



# Redfern Ramblings

Fall 2011 Edition

## Special Events

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

- **Introduction to Training (Seminars)**  
Oct 5, 15, 23; Nov 2, 12, 27; Dec 7, 17, 28
- **C.L.A.S.S. Preparation**  
B.A. Level begins Oct 15  
M.A. Level begins Dec 15
- **Dog Scouts Troop 171**  
Troop Meeting — Oct 16 (Sun) 4 PM  
Nov 20 (Sun) 4 PM  
Dec 11 (Sun) 4 PM  
Hike — Bullfrog Valley Park  
— Oct 2 (Sun) 4 PM  
Penbrook Halloween Parade  
— Oct 20 (Thurs) 6 PM  
Bell-Ringing at Harrisburg Mall  
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- **Howl-o-ween Party**  
— Oct 30, (Sun) 4 PM
- **CGC & S.T.A.R Puppy Evaluations** Nov 6 (Sun 3 PM), Dec 11 (Sun 4 PM)
- **Pictures with Santa**  
— Nov 19 (Sat) Reservations Recommended
- **Holiday Party**  
— Dec 4 (Sun) 4 PM

## Worth Repeating

*"Dogs are not our whole life,  
but they make our lives whole."  
— Roger Caras, By Definition*

## Questions for Julie

An Etiquette Column for the Well-Behaved Canine

Dear Julie,

A very dear friend of our family recently moved to a nursing home. My humans go to visit her weekly, but I never get to go along. I miss the way she used to rub behind my ears, and I'm sure she would like to see me too. What do I need to do to get invited along?

— Missing Emma

Dear "Missing" —

It really leaves an empty spot in our lives when one of our friends is no longer around. Emma probably misses you as much as you miss her.

Most nursing homes and similar facilities welcome visits by well-mannered pooches, and realize that they help people who are no longer able to live in their homes.

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## C.L.A.S.S. — Can YOU Make the Grade?

Coming this Fall — A new level of opportunities to grow with your dog, developed by the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) based on input from both dog owners and non-dog owners, shelter workers and professional dog trainers.

**C.L.A.S.S.** (Canine Life and Social Skills) is a three-level evaluation for students to demonstrate the real-life skills of their dogs, as well as a knowledge assessment of the students' understanding of basic dog handling and care. Rewards-based training minimizes the use of punishment and is fun for you and your dog.



The **OBJECTIVES** of C.L.A.S.S. are to

- Promote Positive Training
- Strengthen Dog/Owner Relationships
- Encourage Ongoing Training
- Value Real-Life Skills
- Educate about Dog Behavior
- Promote the Value of Dog Trainers and Dog Training

Certification is offered at three levels

- **B.A.** for Dogs
  - Basic skills such as Wait at the Door, Loose Leash Walking, Meet & Greet, Wait for the Food Bowl, Settle, Give & Take and two Tricks (one from a prescribed list such as roll over, spin, fetch and one chosen by the student) and more.
- **M.A.** for Dogs
  - Advanced skills such as Wait in the Car, Pass By Other Dogs, Handling of the dog's paw, ears, teeth and stroking, Loose Leash Walking past Food Bowls, Stay with student 5 feet away for 1 minute, Targeting and an additional Trick (different from B.A. level) and more.
- **Ph.D.** for Dogs
  - Loose Leash Walking holding an unsteady object in the hand for 15 feet and walking through a door, Back Up with unsteady object in hand, Recall from 20 feet past distractions, Attention for 15 seconds after an unfamiliar person knocks on the door and enters the testing area, Table Manners (dog settles in a down while student and another person sit at a table for a snack for 30 seconds), "Do You really Know Sit?" (multiple body positions), Targeting with an Unfamiliar Person and more.

We will be offering classes to prepare for each of these evaluations as well as the evaluations themselves. Please see the website for scheduling details.

More information on the full C.L.A.S.S. program and Evaluation can be found at <http://www.mydoghasclass.com>

The C.L.A.S.S Student Handbook can be downloaded from [http://www.mydoghasclass.com/docs/student/student\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.mydoghasclass.com/docs/student/student_handbook.pdf)

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They especially welcome dogs who have received a Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dog Certification by a recognized testing organization.

Your human can enroll you in a class, get you tested, and before you know it you can be snuggling with Emma, and you will BOTH be tail-waggin' happy again.

— Julie



## Howl-o-ween Party

Calling all 4-legged ghosts and goblins: bring your well-behaved Human and have a howling good time. [October 30, 4 PM] Costumes are optional for dogs and/or humans. Games, refreshments and maybe some surprises. YOUR participation will make it extra-special!

## Dog Scout Troop 171



Troop 171 is heading into Fall activities after a long day talking about Dog Scouts at Woofstock.

Some upcoming events are already planned and no doubt some additional activities will

be set at upcoming meetings

Coming events include:

- **Hike at Bullfrog Valley Park** (off bullfrog Valley Road, near Hershey Medical Center). Sunday Oct 2, 4 PM. This hike offers opportunities for the Backpacking and Letterboxing badges.
- **Penbrook Halloween Parade**, Thursday, Oct 20, 6 PM. We will "march" as a troop to generate some exposure to Dog Scouts. Information soon regarding the assembly point. (*Note that Walnut St — the main street through Penbrook is generally closed at least 30 minutes prior to the parade. Parking is often a challenge, so car pooling is encouraged.*)
- **Bell Ringing at Harrisburg Mall**. [Date to be announced.] Our annual Community Service pilgrimage on behalf of the Salvation Army. Bring your bell-ringing pooch for a 1-hour time slot — see Betsy to coordinate the schedule.

