



Redfern Ramblings

Early Spring 2008 Edition

Special Events

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

- **Blue-Gray Circuit Dog Shows**
Breed Show, Obedience and Rally Obedience Trials. Farm Show, Hbg. April 10-11-12-13, 8 am-4 PM
The Harrisburg Show (Saturday 4/12) is the 2nd-largest Dog Show in the country!
DISCOUNT COUPONS are available through the April Show page on the HKC website at www.hkc.org.
- **Mutt Movie Night**
A Feature-Length dog-oriented movie, with popcorn — bring your comfy chair & soft drink!
(We'll provide the ice.)
Apr 13, May 11 (Sun) 6:30 PM
- **Dog Scouts of America Troop 171**
Hike — April 19 (Sat) 2 PM
Troop Meeting — Apr 20 (Sun) 4 PM
- **Redfern Therapy Group**
May 7 (Weds) 6:30 PM
- **CGC & TDI Evaluations**
May 10, Jun 14 (Sat) 2-5
- **Dog First Aid Seminar**
Produced by the Red Cross
June 22 (Sun) 10-4

Tools of the Trade — Leashes

Choosing a leash from the dozens of styles available in the marketplace can be a formidable task. Here are some of the major types:

- “Training Lead” — usually 6’ long in a cotton fabric. Easy to hold, flexible, less abrasive on the handler’s hand. A great all-around leash for training and walking. The least expensive.
- “Walking Lead” — 6-8’ lengths, usually in nylon. Strong, tougher for chewers, but very hard on your hand, especially for energetic pullers.
- “Leather Leads” — single strip or braided in a variety of styles. 6’ is the common length, but available in sizes from 12” (or less) up to 8’ or longer. 30” to 36” lengths in a supple braided style are popular and very easy on the hands. The most expensive, but durable and worth the cost.
- “Pro Leash by Premier” — an innovative combination leash that is 6’ long, with a detachable 14” traffic leash with a padded loop handle for close-quarters control. Lots of versatility in this product.
- “Flexi Leads” — a retracting leash available in sizes up to 30’ when extended. Shorter lengths to 14’ for smaller dogs. Great for walking energetic and enthusiastic dogs. The dog can travel up to 5-10 times the distance the handler walks! Long-lasting. Flexi-leads are NOT RECOMMENDED for use in training classes, but are great for exercising your dog.
- “Bungee Leads” — a leash that “stretches” for exercising your dog, while shortening to an easier-to-control length for loose-leash walking and general training. Has an extra “handle” in the middle for “short-leash walking”.
- Longer leashes up to 30-50’ are available for open field work, teaching recalls from distances, etc. They can be VERY difficult to handle, and tend to get knotted or bunched up easily.

CAUTION! Resist the temptation to put your wrist through the loop for pulling dogs. There are far too many case histories of handler injury from dogs that suddenly lurched — or even dragged their handlers great distances while still attached.

We would be happy to share information about leash styles and types upon request. Redfern offers a variety of Cotton, Leather, Bungee and Pro Leashes for sale to our clients at below-retail pricing.

Treats Available

For folks who forget to bring treats to class — or who run out of treats — we now offer a variety of Liver Biscotti treats in \$1.00 and \$2.00 bags. Ask your Instructor.

No Butts, please!

We have noticed an increase in the number of cigarette butts on the ground in the grass “potty area” next to the training center. Please note that the cellulose in the filters, plus any unsmoked tobacco makes it very attractive for dogs to pick up, chew and swallow. However those things are NOT healthy for your dog.

Please note that smoking is prohibited within 50 ft of the training facility. And if you happen to see a butt on the ground in that area we would appreciate if you would remove it to the covered trash can. Thanks for your cooperation.

Where can I get a BACKPACK for my dog?

If you are working toward your Dog Scout Backpacking Badge, here are some places that sell backpacks and saddle bags for dogs:

- PetsMart — a variety of styles and sizes from XXS (for tiny dogs) to XL for very large dogs.
- Cabela’s — good quality backpacks in several styles, from XXS to XL. Straps are padded and adjustable for a comfort fit. The Med and Lg styles are available in the store, but the other sizes are primarily available through the catalog or online.
- SuperPetz — we have not seen these styles in

the stores but are told they also carry sizes from XXS through XL

- Wildware Outfitters — Expect to have a variety of sizes available by mid-spring.

Most of these stores have websites which enable comparison shopping to save on gas and driving time.

CGC/TDI Evaluations

May 10 (Sat)
June 14 (Sat)

By Pre-Registration only,
call 717-979-0132
additional info at
www.redferncanines.com

Gift Certificates Available

*Any amount — use for Classes,
Seminars or Merchandise.*

Bouncy Bone

Looking for an “almost indestructible” dog toy? This toy is recommended for strong chewers!

A combination of a

1. super-tough nylon bone and
2. hard rubber ball and
3. “gnawhide” treat ring (replaceable).

