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Being paws-itively positive toward the pooches

■ Dog trainer known as 'The Dog Whisperer' will host seminar in Glendale that stresses positive reinforcement.

Gary Moskowitz
NEWS-PRESS

GLENDALE — After 30 years of training dogs, Paul Owens has been bitten a mere two times.

Owens, who will host a free dog-training seminar Saturday in Glendale, knows that training a dog successfully isn't accomplished by screaming at them or by constantly saying "no."

His method is one that involves teaching dogs what you want them to do through positive reinforcement, similar to the way a parent establishes rules and guidelines for a child.

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Author who has trained dogs for more than 30 years

you're going to do and how you will react to given situations," said Owens, author of "The Dog Whisperer: A Compassionate, Nonviolent Approach to Dog Training."

"There is never a need to jerk, shake, shock or hit a dog. It's just not necessary."

Claudia Madrid, an animal control officer at the Burbank Animal Shelter, agreed.

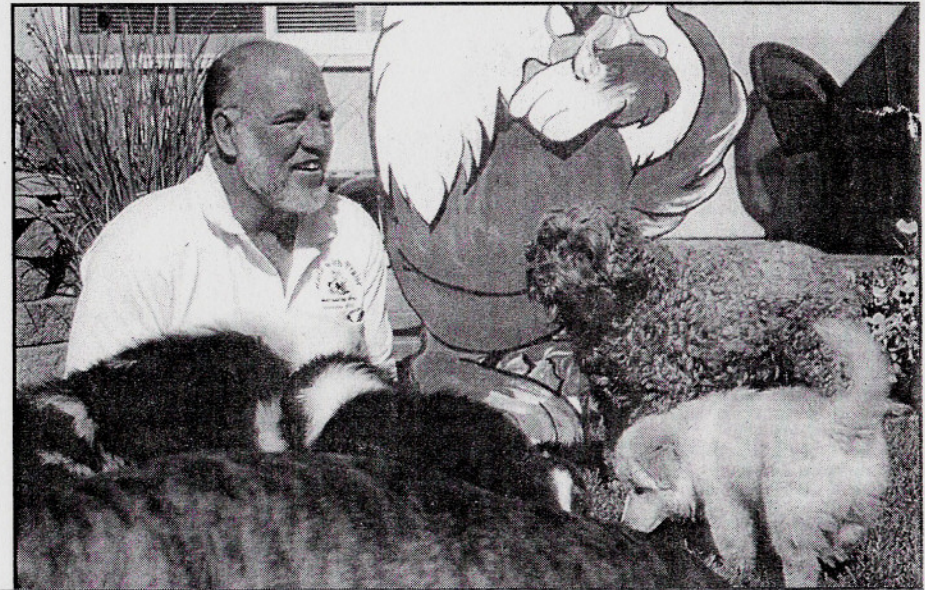
"Dogs love to be trained

IF YOU GO

- **WHAT:** Dog-training seminar
- **WHERE:** Glendale Humane Society, 717 W. Ivy St.
- **WHO:** Paul Owens, author of "The Dog Whisperer: A Compassionate, Nonviolent Approach to Dog Training," will present a seminar on how to train your dog.
- **WHEN:** 11:30 a.m. Saturday.
- **INFO:** Call 242-1128 or (800) 269-3591.

with reward-based procedure, and similar to children, they need to understand the rules and parameters of what is acceptable," Madrid said.

The best reward anyone can give an animal is love and praise, Owens said. Positive reinforcement is always better than negative reinforcement.



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