

# Newsletter from Diann's Happy Tails Dog Training Jan. 15, 2013

What happened to the Off Leash Play Classes? A big change is coming. It will be fun, & informative Find out below.

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**off leash Play classes have been removed for now. Hopefully they will resume in the near future. Until then: A class is going to be required from owners that wish to have the play classes continue.**

The goal of the new class is to educate the dog's on some basic commands. Even if your dog knows the commands, a refresher is never a bad idea. You might even learn new commands. Most of all: this class is to educate the owners that come to the play classes, and if you don't come, this class will be helpful for you to understand your dog and any others. As the off leash classes continued this past year, it became all to clear that to many owners do not know their dog's can talk. Dog's will communicate to you or others, in ways many owners don't

realize. Just their body language, the way they hold their tails, their head, their ears and forehead back smooth, the stiffness of their body, their prey drive. Some dog's play vocal which can scare someone that doesn't understand this from any dog. It can make dog's that aren't socialized a bit uncomfortable. No need to be. All dog's are different.

So many ways a dog needs to have their people understand what they are trying to say. This is a critical part of the off leash play classes and every day life, at home & elsewhere.

To many owners don't realize this, and aren't paying the attention to their dog's and other dog's at the classes. This has caused to many unhappy owners, unhappy dog's and the trainer.



The off leash play class is not meant to be a dog park. It's meant to help socialize fearful dog's, calm down high prey dog's, settle when needed, teach the shy dog's they are safe. Sometimes the owners will correct the wrong dog. Correcting the wrong dog at the wrong time will send the wrong message to ALL dog's. Dog's communicate with each other and there are times we need to let them, but keep them safe.

Dog's are the best teachers for other dog's in many situations with the humans a part of class, understanding dog behavior and body language. Even if you never do a play class, learning about dog language and how they communicate to the humans is going to be the most important part of having a dog in your family.

**Not all dog's are going to like all dog's. Even as humans, we don't like all people, but yet we expect our dog's to be perfect. What we need to teach them if they don't like another dog is IMPULSE CONTROL. Meaning- redirect their behavior to a dog they will like. Teach them, they can all hang out together, liking all the dog's doesn't have to happen, but fighting isn't going to happen. There are ways to teach this, and the new class planned will help you with that. And we must not provoke Leash aggression. By putting your dog on his leash in a group of unleashed dog's is asking for trouble. Leash aggression is one of the biggest issues I see at play classes. A tight leash, or a leash on period send's to many bad signals. And the leashed dog will react in a terrible, fearful manner, that's their defense.**

Picture yourself going to a foreign country where they speak no English. You are yelled at, shouted and corrected for doing what comes naturally to you. but not knowing their language, you have no idea what you did wrong and have to find a way to communicate without talking. NOW- think of your dog. When your dog tries to tell you something: you need to pay attention. You will be surprised at what you will learn by watching your dog and reading between the lines. A dog is not just a dog: they need to have you understand them, accept what they are. For play classes in the future, will be much more than just play. The **SIT; LEARN & PLAY** classes will continue through spring & fall. This will be a required class before any one can do the off leash. If needed and Diann feels the owner hasn't "Gotten" it, they will need to repeat the class. A small discount will be offered. ALL Owners at Play class must be much more responsive to their dog's and Play class will stop at that time for a refresher on what was going on.

**READ ABOUT THE CLASS BELOW**

**Feel free to contact Diann with any questions @ 541-536-2458**



**SIT; STAY; LEARN & PLAY CLASS:**

- \* BEGINS SAT. MARCH 23 @ 11 A.M.
- \*COST IS \$45.00 PER DOG FOR A 4 WEEK CLASS {no make up sessions or refunds}
- \* HELD EACH SAT: FOR 4 WEEKS: AT 11 A.M.
- \* MAX OF DOG'S WILL BE 6 TOTAL.
- \* ONE HANDLER PER DOG: SPOUSES; FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TO COME AND WATCH.
- \*PRE REGISTER TO HOLD YOUR SPOT. TAKING REGISTRATION NOW.**
- \* SPOT WILL NOT BE HELD UNTIL REG. FORM AND \$45.00 ARE RECEIVED**
- \* YOU CAN BE PUT ON A WAITING LIST IF NEED BE.

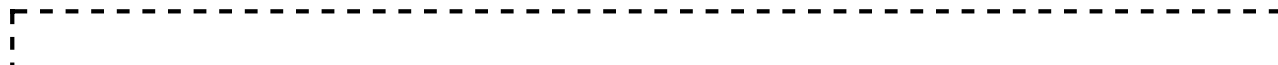


Dante spent many weeks helping Annie learn good dog social skills.

At each class, we will do some basic commands. Something every mannered dog should know. Assuming all goes well with owners and dog's, we will have short- 5 to 10 minute play sessions. That will have to be determined at the time of each class. Temperament of each dog, how owners correct, praise, and other issues will determine about any play time. You will have homework and a quiz, to make sure you have "Gotten" the goal of the class and after class.

**Download a reg. form from the website @ [diannshappytails.com](http://diannshappytails.com) or call Diann @ 541-536-2458**

**P.S. Don't worry if you don't get it all the first round. I have been working with dog's for over 20 years, and I learn something new and rewarding with each dog that comes here. It is the best part of what I do. To see improvement in each dog. It doesn't happen over night. But with this class, it will be a good beginning.**



**Orders going in to pet food suppliers next week, Jan 21, 2013  
check your dog or cat food to let me know if you need  
anything.**



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grain free duck. limited supplies unless you pre ordered.**

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