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GROOMING, TRAINING COMBINE TO MAKE SURE DOGS TURN OUT JUST RIGHT

Hand in Paw, Paws & Effect partner in Rocky River

Middleburg Hts., OH – Oct. 2, 2009 – Hand in Paw: Real World Training for You and Your Dog, and **Paws & Effect Grooming for Cats & Dogs** are pleased to announce a new partnership which brings dog training classes to the Rocky River groomer's shop.

Hand in Paw will start its popular Puppy/Adult Basics classes at Paws & Effect, 19634 Center Ridge Road, in mid-October. Other classes will be added as demand increases.

"This is a perfect partnership," said Christy Paxton, trainer and owner of Hand in Paw. "Jason is so enthusiastic about his work and takes great care of his clients. He has a creative mind and is always thinking of new ways to support the dogs and owners visiting Paws & Effect. That creative thinking really pairs nicely with the different kind of training I offer through Hand in Paw."

The all-ages Puppy/Adult Basics class covers all standard commands, as well as behavior modification, issue prevention and problem solving. Most importantly, the class teaches owners how to communicate with their dogs so they always know how to behave, not just when the leash is on or when owners give specific commands. This is critical information that virtually no one else provides in a basics class.

"I'm fascinated by dog training," said Paws & Effect Owner Jason Stefan. "The more I talked to Christy, the more I realized she had a fresh perspective that completely makes sense. I've already implemented her training practices on my own dog, and they've worked great. This is a wonderful way to give my clients extra value at a central location."

Basics classes are eight weeks long; the first class is 1 1/2 to 2 hours long and is a lecture with

NO DOGS. The remaining classes are 1 hour long. Cost is \$130. Discounts are available. Classes are small so everyone gets personal attention; that means registration is a must.

More information about classes is available at the Hand in Paw Web site at <http://www.handinpawdogtraining.com/details.htm> and <http://www.handinpawdogtraining.com/schedule.htm>.

Those interested in registering may download the form at <http://www.handinpawdogtraining.com/schedule.htm> and mail that completed form in with a check. Questions can be directed to Paxton at 440-263-2314 or christy@handinpawdogtraining.com.

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Note to editors:

Hand in Paw: Real World Training for You and Your Dog is a locally owned and operated dog training business that offers group classes, private classes and in-home training and behavior modification sessions. Classes are held at convenient westside locations including Big Creek Pet Hospital in Middleburg Hts., the Cleveland Animal Protective League in Tremont (Cleveland), and Paws & Effect Grooming for Cats & Dogs in Rocky River. Private lessons are generally limited to Cuyahoga, Lorain and Medina counties.

Christy Paxton has been a professional trainer for six years and is a registered American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen Evaluator. She also worked as a pet sitter. Christy collaborates with many local rescue organizations to help them deal with training issues. She has also been involved in training the staffs of local pet care service providers including Hot Diggity Dog (440-823-9159, 440-871-9245), Annie's Animal Care (<http://www.anniesanimalscare.com>) and Angie's Pet Care (<http://www.angiespetcare.com>).

As part of her work with Middleburg Heights Animal Foundation (MHAF), a nonprofit rescue and human education organization based in Middleburg Hts., OH, Christy co-developed an informational seminar titled "Relating to Rover: Improving Your Relationship with Your Dog." Christy has appeared on Channel 3's Sunday morning program to talk about training issues. She presented a program, "The 411 on Your K9," at the first birthday party of the Tremont Dog Park. In 2008, Christy created and co-presented a fundraiser for Northeast Ohio animal shelters called "RESCUE RAVE: The Dog-Gone-Home Show" at Clark Field in Tremont.

Christy has lived in Ohio most of her life and is a 40-year resident of Middleburg Heights. Her dog Tawny is a MHAF dog Christy adopted who now works with her to demonstrate how successful her training techniques are.

Paws & Effect Grooming for Cats & Dogs is a locally owned and operated, full-service pet grooming salon for cats and dogs. Paws & Effect is located at 19634 Center Ridge Road, in the Center Ridge Village Plaza on the east end of Rocky River, OH.

Jason Stefan is the owner of Paws & Effect and a certified pet groomer. He has a dual certification in basic pet grooming and an advanced certification in show grooming from The Ohio Academy of Pet Styling. He has a vast knowledge of animal hygiene such as oral and skin care. He is PetTech-certified in Pet CPR and First Aid. Jason left his corporate career in voice and data communications to pursue a new career in professional pet grooming in 2005. With his business growing steadily, Jason looks forward to expanding into other aspects of pet care in the near future.

Jason is a 36-year-old native of Avon Lake, OH, who now lives in the Edgewater district of Cleveland with his 11-year-old Cocker Spaniel Bailey.