



Redfern Ramblings

Fall Classes Special Edition

Special Events

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

- **Halloween Party**
Oct 27 (Sat) 3 PM
- **Games Night**
Nov 5 (Mon) 7 PM
- **Holiday Party**
Dec 8 (Sat) 10 AM

Additional information will be announced soon at classes and on the website.

Redfern Therapy Group

The inaugural meeting of the Redfern Therapy Group will be held November 7 (Wed) at 7 PM. The group will provide support and resources for dog and handler teams who participate in Therapy Dog activities.

Monthly meetings will include

- guest speakers,
- problem-solving sessions,
- sharing information and tips for great visits & scheduling of future therapy visits.

For additional information contact Betsy.

Puppy Watch

Scarlett is on track to deliver puppies about November 3.

She is entering the "wide-body" stage, and the sonogram shows at least 7 puppies.



Check the website for updates, and pictures once the pups are delivered.



Care to venture a guess of how many pups she will deliver?

What's New?

Some exciting new classes are available at our new training center:

Kids 'n K9s

This class is designed for 6 to 12-year-olds *and their dogs*. Designed to help the young handler understand the basics of working with their dogs. The participants will

- Learn how to teach their dogs sit, down and come
- Teach their dogs a trick, and
- Learn how to interact with unfamiliar dogs

Competition Obedience — Level 1 (Sub-Novice)

An introduction to obedience training for competition in the obedience ring. Among the topics covered

- Individual exercises
- Basic concepts for training for each exercise
- What a judge is looking for
- What works, and what will get you into trouble

K9 Sampler

Wondering what some of those "other classes" are all about? Trying to figure out of YOUR pooch would be able to get into some of the exercises? This class is a way to "get your feet wet" with the types of activities you can do with your dog, such as

- Rally Obedience
- Agility
- Canine Good Citizen designation
- Therapy Dog work

Tricks Class

This class will focus on some of the fun things you can do with your dog, and help them to perform some tricks to "show off" to family and friends. "Design your own trick", and we'll help you to develop the steps and the training plan to help you toward your goal.

Attention Tuning

Attention is a major key to success in many aspects of dog training. Whether your goal is basic training of a family pet, working toward a CGC or Therapy Dog certification, or more advanced competition training (Obedience, Breed Showing, Dock Dogs, Freestyle, etc.), the dog who is giving good attention is the one who will succeed at a higher level

Loose Leash Walking

Novice dog handlers share a common physical deformity — their "leash arm" is longer than their other arm! Puppies want to pull. Active dogs want to "GO"! Many breeds are attracted by squirrels, cars and blowing leaves. This class helps the handler hone the skills to encourage their dog on a LOOSE leash.

Reliable Recalls

This class could save your dog's life! Recalls are more than getting your dog to come into the house. They're also about calling your dog away from danger, as well as directing attention from temptations and situations where your dog could get into mischief.

See redferncanines.com for full Class Schedule details,

Class Registration Form and Secure Online Payment using Credit & Debit Cards, Checks and PayPal

And the Winners are ...

... from our Open House Door Prize Drawing:

- Kimberly Hershey — Seminar Registration
- Lisa Boulware — Redfern Training Class
- Karen Johnston — Toy or Training Aid
- Kathy Fouse — Beanie Baby "Spunky"
- Gayle Kohr — Beanie Baby "Bernie"
- Erin Morrin, Deb Jacobs, Barb Isley, Melissa MacMullin, Mary Lichtenwalner — i-Click Clicker

Prizes may be claimed at the Training Center, by phone, or by Email to redfern@ioweb.com.

CGC/TDI Evaluations

November 17

By Pre-Registration only,
call 717-805-1310
additional info at
www.redferncanines.com

Don't Forget on the first day of class:

- Bring your Vaccination Documents
- Arrive early
- Exercise your dog before entering
- Bring your Application Form or Payment if they have not been previously submitted.

Expanded Fall Classes beginning Late October/Early November

Details on our Web Site

Tools of the Trade: Treat Bags

"Timing is the key to the universe!"

