

# Genius Dog Newsletter

## GENIUS DOG TRAINING

*"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." Roger Caras*

### Is Your Dog Bored?

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Does your dog dig holes in the backyard, tear up tissues, chew on the furniture, or play with the trash?

It could be that your dog is just bored. Remember, dogs are very social animals and love to interact with their two-legged companions.

If you're like most families, the adults are at work during the day while the children are at school. And what about Buddy...he's probably staring at the same walls and furniture as the day before trying to figure out how he can redecorate your living room.

Most dogs have a few toys to play with, but it's usually the same five squeaky toys that were purchased months ago. Just imagine if you were stuck in your apartment or house for eight hours a day reading the same People magazine over and over again. After all, you can only read about the latest

scandal so many times.

Supply your dog with a variety of interactive toys, such as KONG or Busy Buddy brand puppy and dog toys.



These toys can be stuffed with a variety of dog treats or dry dog food. I feed my puppy, Sydney, half of her meal in a bowl and stuff the rest in a Busy Buddy Squirrel Dude. Not only does it help keep her from eating her food too fast, it also gives her something to do instead of chewing up the sofa.

Providing your dog with something to do doesn't have to be expensive or time

consuming. Fill up a small children's pool (\$6.99) with water and toss in a couple of floating dog toys. Then sit back and watch the fun begin.



Finally, consider participating in a dog sport such as agility, dock jumping, obedience training, flyball, herding, etc. that requires both mental and physical stimulation. And...it can be fun too!

Incidentally, just because you have a breed of dog not normally associated with a particular sport don't think you can't join in the fun. I once saw a Great Dane go through an agility course. He may not have had the fastest time, but he was definitely a crowd favorite.

### Pet First Aid

*Has your pet ever suffered an injury and you didn't know what to do?*

*Did you know you can perform CPR on your pet?*

The American Red Cross San Diego/Imperial Counties offers classes in Cat and Dog First Aid.

The class is 3 ½ hours in length and is currently being offered on the following dates:

Sunday, June 26 at 8:00 AM or  
Monday, July 11 at 6:00 PM

Classes are held at the American Red Cross Chapter Headquarters located at 3950 Calle Fortunada, San Diego, CA 92123.

The cost for this class is \$75.

For more information, contact the American Red Cross at (858) 309-1200.



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[www.GeniusDogTraining.com](http://www.GeniusDogTraining.com)

**\*\*Upcoming Classes\*\*** – Get off on the right paw and sign up for one of our group training classes for only \$139!

Puppy Class (10 wks. – 5 mos.)

***NOW...all of our Puppy Classes are AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Classes!***

Beginner Class (6 mos. & older)

For a list of available classes, visit our website at [www.GeniusDogTraining.com](http://www.GeniusDogTraining.com) and go to the "Service Request" page.

### Important Information:

- Training Location – California Pets, 200 E. Via Rancho Parkway #363, Escondido, CA 92025.
- Due to limited seating, pre-registration is required.
- All puppies and dogs must be current on their vaccinations.
- Classes are six (6) weeks, one (1) hour each week.

*Genius Dog Training is independently owned and operated.*



## Wylie's Corner

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome the newest addition to our *Genius Dog Training* family.

### Sydney



### "The Apprentice"

Sydney is a 10-month-old red Australian Cattle Dog.

She enjoys eating cactus and falling off the bed.



All I can say is she better stay away from my squeaky tennis balls!



Check back with us to see her progress...

So did you figure out what breed I am?

If you guessed Australian Cattle Dog and Treeing Walker Coonhound, you're right! I guess that's why I like chasing raccoons up into trees.

– Wylie, CEO



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