahts.net.

Show Site: 31415 Pasco Road
San Antonio, FL 33576
(813) 319-3652

Directions: I-75 to exit 285 (SR 52). Go east on 52 toward Flying J truck stop. Take first left, onto Pasco Road. Go 2.5 miles. The house is on the left. Look for pop-up tents in the yard and a "Dog Show" sign.

For more information contact Karyn at wmk@ahts.net.

4. Christmas Visit to Baldomero Lopez Veterans Home

By Lauren Goldsworthy



*Maren with Suzi
Mac with Colin & Chance
Lauren with Tipper
Joanie with Lucee*

*Visiting with a
resident.*

*Joanie directing
Lucee through the
weaves.*

*Maren with Suzi
visiting a resident.*

*Lauren and Tipper
performing for
residents and staff.*

On Saturday, December 20, Suzi, Colin, Chance, Tipper and Lucee made a therapy dog visit to the residents at Baldomero Lopez Veterans Home in Land O' Lakes.

The dogs visited with the patients and staff, performed tricks and gave an agility demonstration.

The residents loved seeing the dogs and the dogs couldn't get enough attention from the humans.

5. Big Dog, Cool Cat, Sassy Rabbit Day



On Saturday, January 24 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., the Humane Society of Pinellas (HSP) is hosting its 3rd Annual Big Dog, Cool Cat, Sassy Rabbit Day at their facility located at 3040 State Road 590 in Clearwater, FL.

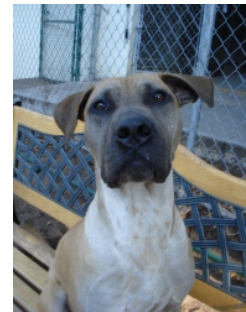
They are promoting Special Pets In Need (SPIN), such as Maddie a beautiful cat that has been at the shelter since January 2007 and Turbo, a sweet and smart dog that arrived at HSP in August 2007.

There will be ongoing activities throughout the shelter:

- ◆ Informative discussions on humane animal care throughout the day with a Certified Humane Education Specialist.
- ◆ Basic grooming skills for cats at 11:00 a.m. and dogs at 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ The 3:00 p.m. session will offer 31 ways to be kind to animals.
- ◆ Meet Ann Farmer from Courteous Canine, Inc. at the “Ask a Trainer” session from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ Enjoy the ‘Maradonia – Saga Trilogy’ by 14-year-old author, Gloria Tesch, with book signing available!
- ◆ A dedication ceremony for an Eagle Scout walkway project, Shannon’s Way, which paves the way for our animals’ journey from admissions to adoptions.



Maddie



Turbo

Refreshments will be available in the Real Life Room.

With proof of valid rabies vaccine and license, a microchip clinic will be available from 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Pet owners can have their pets’ microchipped for only \$15! It has been proven that a pet’s chance for a safe and prompt return to their family is greatly increased with a microchip.

You may find that you can open your heart and home to one (or more) of the wonderful featured SPIN animals!

Come, learn, visit!

6. Courteous Critters Assistance Animals, Inc. Scholarship

Courteous Critters Assistance Animals, Inc. is offering two \$1,000 dog training scholarships to people with disabilities who have a service dog or a service dog in training.

Dogs must be in good physical condition and have a letter from their vet stating that they are healthy enough to work. The person with the disability must provide a written statement about their dog and how their dog helps them or will help them after training. A letter from their physician stating that they are able to participate in the training of their dog is also required.

All dog training services will be force free, no choke chains, prong collars or shock collars will be used. To apply for one of the scholarships please contact Angelica@CourteousCanine.com.

To learn more about Courteous Critters Assistance Animals, Inc. visit www.CourteousCrittersAssistanceAnimals.org.

7. PoochPads

PoochPads are a unique product that allow you to wash your dog's pee pad after use. This means less waste and less expense. If your dog is incontinent or tiny, PoochPads can be a great solution. For more information visit <http://www.poochpad.com>.

