

TAYLOR'S TIPS for a productive writing career...



Dear Fellow Writer,

CAN YOU TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS?

The "old dog" I'm referring to is ME! (We'll talk about Rex in a minute.) I'm middle-aged (I won't tell you exactly!) but let's just say I learned how to type on a manual typewriter. Yikes! How things have changed. And one of the newest changes in the air is how we connect with others. It used to be by old fashioned letter writing (remember those in the mail box?) and then there were hour-long telephone calls chatting with friends, moms, BFFs (though we didn't know they had that acronym back then).

Now how do we keep in touch? **TWITTER** and **FACEBOOK!** Oh my, things are different. And can this "old dog" learn how it's done? Did I want to?

I resisted. I balked. I adamantly refused to learn these new-fangled ways. I liked emails, newsletters, but Twitter? Facebook? Please, that was asking too much.

Then I tried it. Tentatively reached out with some tweets, shared some stuff on Facebook, asked friends to "follow" me, got followed back. This was fun, cool, new and exciting.

So you CAN teach an old dog new tricks!

But let me tell you about my sweet lab, Rex. Last Thursday he had surgery for a torn ACL. I posted on Twitter and Facebook about it, and you won't believe what happened. People reached out to me with caring words of sympathy and encouraging support as I struggled with bringing my precious dog home and felt tears in my eyes when I watched him hobble around. Some of the responders were people I barely knew. Can you just imagine how supportive and encouraging they could be at all times of our lives?

So Rex is learning new tricks. How to walk on three legs while his mended one heals and how to drink water from his bowl with a cone on his head (to keep him from licking his stitches). Yes, you can teach a 9-year-old Golden Lab new tricks.

And you can teach this old gal some new tricks, too. Want to join me? You can follow me on Facebook. I'd love to be your friend. I'm listed as B.j.Taylor (little j). The photo that pops up looks like this:



You can follow me on Twitter here: www.twitter.com/bjtaylortweets. My screen name is @bjtaylortweets.

Let's go out and meet the world in brand new ways! I'm not too old to learn, are you?

Happy writing and blessings on your work.

What's Happening...

Interviewing......did a fabulous interview with a young lady who is raising her fifth puppy for Canine Companions for Independence. It started as a community service project for her Gold Award in Girl Scouts at the age of 17. She's still at it. Now that's commitment!

Follow your dreams...

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