

# Love Those Pets

## Put a Spring in Your Pup's Step



Frogs to Dogs, an Intown Atlanta trainer for puppies and adult dogs, kicks off spring with a new unlimited attendance policy for participants in its group training classes.

"Frogs to Dogs' goal is to effectively train our client's dog(s) using positive, non-confrontational training methods," says owner Andrew Zbeeb. "Some dogs are very quick learners; others require more time. For example, rescued dogs may be traumatized and need extra encouragement. By offering unlimited classes, we're able to guarantee that all of the dogs master basic skills. Depending on the pet's progress, participants may attend as many or as few classes as they like."

Focusing on socialization, bonding and positive training techniques, Frogs to Dogs builds "play time" into each group class to facilitate an educational and enjoyable experience for all involved. During the introductory Basic Group Obedience Training Program, dogs learn the basics of sit, down, stay, heel and come, as well as loose leash walking and socialization skills. Once the dog has mastered the basic skills, he's ready for intermediate training, but is also always welcome to re-visit the Basic class. Cost: \$175. New classes begin weekly. For specific dates and times, call 404-735-6237.

Zsolt Menesi, Frogs to Dogs behaviorist, is originally from Budapest, Hungary and has worked with dogs and other animals for 20+ years. When he came to the U.S., he completed animal behavior certification and mastered a variety of training techniques. His preferred style of training is positive and non-confrontational, which has been quite successful, deeming him Atlanta's "animal whisperer" from many satisfied clients.

The Humane Society of the United States recommends all pet owners enroll their dog in a training class, specifically positive reinforcement classes. "Positive training will allow one to control the companion's behavior safely and humanely," states The Society. "And the experience offers a terrific opportunity to enhance the bond one shares with his/her dog."

For more than seven years, Frogs to Dogs has advocated



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a humane approach to its work with hundreds of rehabilitated rescue dogs, pedigreed pets and "celebrity" canine clients. Frogs to Dogs focuses on positive training methods and its trainers possess more than 25 years of combined professional experience. Through its dog training, in-home pet care and emergency pet transportation via Atlanta's only Animal Ambulance, Frogs to Dogs contributes to the well-being of Atlanta's animal community, gaining the applause of each client and the wag of each tail. Frogs to Dogs is located at 2006 Hosea Williams Drive and office hours are available by appointment only.



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