

Hi Everybody!

Our premiums for the November NADAC Agility trials have been approved, and I will be posting them on the website this week. November 5 & 6 will be the Tampa Bay Boxer Club, and November 26 & 27 will be our Cool Critters after Thanksgiving trial. We have some really nice judges lined and up and really look forward to the cooler weather and the fun NADAC courses!

**No Class Days:**

We will have no classes on **September 5, Labor Day**

No Friday morning Agility class on **September 16, and September 30**

**From The Sarasota Obedience Training Club:**

They are hosting a GREAT seminar! I am sorry I can't attend because I have already entered an agility trial. It is a wonderful topic and presenter! I have known Conni for years, she is highly qualified to speak to this topic. **I have the flyers and if any of you are interested, I can forward one to you**

They are also looking for demo dogs with this issue...

Sarasota Obedience Training Club presents:

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

He is so friendly UNTIL he is on leash!

Dealing with leash Reactive Dogs with Conni Borwick

September 10, 2016 8:30AM-5:00PM SOTC, 7505 SR 675, Myakka City, FL

It's time to walk your dog. As you grab the leash, you feel a familiar anxiety that occurs each time you step outside. Once put on leash, your typically calm and sociable dog begins barking, lunging, growling and whining at typical neighborhood noises and distractions. Does this sound familiar? Rest assured there are techniques you can use to manage & improve your dog's leash manners.

SOTC is proud to present Conni Borwick on 'Dealing with Leash Reactive Dogs'. Ms. Borwick will be discussing topics on:

- Diagnosing the problem: fear or aggression?
- History and role of past events in current behavior • Behavior management in the home.
- Development of the problem and the spike in this behavior in recent years.
- Treatment protocols and success rates of different protocols.
- Explanation of behavior modification tools and techniques for specific problems.
- Demonstration of evaluating specific dogs and developing plans for treatment.

If you work with canines, this seminar can equip you with the tools you need for managing leash reactive dogs.

We are looking for 5 volunteer dogs for the seminar. If interested please send a history of the dog and any pertinent information to [conniborwick@gmail.com](mailto:conniborwick@gmail.com), you will receive a response to discuss if your dog is a candidate for the seminar.

### **For My Rally Students:**

The AKC Rally Guide is a great little booklet that you can take to the trials with you...inexpensive too. You can contact the author at [gezpez@gmail.com](mailto:gezpez@gmail.com)

Also, Ron (Abby's Dad) showed me a GREAT app...Pocket Rally 2016

You can get it at the App Store: Pocket Rally 2016

### **From Barkpost.com**

Would you like to know which stores will welcome dogs? This article tells you about 33 stores where you can take your dog! Some of these are not in Florida, and some really surprised me: 33 stores that don't make you leave your dog outside while you shop.

<http://barkpost.com/life/dog-friendly-stores/>

### **From Pethelpful.com**

#### Helpful Tips for the Rookie Agility Competitor:

I found this article to be fascinating for me as well! If you are actively competing with your dogs or would like to do so in the future, check it out!

<https://pethelpful.com/dogs/What-Every-Beginning-Agility-Competitor-Should-Know-Tips-for-the-Rookie>

### **From Carol Lukes**

#### Exercises with Your Dog/Puppy

You've seen those ads on TV promising amazing results from all sorts of contraptions. Well, there's no need to invest in fancy equipment. If you have (or can borrow) a dog, you have everything you need to get in shape now!!! The following exercises can be done anywhere, anytime.

Upper Body Strength: Lift the dog - off the couch, off the bed, out of the flower bed. Repeat, repeat, repeat. As the dog ages, this exercise is reversed onto the couch, onto the bed, into the car and so on.

Balance and Coordination, Exercise 1: Remove your puppy from unsuitable tight places. If they're too small for him, they're certainly too small for you. Do it anyway!

Balance and Coordination, Exercise 2: Practice not falling when your dog bounds across the full length of the room, sails through the air, and slams both front paws into your chest.

Balance and Coordination, Exercise 3: (for use with multiple dogs) Remove all dogs from lap and answer the phone before it stops ringing.

Upper Arms: Throw the ball. Throw the squeaky toy. Throw the Frisbee. Repeat until nauseous.

Upper Arms: (alternate) Tug the rope. Tug the pull toy. Tug the sock. Repeat until your shoulder is dislocated or the dog gives up (we all know which comes first).

Hand Coordination: Remove foreign object from dog's locked jaw. This exercise is especially popular with puppy owners. Repeat. Repeat. Repeat. Remember, this is a timed exercise. Movements must be quick and precise (think concert pianist) to prevent trips to the vet, which only offer the minimal exercise benefit of jaw firming clenches.

Calves: After the dog has worn out the rest of your body, hang a circular toy on your ankle and let the dog tug while you tug back. WARNING: This is feasible only for those with strong bones and small dogs.

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

### Basic Agility:

Marah Ridgeway & Stark (Pit bull mix)  
Doug Dykema & Mikayla (German Shepherd)  
Anita Shwarts & Dash (Malinois)

### Super Puppy:

Andreia McGowan & Rambo (Springer Spaniel)  
Beverly Field & Max (Yorkie)  
Terry Palmer & Madison (Jack Russell)  
Lisa Hooker & Annie (Springer Spaniel)  
Abigail Hinkley & Duke (Brittany)  
Judy Zettel & Glory (Golden Retriever)  
Dawn Hulting & Daisy (Boston Terrier)  
Katie Rice & Lucy (Mini Aussie)

### Basic Obedience:

Holly Latiolais & Cupcake (Australian Shepherd)  
Mimi Hoyte & Oberon (Weimaraner)  
Penny Rowley & Star (Belgian Tervuren)  
Ava Andersen & Murphy (Goldendoodle)

## **Dog Class Schedule**

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting September 26, 2016)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting in October 10, 2016)

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

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Distance Class

Wednesday:

10:30 AM - All levels Rally Obedience

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (New class starting October 5, 2016)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Intermediate / Advanced Agility

Thursday:

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Obedience (Next class starting October 20, 2016)

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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