

"Daily prayer: Please God, put your arms around my shoulders and your hand over my mouth"

Hi Everybody!

We're in the middle of some doggone hot days of summer, so I propose that we look forward to some much nicer and cooler (we hope) days of fall!

This year we will again be holding two NADAC trials in the fall with two of our favorite judges coming. Sarah Fix will judge the Tampa Bay Boxer club trial and Jeff Riedl will judge our Cool Critters trial. Both premiums have been approved and will be downloaded to www.coolcritters.com this coming week.

From the AKC Healthy Dog:

Dogs have an inquisitive nature. It is one of the things that make them such special companions. Sometimes that curiosity leads them into areas of the house where you store household items such as medicine and detergents. Many common household items that you use everyday can be harmful, and sometimes even lethal, to your dog. The AKC Healthy Dog has put together this list of items that you should store securely away from your pet's reach:

Acetaminophen, Antifreeze and other car fluids, Bleach and cleaning fluids, Boric acid, Deodorants, Deodorizers, Detergents, De-icing salts, Disinfectants, Drain cleaners, Furniture polish, Gasoline, Hair colorings, Weed killers, Insecticides, Kerosene, Matches, Mothballs, Nail polish and remover, Paint, Prescription and non-prescription medicines, Rat poison, Rubbing alcohol, Shoe polish, Sleeping pills, Snail or slug bait, Turpentine, Windshield-wiper fluid

Rule Changes in AKC Obedience

For those of you that compete in AKC Obedience, some rule changes will take effect on December 1, 2015. Check out americankennelclub/Obedience/ObPPWhatsNew

The link above is the AKC's synopsis of the upcoming changes to the obedience rules set to take effect December 1. These rules will be in effect for the Pre-Trials at the AKC Classic at the Convention Center. Several of the changes will require modifications of our performances, so plan your training accordingly.

Here is the summary of the changes, which came out shortly after they were announced.

http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/news-updates/?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRoivarOZKXonjHpfsX67esrUaCg38431UFwdcjKPmjr1YUJScp0aPyQAgobGp5I5FENQ7jYTaxmt6QLWQ

There are substantial changes to scoring of scent discrimination, for which we must prepare. Also, in Novice the leash remains on the dog, and the armband will be next to the dog in his field of vision, so the dogs will need time to become accustomed to the new routine.

Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates!

Super Puppy Class:

Karla Dunnigan & Ellie (Labrador)
Terri & John Eggeman with Frannie (All American)
Pat b& Tim Grimes with Lily (Cavalier King Charles)
Christine Kuhl & Indigo (Sheltie)
Fabienne Justiniano & Riley (German Shepherd)
Erin Menne & Takashi Watanabe with Hana (Labrador)
Nancy Carswell & Calvin (Beagle)
Lance Miley & Gjuno (German Shepherd)
Stephanie Cooper & Patrick Parish with Coop (Irish Setter)
Bill & Christy Vogel with Toby (Coton de Tulear)
Greg & Lori Korte (Labradoodle)

Basic Agility:

Ilene Schwartz & Charley (All American)
Shelley Burton & Huck (Cattle Dog)
Christy Kuhl & Sabeh (Sheltie)

Dog Class Schedule

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting October 12)
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting in August 24)
8:00 to 9:00 PM - Intermediate Agility

Tuesday:

8:30 to 9:30 AM - Advanced Agility

9:30 to 10:30 AM - Intermediate Agility
6:00 to 7:00 PM - Weaving Proficiency Class (Starting September 1)
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Distance Class

Wednesday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (New class starting in September 9)
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Intermediate / Advanced Agility

Thursday:

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Obedience (Next class starting in September 10)
8:00 to 9:00 PM - Rally Obedience

Friday:

8:30 to 9:30 AM - Advanced Agility
9:30 to 10:30 AM - Intermediate Agility

From George Carlin:

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers.
This includes age, weight and height.
Let the doctors worry about them.
That is why you pay 'them.'
2. Keep only cheerful friends.
The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning.
Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever.
Never let the brain idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.'
And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud.
Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen.
Endure, grieve, and move on.

The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves.
Be ALIVE while you are alive.

7. Surround yourself with what you love,
whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever.
Your home is your refuge,

8. Cherish your health:
If it is good, preserve it.
If it is unstable, improve it.
If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

9. Don't take guilt trips.
Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county;
to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.

10. Tell the people you love that you love them,
at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER :
Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take,
but by the moments that take our breath away.

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

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