

"Positive Teamwork,



Positive Results"

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"Improving dogs' lives by positively changing dog-owner relationships through balanced training."

AUTUMN?!

You'd never know it by looking at the thermometer or trying to sleep at night without air conditioning (and seven dogs sleeping on the bed), but fall is just around the corner.

With autumn comes deer ticks, the ticks known to carry Lyme and other diseases. To keep our dogs safe from the tiny pests, many of us choose to use a flea & tick repellent such as Frontline.

We need to balance the risks of disease with the risk using chemicals bring to the dogs, us and the environment. It is a personal choice for each of us.

We generally use Frontline, but stretch out the applications from the recommendation to the end of the effectiveness window.

Recently, someone gave us a recipe for an all natural tick repellent. It was after the spring tick season, so we didn't get to test it on ticks. We have personally been testing it on deer flies with some success. Believe me, by us there were plenty of deer flies this summer! I have used it on myself and our pack. They seem to like it better than the citronella based Burt's Bees Insect Repellent we had used on them in the past.

We intend to try it for a tick repellent this fall. Keep in mind, nothing is going to keep ticks completely off your dogs, but this *may* reduce their numbers. We'll see.

If you would like to try an all natural repellent here is a recipe. The big thing about this solution is you have to like the smell of vinegar!



Congrats to the latest Basic Obedience graduates

TICK REPELLENT RECIPE

Using a 15 oz. spray bottle, put in
3/4 full of water
1/4 full of apple cider vinegar
15 drops peppermint oil
15 drops eucalyptus oil

Spray on dogs or human and, if desired, dampen a bandana in it to put around the dog's neck for extra protection.

NEVER USE ESSENTIAL OILS ON OR AROUND CATS. This is for dogs or humans only.

E-DOGS CLASSES

Thanks for your patience with the big lapse between these fun outings. The summer has been a little more challenging than usual. Look for a more routine schedule shortly!

CONTINUING EDUCATION

We will be closed from 9/16-9/20 to attend a trainers conference.

Keep an eye on the calendar at
www.caninecoach.net
for updates and additions to our schedule.