

Greetings!

Wow, full steam ahead into 2009! And so far we are holding good to our New Year's resolutions. Our first one was to give our students more value and flexibility. Our zine for this season does all of the above. New classes, service offerings and some tips on great places to take your dog on a date. Our second, keep healthy. So what if the economy is in the pooper-scooper, we still have each other and our pets.



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A Date with Your Dog



Whether it is needed for you or for your dog, check out my area picks for taking your dog on a date.

Exposure to new people and places doesn't end with puppy-hood. Keep up their well socialized temperaments with doggy dates. A time where you and your canine get to spend a little quality time together exploring the area's dog-friendly places. Stay safe and always go to places you know your dog will enjoy and not be overwhelmed.

1) Quiet Waters Park, Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Bring your water shoes, extra towels, a picnic lunch and be prepared to have a tired puppy on your hands at the end of the day. Get splashy, wet on Dog Beach! Two large fenced areas for off-leash play and a section of the beach dedicated to your canine friends. Oh and by all means bring the camera too! www.aacounty.org/RecParks/parks/quietwaters/

2) George Washington's Mount Vernon, Alexandria, Virginia

A little history for you and acres of play for your dog at the First President's Estate and Gardens. President Washington sure knew how to pick property, 500 acres of Potomac River views. Open 365 days a year, dogs are welcome on leash and on the grounds, so bring those extra long training leads and take advantage of the hiking and river. Bring water for you and your pet!

www.mountvernon.org

3) Bluemont Vineyard, Bluemont, Virginia

This is a homerun in my book. Lots of fresh air, incredible views and within an hour of the Nation's Capital. Bluemont has friendly staff that welcome dogs on leash. Lots of covered space as well as grass to lay out a blanket and share a bottle of wine (with your human companions only please). Pack a lunch or you can get it all there. Don't forget to pack a goodie for your fur friend.

www.bluemontvineyard.com

Group Classes, Levels Style

A concept new to Arlington! KissAble Canine is now offering Levels-style group classes. This style of group classes allows you to come to class as many times as it is offered in a week and progress through basic, intermediate and advanced dog manners at your own pace. This means you just attend the next level once the trainers have seen you satisfy the behaviors in the current level you are in. Travel alot? Need something flexible for your schedule and work deadlines? This is the group class for you.

Our classes are taught with the goal of completing the Canine Good Citizen test after completion of Level 4: Advanced Dog Manners. The Canine Good Citizen is a certification program that acknowledges your dog's good manners at home and in the community.

Interested? Read more or register here: www.kissablecanine.com/classes

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