



January is International Train Your Dog Month!

"January is all about building stronger relationships with our dogs through the power of training!" APDT

Of course, you can train your dog anytime during the year--but why not start now? Whether you have a new puppy, an older rescue, or a current pet--training helps build a bond between you and your dog. Training doesn't have to be an intense process--sometimes, making a tiny change can improve your dog's behavior. Enroll in a class now to reach a better relationship with your dog.

New Seminar by Julie Bond **The Power of Body Language**

Dogs are keen observers of humans; they seem to understand our emotions and body language. As Annie Grossman says, "...your dog probably already is doing graduate-level work in the field of interpreting how *you're* feeling based on *your* body language." Yet, we rarely return the favor; we seem to feel that dogs aren't communicating with us because they don't use words. Context is key, and understanding your furry friend's signals is like having a secret decoder ring for better training, enhanced safety, and an improved bond.

Julie Bond, a certified animal behaviorist, is teaching this 2-week class for people only. Whether you are socializing a new puppy, fostering a rescue, engaging in pet therapy work, or seeking a safer relationship between your kids and dog--anyone with a dog of any age will benefit from this enjoyable seminar.

Saturday, 1/25 and 2/1 at 11:00 am
Register [HERE](#)

Rally for Fun

A fun introduction to some traditional obedience skills in a light-hearted class. (It's a chance to see that training and fun are not mutually exclusive!!!!) This is a great way to spend quality time with your pup during this busy time.

Starts on Tuesday, 1/14 at 6:00 pm
Meets 4 times: 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4

Register [HERE](#)

Help--My Dog Jumps on People

This one-night class will help you learn to manage your dog (and your visitors) so everyone will enjoy calm greetings.

Tuesday, 1/14 @ 7:00 PM

Register [HERE](#)

Fun Drills to Improve Skills

For pups who have taken Manners & Minding 1 or Basic Manners for Community Dogs and want more practice on their skills. Or maybe you took Canine Good Citizen, and your pup wasn't quite ready.... This class is "more walk and less talk"!

Starts on Wednesday, 1/15 @ 5:00 PM
Meets 3 times: 1/15, 1/22, 1/29

Register [HERE](#)

Searching for Fun!

"Many dogs get sufficient walks and exercise, but insufficient stimuli of their innate senses..." (Anne Kvam) This is a super fun and exhausting class for ALL dogs—all ages, all breeds, all physical conditions, and all levels of training (even no training)! Playing "find" with your dog when it is too cold or wet to go for walks is a great indoor activity.

Starts on Wednesday, 1/15, @ 6:00 PM
Meets 5 times: 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/12, 2/19 (No Class on 2/5)

Register [HERE](#)

All About Sit

Sit is one of the first cues we usually teach our dogs--often before we understand how to train. This 2-week course will help fine-tune your training skills for all behaviors. You'll help your dog develop a solid sit, and proper sitting helps develop a strong core--so it's a workout, too! Together, you'll work on duration, distractions, and distance--sitting across the room from you or while you are walking or with crazy distractions. The focus is on "sit"--but you'll improve your training skills for many behaviors.

Starts on Thursday, 1/16, @ 6:30 PM

Meets 2 times: 1/16, 1/23

Register [HERE](#)

Basic Manners for Community Dogs

Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks? Not us! This class is for dogs who are too old for puppy class and haven't had any training--or even older dogs who need a little brush-up on manners. Training can also help your dog burn energy when it is too cold or wet to go out.

Starts on Tuesday, 1/21 at 5:00 pm

Meets 6 times: 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25

Register [HERE](#)

Better Recall -- Small Class

This is one of the most important cues to teach your dog--and the one that most of us mess up. In this one-night class, you will learn if you need to start over with a new word, how to get off to a successful start, plus how to practice inside and out.

Starts on Tuesday, 1/21 @ 7:00 PM

Register [HERE](#)

Leash Walking Lessons

Want to have more fun walking your dog? This three-week class contains tips and training exercises to create a nice walking companion. We will work inside and when weather permits around downtown Los Altos.

Starts on Tuesday, 1/28, at 7:00 pm

Meets 3 times: 1/28, 2/4, 2/11

Register [HERE](#)

Many of these classes have limited space; register now and don't miss out.

If you have a new puppy coming home soon (or one who has been in your home for 10 days), please contact me to learn about enrolling in Puppy Preschool. I also offer several Puppy Practice sessions for dogs 10- to 24- weeks old--one week sessions on a specific topic. Manners & Minding 1 for dogs 4- to 8-months old is also starting now. Check the Class Calendar below for more information.

If you have a question about your dog's behavior, check out Julie's [Blog](#).

Don't miss her two latest posts:

That's a Really Good Questions (relates to dog body language) [LINK](#)

I Understand Your Frustration! [LINK](#)

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