

SUN CITY PET CLUB NEWSLETTER

"The Scoop"

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Message from the President,

We are coming to the end of 2022, a very exciting and productive year for the Pet Club. We added new events such as "Meet the Pet Club Day"; Members Lunch Social, Rally O, Pet Portraits and a team of new dog trainers and gaining permission from the CA to have indoor dog training. The Pet Club is looking forward to 2023, continuing to add programs and events to keep our Club informative and fun.

Part of the Pet Club's mission is to assist local pet shelters and sanctuaries by making donations of items they need. In 2022, we donated over \$16,000 in pet food and supplies to various shelters plus over \$9,000 worth of donated items. This can happen only through collecting dues and class fees. Thank you to all for contributing to this cause.....we do make a difference.

Thanks to our new dog training team, we will be offering over 125 dog training classes in 2023. This is a huge effort by our trainers to make this happen. We will also be continuing to train new dog trainers next year and hope many more of you will be interested. If you would like to become a dog trainer for the Pet Club, new dog trainer classes will be announced sometime in early 2023.

I would like to personally thank everyone who has volunteered at any of our events; we couldn't have done them without you. Because of your dedication to our events, we are adding a Volunteer Appreciation Lunch starting in 2023. We are glad to do it for you.

The Pet Club has grown to over 800 members in 2022! I hope we have fulfilled your expectations as a pet informative club. We are always exploring new ideas so we have satisfied pet owners and pets.

Have a great holiday season and hope that you will join us again in 2023.

Alan Kamen

President, Pet Club

**Welcome New Pet Club Board
and Program Leaders
for 2023**

Board:

President:
Alan Kamen

Vice President:
Liz Wommack

Treasurer:
Karen Davenport

Secretary:
Pam Sarantos

Special Projects:
Not Filled, Available

Leaders:

Dog Training:
Ruth Olsen

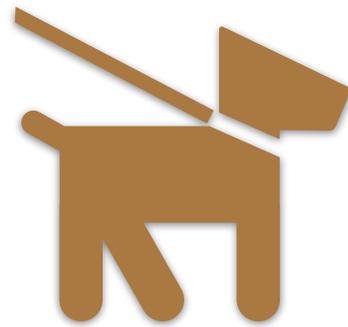
Snake Aversion:
Amy Cavaness

All About Cats:
Karyn Beavers

Donations:
Diane Daniel

Photography:
Anne Marshall

Webmaster:
Ginny Patterson



**Online Dog
Training**

There are over 30
written lessons to
help with training your
dog.

Go to the Pet Club Website,
Click on Training,
Click on Virtual Training.

**Dog Training
Classes**

No training classes in December.

Dog training classes will resume in
January 2023. An email blast will
will go out sometime in December
to sign up.

Dog Training Fees for 2023:

3-class semester: \$30

6-class semester: \$60

Rally-O: \$40

Dog Q & A: \$5

Meet the Pet Club Day

Open to All Sun City Residents

Date: Monday, January 16, 2023 **Time:** 9:00 am to 12 noon
Where: Sun City Ball Room, Social Center, Texas Drive

presenting..... **“All Things Wild Rehabilitation”**

Come and see their live Ambassador Animals!



Meet our program leaders and information tables:

- > Dog Obedience Training
- > Community Involvement
- > Snake Aversion
- > All About Cats
- > Pet Club Website
- > Donation and Equipment Loan Program
- > Pet Emergency Evacuation
- > Lost, Found and Re-Homing Pets



Local Shelters & Non-Profits Attending: WILCO, GTAS, Living Grace Canine Ranch, G.A.O., Harley's Angels, Austin Siamese Rescue, R.O.C.K., Pet Partners of Williamson County (Therapy Dog Training)

Local Retail Attending: Wag Heaven

Homemade Pet Treat Bake Sale, New Pet Merchandise for Sale, Door Prizes, Donuts and Coffee

For more information: Contact Alan Kamen at alankamen5253@icloud.com

Humans Welcome



Sorry, No Pets

Cat Corner

information provided by Karyn Beavers

12 Christmas Movies Featuring Cats

Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever (2014)

Grumpy Cat, now deceased, stars in this cat-centric film that's great and should be for the whole family. *Grumpy Cat* is a lonely cat living in a mall pet shop. Because she always gets passed over and never gets chosen by customers, this kitty develops a sour outlook on life until...one day during the holidays, a very special 12-year-old girl named Chyrstal enters the pet store and falls in love with her.

Christmas Everlasting (2018)

This Hall of Fame production features a lovely orange tabby cat who belonged to Lucy's deceased sister Alice.

Road to Christmas (2018)

This Hallmark production features an animal rescuer who has to deal with a basket full of kittens.

Christmas Cat (2019)

A girl discovers that her cat has the ability to influence the decisions of her struggling family members only during the holiday season.

