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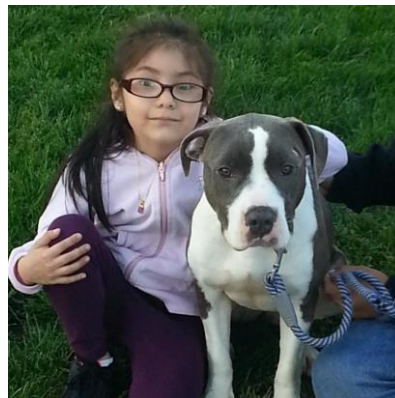


Training Tails – Dogs & Kids

by Laura Garber, CPDT-KA

Though there are many breeds of dogs in the world, there are really only three types of dogs when it comes to children: those who turn inside out with excitement at seeing a child, those who tolerate the presence of children, and those who do not like children. Ideally, dogs living in a home with children are from the first group – the kid-lovers. Though dogs from the other two groups can learn to tolerate or even like the family children, remember that where there's one child, there's bound to be more... that child's playmates. That will be a tall order for a dog who's a bit short on patience for, or worse fearful of, young'uns.

So, when you are searching for a new dog and you have or plan on



Dusty with her friend Nicole

having kids in the near future, make sure you're looking for a kid-loving dog. If it is a puppy you seek, then it will be your responsibility to socialize that pup to the many different people (including children), dogs and other animals, and life experiences that will be part of his lifescape. Have your pup get plenty of tasty treats from tikes of all ages, and as you do training with your pup, make sure to include kids in

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From the Director's Desk

by Cindy Iacopella

Nearly two years ago I came on as Director of the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter and Adoption Center and it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. We have grown in leaps and bounds and the team of employees and volunteers that are the heart of our shelter is outstanding. I am in awe of their compassion and their dedication to our mission. It is truly inspiring.

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Free Adopter Group Training Classes

The Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter is offering free training classes to shelter adopters by certified profession dog trainer and behavior specialist Laura Garber, CPDT-KA. Classes are one hour in length, meeting the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 11am, weather permitting. Each adopter is entitled to 2 free classes and registration is first-come-first-serve.

Please call the shelter at **(516) 785-5220** to reserve a spot.

About the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter

The Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter fosters a community of compassion and respect, and provides animals in need with a chance at a lifelong, loving home. Dogs like Candy take refuge at our shelter until they can find the loving forever home that they deserve. Won't you join our community and help our mission?

If now's not a good time for a new furry family member, help us in other ways, by sending donated items from our wish list or volunteer some of your time to our very critical mission.

Stop in to the shelter, call us at **(516) 785-5220**, check us out online at www.toh.li/animal-shelter or on Facebook at **Hempstead Town Animal Shelter**.

Adopt, don't shop!

The Pooch Scoop – The Pit Bull Debunked

Pit Bulls are typically very friendly, even with strangers. They love people and thrive on attention and affection. A highly intelligent, energetic breed, they were prized as wonderful family dogs in the past. They once had the moniker of "nanny dog" because of their wonderful demeanor with children.

Know the facts. **Fight breed bias!**

<i>From the Director's Desk (cont.)</i>	<i>Training Tails (cont.)</i>	<i>Volunteer Scuttlebutt</i>
<p>The animal sheltering industry is a unique one. To say we are a quiet bunch would be laughable, but somehow, in the end, our crew makes it work with grace. Saving homeless animals' lives is a passion for all of us. We know first-hand that the animals of the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter are the ones at the most risk – the forgotten, the not-so-pretty, the old, the injured, the neglected, the ones no one wants or loves. We are committed to doing all we possibly can to save the lives of these beautiful souls. We love them all; we soothe them with soft voices, bathe their dirty coats, give them nutritious food, play with them, and give them a safe place to rest. We give them a <i>chance!</i> Most of the animals who come into the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter have never known what love from a human was, never had a faithful human companion. Some have been abused; most have been neglected. But despite all of their horrible experiences, they are loving, forgiving, and <i>faithful</i> to their humans.</p> <p>We have come a long way over the past two years, but there is still a tremendous amount of work to do. I look forward to growing our shelter and implementing life-saving programs for these most vulnerable animals of our community. So I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you. <i>Together we are making a difference!</i></p>	<p>this process so that your pup learns that kids are as relevant to his life as adults are.</p> <p>In the home, there need to be rules so that everyone will enjoy a safe, peaceful coexistence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You should <i>never</i> leave your dog alone with young children, no matter how much you trust your kid-loving dog. Accidents can happen in the blink of an eye. • Your dog should have a designated safe place, like a crate or private room. Children should understand that when the dog goes to this spot, he should be left alone. • Young kids should be respectful of dogs and what they're expressing through body language; educate your child about dog body language and stress signals. • Teach your child how to pet a dog gently. He should not pinch or pull on ears or tails, nor should he grab fistfuls of fur. If you know that your child tends to be rough, teach him on a stuffed dog first before introducing him to a real dog. • Teach your child to wake the sleeping dog by talking to him before touching him. Startling him out of a deep sleep could result in his being defensive. <p>As dogs age, they become less tolerant and more prone to pain- or startle-induced reactions. Have frequent vet check-ups to make sure that your dog is healthy and pain-free.</p> <p>For the complete article, go to www.mywoofgang.com/creature-feature.php</p> <p>The TOH Shelter has dogs we think will enjoy a home with kids. Ask for our help!</p>	<p><i>May Adoptions!:</i> Zeus, Ester, Vivi, Ash, Powder Puff, Banjo, Snowball, Pepper, Hansel, Gretel, Moby, Oreo, Levi, Thor, Kona, Popcorn, Pearl, Sir Lancelot, Tikki, Chase, Roxy, Beans, Fawn, Mitzu, Cookie, Carrie, Anna</p> <p><i>Upcoming June Calendar:</i> Buddy Training classes: Wednesday nights at 6:30pm Agility Clinic: Sunday, 6/23 at 11am. Dog Volunteer Orientations: Saturday 6/29 at 2pm Call <i>Dolores</i> at x4635 for details.</p> <p>On-site Adoption Events: 6/22, Molly's Mission & Bully Bonanza with free adoptions, 10am-6pm Off-site Adoption Events: 6/1 at Stanforth Sports Complex 6/8 at Pet Supplies Plus 6/15 at Millenium Hundai 6/29 at PetCo Call <i>Wendy</i> at x4628 for details.</p> <p>Want to take on a special project dog for training or for the Buddy Project? Let <i>Laura</i> know at x4632!</p> <p><i>Featured Pup – CANDY</i></p>  <p>Candy came in to the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter as a stray, having just given birth to puppies who were never found. Now a two-year resident of the shelter, she squeezes her body up against her kennel bars whenever a friend passes, luxuriating in the attention. Playing fetch and enjoying fun in the sun are her favorite pastimes as she waits for just the right person...</p> <p>Might you be her forever buddy?!</p>
<p>Pet Therapy & Humane Education</p> <p>Pet Therapy and Humane Education personnel can visit your group with the shelter's therapy dogs! Free seminars are available teaching pet care, safety and responsibility to students, seniors and special needs groups. Are you a scout or group leader? Contact us for a free shelter tour at (516) 785-0197 or email pettherapyandhumaneed@tohmail.org for more information.</p>		