<u>Dogs R+ Fun</u> is all about you and your dog building a happy, stress free life together. All training is based on a proven style of positive obedience training methods that emphasize rewarding desired behavior and teaching your dog important life skills in a fun and friendly environment. Our goal is to teach our students science-based, dog-friendly training that brings peace and harmony to the pets of Greenwood, SC --- and their families!

### **About Our Classes**

Our classes build slowly in "steps" of increasing skills, starting with the most basic of puppy classes and beginner manners/obedience (Baby Steps and First Steps). Your skill level increases with added training goals and strengthening of your previous work (Next Steps). You have the chance to work towards more advanced skills when you and your dog are ready (Stepping Up and Stepping Out).

We train in the real world, focusing on practical real-world behaviors – teaching your dog to stay calm, to listen to you, and to be your partner, along with behaviors such as sit, stay, walk on a loose leash and other things you need!

Advancement to the next level of training class is achieved by passing an end of class skills test. That assures that you and your dog are not pushed too quickly before having the chance to build a solid foundation of skills as a dog and handler team. Our program is designed for success — and having FUN getting there!

#### What We Believe . . .



Positive Reinforcement R+ training methods reward our dog's good behavior with something he likes — a yummy treat, a fun toy, playtime, praise. We do not punish bad behavior. We redirect our dog's behavior by teaching him how to do something good instead.

Through dog-friendly, positive reinforcement training, we TEACH our dogs what they need to know. We REWARD and REINFORCE them when they get it right. We discover WHAT MOTIVATES THEM. We create a safe environment for dogs under stress. *And, we all have fun in the process!* 



## What is Positive Reinforcement Dog Training?

Teaching dogs desirable behaviors using science-based and reward-based methods.

Helping dogs learn and succeed step by step.

Motivating dogs with fun exercises and games.

Encouraging dogs to think for themselves.

Using methods that work humanely with any dog.



## Cost of our Training Classes

Our classes meet once a week for 6 weeks. The cost of 6 weeks of class is \$100.00, payable by cash or check only. Payment in full before the first Lesson is required to be enrolled in the class. If you are unable to complete the class, you must notify the instructor before Lesson 2 to receive a refund, less \$25 administration fee. After Lesson 2, class fees are not refunded.

We'd love to tell you more about our program.

Contact us today at

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**Patsy Sirman** has a lifetime love of dogs. She brings to **Dogs R+ Fun** practical experience in various aspects of training and enjoying her own dogs.

Her background includes deep involvement with Sheltie rescue in Georgia and

rescue in general, having fostered over forty dogs requiring hospice care, weight reduction, confidence building for puppy mill dogs, and general socialization and obedience training. She has trained her own dogs to be Therapy Dogs certified by Delta Society and Reading Education Assistance Dogs. They have worked in retirement homes, hospice, and school reading programs as well as her own counseling office. She and her Aussie, Nikki, were members of the Dixie Dancing Dogs, dancing at many charitable events. In obedience work, she trained to Novice III level at Atlanta Dogwood Obedience Group, and earned the Rally Novice title with her Sheltie, Brook. She and Brook currently train at Speedy Paws Agility in Greenville. Patsy also enjoys sheepherding with her Border Collies and has trialed at the novice level.

In 2013, Patsy retired as a Licensed Professional Counselor in Georgia. With her husband, Jim, they moved to their small sheep farm, Lambs End Farm, in Hodges, SC where they are enjoying country life raising sheep and playing with their dogs. She is excited about sharing what she has learned with the dogs and the people-who-love-them in Greenwood, SC.



Jenny LeMoine, PhD is committed to helping dogs and their people live happy lives TOGETHER. She brings to Dogs R+ Fun a professional background in teaching and hundreds of hours training shelter dogs, and a commitment to science-based, dogfriendly training.

Jenny has always loved dogs - especially the big sloppy ones! Her passion for dog-friendly training began when she adopted her sweet and fearful dog Lola. Lola had trouble living in the 'real world', scared of everything new, every person she met, even a remote dropped on the floor! Jenny educated herself in ways to help Lola and discovered that positivereinforcement dog training is the most fun and humane way to train dogs - AND the most effective, as shown by scientific research! This life-changing revelation led Jenny to begin volunteering at the Humane Society of Greenwood, where she has spent over 300 hours training shelter dogs. She helped to implement Train-To-Adopt, a program for behavior change and kennel enrichment by renowned shelter dog trainer Sue Sternberg. She runs Camp Good Dog for Kids, a day camp at the HSOG where children learn compassionate care and training for shelter dogs. She has trained many volunteers and shelter staff in positive-reinforcement dog training and behavior change, and is constantly amazed at the resilience, adaptability, and intelligence of shelter dogs!

Jenny's 'day job' is as Dr. LeMoine, an assistant professor at Lander University. Jenny and her fiancé Nate live on beautiful Lake Greenwood with their beloved dog Lola, where they live peacefully on the water and enjoy all that nature offers them – herons, ducks, lake breezes and warm sunshine. **Dogs R+ Fun** is a dream-come-true for Jenny, and she is so happy to help make Greenwood, South Carolina a better place for dogs AND people to live, together.

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Training Academy

## . . . for a Happy Life with Your Dog



Enroll in one of our classes today!

Let the *FUN* begin!!

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