PETE THE CAT a very groovy Christmas (2019)

Join Pete the Cat along with his pals, Callie Cat, Grumpy Toad, Sally Squirrel, Emma the Pug, Gustavo the Platypus, on their groovy adventures. Pete discovers his Mom has a big famous past, Grumpy learns that having fun is more important than winning, and the entire gang learns the value of friendship and inclusion. Pete and his pals always try to keep cool, keep kind and keep rocking.

Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Christmas (2012)

The Cat in the Hat, along with Sally, Nick, and of course, the Fish, work together to grant a Christmas wish of a broken-hearted baby reindeer. Great for kids.

Black Christmas (1974) or also known as Silent Night Evil Night

A group of sorority sisters is stalked by a killer while on Christmas break. The house mother, Mrs. Mac, has a large Persian cat named Claude. Claude makes his presence known throughout the film (whether physically or meowing) and the killer uses the girls' love of the cat to lure them to their doom.

Felix the Cat Saves Christmas (2004)

The famous black cat is back and this time he has to stop a professor from creating the biggest blizzard of all time, which would cancel Christmas. Watch this one to celebrate the 100 year birthday of Felix.

Christmas with the Kranks (2004)

Muffles, a white Persian, is featured in this holiday staple. Although not well treated, she helps teach Mr. Krank the spirit of Christmas by popping up in some key scenes.

Santa Claws (2014)

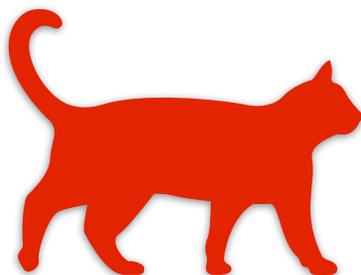
A cute movie where the cats have to save Christmas because Santa can't fly his sleigh due to cat allergies. Silly but fun film for all.

The Nine Lives of Christmas (2014)

A cute tabby stray cat teaches the main character, a self-professed permanent bachelor, how to love and be loved. Zachary Stone (Brandon Routh) sees his life change when he decides to adopt a stray cat who introduces him to his true love.

A Meowy Christmas (2017)

A couple of bumbling burglars are mistaken as two aliens by a talking cat that watches too many conspiracy videos. Regardless, it's up to Ms. Whiskers and her rat friend, Chuck, to capture them and save Christmas!



Pet Club Website

for members only
managed by Ginny Patterson

What's on It?

Resources: Pet Sitters, Groomers, Vets, 24-hour Vets, Shelters, Euthanasia Services, Agility Groups, Kennels, Rescue Organizations, Got Skunked?, Snake Aversion, Trainers.....

**Pet Partners Therapy
Dog Information**

Snake Aversion

Dog Training: Virtual Dog Training, Monthly Training Information, Dog Class Descriptions.

Newsletters

**Emergency Pet
Information**

....and more!

Bulletin Board

Pet Club member looking for Boston Terrier owners in Sun City to have a meet and greet and share Boston Terrier information.

Please contact
Canada Tramel at
512-917-7598

Club Events in 2023

Look for days and times in our newsletters and email blasts

Meet the Pet Club Day

**General Meetings with
guest speakers**

Dog Training Classes

Snake Aversion

Blessing of the Animals

Pet Portraits

Member's Lunch Social

**Pet Partners Therapy
Dog Demonstration **New!****

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch **New!**

**Rally O Classes and
Final's Competition **New!****

Dog Q&A and Puppy Seminars

**Pet Partners Therapy Dog Workshops
and Evaluations**

**New Resident Orientation and
Club Fair, 4x a year**

Sun City Chartered Clubs Fair

Miscellaneous Information

Traveling and want to bring your dog? bringfido.com

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Days:

The Pet Club volunteers ring the Kettle Bell every year. Our volunteers will be out from 8-4 on December 7 and December 8. If you are considering a donation, please make it on one of these dates and say hello to our Pet Club volunteers.

Pet Club Membership:

2023 Re-Renewal and New Members start on December 1, 2022, for 2023.

Georgetown Fire Department Dog Story:

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/texas-fire-dog-unlocks-door-officials-locked-out>

Donations, Collection & Loan Program:

Pet Items Available for Loan:

We have items to loan out to club members. Items include: crates, leashes, medical, cones, travel crates, dog bowls, K9 stairs and more. If you need an item, contact Diane Daniel at 512-868-7393, to find out what she has in stock.

We are always taking donations for local shelters:

Pet-related items such as beds, leashes, crates, pet carriers, pet meds (unsealed and sealed), dry and wet pet food, etc. Contact Diane Daniel at 512-868-7373 or just drop your donation at 240 Bonham Loop by her front door anytime.

To date, the Pet Club has donated over 500 collected items, valued at about \$12,000, to local shelters. A huge thank you goes to Diane Daniel for organizing and managing our donations. This is in addition to our monetary donations of over \$16,000 in food and pet items that have been donated in 2022.

New Resident Orientation and Club Fair

Volunteers that greeted
new SC residents on
November 17, 2022.

