



The Fire Hydrant

Welcome to the April 2014 issue of The Fire Hydrant, brought to you by Mutts With Manners! We will help you have a more pawsitive relationship with your dog, based on mutual trust and respect.

Greetings! We hope that you guys have had a great New Year thus far. At Mutts With Manners we have been looking at the possibilities of expanding this year, and are very excited about it. Stay tuned! We hope you all have started this year out on the right paw, if not, it isn't too late. We have classes beginning in May and should have something for everyone. At Mutts With Manners we not only offer dynamic group classes, but also private lessons and board and trains. Call us for more details.

Congratulations to Laura Hafferty of Mutts With Manners! Laura is now a Canine Good Citizen evaluator. Stay tuned for our evaluation dates and CGC/Star Puppy classes in the upcoming year. The first one that is coming up quickly will be at the 2014 Galveston Island Dog Show- A bark in the Park- on Saturday 26 April from 10am-2pm. Read below for more details.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturdays at Bone Voyage Pet Resort (Harborside Drive):

Basic Obedience- 3, 10, 17, 24 May, 10-11am, \$150

In this class we will cover sit, down, loose leash walking, stay, come, off, leave it and a "fun trick" behavior. We will also cover health and grooming topics and on leash socialization exercises.

Intermediate Obedience- 3, 10, 17, 24 May, 11-12pm, \$150

In this class we go past the basics with longer sit and down stays, meeting and greeting strange people and strange dogs, desensitization to equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and more. We provide a higher distraction environment to work on recalls and so much more. This is a stand alone class, but also doubles as a prep class for anyone who wants to take the AKC Canine Good Citizen or Delta Society Pet Partner evaluations.

Sundays at Galveston Vet Clinic (61st Street):

Basic obedience- 27 April, 4, 11, 18, 25 May, 4-5pm, \$150

In this class we will cover sit, down, loose leash walking, stay, come, off, leave it and a "fun trick" behavior. We will also cover health and grooming topics and on leash socialization exercises.

Mutt & Mingle- 27 April, 4, 11, 18, 25 May, 5-6pm, \$10 each class

This supervised playtime class is fun for dogs and owners alike. Take home a tired dog!

Introduction to Agility- 27 April, 4, 11, 18, 25 May, 6-7pm, \$150

Learn the basics of agility equipment in this 4 week class. All dogs are on leash. Dogs of all ages are welcome to attend.

A Bark in the Park

Saturday, 26 April at Kempner Park 10am-2pm

2014 Annual Bark in the Park is almost here. Get ready for the festivities and make sure you enter your pooch in one of the dog show categories. The categories are complete with rescue and mixed breed categories so everyone can play! This dog show is just for fun, so please mark this date on your calendar! Visit www.galvestonislanddogshow.com for more information!

Coming Soon- CPR and First Aid Class

Galveston local, Casey Farris, is looking into dates for this class. She has extensive knowledge on caring for animals. She owned a pet resort for more than 15 years in Houston and recently sold her business to teach full time. We will keep you guys updated when we have those dates and times. This will be an informative and affordable class for everyone from animal owners to professionals to attend. Check out her website (www.petcprusa.com) and see what she teaches.

Did You Know?

There is a new pet sitting and dog walking business in town! Please consider Tail Waggers Pet Sitting and Dog Walking for any of your animal needs. They will walk your dogs, provide shift relief, and so much more. Visit www.facebook.com/tailwaggerstx to stay up to date. Website will be available soon. You can also call 281-685-7601 for more information.

Grooming needs? Mutts With Manners gives four paws up for Ashley Garza. Ashley is the groomer for Bone Voyage Pet Resort. Ashley is a Galveston local and would love to help you with your grooming needs. She has 5 dogs of her own, 2 Pit Bulls, 1 miniature Dachshund, and 2 mutts. Please give her a call today and schedule your grooming services. Ashley Garza 409-740-2663 www.bonevoyage.net.

Whale Done!

We'd like to recognize Lesley and K9 Rezin. Lesley has dedicated much training time to focus on lessening Rezin's reactivity to other dogs. Large breeds can be intimidating, but both owner and K9 feel more confident on walks. Whale Done, Lesley and Rezin!



Training Tips

Barking can be an annoying behavior to contend with in our beloved canine friends. In this article, along with February's issue, we will explore why dogs bark, and simple techniques to gain more peace and quiet in your home. <http://theislandermagazine.com/ezine/#/TheIslanderMagazine|January 2014/22-23>

Health Check

There are many toxic plants that are dangerous for our animal friends. This quarter we are featuring a very popular plant that can take different forms. From bushes to 20 foot trees, when unkept, the Oleander can provide a host of health problems, even death. Go to the link below to read more:

<http://www.pawdogdaycare.com/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants/oleander-poisonous-pets>

Shelter Spotlight

Have you thought about opening your home to a foster dog? Many dogs at a shelter or rescue would benefit from full time or part time fostering. Time out of a kennel and in a home environment can be extremely beneficial. Some dogs are active, some are not but you can enjoy the benefits of having a dog without the full time commitment. If this sounds of interest, please contact the Galveston Island Humane Society or your local shelter or breed rescue.

Until next time...Keep it pawsitive!

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