



THE KID'S EDITION

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Hi everybody

Welcome to the October edition of the Kid's Dog Guardian. For those of you who are new members let us introduce ourselves. We are the Dog Guardian newsletter co-editors' dogs - Tyler, Julie's pup, and Morgan, Jill's pup. We decided the Kid's newsletter needed articles written by us dogs. We want to give you guys our perspective of being responsible around us dogs.

Teach your dog a trick

Let's teach our dog to take a bow

Trick courtesy www.loveyourdog.com



<http://www.loveyourdog.com/tricks2.html#takeabow>

“When you see your dog take a big stretch, with his head down low, say, ‘Take a bow.’ Every time he wakes up and stretches, say, ‘Take a bow.’ Someday you will say, ‘Take a bow.’ and your dog will take a big stretch, but it will look like he is bowing. As soon as he is finished, give him the treat.”

“TIP: Tricks like this work because you put words with something your dog does. It may take some dogs longer than others to figure this one out. Some dogs learn it in a week and some take years...yes, years! But one day you will say, ‘Take a bow,’ and maybe, just maybe, your dog will take a bow.”

Dogs with jobs

In the last newsletter we told you about mobility assistance dogs. In this newsletter we would like to introduce you to another group of service dogs, the hearing assistance dogs. These specially trained dogs help their owners who are deaf or hard of hearing. They alert them to important sounds like doorbells, smoke alarms, ringing telephones, sirens, forklifts, etc.

Just like the guide puppies we talked about in our August newsletter, a hearing assistance puppy moves in with a foster family for a year to 18 months. This is where the puppy learns to trust people, to have fun with kids, to play, basic obedience, etc. Then the puppy goes back to the training school to get more specific training. He learns to recognize

particular sounds and then physically alert or lead his owner to the source. He also learns when to lead his owner away from a sound like fire alarm.

It is important to remember that these dogs have special jobs, so please don't talk to them and don't disturb them. The owner's safety depends on the service dog concentrating on his job.

Dogs' Den storybook

We already gave you some good tips on how to be safe around dogs while having fun. We told you that we love to play with kids, but do not like being teased or chased. We also reminded you that it is important for us to go to the vet for regular checkups. We pointed out that most dogs are very friendly and are eager to meet people, but please ask our owners before petting us. Remember it is important not to run up to dogs. We know you are eager to meet us, but some are nervous and may bark or growl.

This time we would like to tell you about dog training classes.



We love to go to doggie classes to learn how to behave. You have fun going to school and so do we in our school 😊

Colouring Contest

We would just like to tell you that some games, like being teased or chased, are no fun. Some of us may feel frightened and may bark or growl at you. That's our way of telling you to please stop.

Fido, Friend or Foe?

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Never tease or chase a dog.

(Fido, Friend or Foe' activity book P.3)

Colour the large picture of the puppy and the butterfly. Scan or take a photo of the picture you coloured, and send it to us at morejulie@hotmail.com with your email address. We will choose a winner each month, and post it in our newsletter for everybody to see.

Quiz

Can you answer the questions in the quiz? Having difficulty? Just scroll up and read the stories again. (To check the answers, look at the bottom of the quiz and then stand on your head. Just kidding!)

1. What's an easy way to teach the "Take a bow" trick to your dog?
2. What do hearing assistance dogs do?
3. Why do dogs go to training classes?
4. Do dogs like being teased or chased?

Answers

1. Every time he wakes up and stretches, say 'Take a bow'
2. They alert them to important sounds like doorbells, smoke alarms, ringing telephones, sirens, forklifts, etc.
3. So they can go to university and get a good job. (Just kidding). So they learn how to behave.
4. No. Some dogs may feel frightened and may bark or growl at you. That's their way of telling you to please stop.

Thank you

A big thank you goes to our committee for proofreading this newsletter. We really appreciate your help. You are the greatest. A special thank you to Kit Watson for the final proofreading of the newsletter.

Tyler and Morgan