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

April is Pet First Aid Awareness Month

Pet First Aid is the immediate care given to a pet that has been injured or suddenly take ill. This includes home care and when necessary veterinary help. Knowing the skills and techniques of pet first aid can mean the difference between life and death; temporary and permanent disability; and expensive veterinarian bills and reasonable home care.

According to the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) one-out-of-four more pets could be saved if just one basic pet first aid skill or technique was applied prior to receiving veterinary care.

As a pet owner we owe it to the pets in our life to be trained in these life-saving skills.

The top 5 Pet First Aid Situations are:

1) Open wounds, 2) Choking (3 different types), 3) Extreme Temperature (heat stroke or frost nip), 4) Insect Bites/Stings & Allergic Reactions and 5) Snakebites.

Do you know the proper procedures to help your pet in these situations? Do you know the normal respiratory rate for your dog? Do you travel or camp with your pet taking yourselves away from familiar pet health care? What would you do in an emergency on the trail or away from home? Pet owners are taking the time out of their life and the dime out of their pocket to become educated and "in the know" by taking a Pet First Aid Class and by using technology to have the necessary information to care for their pets when they are "on the go."

To gain the skills of pet CPR, first aid and care, it is recommended you successfully complete a Pet First Aid class taught by a properly trained instructor. The skills and techniques of a pet first aid and care training should include but not be limited to: restraint and muzzling, CPR, rescue breathing, choking management, heat

injuries (1st, 2nd, 3rd degree burns and heat stroke), cold injuries (frost bite and hypothermia), shock management, bleeding injuries and more. In addition, PetSaver Training teaches the top 10 reasons to seek veterinary care, how to put together your own pet first aid kit and establishing an open relationship with your veterinarian!

Pet Tech is the first International Training Center dedicated to CPR, First Aid & Care for dogs and cats. We teach actual pet first aid techniques, not human techniques adapted to pets which other pet first aid classes teach.

This year we would like to highlight the PetSaver™ App - the premiere reference and educational tool for all pet lovers. The PetSaver App includes step-by-step instructions for CPR, first aid skills and daily care information for dogs and cats. There is a separate section for dogs and a separate section for cats with specific information for each type of animal. With a push of a button and a swipe of your finger you can have access to your pet's vital health information. This includes ICE (In Case of Emergency), a first aid kit checklist, emergency pet help locator and administering medications just to name a few.

The PetSaver App is available for iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch Android and Windows 7 mobile devices. Canine Coach tried hard to convince Pet Tech for the need of a BlackBerry app, but it is not to be.

If you have Android based mobile devices contact us to find out how to download yours today!

In years past, Canine Coach has offered Pet First Aid Classes in the spring and the fall. In 2011, we will be offering a class in Oct unless we hear from you and there is a demand for one this summer.

Are you ready for a medical emergency? Do you want to be? Let us know.

Spring Finally?

Wow! That seemed like a long winter. Now that we can finally see some ground peaking out of some leftover dirty snow, it's time to start thinking about everyone's favorite-TICKS! Hard to believe, but now is the time to start your dog's flea & tick prevention.

Also keep in mind when starting your garden projects cocoa mulch may seem appealing to people, but it's toxic to dogs. Think about the plants you plant if your dog were to munch on them as well. Do your research to ensure everyone's enjoyment and safety.

Keep in mind our wild neighbors as well. Many wild animals are having their babies. Be a considerate neighbor. Did you know letting your dog chase and pester a squirrel can cause her to abort her litter? It's not only the catching of baby animals that can cause harm to wildlife.

Class Updates

Scent Games 101

This class proved to be pretty popular and filled right away. The dogs had a blast using their noses to solve puzzles. It was fun for the owners to watch the dogs figure it out. The best benefit was tired dogs after class.

This was so much fun we may run another Scent 101 class this summer if there is enough interest. It will be a 5 week long class with no homework.

Please contact us if you're interested in getting your dog tired, while having fun yourself while letting your dog do all the work.

Dogs of any temperament are welcome.

E-dogs Classes Returning

Thank you for your patience during the long winter and the upheaval & re-inventing of our lives here. Our E-Dog classes will be returning in May. This is an invitation only class. Invitations should be going out via e-mail shortly.

Looking For:

Do you have any leftover dog food your dog didn't like, cat food, blankets, towels or sheets? Wild Instincts, a new area wildlife rehabilitation center is looking for donations of dog food, cat food, blankets, towels, sheets, dog kennel panels, old stainless steel dog dishes, whole fish and much, much more.

If you have things you're getting rid of during your spring cleaning, or just want to help the area wildlife, visit their website and see if you have anything on their wish list:

www.wildinstinctsrehab.com



Buster is ready for fishing season. Bring it on!

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