In-home service dog training expands

The unique concept of adapting a companion dog for service work for a family member is finding an audience on the San Francisco Peninsula. Talks and demos to Senior Centers and hospital Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Units are spreading the word about the availability of Jean Cary's convenient training program. Her current clients include dogs who are in training for children with cognitive and developmental disabilities as well as for adults who need assistance with balance due to progressive neurological disorders or strokes. Her training techniques have also been beneficial to busy owners of companion dogs who need behavioral tune-ups.

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Every dog is a good dog, but only special dogs train to be service dogs.
Dog Websites and Apps

Wagfieldacademy.com- informative articles about puppies

Dogtrekker.com- hikes and lodging for you and your dog throughout California

Dog Tricks app.- wonderful resource for dog owners starting to train their dogs or for those owners dealing with behavioral issues. This application has various sounds such as cats and sirens that you can use to desensitize your dog to decrease inappropriate barking.

Dog Sounds and Body Talk app.-have wolves, squirrels, cat sounds, thunderstorms, and other sounds sign to elicit a reaction. On the body talk pages you can learn to read canine body language.

Rover.com.- good resource for finding pet sitters

Pet first aid app.- intuitive and comprehensive solutions to medical emergencies

Petfinder.com.- find a new cat or dog to add to your family

Walk for a dog app.- translates your steps into money for a designated rescue organization

Map my dog walk app.- uses GPS to track your steps and calories burned

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Public Lecture
“Having Fun With Your Dog: Games and Toys”
Learn how playing games with your dog can reinforce good behavior.
Sat. Feb. 20, 2016 at 10am-11:30am
Burlingame Recreation Center
Call (650)-558-7300 to register.

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From a new puppy owner: "Oh, my God! Is there anything a Labrador won't eat? My dog is beginning to think his name is 'Leave it'."

When asked about what type of service work her dog would perform, the client responded, "He was going to be a service dog for my husband, but the dog has injured me enough during his puppy antics and training that he may end up being my service dog!"

Mother of a child with a chronic illness says, "I think my dog, Cody, believes his name is 'Codeeeeee, I need you!' Every time my son calls for him, the dog drops whatever he's doing and stops his play with the other dog and goes running to my son's side."

"We took my son's Labrador service dog on airplane flight from Boston to Amsterdam. When we got off the plane one of the stewardesses remarked, "Goodness! I never even knew there was a dog on this plane. What a well-behaved dog."

Our favorite winter hiking spots for dogs are those areas where you can stay on a paved road to avoid muddy paws and deer ticks. Give these hikes a try:

- Laurelwood Park in San Mateo
- Pulgas Ridge in San Carlos (South Bay vistas)
- Milagra Ridge in Pacifica with views of the coast to the Farrallones
- Pacific Shores Center, East on Woodside Rd.

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Have More Fun With Your Dog This Year

Here are two more classes that you can take to enhance your relationship with your dog. These are in lecture format. Please leave your dog at home. These are offered through the San Mateo Rec. Dept. and are held at the San Mateo Senior center. You can register online at:

Teaching Dogs to Help Around the House: (copy and paste address below then type in course number 68512)
https://www.erecreg.com/Activities/ActivitiesAdvSearch.asp

Having Fun with your Dog: Games and Toys: (copy and paste address below then type in course number 68513)
https://www.erecreg.com/Activities/ActivitiesAdvSearch.asp

Off leash areas are open now in Stuartsila park on Farmhill blvd. in RWC.

Watch for poisons your dog may ingest on his walk such as mushrooms, cigarette and marijuana butts, chewing gum or (candy with Xylitol), and chocolate.

Check your dog for ticks before you load him back in your car and bring the ticks home.

Advanced Pet Therapy Skills Classes (private) are available to fit your schedule. Learn skills of Back Up, Paws, Visit and games to enhance your therapy dog visits to hospitals and libraries. Call Jean for info: (650)-593-9622.

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