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The news our dog owners need to know!

March 2007 Reminders:

Please remember to check the whiteboard on the left hand wall of the front office for vaccine reminders and bring your dog's proof of boosters and/or vaccinations in promptly so he can continue to play with us!

March 15th
11:15am

Class Begins:
Behavior Training
for the Older Dog

March 15th
12:15pm

Class begins: Give
That Dog a Second
Chance!

We want to keep all of our dogs healthy! If your dog is "under the weather", has diarrhea, fever, or vomiting, please keep him home until he's feeling well enough to play.

Welcome to our first newsletter. We want to thank all of our customers for making our first two months in business so successful. We strive to provide a home away from home for dogs of all sizes and ages, while offering individualized attention, plenty of interaction with other dogs, naptime, and healthy treats, too! As owners, we would like you to have the peace of mind that comes with knowing your canine companions are in safe, competent, and loving hands.

We hope you find this newsletter helpful and enjoyable. And as always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to share them with us.

March training classes

We are pleased to announce the start of our training classes! Two upcoming classes are taught by Christine Macdonald, owner of Faithful Friend Dog Training. For more information about Christine, please visit our website, www.barkolounge.com. If you are interested in a class but cannot come during the day, please let us know and we will do our best to organize an evening class that fits your schedule.

Behavior Training for the Older Dog

Cost: \$120.00 for the six-week course
Dates: Thursdays, March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 26. **Time:** 10am-11am. No class April 19 due to school vacation.
Location: The Bark-O-Lounge

A good pet is what most families want when they acquire a dog. Join us for a six-week course designed for grown

dogs who need a refresher course. Learn how to teach your dog to greet people appropriately, listen to your commands, and be a good canine citizen. Get your dog to respect you and your family. Dogs should have some basic training background, such as the sit and down commands, and some leash control. This course is open to adults 16 and older. Upon registration, owners must provide proof of current DHLLP (distemper) and Bordetella (kennel cough) inoculations, as well as a rabies vaccination certificate. Supplies needed: 5-6 foot long leash (no slip leashes please) and training treats. Dogs attend all classes.

Give That Dog a Second Chance

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This is a specialty training class for dogs who have been rescued from a shelter or have had a previous owner. A rescued dog may need special attention and this six-week course is designed to help your new pet settle into her new environment. Some common questions that the class will address: How do I get my new dog to listen to me? Can I change the dog's name? My dog is afraid of so many things, how do I help him overcome his fears? Each rescue/adoptee is different, and this course will address whatever challenges you are facing. Upon registration, owners must provide proof of current DHLLP (distemper) and Bordetella (kennel cough) inoculation as well as a rabies vaccination certificate. Supplies needed: 5-6 foot

Little Tikes toys/pools needed!

Wondering what to do with that old playhouse or slide taking up space in your backyard? We'd love to have a few more for our pups to play with on our playground. Any large toys, houses, slides or baby pools would be very much appreciated!

long leash (no slip leashes please) and training treats. Dogs attend all classes. Class instructor Christine Macdonald owns two "second chance" dogs, both of whom have settled into a very active family life.

Spread the word!

Thanks to all of you, our wonderful customers, our canine clientele continues to grow. Now, you can earn a free day at the Bark-O-Lounge through our Refer-a-Friend program! If you make a referral that results in a new dog being registered, you will be entitled to a free day of daycare. So please help spread the word about how much your dog loves Loungin'!

Safe Drop Off!

Even if your pup is a good listener, he should be on leash at all times in our parking lot for safety's sake. If there is another dog in the waiting room, please wait outside until that dog is admitted or picked up. Dogs can get very excited and a commotion could occur. We want all our dogs to be safe and happy. Please do not let your dog relieve himself in the parking lot or the adjacent property. Please take a moment to take your dog to the small fenced area to the right of the Bark-O-Lounge (in front of our playground) to relieve himself before coming inside.



March's Star: CODY



Each month we will be featuring one of our daycare dogs so that you can get to know who your pup is playing with. This month's Star Dog is "Cody."

Cody is a seven-month-old fawn-colored Pug who's a whole lot of dog in a miniature body. He bounds through the door in the morning and literally runs circles around the other (typically much larger) dogs in the Bark-O-Lounge. His favorite activity is wrestling with a Labrador Retriever at least four times his size. Known affectionately by our staff as "Coderific," Cody loves to munch on a carrot before naptime, which he typically spends asnooze in the sunshine that pours through the Lounge's front windows. When Cody's not at the Bark-O-Lounge, he loves just hanging out with his owner, Beverly Beck. Next time you visit

the Bark-O-Lounge, ask to say hello to Cody, who enjoys two-legged friends almost as much as the four-legged variety.

Quote of the month: "Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." - Roger Caras