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The Inquisitive Canine
Training and Behavior Counseling

Acclaimed Dog Trainer and Behavior Coach Teams Up With Ventura College Community Education to Better Serve Local Dog Owners

Founder of The Inquisitive Canine helps local dog owners develop and enhance their everyday relationships with their canine companions by educating and empowering them in a series of dog training classes designed to teach more than just canine obedience.

Ventura, CA – November 1, 2008 – Ventura Community College Education (VCCE) now offers a series of dog training classes along with special workshops that examine canine communication and address specific dog behaviors. These courses are led by certified dog trainer and acclaimed canine counselor Joan Mayer. Founder of The Inquisitive Canine, Mayer and has been empowering local dog owners since 2005 with a rewarding education that focuses on a positive approach for positive results.

Mayer is renowned for her rewards-based training methods that teach more than just canine obedience. By educating her students on the fundamentals of how dogs learn and communicate, she creates a positive learning experience for both dogs and owners that focuses on understanding canine behavior and teaching dogs through techniques that reward and motivate.

“Through the use of gentle, humane, and effective training techniques that practice positive reinforcement, I have been able to help my clients create better relationships with their dogs,” Mayer said. “And while coaching clients at The Inquisitive Canine is incredibly rewarding, I am honored and excited that VCCE has given me this additional opportunity to share my training philosophy and canine counseling expertise with the Ventura community at large.”

Mayer’s 6-week Basic Good Manners Course at VCCE features simple and easy-to-replicate techniques designed to help you teach your dog real-world manners, including house training, greeting people politely, and walking nicely while on leash. VCCE also offers additional workshops, including Mayer’s popular doggie “parenting” primer designed just for people (no dogs allowed please). This workshop focuses on helping you better understand how your dog learns and communicates so that you can successfully coach and motivate your dog to develop good manners.

“Whether you just adopted a dog or maybe you’ve been living with the same behavior concerns or questions for years - it’s never too early or too late to start reinforcing the habits you want your dog to have for life,” said Mayer. “We welcome learners of all levels—whether you want to establish a baseline of good behaviors or build on what your dog has already learned.”

Mayer is a Certified Pet Dog Trainer who has completed a comprehensive and leading-edge education at the San Francisco SPCA Academy for Dog Trainers. To learn more about her dog training courses offered at VCCE, visit <http://venturacollege.augusoft.net/index.cfm>

The Inquisitive Canine is dedicated to empowering dog owners with a rewarding education that will help them further develop and enhance their everyday relationships with their dogs. Visit the The Inquisitive Canine Blog (<http://dogtrainingventura.blogspot.com/>) for additional dog training resources. For more information on private dog training, group classes/workshops and off-leash socials at The Inquisitive Canine or to receive a complimentary 15-minute needs assessment, visit <http://www.theinquisitivecanine.com/> or call (805) 650-8500.