



New CD Available...

**Learn more  
about canine  
body  
language!**

**WHAT IS MY  
DOG  
SAYING??**



This CD featuring a Powerpoint presentation with numerous photographs and video clips shows the many ways that dogs communicate with each other and with us! Created by well-known dog trainer Carol Byrnes, we were so impressed with this that we decided to sell it in our store at a discount. You can order your copy at

[www.playfulpooch.org](http://www.playfulpooch.org)

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**Are you on**

## The Playful Pooch Program

of the Family Enhancement & Play Therapy Center, Inc.

**News and Training Programs!**

### Playing with Dogs

Just as humans do, dogs play well into their adulthoods, and often throughout their lives if given the chance. They enjoy playing with each other, but they also enjoy playing with us. Research has shown that dogs have friendships just as we do, and they have preferred play partners, so if your dog doesn't want to play with another dog, it's okay--don't force it.

Find ways to play with your dog, but take your cues from the dog. Watch for signals of stress or over-arousal, and if you see them, perhaps it's time to stop or change the game. Happy dogs have loose, relaxed body postures and movements. The two dogs below are great friends and love playing together, as you can see.



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**2012 Program**

**Extra Early Bird Pricing Now!**

**Animal Assisted Play Therapy:  
Theory, Research, and Practice  
(Level 1)**

## Facebook?

### Join our Animal Assisted Play Therapy Group!



Simply search for Animal Assisted Play Therapy (a group) and ask to join! It's a lively, multidisciplinary group with lots of unique information, Member Spotlights that feature the work of our members, and some good humor!

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### Available in the Playful Pooch Online Store

Take a look at the new canine-related books for sale in our bookstore! There are two by Colleen Pelar, an expert on bite prevention and working safely with kids and dogs.

4-day training program for mental health professionals.

Canine professionals who meet the prerequisites are also welcome! The program has been approved for CE credits: APA, NBCC, APT, most social work boards, IAABC, and CCPDT.

2011 programs sold out quickly. Join us in 2012 at a new venue in St. Johnsville, New York (about 90 minutes west of Albany).

### 2012 AAPT, Level 1 Training: June 5-8, 2012

with Dr. Rise VanFleet,  
Tracie Faa-Thompson, and a special evening  
with renowned dog trainer Suzanne Clothier.

*These workshops fill up quickly, so register now  
to ensure a spot and for the best prices!!*

Find all the details in the Training Section of  
our website:

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**AAPT Level 2 Training** was conducted in the UK in August 2011, and has been scheduled for the USA for May 2012. Attendance at Level 1 is a prerequisite.



Our all-time favorite about ways of living and being with dogs is Suzanne Clothier's ***Bones Would Rain from the Sky***. This is highly recommended reading for anyone who loves and lives with dogs!

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Playing group games during Level 2 training in the UK.

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**Available online:** Read several new articles, including a 2-part series on living and working with dogs & horses, **Control, Compassion, & Choices** by Rise VanFleet and Tracie Faa-Thompson. Visit our website and click on Resources for this and many other articles.

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**We hope you can join us for one of our trainings. Please visit [www.playfulpooch.org](http://www.playfulpooch.org) for lots of information about AAPT.**



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