

Dear Dog Lover,

Our monthly story at the end of this email: [Poll: How much Exercise?](#)

If you receive this email in full html, you can just [click on the events underlined and in light blue](#) to get to the correct page on our web site!

Update on my certification: I'm now also a SKILLS-assessed Certified Professional Dog Trainer! This newly available recognition came in addition to my KNOWLEDGE-assessed title, and now my certification shows "**CPDT-KSA**" for **Certified Professional Dog Trainer - Knowledge and Skills Assessed**. Thanks again to the volunteers who came out and allowed me to train them and their dogs for this test!

We have added more events happening, so please read through the next section carefully!

➤ **Upcoming classes:**

- **Nose Work Beginners:** We have still room left - sign up by May 29th!!! Starting Monday, June 4 we offer beginner classes for Nose Work, our pet "scent-detection" dog sport. This sport is easy on the handler, but tiring for the dog! Learn from your dog about the world of scent, learn to read your dog's body language, and channel your dog's hunting needs to a **harmless version of 'scent hunting'**.
- **Treibball Beginners:** We have still room left - sign up by May 29th!!! Starting Tuesday, June 5 we offer Beginner Treibball, the urban ball herding sport. This activity is also dog-tiring and can be continued at home without needing sheep! Teach your dog **impulse control, distance sending and stays** and improve the overall teamwork with your dog.
- **Check our class listings below in a new easy overview format!**

➤ **Events:**

- **June 3rd: Disc Dog (Frisbee) Competition:** Anybody with a Frisbee-driven dog can participate! Scoring will be for distance and accuracy, nothing fancy added. See below under EVENTS for more info and whom to contact.
- **June 9th: Pet Expo at the Sullivan Arena in Anchorage:** This is the first time this event has been brought to Alaska. 200 mostly local vendors, free entry for visitors, and you can bring your dog! **BetCo will be there at booth #110!** More info below under EVENTS, updated as we learn more about it. We will have updates on our Facebook page, too!
- **June 30/July 1: Pet Partner evaluations (Anchorage):** Delta Society offers a new format of registering suitable teams as Therapy Animal Teams with them. An [online course](#) is now available to prepare for the evaluation of you and your dog.
- **Workshops at BetCo in July/August:** Single day workshops, from 3 to 7 hrs. Repeated from last year by popular request: Recall Workshop, Treat/Retreat Workshop for shy dogs, Feisty Fido and Loose Leash Walking workshops. New Agility workshops: Go Weave!, Independent Contacts and Jumping Jack!
- **Sep 8/9: B.A.T. for Dog Reactivity, Fear, Frustration and Aggression - Seminar with Grisha Steward at Sirius Ranch.** Hosted by [Northern Tails Dog Training of Alaska](#).

➤ **Open Play Time/ Doggy Day Care:**

- Our OPT will be closed on May 25 (Memorial Day weekend) and July 6 (4th of July-week)
- Our DDC will be closed on July 5th (4th of July-week)

➤ **2012 is BetCo's 10th Anniversary!**

We will put **every class sign-up since April 1st into a drawing**, taking place on our anniversary celebration day; Doggy Day on Saturday, Sep 8th, 2012. You'll be automatically entered, and we'll give you one ticket for each class or workshop you sign up for between now and Sep 8th. **First prize will be a full free class!** Don't forget to mark Sep 8th on your calendar to join our celebration! You don't have to be present to win, but we sure encourage you to come and join in the fun!

The online calendar can look very confusing. Please don't hesitate to call or email us with any questions about upcoming classes, workshops or practices.

Enjoy the Alaskan outdoors,
Claudia

Below you'll find:

- 1) **Events/ workshops**
- 2) **Classes: NEW Table format!**
- 3) This month's story: **Poll: How much Exercise?**

1) Events/Workshops:

- **June 3rd at Lake Lucille Park in Wasilla at 1pm: Disc Dog Competition**

Anybody with a Frisbee-driven dog can participate! Scoring will be for distance and accuracy, nothing fancy added.

This is a very simple competition format. It consists of two 60 second rounds and 1 disc to score as many points as possible. The field is broke into 4 zones with more points awarded to the longer throws and catches.

This event is sanctioned by Skyhoundz and you can get a full set of rules at skyhoundz.com.

They really just want to introduce the sport to people and will be happy to get together and explain it to people if they are interested.

Sign up will be at noon on competition day.

For more info please call Chanelle at 841- 0532.

