

Kiss Your Canine-zine

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Special points of interest:

- Vote KissAble Canine in the "Best Of"
- KissAble Blog is here for you
- Has your dog smiled lately?

We Blog!

Blog your way to a well-behaved dog. KissAble Canine is offering you a great resource for your canine questions.

This past summer we began the KissAble blog. A way to communicate with the pet community on a variety of topics.

This is our formal invitation to use the blog for any of your pet guardianship questions. Trainer Lisa Colon and guest trainers will be responding to your questions.

Ask away at:

[The KissAble Blog](http://s203240846.onlinehome.us/)

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Smile for the Camera

We are also looking for the best smiles to feature in a future issue of Kiss Your Canine-zine.



Marley and Zorro have big smiles on since they just graduated from Dog Manners 101!

Send yours to trainer@kissablecanine.com.

But he does it at home...

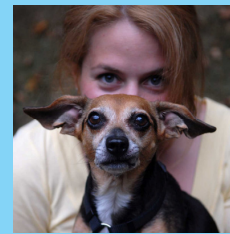
Recently, at a Homeward Trails fundraiser out in a rural part of the DC area, I asked my dog to sit. She wagged her tail and didn't move. She looked up at me giving her best attention, but no sit. Of all the cues that she knows, sit is usually a pretty solid one and here I am a trainer that can't get her dog to sit! I had to stop and evaluate what I was asking her to do when I realized, I asked her to sit on gravel--stone, cold, pointy gravel. A cue that she knows so well went out the window when I asked it with a new substrate; gravel beat out her best intentions of obedience. It was new to her and she didn't want to put her tush on it. I can't really blame her.

The next time your dog doesn't listen, think about the signal that you sent. Was the cue clear, obvious, and without 'noise' from the environment (sights, sounds, smells and textures)?

When working a behavior in a new place, ask for baby steps first. For example, call your dog's name and reward him when he brings his attention to you. It's important that you have as many successful training sessions. Punishment for not obeying a new behavior is the last thing you want to do. Set your dog up to succeed. Make sure he is enjoying himself so he will want to try obedience in new places. Consistent practice is the quickest way to reach your training goals. And as I always say, patience is the key tool in your toolbox, don't leave home without it. ☘

Vote KissAble Canine

Now is the time of year to vote for your favorite pet professionals! This includes those people that have committed themselves to the education of dog guardians, the



trainers!

The Washingtonian and Northern Virginia Magazine are holding their annual "Best Of" survey. Local businesses get featured when they are voted on by the public.

Vote KissAble Canine for best dog trainer here:

[Washingtonian Magazine Pet Survey](#)

[Northern Virginia Magazine Best of NoVA Nominations](#)

Let us know what you think of the KissAble Canine-zine.

Contact us at trainer@kissablecanine.com
www.KissAbleCanine.com

"It is only when we choose to create an event of quality by bringing our full attention to bear that we open ourselves to truly hear another."

Bones Would Rain from the Sky by Suzanne Clothier