

Partners Dog Training



We've been busy little bees at Partners...



Hello Friends!

We are bursting at the seams with excitement! We have been hard at work, trying to provide the very best new facility for all of our four-legged pals! You may have driven by in recent months and seen the building's progress. Well, we are finally watching our dream coming to past. We have always wanted to offer an in-



door and air conditioned training area for those hot Phoenix summers. We have 3 heavy duty Trane air conditioning systems that make us wish we had fur coats! The walls open and close for nicer days when we want to let in fresh air. Our first priority was to complete the area for the dogs, and now we are working to finish moving everything into the office area. We hope to be in completely by the end of the month!

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Holiday Camp

Going somewhere exciting for the summer? Send your dog to have some fun too! Holiday Camp is very much like boarding, but they have one training session per day, and is a wonderful refresher for the pooches who have already been thru our Training Camp programs. Not to mention their socialization and play group time! Make your summer plans, and book them for Holiday Camp today! **(480)595-6700**



Age of a Dog

Dog	Human
3 Months	= 5 Years
6 Months	= 10 Years
8 Months	= 13 Years
10 Months	= 14 Years
12 Months	= 15 Years
18 Months	= 20 Years
2 Years	= 24 Years
4 Years	= 32 Years
8 Years	= 48 Years
10 Years	= 56 Years
13 Years	= 64 Years
14 Years	= 72 Years
16 Years	= 80 Years
18 Years	= 88 Years
20 Years	= 96 Years

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HOW IMPORTANT IS SNAKE PROOFING YOUR DOG?

We are blessed to live in the beautiful Arizona Sonoran Desert, and are able to enjoy being outdoors for most of the year. When living in any area, there are sometimes safety measures that must be done to protect our precious pets from local elements. One such measure in Arizona is teaching our dogs to avoid rattlesnakes.

As our city is constantly changing with urban growth, many of our natural habitat dwellers are being forced to move or live among us. Rattlesnakes are often being encountered in backyards, on patios, hiking trails and golf courses, making the need to protect all our dogs a great concern.

Rattlesnakes are not known to be an aggressive animal and will typically strike when they feel threatened. They are part of the natural balance of the desert eco-system, and play an important role in rodent control. So although we are often spooked at seeing them, they were here before we were.

The problem is that most dogs do not have a natural fear of snakes. To them, the rattlesnake seems no different than a lizard and looks like fun to try to play with. This is where they get themselves into trouble, often ending in getting bitten.

Younger snakes are not as in control of their venom output, often injecting all their venom in a bite. A more mature snake knows to be more conservative with their venom, and ration it for future meal hunting.

Each situation and snake encounter can be different. Depending on the age of the snake, time of year and several other factors, they may give a "dry bite" or they may give a full dose of venom.

There is a "rattlesnake vaccine" that helps *slow down* the progression of the venom in dog's body. Many local Vets tell us that the vaccine "buys you time" to get your dog to medical treatment.



The best method of protection is prevention. If we can teach our dogs to avoid them altogether, this will help save us all a lot of worry.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT SNAKE BITES

1. About 25% of snake bites are dry bites. Even if the bite is a dry bite, medical treatment should still be sought since often it is necessary to give a tetanus shot.

2. Some accounts say that about 15,000 dogs are bitten each year by snakes, with the highest fatality rates occurring in Arizona, California, Nevada, and Texas. Rattlesnake bites account for about 80% of these statistics, with the majority of the bites occurring in the face.

3. A snake bite can range in cost to treat anywhere from \$500 to \$3,000 to treat, and sometimes even with treatment, there is no guarantee that the dog will survive.

4. Snake venom tends to be more concentrated in the Spring as the snakes are waking from hibernation, and have not used their venom for several months.

Partners Snake Proofing Clinics

Clinics are held Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings.

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