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Upcoming Events

Remember to come out to our Show and Goes for Agility and Obedience to refine you and your dog's skills.

Agility	Obedience
Jan 20, 2013	Jan 13, 2013
Feb 17, 2013	Feb 24, 2013
Mar 17, 2013	Mar 24, 2013

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Our next session of classes start January 21, 2013

If you are looking for more show and goes please see the [events section on the Academy Blog](#).

Mutts Gone Nuts

On Sunday January 27th, the Academy of Dog Training and Agility is hosting Mutts Gone Nuts Comedy Act and Training Clinic from 1PM-3PM. If you want to enjoy good entertainment, to see tricks dogs can be taught to perform, or wonder how the dogs are trained, come out to see the show.

Tickets are \$35 for Adults, and \$15 for Children.

Included is a Training Clinic, where the performers demonstrate what's involved in trick training. This seminar will only use the dogs that are part of the 'Mutts Gone Nuts' act, so please don't bring your dog.

Pre-registration is required to attend, [click here](#) to find out more info.

The Academy of Dog Training and Agility
presents



Mutts Gone Nuts

Comedy Dog Act & Trick Training Clinic

Sunday, January 27th

Performance from 1:00 to 2:30 pm

at the
Academy of Dog Training & Agility
89B Albe Dr., Newark, Delaware

Adults - \$35
Children - \$15



Featuring Sammie the 'Talking Dog'

Go to
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for more information and to purchase tickets

Training Challenge



Do you want a challenge to increase your dog's mental stimulation? Shaping can do that! This month's shaping challenge is to teach your dog "Spin".

What do you need?

1. Your Dog
2. Clicker or verbal cue like yes.
3. Treats and / or tug toy

One option to train this cue is by capturing behavior.

1. Click and treat when your dog turns his/her head.
2. Next, up the criteria required for your dog to earn reinforcement, by requiring a foot movement with the head turn.

In this exercise, placement of the treat is important. You want to ensure you are treating during the motion and in the natural

progression of the spin. So, throw the treat right in line with their path, naturally your dog will add a step or two to get the treat. This will help your dog correlate the treat with the desired continued action.

3. Increase your criteria again by requiring 2 steps in the turn. Then treating.
4. Continue to increase your criteria till your dog is turning a full circle before they are rewarded.
5. Once you have a reliable turn, add your verbal cue to the behavior. To do this you'll say the new Cue (I use "Spin").

Things to remember:

1. Set your criteria before starting
 - a. Is the dog spinning with all 4 feet on

the ground?

- b. Is this cue for one direction? Is there a separate cue for the opposite direction?
 - c. Should the dog spin till you tell them to stop, or go 360 degrees and stop?
2. Set your dog up for success
 3. Break up your sessions, keep sessions short and give him/her breaks within the session (Tugging is a great break, as it keeps your dog excited to work with you).
 4. Above all else, have fun with your dog!

Academy Brags

The last couple of months, as always, have been great for students at the Academy of Dog Training and Agility. Our dedicated dogs, handlers, and instructors show that the Academy is a great place to train and they deserve to be recognized:



Obedience / Show Handling / Nosework

Sue Schneider & Dewey, an Entlebucher Mountain Dog, earned their NW2 in Nosework. The NW2 is where a dog has to be able to discern hidden scents of Birch and Anise in various venues including container searches, Interior Building Searches, Exterior Area Search, and Vehicle Searches. In a trial, the dog must earn 100 points, with no more than 3 faults and all hides must be located in order to earn the title.



Rio, a Whippet, and Janine Britton earned 2 points at Delaware Water Gap KC Dec16 and 2 additional points and best of Winners at Lehigh toward his AKC championship.

Join me in Congratulating these dogs, owners, and handlers on their great performances, and wishing them continued success in the future.

Also, join me in congratulating the instructors that have helped each along the way.

If you have brags you would like to include in the next issue of the newsletter, please post them on [the Brags page of our blog](#), put them on the Academy's chalkboard or contact me at Kristin@academyofdogtraining.com.

In Memoriam



We at the Academy are saddened that we have lost a member, a friend, and part of our little family. It is with great sadness that we learned on Jan 2, 2013 Hepsi Zsoldos passed away.

We will all miss her smile, jokes, optimistic outlook on life, and great love for animals.

Hepsi was involved in Agility, Swimming Paws, and Paws for People. She not only was a student at the academy with her dogs, she was also a teacher, and used her dogs to foster education whenever she could.

While always looking on the positive side, and really seizing life, her body repeatedly betrayed her in her battle with Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA).

Everyone at the Academy would like to send condolences to Carolyn, Guy, Mousse and the rest of her family.

Hepsi's services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Newark, DE on January 12, 2013 at 1 p.m.

Donations can be made in her memory to [National Foundation for Transplants](#) or [Paws for People](#).

Rest in peace, and pain free Hepsi, we'll all miss you greatly.



Feed back



What did you think about this addition of the Academy Times? What would you like to see going forward? We can only improve, if we know what's on your mind. We will strive to cater our information to you.

Please send all feedback to Kristin@Academyofdogtraining.com or use the feedback tool available on the [Academy site](#).