



Redfern Ramblings

Fall 2009 Edition

Special Events

Mark your calendar NOW and plan to attend the following special events:

- **Pictures With Santa**
— Nov 28 (Sat) 1:00-???
Reservations Recommended
- **Holiday Party** — Sat Dec 5, 4 PM
- **Dog Scouts Troop 171**
Troop Meeting — Dec 20 (Sun) 4 PM
Jan 17 (Sun) 4 PM
Bell-Ringing Practice — Nov 22, 4 PM
Holiday Bell-Ringing — Dec 19, 5-9
- **PhoDOgraphy Seminars** (See Pg 2 for details) — 1/24 (Sun) 4 PM
1/31 (Sun) 4 PM
2/14 (Sun) 4 PM
- **S.T.A.R Puppy & CGC Testing**
— 1/23 & 2/20 (Sat) 2 PM

Pictures With Santa

Bring your dog(s) to have their pictures taken with Santa, on Saturday November 26 (the day after Thanksgiving) from 1 to 6 PM. Reservations are strongly recommended to assure a time slot. Proceeds this year will benefit the Redfern Canine Assistants and Redfern Therapy Dog programs.

Pictures can be one dog or a family of dogs + Santa. Humans can participate if they wish. If you have a holiday costume for your pooch, bring it on.



Pictures will be offered in several formats, on Glossy or Matte paper, including:



- 8.5 x 11
- 5.5 x 8.5
- Wallet Size
- Stickers
- "Business Cards"
- Note Cards with Envelopes
- 8.5 x 3.66 Photo Cards with Envelopes



A minimum order of \$15 is requested. Orders should be available for pickup not later than Sunday, December 6. For additional information and to register, go to www.redferncanines.com/pictures_with_santa.html.

Holiday Dangers for Dogs

Poinsettias, holly, mistletoe, Christmas trees and decorations, nuts, raisins, chocolate, onions, garlic, turkey bones and tobacco products ... what they all have in common is that they are TOXIC TO DOGS. To be safe this holiday, check out some of these 3 listings of common products that your dog should not get into:

www.entirelypets.com/toxicfoods.html
www.peteducation.com/article.cfm?c=2+2098&aid=932
vetmedicine.about.com/od/toxicology/qt/toxicplants.htm

Please share these lists with your dog-loving friends!

**Get an early jump on the Holidays:
Gift Certificates Available**
*Any amount — use for Classes,
Seminars or Merchandise.*

For your Dog, for Family and Friends

Holiday Party

Mark your calendars now for the Holiday Party, to be held at the training center on Saturday Dec 5 at 4 PM. Fun, games and surprises are in store. All well-behaved dogs are welcome. Holiday costumes are optional.

The Letter-Boxing Bug

The Dog Scout Troop has caught the Letterboxing Bug, and the infection is serious! They're not only finding letterboxes all over the place, they are SPREADING the infection by placing boxes of their own. We've created a web page about letterboxing, which includes links to the boxes our troop members have placed. To join the fun go to www.redferncanines.com/scouts/letterboxing

Bad Weather — Class Schedule

Although we try very hard to hold classes during winter months, sometimes the weather does not cooperate..

If we find it prudent to cancel classes due to weather or other factors, we will make every attempt to contact you prior to class. Please check your Email, and your Voice Mail for messages. Feel free to call 979-0132 if you have not heard from us prior to leaving for class..

Note that if a class needs to be canceled, the rest of the classes will be pushed back one week, so that no sessions will be missed.

HOWEVER, if you feel local conditions make travel hazardous for you and your dog, even though classes are NOT canceled, please trust your judgment and avoid travel if necessary.

Worth Repeating

*"If a dog will not come to you after he has looked you in the face, you ought to go home and examine your conscience."
— Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924)*

Is YOUR Dog Licensed?

If your dog is more than 3 months old you MUST have a license! Licenses can be obtained from your County Treasurer, and from some pet supply stores.

Redfern Announces New Structure for Introductory Classes

We're excited to announce our new format for beginning class levels! Starting in 2010, all new students in Puppy, Beginners and Manners classes will benefit from an additional session of class.