8. Flyball & Competition Obedience Instructor Opportunities

Courteous Canine, Inc. is looking for a flyball instructor and a competition obedience instructor. A commitment to force free and happy training is required. If you are interested please contact Angelica@CourteousCanine.com.

9. Looking for Love



Lucy is a high-drive dog and would make a great agility or fly dog partner!

If you're interested in adopting this really nice girl, please contact Angelica at Angelica@CourteousCanine.com.

10. Animal Learning Concepts Group

Animal Learning Concepts is a new Yahoo group for professional trainers, researchers or serious hobby trainers who are teaching their companion animals concepts such as colors, large and small, counting, symbols, labels or language. Humane training that is animal friendly only! Join at <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/AnimalsLearningConcepts/join>.

11. New Classes Starting

A lot of fun and helpful courses are being offered at Courteous Canine! Please check <http://www.courteouscanine.com/class-schedules/> for more information and updates.

Lutz Classes



- ◆ **Basic Obedience:** For dogs six months and older. Starting Thursday, January 29 at 6:15 p.m. (8-week course)
- ◆ **Acting/Trick Training:** Fun trick training for fame or just to brag to friends. Starting Wednesday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m. (4-week course)
- ◆ **Puppy Kindergarten:** For puppies six months and younger. Starting Saturday, February 7 at 1:15 p.m. (8-week course)
- ◆ **Really Reliable Recall:** If you want your dog to come when called, this is the class for you! Starting Sunday, February 15 at 11:30 a.m. (4-week course)
- ◆ **Intermediate Agility:** Handling coaching for agility. Starting Thursday, February 19 at 6:15 p.m. (8-week course)
- ◆ **Intro to Agility:** A great way to exercise you and your dog! Starting Saturday, February 28 at 3:30 p.m. (8-week course)
- ◆ **Basic Obedience:** For dogs six months and older. Starting Sunday, March 1 at 10:00 a.m. (8-week course)
- ◆ **Control Unleashed for Reactive Dogs:** Based on the book by Leslie McDivitt. Starting Sunday, March 1 at 1:00 p.m. (6-week course)
- ◆ **Intro to Agility:** A great way to exercise you and your dog! Starting Saturday, February 28 at 3:30 p.m. (8-week course)
- ◆ **Canine Good Citizen for Pet Therapy or Manners:** Seven weeks of practice with the CGC test on the 8th week. Starting Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. (8-week course)
- ◆ **Puppy Kindergarten:** For puppies six months and younger. Starting Thursday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. (8-week course)

A Place for Pups

39930 U.S. Highway 19 North, Tarpon Springs, FL



- ◆ **Basic Obedience:** For dogs six months and older. Starting Tuesday, February 3 at 8:15 p.m. (8-week course)
- ◆ **Canine Good Citizen for Pet Therapy or Manners:** Seven weeks of practice with the CGC test on the 8th week. Starting Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. (8-week course)

12. Interesting, Informative & Fun Links

Need a smile? Log on to <http://upside-down-dogs.com/page/1>.



To learn more about the dangers of xylitol, read the ASPCA's press release at: http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=press_082106.



SafeTPet offers personalized collars, leashes, pet tags and more. Visit their site at <http://safetpet.com/>.

13. AVSAB Position Paper on Dominance

The American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior (AVSAB) has released a position statement to clarify the AVSAB's views on the theory of dominance relationships between animals and hopefully to dispel some myths about dominance. It's an informative article based in science that has a practical use in understanding our relationships with companion animals. To read the position statement, please log on to: http://www.avsabonline.org/avsabonline/images/stories/Position_Statements/dominance%20statement.pdf.

14. AKC Earthdog Test

Tampa Bay Terrier Club is holding an AKC Earthdog test on March 7 & 8, 2009 at the Ocala Dog Show Grounds, Ocala FL. In addition, there will be day of entries for introduction to quarry and Junior Earthdog.

