

Hi Everybody!

Our Thanksgiving NADAC trial was a big success! Because it was held right at the school, we had a lot of visitors! We get to do it all over again the weekend of January 5 & 6, 2013, when we will be hosting our NADAC Games Trial. This will consist of only games: Tunnelers is all tunnels, Weavers is tunnels and weave poles, Touch n Go is the A frame, Dog Walk and Tunnels, and Hoopers is all hoops. This is our most fun trial of the year, and everyone is invited to come and watch!

The premium for the Games trial is on the website: [www.coolcritters.com](http://www.coolcritters.com), and the pre-entries close on December 28, 2012, but we will also be taking day of show entries.

Once again, we will need help setting up on Friday, and also help taking down on Sunday. All those who help on Friday at 11AM after classes, will get a 4 week class card. If you stay Sunday to help take down and put the equipment back in place will get a full 8 week class card!

Coming also in February is our Teacup Dogs Agility trial on February 16 & 17, 2013. On Friday, February 15 from Noon to 4PM, our judge, Jeff Boyer will be conducting a seminar explaining the strategy of the difficult agility games such as Snooker, Gamblers, Jackpot, and Fullhouse. This seminar will be open to all size dogs, and is designed for people who are intimidated by such games...we want everyone to have fun! The premium for this trial and seminar entry form will be up on the website very soon.

### **No Classes**

Our Christmas holidays will be December 24, 2012 through January 1, 2013. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. For the agility students who will be competing at the end of the year shows, there will be a course set up (it will change too), and you are welcome to come and practice your dogs.

On Monday, January 7 (the day after the show) we will have no classes.

### **A Very Important Message From Suzi Metz**

As you all know, I have breast cancer and have had surgery and currently undergoing chemotherapy. 14 Treatments left. But this is not about me. It is about you, your mother, your sister, daughter, wife, aunt or grandmother. Although, men can also get breast cancer, it is rare and usually genetic.

We all know, breast cancer affects 1 in 8 women. So for those that usually Buddy Train on Thursday, (like I did) , hopefully, I have your back. Seriously though. There are multiple types of breast cancer. It is NOT one type fits all. If

you are lucky and have your annual mammogram, it will be detected waaaay before it could be felt. Some are intraductal, some lobular, some mixed. Some sensitive to estrogen and/or progesterone, some not. Some positive for the gene HER2neu, some not. My point is, this is NOT a cookie cutter disease.

My mammogram was NEGATIVE. Let me repeat that. My mammogram was NORMAL. Even after, my MRI and we KNEW there was a 2cm tumor, the mammogram was NORMAL and stayed normal despite all the technology. The ultrasound did NOT show the tumor either. It showed something "different" but 3 radiologists could not say it was the same as what was seen on the MRI with any degree of certainty. And trust me, they tried. I practically stood on my head for one of the angles in an attempt to reproduce what was seen on the MRI.

So what is my point? Do your own Breast Self Exam!!!!!! Do NOT listen to the media, learn how your breasts look and feel and do your own breast exam every single month. No more, or you won't detect small changes. That is how I found mine the same month I had a NORMAL mammogram. The biology of my tumor is bad, requiring aggressive treatment. No pills available for my type. Five yr survival without chemo < 25% , with chemo > 90%. Because I found it relatively early my lymph nodes were negative. I cannot stress enough, do your own BSE (breast self exam), and have yearly mammograms and clinical breast exams by a health care provider.

If you do not know how to do your own BSE, contact me.....

Suzi Metz, ARNP-BC  
And mom to Zeus `n Fielder

All of you please join me in saying a prayer for Suzi's recovery...we miss her!

Ileana

### **From Jerry Manning**

**"Jackets for Juniors"** is an organization founded in November 2012 by two members of the dog show community, Carol Vogel and Laurie Maulucci. Its purpose is to collect new and used apparel items which are appropriate for the show ring, and then distribute them at no charge to junior handlers in need. Collection of apparel will begin in January of 2013, and a launch event for distribution will be held later in the year on a weekend when other events for juniors are being offered. This event will be a unique opportunity for junior handlers to select wardrobe items for the ring, while being advised by adult members of the fancy who have volunteered their time and expertise to help them with choices.