Added to the 6 weekly classes currently in place will be one session which will be scheduled before the regular classes begin. This introductory session will focus on Training Theory and Techniques, Basic Guidelines for classes, and Human Training Skills.

Stay tuned for more details in our next newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Eleanor Parker and Dale completed their Advanced Rally (AKC) title.

Carolyn Dumaresq and Max have achieved Novice Agility (AKC) and Level 1 Agility (UKC). Have also achieved Rally Advanced (AKC), Rally 2 (UKC) and Rally Level 1 Champion (APDT)

New Dog Scouts — Timmy, Tara, Jon, Corie, Sophie, Steel and Baxter.

New Pup Scout — Zeke.

New Badge-Earners — Therapy (Maida). Backpacking (Baxter), Phodography (Dale), Letterboxing 1 (Dale, Jon, Misty, Julie, Dora).

Did we miss anyone? If so, let us know and we'll do your brag in the next issue..

Dog Scout Troop 171



This is a BUSY troop!

Over the past few months we have taken hikes, had a "Teach Your Dog to Swim" day, learned about Letterboxing, introduced our members to Rally, participated in the Harrisburg Gallery Walk, learned how to paint, learned how to carve stamps (for letterboxing), and participated in several TV events.

The Troop was featured on several live segments on **WPMT** (Fox 43) over two hours on the morning of August 12. Several Dog Scouts (and their humans) demonstrated some of the skills they had learned and promoted Dog Scouting in general.

We also had an event on **WTPA** (ABC-27) to present some of the **Oxygen Mask sets** to the Harrisburg and Penbrook Fire Departments and to the Dauphin County Animal Response Team. (More such presentations will occur over the coming months.)

If you know of a **Fire Department or Emergency Response/EMT organization** in Dauphin or Perry County that would be interested in one or more sets of masks, please let us know. We want to get all those sets out so they can save lives for dogs, cats and other small animals in case of fire or other emergencies.

Beginning in January we will sponsor another series of presentations on **PhoDOGraphy**, to help our members (and the general public) to learn more about how to improve their picture-taking skills, AND to prepare for those who want to earn the PhoDOGraphy Dog Scout badge. Detailed information is in the separate article on this page. Please pass the word to your friends.

Plans are underway to have a series of training and checkout sessions for folks who are interested in the **Agility** badges. These will be held at an indoor facility with full-sized agility equipment, and will cover the Obstacles 1 (A-Frame, Tunnel & Bar Jump) and 2 (Dog Walk, Chute & High Jump) badges. Stay tuned for more information on the exact dates & costs.

The troop has jumped in with all 6 feet (4 canine and 2 human) to become immersed in **Letterboxing**. Many of our members (and their dogs) are seeking out letterboxes all over the area, and several teams have already placed one or more boxes. A page has been added to the Redfern website listing links to the information about boxes placed by members. Go to

www.redferncanines.com/scouts/letterboxing.

Pass the word to your friends that our dogs will once again be **ringing bells for the Salvation Army** at the Macy's entrance to the Harrisburg Mall on Saturday, **Dec 19**, from 5 to 9 PM. Come and support the troop, and this very worthy cause. *Practice for the bell-ringing will be held on Sunday Nov 22 at 4 PM. To sign up for a 1-hour time slot on Dec 19 please see Betsy at class or send her an email to betsy@redferncanines.com.*

Next meetings will be December 20 and January 17 at 4 PM. Bring a friend!

Worth Repeating

"...there was nothing he enjoyed more ... than a good book. He'd wander into the study, take down some leather-bound volume, and eat it."
— Terence Brady, *Bobby's Main Vice Was Orgies*

