



Hi Everybody!

The year is almost over! Preparations for our next NADAC agility trial have started. The weekend after the NADAC trial will be our Teacup Dogs trial. These two venues are very different but both a lot of fun. NADAC has wide open courses, while TDAA is design for the small dogs and courses are designed much tighter.

Come watch both trials, it will be lots of fun!

### **Holiday Class Schedule:**

We will have no classes Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Puppy and Beginning Agility will have a make-up class on Friday December 29.

There will not be a daytime Agility class on Friday, January 5. We will be holding the NADAC Games trial that weekend.

### **Jumping up on People**

Jumping up on people is one of the most annoying behavior that students complain of in the classes. It is very difficult to train out of the dogs, because it is a self reinforcing behavior. Usually the human attention that results from the jumping is exactly what the dog desires. If you want your dog to stop jumping on people, you have to be sure he doesn't get reinforced for it. Here are some of the things you can do:

Educate. Tell friends, family and even temporary acquaintances what you want them to do if your dog starts to jump up. Insist they

not reinforce jumping up behavior - even those friends who claim they don't mind! Educational options include telling them to:

- Greet your dog before he jumps, perhaps even kneeling to greet a small dog.
- Turn and step away from your dog until he sits, or at least has four feet on the floor, then turn back to greet the dog.
- Ask your dog to sit and reinforce by petting him if/when he does.
- Back away from your dog (if you have your dog on leash) and wait for him to sit before greeting or petting him. If he jumps up while you are petting him, simply stop the petting and take a step backward. Resume petting only if he sits.
- Toss a toy or a treat (on the ground) conveniently provided by you to redirect the dog's behavior before the jump happens.
- Walk away from your dog through a gate or door and close it behind them to keep the dog on the other side.

### **Please Pick Up After Your Dogs!**

I have noticed several piles of dog poop in the field behind the pole barn. It is your responsibility to bring your own bags to clean up after your dogs. The trash can is beside the porta potti and by the can is also a pooper scooper. You must clean up after your dogs!

### **Dog Class Schedule**

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting February 5, 2018)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting February 12, 2017)

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:

9:30 to 10:30AM - Beginning Obedience

11:00AM - All levels Rally Obedience

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (New class starting January 3, 2018)  
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Intermediate / Advanced Agility

Thursday:

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Obedience (New class starting February 15, 2018)

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

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

#### STAR Puppy Foundation Class:

Stephanie Long and Charlotte (Chihuahua)  
Beth Stevens & Wegman (Weimaraner)  
Ryan Howard & Boomer (Golden Retriever)  
Michael Hailey & Roxy (Goldendoodle)  
Monica Tappan & Lucky (Border Collie)  
Ken Richter & Branch (All American)  
Samantha Chaney & Rowdy (Australian Shepherd)

### **A Dog Owner's Prayer**

From Schnauzersrule.com

“Help me learn to disregard  
Canine craters in my yard,  
And show me how to be a buddy,  
Even when my sofa's muddy.

Don't allow my pup to munch,  
Postal carriers for lunch.  
Please shield my neighbor's cat from view.  
And guide my steps around the doo!

Train me not to curse and scowl,  
When it's puppy night to howl.  
Grant I shan't awake in fear

With a cold nose in my ear!

Give me patience without end...

And help me be...

"My Dog's Best Friend"

Merry Christmas Y'all!

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