

BEHAVIOR TAILS, LLC

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CAN YOU BELIEVE IT'S ALREADY JULY? WE CAN'T!

Don't forget to prepare for the fireworks on Monday & Tuesday nights!

Here are some top tips to support dogs during fireworks:

- 1. Create a Safe Space:** Set up a safe and comfortable area for your dog to retreat to during fireworks. Use a quiet, familiar room or a cozy den-like space where your dog feels secure. Fill it with their favorite toys, blankets, and bedding to make them feel more at ease.
- 2. Stay Home:** If possible, stay home with your dog during fireworks displays. Your presence can provide comfort and reassurance to your pet during this stressful time.
- 3. Close Curtains and Doors:** Before the fireworks start, close all curtains and blinds to block out the flashing lights and reduce noise. Also, close doors to minimize the sound from outside.
- 4. Play Soothing Music or White Noise:** Mask the sound of fireworks by playing soothing music or turning on a white noise machine. Calming sounds can help drown out the loud noises from fireworks. Reggae music has been shown to be relaxing and can help block the noise of fireworks better than white noise.
- 5. Try a Thundershirt:** Consider using a Thundershirt or anxiety wrap designed to provide gentle pressure, which may help reduce anxiety in some dogs.
- 6. Offer Distractions:** Engage your dog in activities they enjoy, such as playing games or practicing tricks. Keeping their mind occupied can help divert their attention from the fireworks.
- 7. Avoid Punishment:** Never punish or scold your dog for being afraid. This can exacerbate their anxiety and create a negative association with the sounds.
- 8. Consultation with us:** If your dog's fear of fireworks is severe or persistent, consider seeking advice from us to prepare for next year. We can provide tailored solutions including working on desensitization to scary noises.

** Remember that every dog is unique, and what works for one may not work for another. Be patient, understanding, and compassionate with your fearful dog, and over time, you can help them better cope with fireworks and other loud noises. **



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TAILS IN SERVICE UPDATE

Did you know that we have started a non-profit for Service Dogs here at Behavior Tails? Our Tails in Service program is designed to help disabled folks get access to service dog partners to help them with their medical needs. As you can imagine, the cost of care and training for these highly specialized dogs is very prohibitive for many people, and is a large demand on the resources of the training center. If you would like to donate to help out a disabled person in need, every little bit helps cover medical bills, food, and training for one of our dogs. For questions or to offer donations email TailsInService@Gmail.com.



We currently have 3 standard poodles that live on property, all three of which were generously donated from breeders. Our newest, Felix, came to stay with us at Behavior Tails in June, and we couldn't be happier with this social and affectionate guy! He is already used to living in a home (he loves the couch!) and is currently working on his public access skills for service dog work. Felix is ready to go into a home to take on that part of his training. If you would like to foster Felix and help with this crucial part of Felix's training, please reach out!



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OUR CLASSES & EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

July also means that we are running our July course of classes. Beginning July 3, we will start our **Come When Called** 4 Week Course on Monday nights with Windy in our Enrichment Yard. This is also where she will host a new round of our 4 week **Scent Work Wednesday** course, searching for the essential oil Anise. Starting in August, Caitlin is running an **Introduction to Tricks** as a 4 week course on Monday nights, working toward the Novice Tricks Title. Our **Positive Start Puppy Class** on Tuesday nights with Windy and **Basic Manners** on Thursday nights with Jewel will continue as open enrollment courses throughout the summer and fall.

There will also be a **Cooperative Grooming workshop** with Caitlin that was scheduled for July 31 but has been moved to Saturday August 12th at 10:30am. This class is open to the public. To sign up for any of these classes, shoot us an email at info@behaviortails.com.

We are also planning a **Canine Good Citizen Exam** on Saturday, July 15 at 9am if anyone is interested in testing for that. The sign up is here: linktr.ee/BehaviorTailsLLC



Of course, we also offer the use of our Enrichment Yard for single and group play. We have Play Day Fridays every Friday, with the small/soft dogs playing at 9am, and the big/boisterous dogs playing at 10am. We limit the playgroups to 8 dogs, so please let us know ahead of time if you plan to come by emailing or texting us at 828 565 1050. We have our July Social Saturday scheduled for July 22, at 9 and 10 am, so go ahead and get yourself registered for that before spots fill up!

As far as private use, we have plenty of availability for that. We rent it in 30 minute intervals, and do require a sign up: linktr.ee/BehaviorTailsLLC

As long as all the dogs who have signed up have an intake form and vaccinations on file, they are good to use the yard!



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Looking ahead, we are also anticipating the **Sarge's 18th Annual Downtown Dog Walk** on September 23rd. If you would like to be a sponsor, a vendor, a volunteer, or attend this year's Downtown Dog Walk with your own dog, visit our Link Tree for a direct link to sign ups: linktr.ee/BehaviorTailsLLC. This is the biggest fundraising event of the year for our local rescue, and so much fun! We hope to see you there!



And finally... we are really looking forward to **Camp Unleashed** which will also be in the Fall. The Poconos camp is September 1-4, and the Blue Ridge camp is October 12 -15. Blue Ridge will be held at the beautiful Camp Timberlake in Marion, NC. Have a real sleep away camp experience with your dog, which includes hiking, obedience, agility, barn hunt, lure coursing, rally, dock diving, arts and crafts, scent work, kayaking, canoeing, enrichment, campfires, s'mores, human and canine massage, and so much more! We have breakfast and dinner in a mess hall and the kitchen there is full of amazing people who really work hard to cater to dietary needs and tastes. Check out the website for more information at www.campunleashed.com

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OUR COMMUNITY

We want to take a moment and say Thank You to our friends, family, clients and the wonderful dog community that we have found ourselves in. We love sharing our time and lives with like minded individuals. We are thankful for the support. You'll notice in this newsletter we have links for various sign ups, to help with copying long links we are starting to use Link Tree. You can visit our page: linktr.ee/BehaviorTailsLLC which will offer a list of all the links that are in this newsletter.

HAPPY TAILS!

CAITLIN, JEWEL, AND WINDY

