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SUNCOAST HUMANE SOCIETY OFFERS DOG TRAINING CLASSES

Is Fido lacking a few manners? Are you wishing Trixie was just a little more social? Or, perhaps you are looking to have some fun with your canine that is already obedience trained? If so, Suncoast Humane Society is sponsoring a dog training class tailor made for you and your companion.

Training classes will be starting, Thursday, June 9, and will be held at the South Venice Civic Association Building, 720 Alligator Drive, in South Venice. Three (3) levels of courses will be available.

A level 1, basic obedience class will be held from 5 – 6 PM, for dogs 5 months & older. Positive reinforcement methods will be used to teach focus, sit, down, come when called, stay, wait and proper socializing.

Canine Good Citizen training will be from 6:15 – 7:15. This program of the American Kennel Club (AKC) is geared towards sharpening the skills of both trainer and canine that has completed a basic obedience course. Graduates are eligible to receive an AKC certificate of completion.

A special Rally course will be taught from 7:30 – 8:30. This is a fun sport where dog and handler follow specifically designed course. Dogs must be over one year of age and have completed basic obedience.

These courses will be instructed by professional trainer, Bess Walmsley. Ms. Walmsley is a certified Canine Good Citizen evaluator. She and her dog Sky are members of Suncoast Humane Society's Pet Therapy team. She has trained throughout the area for several years.

Each course will consist of six (6) weeks of training classes. Registration fee for each course is \$100. Pre-enrollment is required as the classes are limited in size. There will be two additional six (6) week sessions immediately following this one.

Pre-registration will be held at Suncoast Humane Society on the following dates: Thursday June 2nd and Friday June 3rd from 11-2pm and Saturday June 4th from 10-2pm. Please remember to bring a copy of your dog's shot records and a check payable to Suncoast Humane Society. For further information, please call 941-474-7884.