

**Happy New Year!**

2009 probably isn't the year for getting rich quick, making our first million or doubling our net worth through real estate. But with the "age of excess" apparently over, I believe the coming year will be one of reflection. This will be the year for gratitude and appreciating what we have, especially friends and family — two- and four-legged. It can be a time to show our appreciation for what we truly value.

Recently, I've frequently found myself appreciating the value of community and feeling grateful for the communities that I am a part of. It is amazing what a community coming together can do. The story of Lizzie Mead and her two greyhounds is an incredible example. Members of the pet community from around the country are reaching out to help her pay the vet bills incurred after a horrific accident (see page 6).

The Artistry & Veterinary Medicine Show is another example of individuals with common goals, interests and experience joining forces to initiate progress. It is an exhibit that features artists who all are part of the veterinary community, and a percentage of the sales will be donated to fund valley fever research (see page 5).

Our very own pet and animal community will come together this February for the largest animal event in Southern Arizona. This not-to-

be-missed event is not only pet-friendly, but free, too. The Eighth Annual Arizona Animal Fair takes place February 21. Event planner Roxanne Johnson provided Desert Dog News with a behind-the-scenes view of the event (see page 1).

If you want to give back to the Tucson animal community but are not sure what you can do, be sure to check out "What Can One Person Do?" on page 13. There are lots of little (and big) things shelters can use that you can provide and which don't involve cash or kennel work (but they do need those, too).

As always, if you like this paper and the sense of community that it has created, please support the advertisers and tell them that you saw their ads in the pages of Desert Dog News.

Thanks for reading!

-Gretel Hakanson



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## Diamond Dogs Winter Class Schedule 2009

### Mondays, January 12 - February 16

- Clicker w/kids 4-5 PM MURIEL GARDNER
- Puppy Class 6:30-7:30 PM MURIEL GARDNER
- Reactive Dog Class 7-8:30 PM DEBORA HOGAN

ORIENTATION FOR REACTIVE DOG WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7 AT 6:30 PM. NO DOGS AT ORIENTATION

### Tuesdays, January 13 - February 17

- Puppy/Basic 6:30-7:30 PM JAY SMITH
- Reactive Dog Class II 7-8 PM DEBORA HOGAN

### Wednesdays, January 14 - February 18

- Understanding Canine Communication 9:00-11:30 AM DEBORA HOGAN THIS CLASS WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 4 - MARCH 4
- Intermediate Obedience 6:30-7:30 PM JAY SMITH
- Reactive Dog 7-8 PM MURIEL GARDNER
- Puppy 101 7-8 PM DEBORA HOGAN

### Thursdays, January 15 - February 19

- Retrieve Class 6:30-7:30 PM JAY SMITH
- Basic Obedience 7-8 PM DEBORA HOGAN
- Agility 7-8 PM MURIEL GARDNER

### Saturdays, January 17 - February 21

- Puppy Class 8-9 AM MURIEL GARDNER
- Reliable Recall 8-9 AM DEBORA HOGAN
- Agility 9:30-10:30 AM MURIEL GARDNER
- Puppy/Basic 10-11 AM JAY SMITH
- Intermediate Obedience 11AM-12 PM MURIEL GARDNER
- Tricks 11:30 AM-12:30 PM JAY SMITH

### Sundays, January 18 - February 22

- Good Canine Citizen (CGC) 3-4:30 PM DEBORA HOGAN, LYNNE BRANT AND CHERYL HENDERSON
- TESTING SCHEDULE FOR CGC - TBA

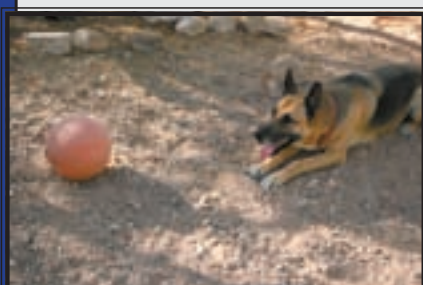


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Muriel Gardner of Paws Up!, LLC, Debora Hogan of Dog Direction, LLC, and Jay Smith of Community Dog Training have joined forces to provide all of Tucson with: **positive reinforcement, obedience classes, daycare, children's classes, reactive dog classes, snake & toad aversion, and more!**