- **June 9th: Pet Expo at the Sullivan Arena in Anchorage!**

This is the first time this event is brought to Alaska. 200 mostly local vendors, free entry for visitors, and you can bring your dog! **BetCo will be there with one 15 minute**

lecture right after the welcome speech of Shorty Rossi at 10:45am, and **Treibball** and **Nose Work** demonstrations later. We'll also have **booth #110** with lots of give-aways, so stop by and visit us! Doors will open at 10am, and they'll have other demos as well. Check out their schedule or reserve one of their last available booths at www.anchoragetexpo.com.

- **Workshops at BetCo in July/August:** Web page will be updated soon, click on links for description. 6 dogs maximum, unlimited audit. Offered once a year only!

- 🐕 [Recall Workshop](#) Saturday, July 28, 10am-5pm
- 🐕 [Treat/Retreat Workshop](#) for shy dogs Saturday, Aug 4, 2-6pm
- 🐕 [Feisty Fido Workshop](#) for leash-reactive dogs Saturday, Aug 11, 2-6pm
- 🐕 [Loose Leash Walking](#) workshop Monday, July 30, 4-8pm.

- **New Agility workshops:** maximum 6 dogs, 2-3 hours, regular fee \$50, pre-reg. \$45, audit (observing without own dog) \$25/\$20.

- 🐕 **Go Weave!** Saturday, Aug 4, 10am-1pm
- 🐕 **Independent Contacts** Saturday, Aug 11, 10am-1pm
- 🐕 **Jumping Jack!** Saturday, Aug 25, 10am-1pm

- **June 30/July 1: Pet Partner evaluations (Anchorage):** Delta Society offers a new format of registering suitable teams as Therapy Animal Teams with them. An [online course](#) is now available to prepare for the evaluation of you and your dog.

Our High School class will help you prepare for this evaluation, as about half of the evaluation is a modified CGC®-Test, the other half tests the temperament of your dog. The next High School class starts July 26. Ask us about pre-requisites for this class.

- **Sep 8/9: BAT for Dog Reactivity, Fear, Frustration and Aggression - Seminar with Grisha Steward at Sirius Ranch.** Hosted by [Northern Tails Dog Training of Alaska](#).

Fighting is expensive for dogs. Instead of jumping directly into fighting, most dogs give distance-increasing signals, from subtle to overt. But many dogs have also learned to give up on the subtle signals and leap straight to showing big aggressive displays, fighting, or fleeing in panic.

When dealing with aggression, fear, or frustration, **Behavior Adjustment Training (BAT)** builds social skills, confidence around the trigger, and trust in the handler. While food or other rewards are used with BAT in some cases, the main focus of BAT is on **using environmental rewards** that already maintain the problem behavior. Go directly to NorthernTailsDogTrainingAK.com for more info on this seminar.

2) Upcoming Classes and Practices:

Listed are start dates. The classes will run once a week for 6 weeks unless otherwise specified.

Click [here](#) to view the online calendar by month.

Click [here](#) to register for a class.

Already registered? Click [here](#) to pay for a class.

Or contact us by email or phone: info@bettercompanion.com, (907) 357-2521.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>later</u>
<u>Behavior Classes</u>				
Puppy 1	Sun 6/3	Sun 7/22	Tue 8/14	
Foundation Class	Sun 6/3	Sun 7/22	Tue 8/14	
Puppy 2		Sun 7/22, Thu 7/26		9/6
Elementary School		Thu 7/26		11/1
High School		Thu 7/26		
CGC-test (one day)				9/15
C.L.A.S.S.	Tue 6/5		Wed 8/15	
CLASS Evaluation		Tue 7/24		
Rally College				Nov or Jan
Rally Practice				TBA
Tricks 'N Clicks				Nov or Jan
<u>Sports Classes</u>				
Nose Work Beginner	Mon 6/4		Mon 8/13	
Nose Work Odor	Cancelled		Mon 8/13	
Nose Work Practice	Mon 6/4			
Treibball Beginner	Tue 6/5		Wed 8/15	
Treibball Intermediate	Tue 6/5		Wed 8/15	
Flyball Beginner 4wks	May 31			Next summer
Flyball Practice				TBA
Agility Puppy/Beg	Sat 6/16			9/15
Agility Skills	Sat 6/16			9/15
Agility Sequencing	Sat 6/16			9/15
Agility Trialing	Sat 6/16			9/15

You can check our web page www.bettercompanion.com for info on classes, daycare, Open Play Times, facility, and schedule, read testimonies from other students, print out the registration form and more.

Or contact us by email or phone: info@bettercompanion.com, (907) 357-2521.

3) POLL: HOW MUCH EXERCISE?

- How much exercise do you think your dog requires per day?
- What type of exercise do you think your dog likes the most?
- What training does your dog need the most to enjoy exercising together?

Write us back and we'll publish the answers anonymously next month.

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