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## Weather



MIX OF SUN AND CLOUDS

HIGH OF 16 LOW OF 2



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HIGH OF 14 LOW OF 8



WEDNESDAY: **SHOWERS** 



HIGH OF 21 LOW OF 15



THURSDAY: **SHOWERS** 





HIGH OF 19 LOW OF 8

## Dog training classes in Potton



THE SCOOP

## MABLE HASTINGS

The Municipality of Potton is offering a dog training class for beginners with instructor, Geraldine Burgess. The class will give those who participate the opportunity to understand their dog's behaviour and to learn basic training techniques based on positive reinforcement.

Burgess has been offering dog training courses for many years and those attending in the past have benefitted from her keen understanding of dogs and her experience in dealing with a variety of breeds as well as people. Dog training is a partnership between the dog and its owner and often a trainer must focus on the behaviour of both parties in working together toward a positive and effective manner of communication to achieve success. The dog owner has a major role in the partnership.

The classes in Potton will run from May 28 to July 16 (8 weeks), Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm for a fee of \$90.00. There must be a minimum of 5 registrations for the course to run. The classes will be held at the Parc Andre Gagnon on Principale North in Mansonville. To register, call 450-292-3313, extension 228.

This initiative offers dog owners a valuable opportunity to benefit from Burgess's experience and to share with her some questions or difficulties that the owner may be having with his or her dog. The class also gives a dog and its owner the chance to partake in an activity where the pet has full attention and this makes for a great bonding experi-



Laurie Ball and her dog, Kaleigh

PHOTO: MABLE HASTINGS

These types of classes can be orga- and use this opportunity to "bark" up nized or repeated based on interest and participation. If you call and the class is full, a list of those interested will be compiled and likely another class offered. As always, Potton Community Organizer, Trish Wood is keen to know where the interest and needs of Potton citizens lie.

In an attempt to "unleash" my pet humour, let's make this "woof" your while

the right tree in signing up for the class. Don't let your bad habits with your dog or your dog's behaviour find you both in the "dog house." The Municipality of Potton hopes that both pet and owner will gain valuable training through this



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