

Hi Everybody!

This weekend is our Doggie Fun Day! We will have a Beginners NADAC trial, and Agility Run-Thrus both days. We also have a big raffle with some great items, such as a Botox treatment and consultation by Dr. Jackie Royce (valued at \$450) A weekend stay for your dog at the Timberlane Pet Resort in Plant City, a weekend entry package to any Cool Critters trial, weaves, jumps, a fine art dog print, a dog ramp for your vehicle, a director's chair, really nice dog beds, and many more items! Everyone is invited! We will certainly need help setting up on Friday after 11AM class. Helpers will get a 4 week class card. Those who stay after the show on Sunday to put things back, will get a 4 week class card as well!

The Great Pyrenees Rescue group will have the concession, and this will be their last time...we are so going to miss their great food.

This will be our last big event of the season, since it will start to get pretty hot and humid. The raffle will be our big fundraiser for our DACOF teams!

### **No Class Days**

There will be no classes on Monday, April 22. The Monday after a show I have to spend putting equipment back in place. I will only have the Puppy Class enrollment on that day.

No Friday morning Agility class on Friday, April 26. I will be at an agility trial that day.

### **From Lesa Phillips on Jack Russells:**

Lesla has sent some info about the Sunshine State Jack Russell Terrier Club (SSJRTC), she has a blog, and has written an entry about getting terriers involved in performance events a while back. Take a look!

<http://fleurdeleesa.blogspot.com/2011/03/terrier-events-not-just-for-dogs.html>

Here's a great excerpt from Lesa's blog:

You should know that your dog (Jack Russell) does NOT have to be registered with any kennel club, nor must you have all their lineage documented.\*\* Some breed clubs require your dog to be purebred (simply by meeting the breed standards), but neutered/spayed and rescued dogs can participate! And most clubs will limit their sanctioned events to the purebred dogs, but also offer a handful of non-sanctioned events for all terriers or other breeds.

The Sunshine State Jack Russell Terrier Club (SSJRTC), for example, offers a wide range of events at three annual trials, such as:

- Flats and hurdles racing
- Go to Ground and Super Earth GTG
- Agility
- Conformation
- Brush Hunt
- Lure Chase
- ThunderTunnel
- Trailing and Locating
- Youth handler

Most of these events require no training to get started...they make use of the terrier's natural instincts. The atmosphere for agility and conformation are MUCH more laid back than at most typical "dog shows" and there are even conformation categories for neutered/spayed dogs! The rules of Jack Russell Terrier Club of America (JRTCA) sanctioned agility include a novice on-lead category so that handler/terrier teams with even basic agility training can enter, which is a great way to get low pressure trial experience.

Check out Lesa's blog for more info on these terrier events!

### **Good Information on Raw Diets from Sally Alford:**

Raw Diets: What's the Risk?  
By Sarah Netherton

The words "raw diet" brings thoughts of uncooked vegetables and meat to mind. The raw food craze has been popular among people, but is it safe to feed our animals a raw diet too?

According to Dr. Jack Herrmann, a veterinarian on faculty at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in Urbana, as well as the director of the college's Center for One Health Illinois, pet owners should know the risks when feeding raw meat to their animals.

Salmonella and E. coli are pathogens—infectious agents that can cause disease or illness—commonly found in raw meat. The best way to prevent illness from these pathogens in animals and people is to cook meat at a high enough temperature to kill pathogens.

"People should also be careful when feeding dry food, as there have been cases reported of Salmonella from dry pet food as well," says Dr. Herrmann.

In 2007, a study published in the Canadian Veterinary Journal showed that among 16 beagles fed a Salmonella-contaminated commercial raw meat diet, 7

“shed” salmonellae in their feces within the days following the meal. None of the dogs fed the contaminated diet showed signs of illness.

“People who feed their pet uncooked meat should be concerned about the pathogens that may be in their animal’s feces, because other pets or people in the household may be exposed and contract an illness,” advises Dr. Herrmann. “This is especially true for cats; cats should have a clean litter box to prevent the spread of a potential pathogen throughout the household.”

The fact that an animal is shedding a pathogen doesn’t necessarily mean this pathogen will be transmitted to a person.

“Precautions are especially needed in households that include a person who is immune compromised, whether through an illness that affects the immune system or because the person is very young or very old,” adds Dr. Herrmann.

“The issue with raw foods is that the chance for contamination of humans and home environment is much greater than with conventional pet foods. So, it's a relative risk issue,” explains Dr. Herrmann. It is always advisable for the individuals who feed the pet to wash their hands after feeding, whether the food is a raw diet or commercial canned or dry food.

For more information about raw diets, speak with your local veterinarian or visit the website of the Center for One Health Illinois spring forum series at [go.illinois.edu/onehealthandyou/](http://go.illinois.edu/onehealthandyou/).

**An archive of Pet Columns from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine is available online at <http://vetmed.illinois.edu/petcolumns/>. Requests for reprints of this article may be directed to Chris Beuoy, [beuoy@illinois.edu](mailto:beuoy@illinois.edu)**

### **For Doodle Owners!**

Labradoodles, Goldendoodles, Aussiedoodles, and poodle dog mixes are becoming popular. Deidre Young, owner of Dubby (Goldendoodle) send me some links to websites for owners can go for information on these breeds:

The doodle website:

[www.doodlekisses.com](http://www.doodlekisses.com)

Another resource for grooming supplies and doodle "stuff" is

[www.doodlecountry.com](http://www.doodlecountry.com)

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

### Super Puppy:

Levi Williams and Lucy (Mix)  
Jessica Williams and Abby (Mix)  
Larry Tomlinson and Cheri (Vizsla)  
Noel Rivera and Harlie (Lab)  
Chief Rivera and Shana (Lab)

### Basic Agility:

Lesia Phillips and Chloe (Mix)  
Sheri Tanne and Logan (Cavalier King Charles)  
Trina Dooley & Remi (Border Terrier)  
Dee Young and Dobby (Golden Doodle)

### **Daytime Obedience Class Starting**

I am planning a new Basic Obedience class to start on Wednesday, May 7 at 9:30AM. If you would like to join that class, please let me know.

### **Class Schedule:**

#### Monday:

1:00 to 2:30 PM - Advanced Obedience Skills  
6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting April 22, 2013)  
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting May 13, 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 - Basic Obedience (New class starting May 7, 2013)  
10:30 to 11:30AM - Distance work class  
6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting May 8, 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 April 25, 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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