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AWA and Camden County Freeholders present Free Dog Training Classes to County Residents

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Voorhees, NJ– Animal Welfare Association (AWA) in partnership with the Camden County Board of Freeholders is offering their Well-Mannered Dog class for **free** to Camden County residents. The Well-Mannered Dog is a one hour class that introduces dog owners to canine training methods, suggests tips to make training fun and easy, and covers the importance of why good manners matter.

“A well-mannered dog is a happy dog, and is a pet that a family wants to welcome into their forever home,” said Freeholder Michelle Gentek-Mayer. “This class is not only beneficial to dogs, it is a must for pet owners who need to learn how to be better trainers and properly establish their authority. We are proud to offer this free resource to the residents of Camden County.”

AWA’s knowledgeable and friendly instructors will lead the classes, and share their belief that every interaction you have with your dog teaches him something. All training is positive and reward-based. The Well-Mannered Dog class is a great way to bond with your dog and get a leg-up on helping your dog become a very polite pooch.

“From the animal shelter perspective, we know that well-trained dogs are adopted more quickly, and that the training process can bond an owner with their dog,” says Maya Richmond, AWA’s Executive Director. “On the other side of the equation, lack of training or behavior problems that could be corrected are common reasons for surrendering dogs to shelters. Encouraging owners to engage in positive training helps dogs stay in their homes and out of the shelter system.”

AWA will provide three sessions: October 10th from 10am to 11am, October 10th from 11:30am to 12:30pm and October 17th from at 10am to 11am. Classes will be held at Greenwald Park in Cherry Hill. Information on the Well-Mannered Dog class and how to register for one of the sessions (space is limited to 10 human-dog pairs) can be found on AWA’s website at www.awanj.org/the-well-mannered-dog. All dogs must be over six months old, well-socialized, in good health and up-to-date on their shots.

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Animal Welfare Association is South Jersey’s oldest private, non-profit, 501(c) 3 animal welfare organization. Through a variety of programs including adoptions, veterinary services, pet therapy, and humane education, AWA is dedicated to eliminating animal suffering, promoting the importance of the human-animal bond, and improving the role of animals in the well-being of people. In 2014 over 16,000 pets were served through AWA's No-Kill programming.