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# Newsletter

## January is National "Train Your Dog" Month!

Dog training has been a valuable part of the human-animal bond for thousands of years. National Train Your Dog Month was started by the Association of Pet Dog Trainers, and is a great tool for reminding us all how important training our pets can be to their quality of life. How does training improve your dog's life? Read on to learn more!

### 3 Reasons to Train Your Dog

#### A trained dog is a dog with a home.

Well-trained dogs exhibit significantly fewer behaviors that drive many families to reluctantly surrender their pet to a shelter.

#### A trained dog is a safe dog.

There are a million exciting distractions out there that can lead a dog straight into a dangerous situation. Training can help your good boy or girl resist temptation and stay safe.

#### A trained dog is a happy dog.

Praise for good behavior is much more fun than getting a scolding for inappropriate shenanigans. Consistent training helps your dog better understand the way the world works, allowing them to be comfortable and confident instead of fearful and anxious.



### Training Starts at Home: Quick Tips from Dr. Hunsberger

Consistent training while at home is key to success while out in the community. Here are some things to remember:

- Commands should be said firmly, once.
- Sincere praise in a high pitched cheerful voice is critical!
- Be firm, deliberate, quiet, and matter of fact when making corrections, and never punish acts that are more than 5 seconds old.
- Always follow a successful correction with praise.

#### Team Feature

### Meet Dr. Abby



Dr. Abby has had a love for veterinary medicine since volunteering at her local clinic at age 11. After obtaining her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, she went on to become a Certified Canine Rehabilitation Therapist (CCRT) before moving into small animal general practice. When she's not working, she enjoys gardening, reading, and exploring the great outdoors with her dogs and husband.

### Pet of the Month



**"Oscar" Crisler**  
Dachshund

Favorite Things: Snuggling on the couch or going next door to Nana's!

### Scheduling your pet's appointment is easy!

Simply choose the method that works best for you.



Use our app through **PetPage** to request an appointment. We will use your preferred contact method to call, text, or email you back to confirm that your requested appointment was scheduled.



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