

November News From Blue Dog Creature Coaching



Dear Friends,
I hope this newsletter finds you and your fur companions enjoying the cooler days of fall.

I've had quite an exciting fall and the highlight was attending the

Association of Pet Dog Trainer conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Speakers included Dr. Robert M. Miller, Dr. Ian Dunbar, Dr. Patricia McConnell, Suzanne Clothier and Victoria Stillwell. The hot topic was using play and games in training. I came back with many creative ideas for incorporating more play into day to day training and have started integrating these techniques into my classes. I also picked up some innovative new dog puzzle toys that I'm test driving with our dogs.

TTouch Workshops-In early November, I organized a Tellington TTouch training session and was overwhelmed by the number of people interested in learning more about the TTouch Method. So, I will be presenting two "Introduction to TTouch" workshops at the APS/Paws 4 Ever in Mebane on December 10th and 14th. See details below.

Classes-My January class schedule is set (see dates to the right) and registration is now underway.

Web Features-My website includes a new "Newsletter Sign Up/Feedback" form which you can use to send messages to me, make a comment about classes or workshops. Please send me your input on how my techniques/suggestions have worked for you and your dog.

Jenn on WRAL's Bad Dog Challenge II

Check out the second edition of WRAL's BAD DOG Challenge where I'll be one of the featured trainers. Airing soon!

Winter Group Dog Training Classes

Meadowmont/Chapel Hill

Puppy Manners
Wednesdays 6:30PM
starts: January 7, 2009

Family Manners
Wednesdays 7:30PM
starts: January 7, 2009

Family Manners
Saturdays 9:00AM
starts: January 7, 2009

Super Manners
Saturdays 10:00AM
starts: January 10, 2009

Canine Good Citizen
Saturdays 11:00AM
starts: January 10, 2009

Bed and Bone/Mebane

Puppy Manners
Thursdays 6:00PM
starts: January 2009

Family Manners
Thursdays, 7:00PM
starts: January 2009

To register, contact Jenn at 919-357-5396 or jenn@bluedogk9.com

Quick Links

www.bluedogk9.com
www.ttouch.com

And finally, don't forget to check out Royal's blog, [The Life of Royal](#). His adventures include joining the APS Dog Drill Team, a busy training and social calendar, and making time to rate new toys and dog gadgets.

Happy November!!
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Introduction to the TTouch Method Workshops



Wednesday, December 10th, 7-9pm
OR
Sunday, December 14th, 2-4pm

Taught by Jenn Merritt
APS of Orange County/Paws4Ever
6311 Nicks Road, Mebane
[Click here for directions](#)

What is TTouch?

The TTouch Method helps animals reduce stress and build confidence. The techniques are simple, easy to use and can alleviate pains, fears and tensions. TTouch can contribute positively towards improving a wide variety of behavioral and health problems in animals of all ages. Come discover the possibilities!

These two hour Intro workshops are for humans only and are prerequisite for more advanced/hands-on workshops that I will offer in the coming months. Cost is \$10. Please call 919-357-5396 or email jenn@bluedogk9.com for more information/to reserve a spot.

Karen B. London, Ph.D.
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New Addition to Blue Dog's Recommended Reading List

Want to have more fun with your dog while building a cooperative relationship? Pick up a copy of "Play Together, Stay Together", the wonderful new book by Dr. Karen London and Dr. Patricia McConnell. From teaching you how to use play as motivation, stress relief, and for emotional/physical well being, this book is insightful and useful for all dog/human relationships. And we could

all use a little more fun!!

A Message from Royal- "Come see me in the parades!"



I am so excited that I've joined the APS Dog Drill Team and will be performing in the Hillsborough and Chapel Hill Holiday Parades. You can see me show off all my moves!

And don't forget to check out all my latest digging, agility, and

TTouch adventures on my blog. [Check out The Life of Royal.](#)