When training our dogs, treats are an important part of the reinforcement process. The ability to deliver the treat quickly and efficiently will go a long way toward reinforcing the positive behaviors Fido does.

Trying to handle a leash, a clicker and pulling treats from a package in your hands (or a Ziploc bag in your pocket) makes for "too many balls to juggle", and creates a long delay between the good behavior and the reward.

Using a device you can WEAR (which leaves both hands free for other tasks) makes life a LOT more simple.

Treat bags are available in a variety of shapes, sizes and styles, from pet retailers and other sources.

- The simplest and least-expensive option is a canvas tie-on nail bag, available from home centers and hardware stores for about \$2.00.
- Fanny packs are great, as long as the zipper is on the TOP ONLY, and does not extend too far down the sides (or the treats will tumble out).
- Treat bags are available from pet supply stores in a variety of styles. Redfern has a specially-designed model which can be fastened around your waist (belt provided), or clipped to a belt or waistband. A front pocket holds clean-up bags or a clicker, and a hidden back zipper pocket can hold keys, money or other valuables.

Pick the style that works for you. Your dog will respond more quickly, and will love you for it.

TREAT BAGS

The Gentle Leader® Treat Pouch by Premier is a sturdy and well-designed tool. Hinged opening stays open or pops shut with a touch. Comes with a belt, belt clip and



has 2 storage pockets for clicker, clean-up bags, ID's, money, etc. Available in Black, Blue, Green and Red. \$15.00 (SRP \$20.00)



Available at training class or at www.redferncanines.com/trainingaids.html

Register Online — Pay with PayPal

Our website not only has the ability to submit registrations for Classes and Seminars online, but now is also able to take *secure* payments as well.

Using PayPal, payments can be submitted using

- Visa (Credit or Debit)
- MasterCard (Credit or Debit)
- Discover
- American Express
- PayPal account
- Personal Check

When payments are received before the start of class it means that the first night of class can proceed much more smoothly and "get right down to work" without the need to take payments.

The process is quick and secure, and provides a printable receipt.

Clicker 101 — Jumping

Some dogs *love* to jump on people, and many folks think it's cute, *and even encourage the behavior*. **DON'T DO IT!**

While it may be cute for you, other people may not share your feelings. It also may be dangerous for small humans, and senior citizens if someone gets knocked over.

If your dog is a jumper, you need to work with a small group of people to [A] refrain from encouraging that behavior, and [B] enthusiastically reinforce every instance of the "Four on the Floor" concept.

When your dog jumps up on you, "Be a Tree". Fold your arms and turn your head AWAY from the dog. Give the dog NO attention (including words). As soon as all four feet are on the ground, click and reinforce the dog with words, treats, rubs behind the ear, or whatever turns the dog on.

Practice in a variety of situations:

- Greeting people on walks
- Person knocking on the door or ringing the doorbell
- Working in a small group of people.

If you see a situation developing where the dog is likely to jump on someone, anticipate the situation and direct their attention to something like a training exercise, so the dog may SUCCEED rather than falling into a trap of misbehavior.

Get your "training partners" (family, friends, neighbors) to understand these concepts, and to reinforce every instance of "Four on the Floor" while giving NO reinforcement or attention to jumping behavior. Your grandmother, little Susie next door, and anyone who visits you will be glad you did.

Halloween Party (Oct 27) Costume Contest

Dress up your dog for our Halloween Party compete in these categories:

- Scariest
- Funniest
- Most Original
- Most Colorful
- & others

There is no charge to participate, but we encourage participants to bring a contribution for the Helen O Krause Animal Foundation. Checks should be made payable to "HOKAFI".

Training Aids Available

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

- ⇨ Tethers (steel — "un-chewable")
- ⇨ "Gentle Leader®" head halters & "Easy-Walk®" no-pull harnesses
- ⇨ Treat Pouches & i-Click Clickers
- ⇨ Ultimate Puppy Toolkits®
- ⇨ Leather & Cotton Leads
- ⇨ Premier Collars
- ⇨ Busy Buddy®, Bouncy Bone™, Squirrel Dudes, Waggle™ & Tug-a-Jug™ toys

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