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Family Friendly Dog Training Classes Available

Get your pooch ready for summer’s fun activities by completing a training course with him! Suncoast Humane Society is hosting canine training courses at 250 Center Court, Venice, FL 34285. The classes will be on Thursday evenings starting March 31 and ending May 7, 2016. Pre-registration is required, along with proof of rabies and other required shots. Sign up at Suncoast Humane Society, located at 6781 San Casa Drive, Englewood, or call 941-474-7884 and visit www.humane.org for more information.

Teach your dog a trick or two in the Fun with Tricks and Agility-O course. Tunnel work, jumps, teeter time, and target work are just a few of the items that you and your dog can experience in this fast paced class. Open to all attentive dogs that can follow direction and are good around people and dogs. Class can have a maximum of 6 dogs.

In the Basic Level Training class you will have fun working with your dog in a force-free way using positive reinforcement. You will learn to use verbal cues and hand signals to teach your best friend to sit, stand, lay down, focus (watch me), best manners at the front door and polite leash walking along with other behaviors.

As part of the Training Level 2 class, your dog will take a 10-step Canine Good Citizen test on the sixth week of the course. The evaluation includes Accepting Friendly Strangers, Walking Through a Crowd, Reaction to Other Dogs and Distractions, Supervised Separation, and Grooming. Handlers and canines with passing scores will be able to order a Canine Good Citizen certificate from the AKC. All three courses are six-weeks long and cost $100 each. Please remember to bring treats and wear sneakers.

For more information, contact Suncoast Humane Society at 941-474-7884, visit www.humane.org, or stop by their adoption center at 6781 San Casa Drive, Englewood.
Suncoast Humane Society has been serving animals and people since 1971. Founded as Englewood Animal Aid Society, the organization’s services and programs were soon challenged to meet the demands placed on them by the pet over-population crises.

Expansions to their facility in Englewood during the 1980s and 1990s helped the Society to more effectively provide for a growing service area. To reflect the changes, the organization became Suncoast Humane Society. Today their service area includes Charlotte County, most of Sarasota County, and the Boca Grande portion of Lee County, a total of over 450 square miles.

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Robin and her Corgi Tebow completed a family friendly canine training course hosted by Suncoast Humane Society.