

Hello dog lovers,

We have tons of news that can't wait until the next newsletter comes out! This is so brand-new information, even my web designer didn't know about some of this until now. So give the web master about one week to update some of the information. I needed to send this out because of some very early deadlines, which didn't give my web designer enough time to update all the info on the new workshops.

Important dates or deadlines are marked in red.

Below you'll find special news about:

- Recall Workshop **July 10, 2011** – openings available, sign-up now easier
- July Behavior Classes – last time seven week courses
- Loose Leash Walking Workshop Aug 7, 2011 – sign-up now easier on our web page
- Flyball Class starting Aug 10, 2011 – now new and easier format (allow 1 week to update web page)
- Delta Society Pet Partner Seminar – now with exact dates and deadlines (allow 1 week to update web page)
- Dog Daycare staff member needed – find out if this could be something for you

Recall Workshop:

This all-day event could be a life-saver for your dog! Do you feel your dog should listen better when you call "Come"?

We still have some openings for the workshop coming up **THIS SUNDAY, July 10th!**

Just go to <http://www.bettercompanion.com/workshops/recall.html> on our web page, to read the specifics and sign up for it!

Fee is \$105 if you come with your dog, and \$50 if you come to observe without your dog.

No matter what you decide, this seminar is full with good information to improve your dog's recall!

July Behavior Classes:

The classes starting July 20/21 will be the last seven-week classes offered. After this set, we'll switch to 6-week sessions.

Classes offered in July will be

- Puppy 1 for puppies 8 weeks to 4 months,
- Foundation Class for dogs 6 months and older,
- Puppy 2 for P1 graduates and
- Elementary School, for FC and P2 graduates.

Early registration for these classes ends July 6/7. You'll save \$10 if you sign up early.

Loose Leash Walking Workshop:

You and your dog will be tired after these three hours of walking! We'll have some short breaks to discuss the approach and any questions that come up. We'll practice walking along a lonely trail or a busy street – bicyclists, other dog owners with more or less control - and what you can do not to lose control of your dog. You'll learn how to keep your dog from jumping up on you and/or how to get him more focused on you, with or without using anti-pull devices.

Just go to <http://www.bettercompanion.com/workshops/looseleash.html> on our web page, to read more specifics and sign up for it!

Fee is \$55 until July 24th, after that \$60 if you come with your dog. To observe this workshop as an auditor (pedestrian ☺), it's \$25 until July 24th, after that \$30.

Flyball Class:

We're offering another Flyball Class in August, to allow enough time outdoors for the class plus some practice after that.

No seminar required, just sign up for the class. This class has now a **reduced fee** as well, since we'll allow up to 6 dogs per class (so you'll pay less, even if there're only 4 students).

You'll need to have participated in one class to join the **Flyball Practices** that are offered right now and again after your class. The calendar on the web will show **FB-C for Flyball Class** and **FB-P for Flyball Practice**.

This class is a 4-week class, starting Wed, Aug 10, ending Wed, Aug 31. 7:30-8:30pm.

New fee is \$75 until July 27th, after that \$80.

Delta Society Pet Partner Seminar and Evaluation:

We're ready to take sign-ups for this **therapy dog program**, which certifies you and your dog as a Pet Partner®-team, to enable you to **visit hospitals, nursing homes, schools and libraries** together.

Dates for the seminar and evaluation:

Seminar: Saturday, Sep 17, 10am – 5pm (without dogs)

And Sunday, Sep 18, 10am – 1pm (with working dogs)

Evaluation: Sunday, Sep 25, 10am – 4pm (students will reserve 30min slots)

Fees: working spot: **\$125 until July 31st**, after that \$135 regular fee. Book included.

Seminar Auditing (without dog): \$95 until July 31st, after that \$105 regular fee. Book included.

Evaluation: **\$20 until July 31st**, \$25 regular fee.

Book only: **\$45 until July 31st**, after that \$55.

Delta Society recommends, but doesn't require that new teams take the seminar before attempting the evaluation. If you choose to "self-study", contact us to order the book for you (price: \$45), and sign up for the evaluation only. The book is included in the fee for the seminar.

We need all sign-ups for the seminar and book orders by July 31st, so that we can order and hand out the books prior to the evaluation.

Daycare Staff Needed:

We'll need a new Daycare staff member soon, to replace Melissa, when she starts her new education.

What does doggy daycare involve:

Introducing and supervising dogs at play, cleaning after the dogs and the facility, receptionist at the phone and the door, some paperwork, and other little chores.

We need someone for two times 5-7 hours per week, as of now afternoons 12 to 5-7pm. This job won't feed someone, just bring some extra cash, and some benefits regarding my services. We're looking for someone who can commit to this job not only for a couple months, but year-round. It takes about 3-6 months to really understand the job, so we need some rather long-term commitment.

If you'd like to get some extra cash to pay for more classes for your dog ☺ and love working with dogs and their owners, this might be the position for you!

Contact us if you're interested.

Thanks
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