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Get Rattled - Rattlesnake Aversion Training

If you enjoy activities that take you and your dogs outdoors, you and your furry friends may be at risk of encountering rattlesnakes. They may even end up in your own backyard. What do the experts recommend as the most effective way to protect your canine friends? The answer is rattlesnake aversion training.



The Friends of Western Gateway Dog Park have partnered with Get Rattled to host a Rattlesnake Avoidance Training Clinic in Penn Valley for area pet owners:

When: Saturday, April 29th, 2017

Where: Western Gateway Dog Park at 18562 Penn Valley Drive in Penn Valley

Time: By appointment between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Cost: \$85 per dog, or \$75 if you are a 2017 Friends association member. If Get Rattled has trained your dog before, reinforcement training is only \$60. **Space must be reserved in advance!**

If you would like to register, [click here](#) for the form. Or for more information visit www.WesternGatewayDogPark.org and click on "Upcoming Events". If you have more questions you can contact Jeri Stone, President of Friends of Western Gateway Dog Park at (530) 432-4949.

This may be one of the best training investments you'll ever make!

More on Rattlesnakes and Protecting Your Furry Friend

We've published this information before, but a refresher before rattlesnake season is always worthwhile:

Over the years we have received inquiries about protecting dogs from rattlesnakes via vaccine. Like U.C. Davis, we do not stock or recommend the rattlesnake vaccine currently available. We concur with the university, the AVMA, the AAHA canine vaccine task force and vaccine expert Dr. Jean Dodds that the "information regarding the efficacy of rattlesnake vaccine is insufficient", it "may produce adverse events with limited benefit" and snake bites generally "respond readily to treatment". To read more about this vaccine click on [Rattlesnake Vaccine: What You Should Consider](#).

Rattlesnake Do's and Don'ts

"Rattlesnake Do's and Don'ts" was published in a previous newsletter and is on our web site under "Resources". It contains information on snake avoidance, recognizing symptoms of snake bite and, if the worst should happen and your dog is bit, what to do and, just as important, what not to do. We hope you never need this, but living in our area it is a good idea to be prepared. [Click here](#) to read the article.



This poor pup was bit on the face. Luckily, she made a full recovery.

