



Incorporating Pet Safety into Your Everyday Life

In recognition of June 2009 as National Safety Month, the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) urges dog owners to consider the role of training in keeping their pets safe. Positive dog training techniques can make everyday safety situations, as well as emergencies, into easily handled situations for you and your dog.

Greenville, SC – June 19, 2009 – The Association of Pet Dog Trainers, the largest professional and educational association for dog trainers in the world, believes that training dogs using positive methods can be an important part of keeping your dogs happy, healthy and safe. June 2009 has been designated National Safety Month by the National Safety Council (<http://www.nsc.org/NSM/>).

Proper training can be a key component in keeping your dog safe in a variety of familiar situations, such as hot and cold weather, travel, during the holidays and even just during the routine of your everyday life. A dog that responds to you through teaching with positive reinforcement is more likely to do well in an emergency situation because he will be calmer and able to respond to important commands such as stay, come and giving you his full attention.

States APDT President Barbara Long, CPDT, “We have a responsibility to our dogs to keep them safe. Building a great relationship with your dog through positive training can help you prevent accidents before they happen. Work with a trainer to build your dog's basic obedience skills and focus. If your dog responds promptly and reliably to your cues you will be able to take him anywhere with confidence.”

The APDT has put together some helpful information and tips on dog safety on our Web site that you can view at http://www.apdt.com/po/tips/safety_home.aspx. All of our tips provide not only helpful advice on basic dog safety, but advice on how to use dog training to insure your dog's safety and well-being. For example, a dog who has been taught to come when called can come back to you before he runs into a busy street, or while chasing potentially dangerous wildlife if you're out on a hike.

If you are looking for a dog training professional in your area to help with safety training, as well as other forms of training, you can use our popular Trainer Search feature at <http://www.apdt.com/po/ts/default.aspx>.

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The APDT is a professional educational organization of trainers who are committed to becoming better trainers through using positive, dog friendly methods based on sound scientific principles. With over 5,000 members worldwide, the APDT provides professional dog trainers with a respected and concerted voice. The APDT promotes caring relationships between dogs and people and works to increase public awareness of dog-friendly training techniques. For more information, visit the web site at www.apdt.com.