



# Oh Behave<sup>TM</sup> Newsletter

## Training Tips

- There is no substitute for attitude. A good attitude will make training fun for you and your dog.
- Keep updated on new training equipment and methods. The way I train a dog now, is much different than how I trained Liesel back in the early 90's.
- Watch what your body language is saying to your dog. Is it the same message you are trying to communicate to your dog?

## Health Tip

Giving your dog medicine can be a frustrating task. My dog Liesel absolutely refused to take pills. Today, there are many products like pill pockets to make your life easier, I prefer the cheese wiz sandwich. To make a med cheese wiz sandwich, begin by crushing the pill to powder form. Take a small piece of bread and spread some cheese wiz over it. Then sprinkle the powder over the cheese and fold the bread in half. Voila. Pill gone!

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## Introducing Dogs

When you are thinking about adding another dog to your pack, please consider the reaction your resident dog may have. Most shelters give adopting families the opportunity to introduce the dogs at the shelter. Take advantage of this policy and don't just assume that your choice of dog will be the same as your dog's choice.

Once you've made your decision, the new dog should be introduced to the household in a safe and non-intrusive manner.

- Try to choose a neutral location for them to meet so the resident dog does not view the new dog as a territorial intruder. Even a familiar park or walking area may be considered your dog's territory. Keep the



Jody voices an opinion during a Maddie introduction.

dogs on leashes at first.

- Use rewards and obedience to keep the mood positive. Take them both for a walk and give lots of treats.
- Watch their body postures. Play bows are good, but hair standing on end, stiffness, growling, stares, and teeth baring indicate an aggressive response may be coming. If you think your dog may be getting aggressive, keep the focus

on the treats to prevent escalation.

- Once the dogs are tolerating each other, have a plan to take them home safely either in the same or separate vehicles.
- The dominant dog should be the one you support, even if it is the new dog.
- Keep new puppies from pestering your adult dog all the time. Look for clues that your dog has had enough (snarling) and separate them.
- Seek the help of a professional if introductions don't go well. Serious injuries can occur in dog fights.

Remember, a new dog is a big responsibility.

## Events

**September 19: Mutts and Martinis at Briny's Riverfront in Fort Lauderdale.**

*Please visit the Oh Behave events page online for more information*

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## Grateful Paws Adoptable

This is Reggie, he's 4 months old and already has quite a history. If you are interesting in adopting him, please go to: [www.gratefulpawsrescue.petfinder.org](http://www.gratefulpawsrescue.petfinder.org)

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