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What's New

Academy members and students, welcome to the Academy of Dog Training and Agility's newsletter, "The Academy Times." Through this and other venues, we will strive to keep everyone informed of what's going on at the Academy and in the Dog Community.

There are a number of ways the Academy is now offering to share and display information.

- 1. Look for us on Facebook.
- 2. Read our Blog
- 3. Follow us on twitter
- @AcademyofDog

And use #Academyofdogtraining if you want to tag the academy.

 Use our <u>Video</u> <u>Services Site</u>

The videos are organized into playlists for easy

navigation, based on discipline, event, and date.

Let us know your feedback, and if there is any other venue you would like us to use, to share information.

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
Sunday, July 15, 2012	Sunday, July 22, 2012
Sunday, August 19, 2012	Sunday, August 26, 2012
Sunday, September 16, 2012	Sunday, September 23, 2012
Sunday, October 21, 2012	Sunday, October 28, 2012
Sunday, November 18, 2012	Sunday, November 25, 2012
Sunday, December 16, 2012	Sunday, December 23, 2012

Also, our next session of classes start July 23rd, 2012.



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Jim Walsh and Phil Dunn, (Cherry Hill, N.J.) Courier-Post

New Law Passed in NJ Affecting Dog Owners

For all dog owners who trial/show in, travel through, or visit NJ this new law affects you! NJ in an effort to make travel with animals safer has passed a law that requires animals to be restrained while being transported in a vehicle. "4:22-18. A person who shall carry, or cause to be carried, a

living animal or creature in or upon a vehicle or otherwise, in a cruel or inhumane manner, shall be guilty of a disorderly persons offense and punished as provided in subsection a. of R.S.4:22-17."
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NJSPCA officers can stop a driver they believe is improperly transporting an animal. Tickets can range from \$250 to \$1,000 per offense, and a driver can face a disorderly person's offense under animal-cruelty laws."

Remember the new law during your trips to NJ.

Training Challenge

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

What do you need?

- 1. Your Dog
- 2. Clicker or verbal cue like yes.
- 3. Treats and / or tug toy
- 4. Something for your

dog to get "In".

Start with something large like a box, once the dog learns this behavior generalize it in different habitats and to different objects. You can also increase the challenge, by decreasing size.

Things to keep in mind: What are your criteria? Does "In" mean standing, or sitting? Can the dog get out without a cue? Keep your sessions short to keep up the enthusiasm

Let us know your progress/ challenges/ successes at http://academyofdogtraining.wordpress.com/shaping-challenge/

Have fun and be creative.

Send pictures to

<u>Academyofdogtraining@y</u>

<u>ahoo.com</u> to be shared on the site.



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New Staff Member



Hi, I'm Kristin Anderson, the newest member of the Academy's staff. My new role is Social Media Management. Simply put, I'll let you know what we have happening at the Academy.

To give you a quick background on me: I am new to the dog training and dog sports world. I have a 2 year old Australian Shepherd, Kody. When

Kody was a puppy, I quickly learned we needed training and he needed a job to do. That took me to the Academy, from there we've become active participating in Swimming paws, Advanced Agility, and various events at the Academy.

I still have a lot more to learn and am glad to be doing so with this great community. If you ever have any suggestions or comments on how to improve in my new role don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Hope to see all of you at the Academy!

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 Academyofdogtraining@yahoo.com.

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