

HSHV OFFERS CUTTING EDGE DOG TRAINING CLASSES IN WHICH:

- * You will receive a \$20.00 discount if you adopted your dog from HSHV.
- * You will learn how to effectively and humanely train your dog.
- * All of the exercises are broken down into easy to learn steps.
- * Class sizes are small and therefore highly personable.
- * Classes are highly interactive.

WHICH CLASS IS RIGHT FOR YOUR DOG?

To determine if your dog is appropriate for a group class setting, compare your dog to a traffic light. Green light= safe with all dogs and people. **Yellow light=** friendly with people but use caution when around other dogs. **Red light=** potentially dangerous toward other dogs and/or people.

“Green light” dogs are appropriate for Basic Manners and Intermediate Manners classes. The Feisty Fido Rehab. class is perfect for “yellow light” dogs. “Red light” dogs are not yet ready for a group class and are best served by private instruction with a professional dog trainer. See below for a list of recommended professional dog trainers.

CLASSES BEGIN 12/7/09:

The next set of classes begin on December 7, 2009 for six weeks (12/7/09, 12/14, 12/21, 1/4, 1/11, and 1/18/2010). No class on 12/28/09.

Class times will be:

6:15 - 7:10pm, Intermediate Manners

7:15 - 8:10pm, Basic Manners (see different time for first night orientation)

8:15 - 9:00pm, Feisty Fido Rehab (see different time for first night orientation)

For the Basic Manners and Feisty Fido Rehab classes, there will be a student orientation (without dogs) from 7:15-8:45pm on 12/7/09. Then five weeks with dogs follow at normal time spots. The orientation will cover topics such as: Why the Wolf Model (Alpha and Dominance training myths) for training dogs is outdated, How to recognize your dog's stress behaviors before a bite occurs, Humane training equipment, How to modify your dog's behavior effectively and humanely, Factors that affect the dog's learning, and much more.

CLASSES INCLUDE:

BASIC MANNERS (Dogs must be 10 weeks or older with second series of vaccinations completed, be a “green light” dog, and class duration is 6 weeks for only \$130.00): You will learn how to teach your dog to: sit, down, come, walk on a loose leash, stay, pay attention to you, to greet people politely rather than jumping on them, and puppy raising issues.

Each week is packed with information, giving you the knowledge to train your dog to be a well behaved family member. The first night is an orientation without dogs and then five weeks with dogs follow. Please bring verification of your dog's vaccination records to the orientation (at least second series of DHLPP, Rabies (if your dog is 4 months or older), and Bordetella).

INTERMEDIATE MANNERS (Dogs must have previously completed the Basic Manners class, be a “green light” dog, be current with vaccinations and class duration is 6 weeks for only \$130.00): You will learn how to train your dog beyond the basics and prepare for the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) evaluation which is given on the last night of class. Some of the skills you will learn include: Heel by your side, Sit-Stay & Down-Stay with harder distractions and distance, Come despite harder distractions and distance, Go to a place on cue (from a distance and for longer duration), Calmly greet another dog team and other items on the CGC evaluation.

The CGC Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the AKC. The CGC exam is open to mix and purebred dogs. You can qualify to take the CGC evaluation **for free** if you register for the Intermediate Manners class before completing the Basic Manners class.

FEISTY FIDO REHAB. (Dogs must be a “yellow light” dog, wear a muzzle entering/ during/leaving class, and the class duration is 6 weeks for only \$230.00): Does your dog have difficulty getting along with other dogs? Then a Feisty Fido class is the place to be! The first night is an orientation without dogs and then five subsequent weeks with dogs follow. Please bring verification of your dog's vaccination records (DHLPP, Rabies & Bordetella) to the orientation. **The Feisty Fido class is so popular that it fills up quickly and the class size is limited to only 4 dogs.**

Aggression is usually a "**heightened inappropriate sense of defensiveness**" or a **willingness to retain a resource**. Basically, the dog is stressed and is trying to protect itself or guard it's resources, the only way it knows how to; whether that be by cowering, growling, snapping, lunging or biting. It has two options, to fight or to flee. A stressed dog may use it's teeth to accomplish either intent. However, when one looks at aggression for what it really is, then you're in a position to be able to help your dog

move from a reactive state to a calmer thinking state of mind and therefore, exhibit more controllable and desired behavior.

In this class, you will learn: how to read your dog's challenging and fearful postures, proper safe handling skills, how to better prevent dangerous situations, and how to teach your dog basic obedience skills. **You will teach your dog how to:** relax around other dogs instead of acting aggressive or fearful, pay more attention to you rather than other dogs, and learn basic obedience skills despite distractions.

RECOMMENDED PROFESSIONAL DOG TRAINERS:

MICHAEL BURKEY, www.MichiganDogTrainer.com, 734-634-4152, info@MichiganDogTrainer.com. Michael is the owner of Michael Burkey's Canine Behavioral Training which provides the following services to families and their dogs in southeastern Michigan: Board & Train, Day Training, In-Home Training and Group Classes. As a Humane Society of Huron Valley Volunteer, he provides dog assessment consultation and helped develop their training programs for volunteer dog walkers as well as public group classes. He is a former Police K-9 Officer, Search and Rescue Dog Handler & Team Trainer, National Law Enforcement Trainer and Social Worker. He works with all breeds, large and small and specializes in helping aggressive, fearful and high energy dogs.