Available in 3 sizes, the toy comes apart to clean, and to add new “gnawhide” rings if you choose (it’s plenty stimulating without them!).



This toy was awarded the Dog Fancy Magazine Editor’s Choice Award for 2007.

Available at classes or on our website at www.redferncanines.com/toys.html.

Worth Repeating

It’s human nature to notice what is going wrong and point it out [to the dog]. But pointing out mistakes only acts as reinforcement, and it can actually teach a person or animal to make the same mistake over and over again. ... Make a difference in a future behavior by setting the animal up for success. — Gerilyn Bielakiewicz *The Only Dog Tricks Book You’ll Ever Need*

Dog Scout Troop 171

The troop is growing and moving forward with plans for several upcoming events.

On April 19 we will gather at 2:00 PM for a hike on the Harrisburg Greenbelt. Assembly area will be where the Greenbelt crosses under 19th St (between Sycamore St and Gibson Blvd). There is a small off-street parking area, and there is also parking along 19th St and in a warehouse parking area across the street.

Folks interested in working toward their Backpacking Merit Badge should have a doggie backpack, filled with the required list of goodies (water, water dish, food container, flashlight, first aid kit, etc.) See dogscouts.org for the full list.



Among future plans is helping with a Responsible Dog Ownership Day event in September and the Helen Krause Dog Walk in late September.

Work is underway to produce a Mini-Camp in the Fall with other area troops.

The next meeting will be April 20 at 4 PM.

Current Class Listings

Class Title	Beginning Date/Time	# Sessions
CGC/TDI Preparation <i>Registration CLOSED</i>	April 5 (Sat) 10:15 AM	5
Loose Leash Walking	April 6 (Sun) 12:15 PM	4
Puppy Class	April 6 (Sun) 2:30 PM	6
Beginners Class <i>Registration CLOSED</i>	April 7 (Mon) 7:45 PM	6
Rally -- Level 2	April 10 (Thurs) 6:30 PM	6
Rally -- Level 1	April 10 (Thurs) 7:45 PM	6
Manners Class	April 14 (Mon) 6:30 PM	6
K-9 Sampler	April 20 (Sun) 1:15PM	5
Beginners Class	April 22 (Tues) 7:45 PM	6
Puppy Class	April 23 (Weds) 7:45 PM	6
Reliable Recalls	April 26 (Sat) 12:45 PM	4
Rally -- Level 1	April 27 (Sun) 12:15 PM	6
Agility -- Level 2	May 9 (Fri) 6:30 PM	6
Agility -- Level 1	May 9 (Fri) 7:45 PM	6
Agility -- Level 1	May 10 (Sat) 9:00 AM	6
K-9 Sampler	May 10 (Sat) 11:30 AM	5
Beginners Class	May 13 (Tues) 6:30 PM	6
Manners Class	May 17 (Sat) 10:15 AM	6
Competition Obedience -- Level 1	May 18 (Sun) 2:30 PM	6
Puppy Class	May 19 (Mon) 7:45 PM	6
Rally -- Level 1	May 29 (Thurs) 6:30 PM	6
Rally -- Level 2	May 29 (Thurs) 7:45 PM	6
CGC/TDI Preparation	June 1 (Sun) 1:15 PM	5
Beginners Class	June 2 (Mon) 6:30 PM	5
Manners Class	June 2 (Mon) 7:45 PM	6
Tricks Class	June 21 (Sat) 12:45 PM	2
Intro to Clickers	June 24 (Tues) 6:30 PM	6
Agility -- Level 2	June 27 (Fri) 6:30 PM	6
Agility -- Level 1	June 27 (Fri) 7:45 PM	6

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

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.

MOVIE NIGHT (April 13)

Sunday — 6:30 PM

Because of Winn-Dixie

FREE — Popcorn Provided!

(Bring your own comfy chair and your favorite soft drink — ice and cups provided)

See you at the
Blue-Gray Cluster Dog Shows

April 10-11-12-13

Farm Show Building, Harrisburg

Full info on the
Harrisburg Kennel Club show
(Saturday, April 12)

(including a \$1.00 discount coupon)
at www.hkc.org

Training Aids Available

Redfern has high-quality Training Aids and Toys available, at prices below retail. Included are

- ⇨ “Gentle Leader®” head halters & “Easy-Walk®” no-pull harnesses
- ⇨ Treat Pouches & i-Click Clickers
- ⇨ Ultimate Puppy Toolkits®
- ⇨ Tethers (steel — “un-chewable”)
- ⇨ Leather & Cotton Leashes
- ⇨ Premier Collars
- ⇨ Busy Buddy®, Bouncy Bone™, Twist ‘n Treat™, Chuckle™, Squirrel Dudes™, Waggle™ & Tug-a-Jug™ toys
- ⇨ Katies Bumpers™ (fire hose products)

Pictures and prices are available at www.redferncanines.com. Items available at classes, or send an Email to redfern@joweb.com