

Hi Everybody!

Well, it's that time of the year when we spend most of our free time mowing because the grass grows everyday, or picking up debris from the trees because the daily winds shake them off all over the yard.

Be very careful that dogs and puppies do not get overheated during their daily play and exercise sessions. In this newsletter I include the electrolyte replacement supplements for dogs that I have used successfully, as well as an all natural bug repellent. Agility session will be starting next month, but September can still get hot!

The first show at Cool Critters will be our Thanksgiving NADAC trial, and there are several students that will be ready to compete. We will be adding another TDAA trial in April, and on that same weekend will be giving a Beginners NADAC trial as well. The full schedule will be posted in the School section on the website.

We have lost our food vendor for our events. The Great Pyrenees Club will not longer be doing concessions and we will all miss their great food! If you know of a good food vendor please let me know before our trials start.

### **Nosework Classes**

Several people have asked about K9 nosework classes. Mindy Ewing ([sportk9supplies@verizon.net](mailto:sportk9supplies@verizon.net)) taught classes here at one time, and is now teaching at Das Hund House in Lakeland. Maureen Roberts (Judo's Mom) also teaches nosework and she's in Plant City. Maureen email is [kanduit@yahoo.com](mailto:kanduit@yahoo.com).

### **We Need a Handler for Beau!**

Carol Lukes has an awesome, Australian Shepherd, Beau, that my son Bobby has been training in agility and is now in the Wednesday Intermediate class. Bobby has started back in school, and this semester, he has class Monday thru Wednesday, so he can't make the Monday night class either.

We need someone to work Beau during this semester, so that he won't lose all the skills he has learned. He's a real fun dog, and very willing to please.

### **Electrolyte Replacement for Dogs:**

With this incredibly hot weather, we must be careful that our dogs are hydrated when they play and when they do agility. Of course, we're not going to make them run in the middle of the day, but even early mornings and evenings can get muggy. In Florida, we can have hot days even in January. Gatorade is not a safe drink for dogs, as it is formulated for humans. Pedialyte can be used for dogs, but I prefer to use drinks that are specially formulated for re-hydration and

electrolyte replacement in dogs.

I have used K9 Power Products Go Dog. You purchase this in powder form from [www.cleanrun.com](http://www.cleanrun.com) or [www.bodybuilding.com](http://www.bodybuilding.com) (they have a line of canine supplements). You mix it with water and use it within that day. I now use Power Boost from CPN (Canine Performance Nutrition). I really like their line of products. You will find that at [www.cleanrun.com](http://www.cleanrun.com) as well.

These supplements are very tasty for dogs, and in the case of dogs that won't drink water, they gulp it down!

### **Natural Bug Repellent:**

I have this on my website, but not everybody knows it. Many people are allergic to deet and cannot use commercial bug sprays. This spray can be used on both people and dogs!

1. Two thinly sliced lemons
2. Sprig of rosemary
3. About 10 drops of Eucalyptus oil (you can get this at the health food stores)

Bring a quart pot of water to a boil. Add lemon and rosemary and turn off the heat. Let seep overnight. Strain out the lemon and rosemary, add eucalyptus and pour liquid into a spray bottle.

You can use it on yourself and your pets everyday if desired. Store it in the refrigerator

### **Pre-Dog Show Days**

Do you remember when...

...you heard the term "well groomed" and thought people were talking about you?

...pockets were not a big factor in buying new clothes?

...you spent more time on your hair than on your dog's?

...legs meant those appendages that we walk on, and they came only in sets of two?

..."CHARGE!" was something you did with a credit card?

..."walk through" was something you did in the store?

...liver was something your mother made you eat once a week?

...“go out” was something you did on weekends?

...“weaving” was something that your great-grandmother used to do?

...“titles” was something related to Europeans?

...gamblers went to Vegas?

...PVC was used underground instead of on top of the ground?

...“A-Frame” was a style of house?

...elevated ramps were called “cat-walks” instead of “dog-walks”?

...dogs were never allowed on tables?

...“contacts” were important people to know?

...weekends were for sleeping late?

...“catalog order” meant buying through the mail?

...we bought vehicles without measuring for crates in the back?

## **Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates!**

### Basic Agility

Joe Paquin & Max (Cocker Spaniel)  
Carolyn Bigley & Becks (Golden Retriever)  
Shannon Swanson & Axel (Aussie)  
Sarah Follstad & Keno (Aussie)  
Rachel Carter & Izzie (Lab / Shepherd Mix)  
Dee Young & Dobby (Goldendoodle)

### Basic Obedience

Jerry McNeill and Dozer (Labradoodle)  
Lauren Dailey and Josie (All American)  
Missy Craig and Gabby (Shih-Ton)  
Lynn Roper & Sydney (Golden Retriever)  
Karen Podsiad & Rocky (Miniature Schnauzer)  
Patty Garrow and Hayden (All American)

Kimberly Grund and Lincoln (Boxer)  
Steve Galloway and Scamp (Morkie)

### Super Puppy

Tom Holstein and Jake (Border Collie/Pyreenes mix)  
Michelle Thomas and Pixie (Labrador Ret.)  
Lacey Hoker and Deacon (Border Jack)  
Kathleen Thomas and Cash (Rough Collie)  
Thea Greer and Memphis (Border Collie/Husky mix)  
Cerille Heinemann and Snoopy (Morkie)  
Chuck Ross and Ciara (Cockapoo)

### **Class Schedule:**

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting October 21, 2013)  
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting September 30, 2013)  
8:00 to 9:00 PM - Intermediate Agility

Tuesday:

9:00 to 10:00 AM - Advanced Agility  
10:00 to 11:00 AM - Intermediate Agility  
6:00 to 7:00 PM - Distance work class  
7:00 PM Masters / Excellent Level Agility

Wednesday:

9:30 to 10:30AM - Advanced Obedience  
6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting September 25, 2013)  
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Intermediate Agility  
8:00 to 9:00 PM - Advanced Agility

Thursday:

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Obedience (Next class starting October 17, 2013)  
8:00 to 9:00 PM - Rally Obedience

Friday:

9:00 to 10:00 AM - Advanced Agility  
10:00 to 11:00 AM - Intermediate Agility

...and now, time for a paws...

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