



# Standing O'Paws Training Academy

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## Summer Time...

We're inching closer to summer, a time of year that everyone enjoys, including your four legged family members. This season brings many questions to mind about what is safe and what isn't. What are some activities that you enjoy doing and how can your dog participate with you? Why is your dog digging craters all over your yard? How much time can a dog spend outside in the heat? Can dogs go swimming?

Dogs can participate in just about any outdoor activity that you can as long as you provide adequate water, shade, and rest periods. Hiking can be a great way to enjoy the great outdoors as long as you give your dog (and yourself) periodic breaks and stay hydrated. Going to the beach is always fun and swimming is an excellent way to spend time with your dog but you must keep an eye on them to make sure they're not over doing it. Be sure you take some water with you and offer it regularly to help prevent them from drinking the water. Some owners aren't very active but like to stick close to home and their own back yards are Swimming pools are treated with chemicals or salt and drinking the water can cause upset stomachs and intestinal upset. Barbeques are great to enjoy friends and family but be sure to keep a watchful eye on where Fido is and what he's doing. Unsupervised food tables and grills can be awfully inviting but pose a danger to your dog.

The warmer temperatures also bring behavioral issues such as digging. Often times, dogs will dig deeper holes during the warmer months. That's usually because the further they dig, the cooler the ground gets. These holes are usually dug in shady areas, against foundations, under patios and decks, or under trees. If you're finding more holes than usual and in locations like the ones just mentioned, consider changing how long your dog spends in the yard and the time of day that they're out there. You can also place sand boxes in shady areas to direct them to or even some cool toys like a stuffed Kong that's been frozen, a few ice cubes made out of chicken broth, or carrots that have been stored in the refrigerator. Do not give free access to swimming pools when not supervised. Dogs can drown in a very small amount of water, especially, if they decide to nap in while lying in the water trying to stay cool.

## Community Events

**Sat., 5/7/2011 ~ King's County Animal Services' Pounds Hounds on The Grounds**

Hanford West High School  
Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA

**Dog Adoptions ~ King's County Animal Services**

Daily through the shelter located at 10909 Bonneyview Ave, Hanford  
Also weeknights and weekends at the Hanford Mall Pet Adoption Center  
~ **King's County SPCA**  
Daily through the shelter located at 8084 E. Lacey Ave., Hanford

## Class Schedule...

**CALIFORNIA** ~ Due to our upcoming move, Standing O'Paws will not be offering any new classes in the Central Valley. We ask that you contact Erica Horn of M.E. & The Dogs Canine Coaching. She will be offering training services similar to what we have offered in the last few years. You can reach her at: (559) 813-0029 or via email at [mecaninecoaching@yahoo.com](mailto:mecaninecoaching@yahoo.com) She will be offering classes through the City of Lemoore Parks & Recreation Department as well as the Valley Animal Center to service both the Lemoore/Hanford/Visalia and the Fresno/Clovis areas. Please contact her directly to find a class that works for your training needs and schedule.

**NEW JERSEY** ~ Our class schedule is being worked on and will be released in the near future. Be sure to check your schedule and join us in the class that fits best for your training needs. Class sizes will be limited and will be offered on a first come first serve basis. Please check the [Standing O'Paws website](#) as well as the [Standing O'Paws Facebook page](#) for more information. You may also call (856) 513-0229 or email [standingopaws@comcast.net](mailto:standingopaws@comcast.net) to speak to our instructor directly.

## Boarding / Board N' Train Boot Camp



Our Board N' Train Boot Camp program has become very popular since we began bringing client dogs into our home and are often booked 2-4 months in advanced. We offer a full training program for new clients as well as boarding option for existing clients. We currently only have a few weekends in May 2011 open for existing clients who would like to board their dog with us. We are taking reservations for new clients in the South Jersey area for sessions beginning in August 2011. If you would like to inquire about our Doggy Bootcamp Training or simply want more information on our boarding please contact Jennifer Burns directly at (856) 513-0229. You can also email [standingopaws@comcast.net](mailto:standingopaws@comcast.net).

## Canine Good Citizen (C.G.C.)

Our next regularly scheduled test during week 6 of our Advanced Obedience class on **May 14, 2011 @ 12:00pm**. If you would like to be tested on this date and are not enrolled in this class please contact us to ensure there is space for you.

**FYI** ~ The American Kennel Club has made a change in the equipment that an owner may use during the Canine Good Citizen testing. Effective Nov.4, 2010 dogs may now wear body harnesses during the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen testing. It does NOT allow harnesses that are designed to prevent unwanted behaviors such as a no pull or no jump harness. Head collars, pinch/prong collars, and choke chains are still not allowed. Specifically, buckle collars, martingale/limited slip collars, or body harnesses are allowed.

