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## Video of the month



## Upcoming events

[Low cost Vaccine & microchip clinic west](#) 9/18

[Puppy Party!](#)  
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## BACK TO PUPPY SCHOOL!

Maybe your dog came to you a bit later in her life and seemed to have missed out on some of the finer points of an early education. Or, perhaps your pup was just so cute and cuddly that you thought you'd just spoil him rotten for a little while and "deal with the training" later. Whatever the case, you're thinking it's time to get Back to School and some tips would be helpful.



One of most important things to remember is to keep your emotions and responses relatively neutral. Your dog is listening for a consistent and calm spoken direction and consistent and calm reactions when she is successful as well as when she misses the mark. Voicing or acting out your frustrations will confuse your dog and make training more difficult. A recommended book on the subject is [The Power of Positive Dog Training](#) (2nd Edition), by Pat Miller. Mare Shey, CPDT of Bend-based Dancin' Woofs, prepares clients who are beginning her Basic Companionship class with a talk entitled, "How Dogs Learn & Communicate, and Understanding the Canine Mind". Read the overview [here](#) and you will begin to get a picture.

A common question from exasperated dog owners goes something like this, "I know I've been letting Fido eat scraps from the table for years now, but it's just got to STOP!" It's difficult when we know we've been complicit in the bad manners our dogs exhibit. Can an old dog learn new tricks? The answer is yes, but that doesn't mean it's easy. "Management and supervision are important in providing structure to your everyday interactions with your dog. Consistency will help you and your dog learn to cooperate with one another, thus building a strong, healthy bond and a long and loving relationship." Says Pia Silvani, CPDT in her article, "[Behavior Troubleshooter - Resolving Common Behavior Problems](#)". It's just that "consistency" and "supervision" both involve a fair amount of time on your part. Dedicate yourself to the goal and you and your dog will be much happier together.

Quick Tips from Mare Shey:

1. Plan and be proactive. Teach a dog what you want it to learn. The moment a dog walks into our life they are looking for information on how to understand our world and fit in. A dog is a mental and emotional sponge that somehow needs to learn how to live in harmony with its world. It is up to us to create a fun learning environment to show them how we want them to conduct themselves safely.
2. Clear consistent communication, giving direction only once and the same way each time offers your dog a straightforward world to understand. Saying words more than once, or not following through on what you have asked creates misinformation and can be very hard for a dog to interpret, causing stress and confusion. A dog's world is more comfortable when everything is black and white - clear and consistent.
3. Be patient, have fun and make play a priority.
4. Exercise is good for the body and the brain.

Depending on the behavior you are trying to instill or correct, there are various training tools. Common to them all, however, is the need for tasty treats. It is recommended that you have a variety in order to keep your dog's motivation to perform at its highest level. We recommend soft treats (gets your dog back on task faster) like [Zukes Mini Naturals](#), [Stella and Chewies](#), and [Natural Balance Treat Rolls](#).

If you'd rather not go it alone, feel free to ask any one of us for a recommended local trainer. We're happy to help.

Have fun in school!



## Dog trick survey

What is your dogs best trick?

### Select a Choice

- Snoring
- Rolling Over
- Playing dead
- Balancing the checkbook

Submit

## Up for Adoption



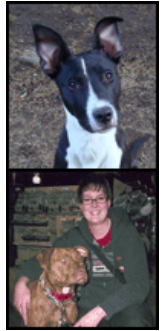
### Timber w/All for Dogs Rescue

Timber is a big beautiful boy just waiting for a home of his very own. Timber is a very out-going and happy dog and would do well as part of an active family with another dog to play with. He knows his basic commands but would LOVE to learn more.

Check out his full profile [here](#).

## STAFF FAVORITE

Staci has a new puppy! Staci met Cantaloupe, an 8 month-old Border Collie Mix, at the Humane Society. Raising this puppy as well as her Pit Bull Riddle has given her some great puppy experience. When asked what product she recommends for puppyhood, Staci responded with “Kong”. Absolutely a Kong. I don’t know how anyone gets through the puppy stages without one!” Staci’s training technique involves keeping Cantaloupe right by her side as much as possible. Yet, when “mom” needs a break, a Kong stuffed with a treat, or some peanut butter or yogurt, is a wonderful and safe distraction. Check in with Staci the next time you’re at the Eastside store. We’re sure she’ll have some puppy stories for you!



## COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



### *The High Desert Museum*

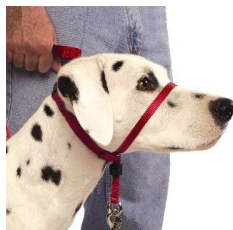
The mission of the High Desert Museum is to create learning experiences to help audiences discover their connection to the past, their role in the present, and their responsibility to the future through exhibits, wildlife, and living history.

Contact them at (541) 382-4754 or 59800 South Hwy 97, Bend, OR 97702

## FEATURED PRODUCTS

### *Treat Tote*

The faster the treat is delivered, the more clear the “good job!” message. This is a small pouch designed to carry a handful of your best friend’s favorite treat. Made of durable pack cloth with a rip-stop, draw string liner and a specially designed clip that slips onto a pocket or belt. \$11.00



### *Gentle Leader*

The Gentle Leader painlessly and effectively removes the dog’s natural tendency to pull by placing gentle pressure on calming points and eliminating uncomfortable pressure on the throat. In addition to reducing a dog’s desire to pull away, the Gentle Leader is also a very effective tool in combating lunging and jumping. \$21.00