

Hi Everybody!

Our Thanksgiving NADAC agility trial went off without a hitch! This was mostly due to all the dedicated people that came to help with set up and take down, as well as pitching in to help the show run successfully. We had many beginner dogs competing for the first time and doing very well. The weather was wonderful. We had a great food concession and very nice vendors.

Our next trial will be on January 4 & 5, 2014. This will be a NADAC Games trial. By that I mean tunnels, contacts, weaves, and hoops...no jumps. Lots of fun! We will be setting up for this one on Friday, January 3, after the 11AM Agility class. Once again, we need help. Helpers get a 4 week class card.

The premiums are posted on www.coolcritters.com, and you will also be able to enter the day of the show, but at a higher price.

Even if your dogs are not trained enough to enter, you are welcome to come and watch!

Holiday Schedule

We will have classes until Monday, December 23. The school will be closed from Tuesday, December 24 until Friday, January 3, 2014. As usual, the Monday after a show, we will not be having classes. I use that day to get the fields organized again, so there will not be classes on Monday, January 6.

Tracking classes

Many of you would like to do tracking with your dogs. Maureen Roberts, a very experienced multiple title holder in Schutzhund, is very qualified to teach tracking. She lives in Plant City, and is also certified to teach K9 Nosework. You can contact Maureen at kanduit@yahoo.com. Now that the weather is cooler, tracking can be a great activity which uses the dogs' natural abilities.

From Lisa Schmeling

Lisa read a blog about how people walk thru a course. For those of you not familiar with competition agility, the "walk thru" is the process of walking and learning an agility course, so we can navigate our dogs through it. You see, we get to familiarize ourselves with a course, but the dogs don't see it until they step onto the start line. It's up to us to show them the way!

This blog is a humorous commentary about how the individual personality quirks emerge as the people are walking a course:

<http://agilityandbeyond.blogspot.com/2013/11/walkthroughs-for-dummies.html>

Yep...one of these describe me to a T <LOL>

Also from Lisa Schmeling:

This is from another agility blog, but it could also apply to many types of competition. What is the most important to remember about our journey with our dog? We should never forget...it's our relationship with them and the short time they have with us:

<http://fulltiltbordercollies.blogspot.com/2013/11/to-all-novices.html>

Schedule of Classes

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting January 13, 2014)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting February 24, 2014)

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 January 29, 2014)

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 January 9, 2014)

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

We will be starting a daytime agility class on Wednesday morning in 2014. The day and time will be announced in January. Please let me know if you would like to join. I need a minimum of 3 dogs.

Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates

Super Puppy:

Gwen Tomlinson & Lacey (Vizsla)
Robert Mitchell & Memphis (Golden Retriever)
Craig Marston & Max (Golden Retriever)
Michele Roff & Mecca (Beauceron)
Marta Morris & Mya (Labradoodle)
Cristy Carmo & Shanti (German Shepherd)
Rita Mercier & Mojo (German Shepherd)

Agility

Amanda Fox & Lacey (Sheltie)
Shelby Stone & Chica (All American)
Christy Layton, DVM & Lil' Girl (Pit Bull)
Karen Podsiad & Rocky (Min. Schnauzer)
Chuck Ross & Ciara (Cockapoo)
Thea Greer & Memphis (Husky/Border Collie Mix)
Lacey Hoker & Deacon (Border Jack)
Shannon Moore & Fiona (Border Collie)
Katie Jeffries & Isabel (Min. Schnauzer)

Basic Obedience

Barbaree Amaral & Chica (All American)
Dawn Stayton & Blizzard (Samoyed)

From Jeanne Sardo

Finally, as we approach the end of another year, here are some beautiful words of wisdom:

Written by Regina Brett, 90 years old, of the Plain Dealer, Cleveland , Ohio .

"To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I've ever written.

My odometer rolled over to 90 in August, so here is the column once more:"

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.

2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short – enjoy it.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and family will.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Stay true to yourself.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye, but don't worry, God never blinks.
- 16.. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful. Clutter weighs you down in many ways.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
- 19.. It's never too late to be happy. But it's all up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.

22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
36. Growing old beats the alternative of dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood.
38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Envy is a waste of time. Accept what you already have, not what you need

42. The best is yet to come...

43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.

44. Yield.

45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift."

Friends are the family that we choose.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

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