



Rockin' Roxy's Newsletter # 10
News, links and shameless propaganda!
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This Issue: All about Training

All you crazy puppy owners know when it's time to hit the books again. It seems like somewhere around, "She's been so good for the past few weeks," and "My dog has become the perfect angel!" the pooches go into another stage. In my experience the terrible twos run from about eight months to two years old and can take you to the edge of sanity.

This is the time to head on back to your friendly, neighborhood training facility or behaviorist. A training facility will offer group classes and is perfect for the pooch who seems to have forgotten English. You know – the dog who hears, "Sit!" and thinks it means, "Jump on me and scratch me up with your overgrown claws!" or to whom you command, "Down!" but instead of down you get leash biting and lunging. Nothing says Back to School like having to apologize to the little old lady whom your Shih Tzu is growling menacingly when the sweet dear was just trying to say hello. Sigh.

My dog-trainer sister, Tessa Thomas, owns **Dogs Rule Charm School** and is one of many good sources for one-on-one training or group classes. She teaches on her own at *Oaks Lodge Barks & Recreation* (don't even THINK of putting your dog in daycare there, however!!) and assists at *Happy Go Lucky* dog training facility in No Po www.happygoluckydog.com. You can reach her at 503-659-2457. I also recommend Pup-a-razzi in Beaverton – www.pup-a-razzi.com. It's a bit of a drive but the classes are well run and the trainers are very knowledgeable.



Off Leash Dog Parks, Sidewalk Cafes, and other Behavioral Challenges

The good weather means trips to the dog park, where even the best train puppy can forget who you are and completely ignore your voice and commands. I have found great tips on DogStar Daily for trouble shooting tips such as how to incorporate training into your dog park trips. Check it out at www.dogstardaily.com/training/training-dog-park. You can find a list of Portland off-leash parks on our website under links www.rockinroxys.com/links or at www.portlandonline.com/parks.

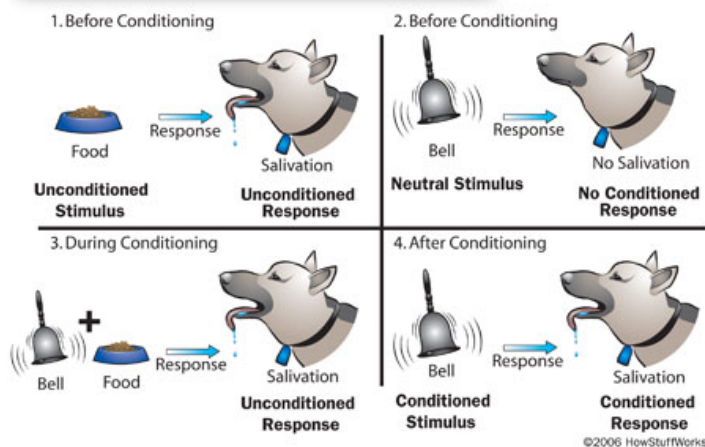
To Swim or not to Swim: Dog Park / Water Park Debate Continues

I had an interesting conversation with the fellow at Portland Parks about access to the riverfront at Sellwood Park. He told me that dogs are not allowed in the water and that tickets will be given if your dog is off leash but not in the designated off-leash zone.

I've also heard from other sources that the waterfront is NOT part of Parks and Recs, rather it belongs to the Port of Portland. I thought about calling Port of Portland to find out what the policy was but decided instead to back out of the debate at this point. I don't want a bunch of stevedores coming after me for starting something – they're a tough bunch! So send 'em swimming at your own risk!



How Dog Training Works





**Junior Bloom Finalist Top Dog Model
Local dog makes it to the Medium Times
(excerpt from our own Sellwood Bee)**

Editor,
I thought it might be an interesting tidbit about our neighborhood that one of our own, Junior Bloom, made it to the finals of the Portland Top Dog Model contest, as one of the Top 10 Small Dog finalists in the competition. Junior belongs to Timothy Bloom, who is a neighbor of mine in Sellwood. Junior is a “Lhasa Apso — Poodle - Schnauzer mix”.
Unfortunately Junior did not win, but he had a large show of support with greater than 20 people in the audience all wearing T-Shirts with a silk screen graphic of his likeness, and holding signs saying “2009 — the Year of the Underbite”! The event was held at the Hotel Monaco June 17th and was a benefit for the Oregon Humane Society.
Dawn, via e-mail

Congratulations, Junior!!

BLATANT COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

Rockin’ Roxy’s is now on Facebook – it’s easier for me to post your precious pooches photos and keep you in the day-to-day loop. Please become a friend of Rockin’ Roxy’s. Also look for Roxy on Twitter.



July Birthdays!

Happy Birthday, Juan, Clarice, Tucker, Molly F-J, Frankie, Bullet, Monk, Jessie F, Patrick, Winston, Oscar, GiGi, Parker, Hoss, Frank, Rex, Ruby A, Fischer, Addy, Juby D, Gretel, Belle P, and Noggin!

**Shameless Self Promotion
With a side of Altruism**

For all you supporters of Buying Local, I introduce:

The 3/50 project

SAVING THE BRICK AND MORTARS OUR NATION IS BUILT ON (hmmm, I didn’t write this. I’d never end a sentence with a preposition!!!)

3 Think about which three independently owned businesses you’d miss most if they were gone. Stop in and say hello. Pick up a little something that will make someone smile. Your contribution is what keeps those businesses around.

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This privately sponsored, no cost, program provides material for your store and other ideas. If interested, go to 350project.net.

BOARDERS OF THE MONTH



Humphrey & Hazel

Humphrey has been boarding with us since the beginning and in his advanced age, was starting to slow down. With the addition of Hazel to the family, however, Humphrey thinks he’s a youngster again. The change is amazing! Hazel loves her big brother and dotes on him. Humphrey just wants to be in the mix. These two are beautiful to watch and epitomize the joy a couple of dogs bring to a family.

Speaking of family, some of you know of my affinity for elephants. Check out this video about a dog and her best friend, an elephant. <http://tinyurl.com/dfyubm>