Current Class Listings

Class Title	Beginning Date/Time	# Sessions
Puppy Class	Nov 21 (Sat) 11:30 AM	6
K-9 Sampler ----- NEW -----	Nov 21 (Sat) 12:45 PM	6
Agility -- Level 1	Dec 4 (Fri) 6:30 PM	6
Manners Class	Dec 5 (Sat) 9:00 AM	6
Beginners Class	Dec 5 (Sat) 10:15 AM	6
Tricks Class	Dec 8 (Tues) 6:30 PM	3
CGC/Therapy Dog Preparation	Dec 20 (Sun) 2:30 PM	5
Manners Class	Dec 21 (Mon) 7:45 PM	6
Beginners Class	Dec 22 (Tues) 7:45 PM	6
Puppy Class	Dec 27 (Sun) 1:15 PM	6
Competition Obedience	Jan 2 (Sat) 12:45 PM	6
Beginners Class	Jan 5 (Tues) 6:30 PM	7
Rally Competition	Jan 7 (Thurs) 5:30 PM	6
Rally -- Level 1	Jan 7 (Thurs) 6:30 PM	6
Rally -- Level 2	Jan 7 (Thurs) 7:45 PM	6
Intro to APDT Rally ----- NEW -----	Jan 8 (Fri) 7:45 PM	6
Manners Class	Jan 9 (Sat) 11:30 AM	7
Puppy Class	Jan 11 (Mon) 6:30 PM	7
Rally -- Level 1 ----- Daytime Class -----	Jan 13 (Weds) 2:30 PM	6
Beginners Class	Jan 23 (Sat) 9:00 AM	7
Manners Class	Jan 23 (Sat) 10:15 AM	7
Hearing Dog Training ----- NEW -----	Jan 31 (Sun) 2:30 PM	6

PLEASE REMEMBER (when registering online) to complete the Class Application AND Payment Forms. If a Payment Form is submitted without the Application it is necessary to contact you to get important information.

PhoDOGraphy, 2010 Edition

Coming in 2010, the latest opportunity to enhance your skills as a photographer, and have some fun with your favorite furry friend.

Built around the PhoDOGraphy badge for Dog Scouts, *although you do not have to be in Dog Scouts to participate*, this is a 4-session course.

The first 2 sessions (WITHOUT DOGS) will help your photography skills:

Jan 24 (Sun) 4 PM — **Getting to Know Your Camera**. Bring your camera and we'll help to explain what all those buttons, dials, symbols and other strange doo-dads are all about.

Jan 31 (Sun) 4 PM — **Principles of Photography**. How to improve your pictures with composition, use of light, perspective and subtle tricks of the trade.

The last 2 sessions (WITH DOGS) are specifically related to the Badge:

Feb 14 (Sun) 4 PM — **Preparing Your Dog for the PhoDOGraphy Badge**, Learn how to pose your dog, get them to stay, provide attention and give you the look you want.

Feb 27 (SAT) 4 PM — **PhoDOGraphy Badge Checkout**. Bring your completed pictures and explain how you created your "masterpieces". (Only available for Dog Scouts)

Costs for the first 3 sessions are \$5 (per person) each session or \$10 for all 3 for Dog Scout family members. **NON-Dog Scout persons are welcome to participate for \$10 each session or \$25 for all 3.**

(There is no charge for the Checkout session)

Ca\$h for (Canine) Clunkers?!?!?

WHAT A DEAL! Redfern's Stimulus Package:

- Trade in your mangled, disheveled, trashed or otherwise no-longer-like-new Dog Toy, and get any Dog Toy we sell for 10% off.
- Trade in a Leash, Collar, Harness or Treat Bag and get 10% off any Training Aid we sell. Offer good thru December 31 on items in stock.

Holiday Gift Ideas

Just in time for the holidays, Santa has arranged for an early delivery of gift items for your furry friend — and you!

- **Interactive toys** like the Tug-A-Jug, Twist & Treat, Kibble Nibble & Squirrel Dude keep Rover occupied while also offering the opportunity to feed them over an extended time.
- **Bouncy Bone**, **Bristle Bone**, **Waggle** & others are extremely chew-resistant, as well as entertaining.
- By popular request we now have a supply of **Filled Bones** in a variety of flavors.
- **TREAT BAGS** are back! An improved design in a variety of colors. Spring-open-and-close, with belt and belt clip, for a variety of ways to wear it. Pockets for clicker, clean-up bags and a "secret pocket".
- **NEW: Dumbbells** for teaching retrieve.
- **Soft leather leashes and Premier Collars** in a variety of colors.

Quantities are limited, so fill your stocking early to avoid disappointment.