

"Doggone Crazy!" nominated for an award

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popular "Be a Tree" dog bite-prevention program that is currently being brought to schools. The program is offered by "Doggone Safe!" and is a unique and engaging way for children to learn to understand dog body language and thereby act safely around them.

"We started with doing dog bite prevention demonstrations at schools and realized how little the kids knew, and how many had actually been bitten. We couldn't get to see them all so we created the game to try and get the messages into the mainstream. There was still a need of the school programs and to expand this, we started 'Doggone Safe!' so that we would be able to involve other people interested in providing this type of education," says Orr.

"Be a Tree" is the only educational program of its kind to receive approval from a major professional association and has been endorsed by the Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians. Members of the association can earn continuing education credits by delivering the program to children.

Another success for "Doggone Safe!" is their puppy training DVD called "Clicker Puppy". Orr and her daughters (Anne and Jennifer Wormald) have been nominated for the IPDTA Training Excellence award for the DVD which



SUBMITTED PHOTO of Education, Vice President Teresa Lewin

can be purchased from the website.

"Clicker Puppy" demonstrates clicker training with puppies but what makes this DVD distinctive is that all the training is taking place on camera with absolutely no rehearsal and the actual exercises are performed by children.

The "Clicker Puppy" DVD made its debut at the Karen Pryor Clicker Training Clicker Expo in Orlando, Florida last October and the first production was a smashing triumph.

"The DVD is selling like crazy and was sold out of the first run before we even had time to post to the website or start promoting it," explains an enthusiastic Orr.

To add to their growing list of accomplishments, Lewin has recently been nominated for "Dog Trainer of the Year" and also for the "Behaviour Therapy Excellence Award" for her work with dogs facing negative behavioral issues.

It doesn't matter whether you own a dog or not, if you have children, these fun, innovative products and educational tools are definitely worth a look.

Check out the services and products offered at websites at www.doggone-safe.com and www.doggonecrazy.ca. Contact Joan Orr 905-854-3232 for more information.

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