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Obedient Dogs Fetch for Bay County Humane Society

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Niki Tudge, owner of Pet Butler Florida, presents a \$500 donation check to Mary Sanger, executive director of the Bay County Humane Society.



Niki Tudge, owner of Pet Butler Florida, has collaborated with the Bay County Humane Society to offer pet dog and puppy training classes to the public aimed at minimizing the chance of adopted dogs returning to the Human Society.

Proceeds from the training classes will be used to benefit the Humane Society.

Research has shown that the most common reasons dogs are given up to shelters are behavioral problems, which can be easily rectified with the appropriate training. In addition, the training offered by Tudge and the Humane Society generates funds that help support general operations.

"So, not only do you and your dog learn valuable skills in our classes, you are helping support the Humane Society" says Tudge.

Two separate classes are offered through the Humane Society, a Pet Dog Obedience class for dogs over 6 months old and Puppy classes for the younger crowd. Classes range from 6 to 8 sessions held once per week.

The class curriculum follows the American Kennel Club, "Canine Good Citizen" program. This program teaches dogs to be good citizens; if they successfully pass the ten point test in week eight then both canine and owner are recognized by the American Kennel Club.

The premier class attendees included local dog-world notables Melissa Frye, president of the Panama City Dog Fanciers Association, with her German Shepherd Bri, and Barbara Winge of Barwing Kennels (home of Aries, the famous singing Pomeranian) with her newest pooch Jove.

As a further support for the Canine Population of Bay County and the Humane Society, Pet Butler, America's Pet Waste Cleanup Service is sponsoring monthly adoption workshops, educational seminars, for those two legged owners and their newly adopted furry friends.

For more information on these classes or to find out how you can support the Bay County Humane Society, contact Mary Sanger at (850) 625-7054 or Niki Tudge at (850) 625-1097.

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