

## **Hi Everybody!**

Our Teacup Agility trial of February 15 & 16 was a lot of fun! The weather was simply beautiful, with a wonderful judge and very nice courses. We like Teresa Kerns so much, that we will be having her as a judge every February from now on!

Our next Agility competition will be the NADAC trial of March 22 & 23. The premium for that trial is now available for downloading at [www.coolcritters.com](http://www.coolcritters.com). The pre-entries close on Friday March 14, but we will also be taking day of show entries.

On April 19 & 20, we will be holding our second Teacup Agility trial of the year. We will have an Easter theme for that trial. It will be called the Cool Critters Eggstravaganza with games such as Easter Egg hunt, Bunny Hop, and Pastels. We're really looking forward that special trial!

## **What is DACOF?**

We have been making announcements about the DACOF competition, and the DACOF team. For the new students at Cool Critters,

DACOF is an annual competition which provides the opportunity for handlers and dogs to represent their organization as a team. The tournament will take place this year in the Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee, Saturday June 28, and Sunday June 29. The show will be indoors, air conditioned in a big dirt arena.

Each eligible organization can bring a maximum of three teams. A team consists of 3 dogs in Novice, 3 in Open, and 3 in Excellent. Partial teams of 2 dogs in each level is acceptable. At each level, the top two scores will be added for the highest scoring organization award.

In order to compete, exhibitors must have been with the organization a minimum of six months. Exhibitors may belong and compete in any agility venue (CPE, USDA, AKC, NADAC). Mixed breed dogs are welcome.

An exhibitor may represent two organizations. An exhibitor may not show more than 1 dog per class on a single team, but may do so if the dogs are on different teams.

A dog is not required to hold a title in the class entered, but must compete in a level equal to or higher than its title. A dog may be entered in only one organization. Each dog will compete in a Standard Class a Jumpers with Weaves class, a FAST class, and a Time 2Beat class. There will be no minimum score. Scoring will be a version of AKC rules.

There will be individual awards as well as the Highest Scoring Organization Award. It is really LOTS of fun.

On February 28, I will be submitting the Cool Critters school roster to the DACOF Board, as all the members of our team must have their names on it. The

roster has been in the Bulletin Board section of the website for a week, and I asked everyone to check and make sure their names were on the list if they wanted to be on the team. If you would like to participate, and have not already contacted me, then do so by next week, which is when I will be putting the team together.

### **Very Cute Videos**

Do you like Abba and animal rescue? Here is a link to a really adorable video produce by ASPCA to promote dog and cat adoptions:

<http://blog.petflow.com/if-this-doesnt-make-you-hug-your-dog-or-cat-i-dont-know-what-will/>

And here is Nevada Humane Society's Adoption Entrance Dance...Woo Hoo!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8hfFYRNRcM>

### **From Prevention Magazine**

I had seen this article in Prevention Magazine, and was waiting to include it in one of my newsletters. It's about a tea for dogs that get car sick, but I wanted to try it out first before I recommended it. This is a tea created especially for dogs, Machu's Blend Herbal Dog Tea (about \$5 and up at californiateahouse.com) is a vet approved combination of chamomile, ginger root, fennel seed, skullcap, and calendula, that is tasty to canines and helps with motion sickness. They advise to start out with the smallest dose of ½ teaspoon to 1 cup of boiling water, and then let it cool completely. One of my students tried it with her car sick puppy and it worked! She did say that it took about 3 weeks for the order to arrive.

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

#### Basic Agility:

Rita Mercier & Mojo (German Shepherd)  
Katie & Swift (Boxer)  
Barbara Buck & Wyatt (Sheltie)  
Dawn Stayton & Ox (Samoyed)  
Cassie Kennedy & Stoke (Border Collie)

### **Class Schedule**

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting **March 10, 2014**)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting April 14, 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

10:30 to 11:30AM - Basic Agility (New class starting Feb 12, 2014)

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting April 2, 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 **March 6, 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

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

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