

TRAINING YOUR PET

Saudi Cantwell is a real pro. This trainer is a hit at Veterans Community Park's Rover Run.

Cantwell is teaching puppy and adult dog training classes at the park for a reduced cost. She has been competing and participating in obedience training and other competitions since a very young age.

Many pet owners at some point feel lost in how to properly train their pet, whether it is a cat or a dog, but dogs seem to be the bigger challenge because of housebreaking.

"People tend to think that crate training is cruel but for a puppy especially it's critical," Cantwell said. She continued to ex-

plain, "In the wild, bears for example have dens with their cubs and are taught to then leave the den to relieve themselves. Puppies are not traumatized by crates, if you are consistent one-hundred percent of the time."

Cantwell says not to be afraid to reward your dog for successfully going outdoors.

Cantwell says when adopting a dog, proper training often makes the difference between keeping the pet or returning it.

Call Veterans Community Park for class information at (239) 566-2367.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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<p>HOWL-A-DAY JUBILEE PET FESTIVAL: 2:30 and 5 p.m. adoption fashion shows, pet competitions, games, more than 45 vendors for holiday shopping, dog agility shows and low-cost micro chipping! YOUR PET WILL HAVE A BALL! Location: Veterans Community Park at 1895 Veterans Park Dr. in Naples</p>	<p>Saturday Nov. 17, 2007 2-7 p.m. Call 252-PETS</p>
<p>Basic Dog Obedience: 4 month-1.5 years and over 2 years on Saturdays. Cost is \$90 for five weeks. Location: Veterans Community Park at 1895 Veterans Park Dr. in Naples</p>	<p>Saturdays Through Dec. 29 9 a.m.-10 a.m. 10:30 (2 yr. Class)</p>
<p>Volunteer Orientations are scheduled monthly—call for details and ask for Kathlene Drew at 252-PETS (7387).</p>	<p>Dec. 15 & Jan. 19 at 10 a.m.</p>
<p>DAS Advisory Board Meeting: Location: DAS Naples Shelter at 7610 Davis Blvd. Call 252-PETS for info.</p>	<p>Dec. 18 & Feb. 19, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.</p>



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Holiday Pet Safety

By Margo Castorena, DAS Director

Every year you hear about tips on keeping pets safe and sound with all the holiday commotion happening around your home, but do you really know the dangers of the holidays?

Many pet owners think holiday safety is a matter of keeping the blinking lights out of fluffy's mouth, but the Winter holidays especially present much more danger than just electrical lights.

Dogs, for example, can



cases with dogs who have eaten lights, tinsel, mistletoe and ornaments.

Educate the entire family about what your animal is allowed to eat and what is cause for concern. DAS has posted holiday safety tips to its website to assist pet owners.

become deathly ill if they eat too many cranberries, nuts and other items in the home such as tinsel. Holiday chocolates and the wrappings for chocolates and candies can kill a dog. So can some holiday plants including mistletoe and poinsettias.

The best way to keep your home safe, if you plan to decorate, is to keep your animal confined in an area without these dangers. The local emergency pet hospitals report that during the holidays they see several

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' hotline is (888) 426-4435 for which there is a \$55 consultation fee. The Animal Poison Hotline, (888) 232-8870, sponsored by North Shore Animal League America and PROSAR International Animal Poison Center hosts a 24 hour service as well with a fee of \$35 per case. Have these numbers handy in case you need them.

Keep in mind table scraps can be just as dangerous. Visit www.colliergov.net/pets to learn more.

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Pet Festival Frenzy

(By Camden Smith, Happy Tails Host)

This year marks the second annual Howl-A-Day Jubilee. The pet festival is a fundraiser for the Domestic Animal Services (DAS) Donation Trust Fund.

Thousands turn out to pamper their pooch with presents, have photos taken and compete in fun games. Last year, the event raised more than \$4,400 and this year funds are expected to exceed last year's total.

Howl-A-Day Jubilee is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Veterans Community Park. The park is located off Immokalee Road (I-75 exit 111) at 1895 Veterans Park Drive.

The pet festival showcases 30 pets from DAS for adoption and those animals

will be promoted on a special half hour Happy Tails Adoption TV Show prior to the event.



For information about this year's event log on to www.colliergov.net/pets or call DAS at (239) 252-PETS (7387).

More than 45 vendors are participating in the 2007 Howl-A-Day Jubilee Pet Festival.

OTHER HOLIDAY EVENTS

- **Santa Paws** by DAS and PetSmart on Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Watch award-winning *Happy Tails*, a fun half hour TV program that will make you smile. *Happy Tails* is a pet adoption show airing on Collier Television (Ch. 11).

Tune in at 7 p.m. each night!

Watch *Happy Tails* on the web at www.colliergov.net/pets.

Upcoming Shows:

- Nov. 7-17 showcases pets available at Howl-A-day Jubilee Pet Festival only
- Nov. 21-Dec. 4, 2007
- Dec. 5-18, 2007
- Dec. 19, 2007-Jan. 8, 2008
- Jan. 9-22, 2008

NEW Volunteer Program

(by Margo Castorena, DAS Director)

This fall, Domestic Animal Services hired a very experienced and motivated volunteer coordinator to pump the shelter with excitement for helping animals. Kathlene Drew has previously worked with various non-profit 501 C-3 animal rescue groups.

"I'm a team member of the Disaster Animal Response Team for Collier County and have worked in the retail field for more than 25 years with a great passion for animals and their welfare," Drew said.

It is the volunteers of organizations that make it possible for adoptions outside the shelter atmosphere and really put the shine on the shelter along with the DAS staff. Drew said, "I have a favorite quote from Elizabeth Andrew that says 'Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart' and

that's so true."

With everyone being so busy with work, family and recreation, asking a



person for a couple of hours of their time can be a big request. But there are dozens of people doing exactly that, giving their time. If for example, someone loves animals but cannot adopt, volunteering is a positive alternative.

Grant writing and financial/estate planning are two major needs of the DAS Donation Trust Fund. DAS is looking for

volunteers with those skills.

More traditional skills such as walking and bathing dogs, socializing cats and administration work provided by volunteers are needed each and every day. Drew also has a Community Outreach Program that takes DAS and its volunteers into local schools to educate children about pet safety and the proper care for a pet.

"We are looking for volunteers who want to help us in every capacity so that visitors continue to have a wonderful experience at DAS," Drew said.

For volunteer orientation dates, see the page 4 calendar of events.

Want to volunteer? Contact Kathlene Drew by calling (239) 252-PETS or emailing her at

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