Next meetings will be **Oct 16, Nov 20** and **Dec 18** (all Sundays) at 4 PM. Please come with ideas for badges YOU would like to pursue, and suggestions for upcoming special events. And remember that we always start with "Braggs". We look forward to hearing what has been going well for YOU and your canine partner.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME at meetings. Please note that in order to participate in other troop events it is necessary to join Dog Scouts of America.

## Current Class Listings

Class Title	Beginning Date/Time	# Class Sessions
<i>Introduction to Training (Seminar)</i>	Oct 5 (Wed) 7:00 PM	1* -- See Note Below --
<b>CLASS-B.A.</b> ——— Class is FULL ———	Oct 13 (Thurs) 7:45 PM	6
<b>CGC/Therapy Dog Preparation</b>	Oct 15 (Sat) 10:15 AM	5
<b>Manners Class</b>	Oct 15 (Sat) 12:45 PM	7* -- See Note Below --
<i>Introduction to Training (Seminar)</i>	Oct 15 (Sat) 2:00 PM	1* -- See Note Below --
<b>Competition Obedience</b>	Oct 16 (Sun) 12 Noon	6
<b>Beginners Class</b>	Oct 16 (Sun) 1:15 PM	7* -- See Note Below --
<i>Introduction to Training (Seminar)</i>	Oct 23 (Sun) 4:00 PM	1* -- See Note Below --
<b>Rally -- Level 1</b>	Oct 27 (Thurs) 6:30 PM	6
<b>Agility</b>	Oct 28 (Fri) 7:00 PM	6
<b>Puppy Class</b>	Oct 29 (Sat) 9:00 AM	7* -- See Note Below --
<b>Beginners Class</b>	Oct 31 (Mon) 6:30 PM	7* -- See Note Below --
<b>Manners Class</b>	Nov 1 (Tues) 7:45 PM	7* -- See Note Below --
<i>Introduction to Training (Seminar)</i>	Nov 2 (Weds) 7:00 PM	1* -- See Note Below --
<b>Come &amp; Go</b>	Nov 5 (Sat) 11:30 AM	6
<i>Introduction to Training (Seminar)</i>	Nov 12 (Sat) 2:00 PM	1* -- See Note Below --
<b>Manners Class</b>	Nov 13 (Sun) 2:30 PM	7* -- See Note Below --
<b>Beginners Class</b>	Nov 14 (Mon) 7:45 PM	6
<b>Retrieve Class</b>	Nov 15 (Tues) 6:30 PM	6
<b>Rally Competition</b>	Nov 17 (Thurs) 5:00 PM	6
<b>Nosework</b>	Nov 27 (Sun) 12 Noon	4
<b>Tricks Class</b>	Nov 26 (Sat) 10:15 AM	5
<b>Puppy Class</b>	Nov 27 (Sun) 1:15 PM	7* -- See Note Below --
<i>Introduction to Training (Seminar)</i>	Nov 27 (Sun) 4:00 PM	1* -- See Note Below --
<i>Introduction to Training (Seminar)</i>	Dec 7 (Weds) 7:00 PM	1* -- See Note Below --
<b>Beginners Class</b>	Dec 8 (Thurs) 7:45 PM	7* -- See Note Below --
<b>Manners Class</b>	Dec 10 (Sat) 12:45 PM	7* -- See Note Below --
<b>Manners Class</b>	Dec 12 (Mon) 6:30 PM	7* -- See Note Below --
<b>CGC/Therapy Dog Preparation</b>	Dec 13 (Tues) 7:45 PM	5
<b>CLASS-M.A.</b>	Dec 15 (Thurs) 6:30 PM	6
<i>Introduction to Training (Seminar)</i>	Dec 17 (Sat) 2:00 PM	1* -- See Note Below --
<i>Introduction to Training (Seminar)</i>	Dec 28 (Weds) 7:00 PM	1* -- See Note Below --
<b>Beginners Class</b>	Dec 30 (Fri) 6:30 PM	7* -- See Note Below --
<b>Rally -- Level 1</b>	Dec 30 (Fri) 7:45 PM	6

### IMPORTANT NOTE about Entry-Level Classes

All Entry-Level Classes (Puppy, Beginners and Manners) include participation in a 1-session "Introduction to Training Seminar" prior to the first class session. The Introductory Seminar (for humans only -- no dogs necessary) is included in the course fee, and will be offered at a variety of times to enable all students to choose a session that fits their schedule.

NOTE — If the class you prefer is not scheduled at a time convenient to you, please let us know ... we may be able to make an adjustment, or schedule a new class based on general interest.

### What Else Can I Do With My Dog?

APDT has compiled a wonderful extensive list of LOTS of things you can do with your dog. Go to <http://www.mydoghasclass.com/students/activities-with-your-dog/default.aspx> Includes links to related organizations/resources.

### 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

## Pictures with Santa

Once again we offer Pictures with Santa for the opportunity to get portraits, wallet size prints, greeting cards or photo cards, just in time for your holiday mailing. The date is Nov 19 (the Saturday before Thanksgiving). We strongly recommend reservations, since most time slots fill up early. We cannot guarantee a sitting without a reservation. Email [santa@redferncanines.com](mailto:santa@redferncanines.com), or call 717-979-2143 to reserve your time.

### Worth Repeating

"Much has been written about the loyalty of dogs, but what I love about them isn't their devotion to me so much as their devotion to being alive."

— Steven Bauer, *Take That, Will Rogers*

## Worth Repeating

"With the exception of Little League baseball, dog shows involve the largest number of amateur participants of any organized sport."

— Connie Vanacore, *Dog Showing* (1990)

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Jon Stewart (with Eleanor Parker) has completed his Rally Advanced level.

Tyler (with Peggy Witmer) has completed his Rally Advanced level.

Pearl (with Betsy Howell) has completed her Rally Novice level.

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

## Puppy Watch

A litter is expected December 2011. Look to the website for updates

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