"We hope that all members of the dog show community will find their own way to support this service for our junior handlers." said Mrs. Vogel. Current junior handlers are being encouraged to contribute items which they no longer need, while adults are urged to think first about "Jackets for Juniors" when discarding clothing which worked well in the show ring. Collection containers will be available at shows throughout the year, and show-giving clubs are encouraged to provide a visible location for the organization's solicitation materials. Any and all items are welcomed, from footwear on up. "We are fortunate to have the support of a dry-cleaner, a cobbler and a seamstress to restore any items in need of minor repair to suitable condition" said Mrs. Maulucci.

For further information on how to volunteer or donate, please contact Carol Vogel at 860-963-2247 [cfvdogs@hotmail.com](mailto:cfvdogs@hotmail.com) or Laurie Maulucci at 860-490-7666 [mjmdanes@comcast.net](mailto:mjmdanes@comcast.net).

### **Also From Jerry Manning**

To view this article online:

<http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/news/stories/news5524.html>

"Pet Proofing" for Safer Holidays

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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).

**Dr. Sandra Yi, a veterinary toxicologist at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in Urbana, has some hints to help pet owners avoid common hazards during the holiday season.**

Pancreatitis is one of the biggest health dangers at a time when rich, holiday treats and feasts abound. Many pets get fed more table scraps and "people" food than they are accustomed to, and these high-fat foods can result in an inflammation of the pancreas, called pancreatitis. The signs include a painful abdomen, depression, weakness, vomiting, and diarrhea. This condition can be life-threatening and requires immediate veterinary attention.

Other foods that pose problems for pets during the holidays include chocolate, macadamia nuts, raisins or grapes, bread dough, alcohol, and

xylitol (an artificial sweetener commonly found in dental products, chewing gum, and human medications). Pets can display a range of symptoms from vomiting and diarrhea to ataxia (which means wobbliness and incoordination) and seizures. In the case of xylitol, consumption by dogs can be life-threatening.

Remind your guests and family members that pets need to stick to their usual diet during the holiday season. Sharing a small amount of a lean meat will be the best way to safely include your dog in the holiday feast.

For cats a big holiday hazard is accidental ingestion of decorations that they may play with. Garland, strings, and tinsel can be a particular problem for cats. They are attracted to shiny things that are similar to common cat toys. Tinsel and string can become wrapped around a cat's tongue, causing severe lacerations of their gastrointestinal tract. This can lead to vomiting, diarrhea, infection, shock and even death if not treated aggressively.

To keep your pet safe during the holiday season, "pet proof" your house and ask your guests not to share foods with pets. If you are the one traveling this season and you take any medications, please be mindful of where you store your medicine when visiting friends and relatives.

The holidays are a wonderful time for families, friends, and pets to come together when you take a few safety precautions.

If you have questions about holiday hazards, please contact your local veterinarian and have a healthy and safe New Year!

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

### Super Puppy Class:

Trina Dooley & Remi (Border Terrier)  
Daniella Basher & Mia (Doberman)  
Lauren Saxton & Talos (Boxer)  
Dawn Stayton & Ox (Samoyed)  
Elyse Loderhose & Dari (All American)  
Deidre Young & Dobby (Goldendoodle)  
Bill Beers & Cooper (Cavalier King Charles)

### Basic Obedience Class:

Carol Lukes & Beau (Aussie)  
Cyndi Holcombe & Cracie (Lab mix)  
Alan & Tywonn Davidson with Arcadia (Boxer)  
Bob & Sandy Dolan with Heabon (Malinois mix)  
Carol Michel & Jazzy (Bichon)  
Larry Michel & Lacey (Bichon)  
Bob Spillers & Daz (Weimaraner)  
Elaine Wilson & Baxter (Morkie)

### Basic Agility Class

Don White & Bullet (Boxer)  
Tiffanie Ivins & Emily (Boxer)  
Adam Hatter sly & Patton (Aussie)  
Elaine Wilson & Jetta (Border Collie)  
Maureen Roberts & Xander (Malinois)  
Debra Bradford & Captain (Rough Collie)

## **Class Schedule:**

### Monday:

1:00 to 2:30 PM - Advanced Obedience Skills  
6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting February 18, 2013)  
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting January 14, 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:

9:00 to 10:00AM - Basic Obedience  
6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting January 16, 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 February 14, 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

Finally, one of the years most popular songs went to the dogs!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wT4z2yVSfqY>

Have a great Christmas, Hanukah, and a wonderful New Year!

Ileana