Liz Wommack

Karyn Beavers

Susan Cook with her
Therapy Dog, Zain

Rosie Forsman



Dog Training Tips

Why You Should Train Your Dog

Training is an essential part of owning a dog and can be started at any age. Training builds confidence, provides mental stimulation and strengthens the human-animal bond. Dogs are always learning just like we are. Dogs want to learn; they want to learn how to communicate with us and to understand what we want them to do. Dogs have no concept of right or wrong. It is up to us to teach the dog what is right. The key in training is consistency, clear instructions with concise wording.

Our dogs should bring us joy, companionship and a sense of pride. With training, both you and your dog will have a happier, calmer life. No matter what the dog's age, breed or temperament, every dog can benefit from training.

5 Reasons to Train Your Dog:

1. Become a Team

Dogs love to spend time with us and have fun with us. Training increases the bond between you and the dog; you become a 'team.' Training is exercise and can tire that overactive dog out quickly because they are not only using their muscles, they are using their brain. Dogs were bred to work; training is work - and fun at the same time. The dogs like to please us by doing what we ask. Age of the dog does not matter. Start with a young pup and continue training throughout its life. Old dogs can and like to learn, too.

2. Socialization

A well-trained dog is accepted in a social setting vs. an untrained dog. Knowing how to sit politely and wait for the handler, walk without pulling the handler, not barking, not begging for food, not jumping on people are signs of a well-trained dog. No one wants to visit a house with a dog that is jumping all over them.

3. Prevents Behavior Problems

By knowing what is expected of him, a trained dog is calmer and exhibits less stress and less behavior issues. He understands words like "calm" and "bed" where he can go to relax. He is less fearful of being left alone because he knows what to do and what not to do. He can entertain himself.

4. Training Benefits Both the Dog and You

We are never too old to learn either. Taking a well-trained dog for a walk outside means exercise, fresh air and meeting new and old friends. You get to learn the names of all the dogs in the neighborhood. Going to a dog park allows more interaction with your peers while your dog is getting his exercise, too. It has been proven that seniors with pets live longer and are healthier both physically and mentally.

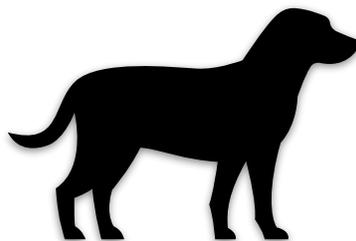
5. Different Types of Training

Training is not only in group classes where you learn basic skills (but it is a great start). All training should be positive reinforcement so the dogs learn with a calm, positive manner. Different breeds like different skills. Many dogs are bred to sniff things out, search, dig, hunt. As the Pet Club is growing, so are the classes we offer. If you have any ideas of different types of classes, let us know. The Pet Club has some new "tricks" in mind for next year!

How To Stop Your Dog From Jumping on People

Now is the time to focus on teaching your dog not to jump on people. Dogs jump to get attention from someone. They do not understand negative attention such as "NO!", being pushed away, or yelled at. All they know is they won, got your attention and will keep jumping. Every time a dog jumps on you, do this: cross your arms putting your hands on your shoulders, do not look at the dog, do not speak to the dog. The dog will find you boring and walk away. When the dog is relaxed, reward them for keeping 4 paws on the ground. If you have company, tell them to ignore the dog and do the same action. If their arms are full with yummy food, just ask them not to talk to or look at the dog. This technique works as long as you are consistent. It also works when someone is sitting in a chair or a dog is begging at the table.

Happy training!



Sun City Lost Pet Alert System

The Pet Club and the NRO have teamed up to provide a Sun City-wide Lost Pet Alert System. This is the only system we will be using starting in 2023.

To make it successful, we would appreciate that **ALL MEMBERS** please **Opt In** to receive the email alerts to help locate a lost pet. Ask your Sun City friends and neighbors to Opt In as well.

Instructions To Receive Lost Pet Alerts

1. Sign on to your SC Website/Resident Page
2. On the left, Click on My Preferences
3. Scroll down to EMAIL PREFERENCES
4. Check box for NRO Lost Pet Alerts
5. Click on SAVE DATA

To Report a Lost or Found Pet

Click on the Lost Pet Icon on the SC Resident Home page, or go to the Pet Club or NRO Website. After clicking on the Lost Pet Icon, follow the instructions to fill out the Lost Pet Form or if you found a lost pet, the Found Pet Form.

Donated Items Available to Members

The items listed are available to any member who can use them at NO charge.

Contact Diane Daniel at 512-868-7393 for more information and to make arrangements to acquire.

Doggie Stairs for small dogs

12" Black Wire Crate

18" Black Wire Crates

24" Black Wire Crate

30" Black Wire Crate

18" Hard Sided Travel Crate

24" Hard Sided Travel Crate

Foldable Travel Feline or Puppy Play Pen

Hard Plastic Puppy Play Pen

Misc Size Dog Bowls

Elevated Dog Feeding Station for Medium or Large Dog

Foldable Metal Playpens for Small Dogs or Puppies

Doggie Baby Gates

Wooden Barrier/Panel Set

Collapsible Nylon Playpen for Small Dogs or Puppies