For more information E-mail: b.bluebaykbt@verizon.net.

15. Meetups at CCI!

To learn about breed meetups at Courteous Canine, Inc. please log on to <http://www.courteouscanine.com/meetups/>.

Here are photos from a recent Doodle meetup:



16. Dog Fighting Tipline

Florida is one of the top three states with major dog fighting operations. Now Florida has a crime tipline to help crack down on animal fighting.

To report animal fighting call 1-877-847-HSUS (4787). You may be eligible for a reward of up to \$5,000.

17. Help for Feral Cats

Mission: MEOW (Managing and Ending Overpopulation Wisely) in Tampa is now providing information and assistance to condo associations, businesses and individuals to coordinate trapping and neutering efforts. For more information visit

<http://www.humanesocietytampa.org/spay-neuter/feral-free-roaming-cats/> or e mail missionmeowtampa@yahoo.com.

18. AKC Welcomes Three Breeds

On January 1, 2009, the Irish Red and White Setter, the Pyrenean Shepherd and the Norwegian Buhund gained full AKC recognition. To learn more about these breeds, log on to www.AKC.org.



If you have something to cheer about, ideas for newsletter content or pictures you would like to contribute please e-mail Info@CourteousCanine.com.

Happy Clicker Training!

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February 21 and 22, 2009 at 9 am to 4 pm both days hosted at Courteous Canine, Inc. (address above)

Saturday- Canine Scent **Neuroscience** – lecture, only demo dogs attending --
K9 Sensory Physiology Overview
Neuroscience Fundamentals
The Limbic System; Components and Conditioning a Limbic System Response
Training Implications

Sunday- Canine **Olfaction** – lecture, only demo dogs attending --
Olfactory Physiology of the K9
The Neuroscience of Olfaction
Scent Chemistry
Scents and Scent Properties
Fundamental Scent Work Procedures
Handling and Storage of Training Scents

Private instruction available on Monday Feb, 23, 2009 for \$50 per hour

Who should attend: trainers interested in scent training, service dog trainers, law enforcement k9 trainers, obedience and tracking trainers, and dog owners interested in scent training.

SCENT SEMINAR TRAINER/INSTRUCTOR BIO: Tom Brownlee

In Accordance with requirements set forth by the American Society of Canine Trainers(www.asctk9.org) Tom Brownlee has met the criteria set forth to be certified, in order as :Handler, Master Handler, Senior Master Handler, Civilian/ Departmental Trainer, Master Trainer (ASCT Certification requirements). During the course of progression through these certifications, the following educational courses have been successfully completed through the ASCT Educational Division and a series of Seminars/ Clinics on all aspects of Law Enforcement K9, including: Principles of Narcotics Training, Narcotics Legal Qualification, Principles of Tracking, K9 Physiology Care and First Aid, Liability Assessment: Reduction and Theory, Advanced Narcotic Interdiction, Advanced Urban and Rural Tracking, K9 Unit Survival- Armed Encounters, Interstate Narcotic Interdiction, Court Testimony and Evaluation, Technical Narcotics, Technical Tracking, Neuroscience: Biological Behavior Operative for the K9, Tactical Combine/Dual Purpose Dogs, Urban Tracking Development, Night Tracking Advancement, Narcotics Trainer Development, and Law Enforcement K9 education is on-going...

In addition to Law Enforcement K9 Training Tom has also been certified as a Pet Dog Trainer, is an AKC CGC Evaluator, and a member in good standing of IAADP (International Association of Assistance Dog Partners) and ADI (Assistance Dog International).

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Type of training interested in: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Would you like to get our email newsletter? Yes/No

Saturday only \$150

Sunday only \$150

Saturday and Sunday \$290

Monday private \$50: 9- 4pm available – time requested: _____

Mail this form and check to: Courteous Canine, Inc., 3414 Melissa Country Way, Lutz, FL 33559

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