

"There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face"—Ben Williams

Hi Everybody!

The November NADAC trials were lots of fun and very successful. Next year we will change the date of the Tampa Bay Boxer Club trial so that there will be fewer conflicts and attendance can be even better.

Our next trial is the January 9 & 10 NADAC Games trial which is always lots of fun. That premium is now available at www.coolcritters.com and I also have premiums already printed here at the school.

On January 20, 2016 Andrea Entin will be doing NADAC Virtual runs at her new home. Virtual runs are when a group gets together and videotape runs to send to NADAC. The courses are provided by NADAC and only qualifying runs are sent. Plus, you only pay the \$5 fee to NADAC if your dog qualifies. You do have to provide your own videotaping equipment.

On February 5-7, 2016 NADAC will be doing a Funraiser here at the school. Christopher Nelson will be coming to judge that trial.

The premium for our February 20 & 21m 2016 Teacup trial is now in process. We are also changing the date of our second Teacup trial to March 26 & 27, 2016 so that it won't be so hot. Last year we held it in April and it way too hot!

We have some new classes at the March 19 & 20, 2016 NADAC trial. We will be adding Intro classes for the dogs starting out in Agility. Intro classes are half a course and do not have Weaves. They are a great start for beginner dogs!

From Carolann Mullins:

Carolann sent me a link to a great article about the influence of genetics on a dogs personality. I have always stressed to people who want to breed their dogs that coat and structure is not enough. In order to breed a good litter of puppies, the parent MUST have good temperaments!

<https://paws4udogs.wordpress.com/2012/12/10/its-all-in-how-theyre-raised/>

Holiday Class Schedule:

We will be breaking for the holidays on Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) and resuming classes on Monday, January 4, 2016.

There will be no classes on Monday, January 11, and Tuesday, January 12, 2016. I will need to get all the equipment back in place after the January 9 & 10 NADAC Games trial.

From Almost Home Rescue:

Hanna Banana is a 3 yr old female Jack Russell Terrie that was ripped up by a Mastiff and her family brought her to the ER and ask them to put her down, rather than fix her. The vet that night at the ER said she would take Hannah and stitch her up. Now she is completely healed and needs a home. This vet's husband is an Animal Control Officer, and they called us Almost Home Rescue for help finding her a new home. Please share and let's find this sweet little terrier a home! NO CATS! NO VERY SMALL KIDS! FENCED YARD REQUIRED!

If anyone would like to give Hannah Banana a home, please contact Almost Home Rescue: almosthomerescue@gmail.com

Class Schedule:

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (**Next class starting January 4, 2016**)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (**Next class starting in January 18, 2016**)

8:00 to 9:00 PM - Intermediate Agility

Tuesday:

8:30 to 9:30 AM - Advanced Agility

9:30 to 10:30 AM - Intermediate Agility

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Weaving Proficiency Class (**Next class starting in January**)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Distance Class

Wednesday:

9:00 to 10:00 AM - Super Puppy

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (**New class starting February 3, 2016**)

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

Thursday:

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Obedience (**Next class starting January 21, 2016**)

8:00 to 9:00 PM - Rally Obedience

Friday:

8:30 to 9:30 AM - Advanced Agility

9:30 to 10:30 AM - Intermediate Agility

From Ralph Houston:

1. Today, I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I'm working on for my Psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said, "Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile."

2. Today, I asked my mentor - a very successful business man in his 70s- what his top 3 tips are for success. He smiled and said, "Read something no one else is reading, think something no one else is thinking, and do something no one else is doing."

3. Today, after a 72 hour shift at the fire station, a woman ran up to me at the grocery store and gave me a hug. When I tensed up, she realized I didn't recognize her. She let go with tears of joy in her eyes and the most sincere smile and said, "On 9-11-2001, you carried me out of the World Trade Center."

4. Today, after I watched my dog get run over by a car, I sat on the side of the road holding him and crying. And just before he died, he licked the tears off my face.

5. Today at 7AM, I woke up feeling ill, but decided I needed the money, so I went into work. At 3PM I got laid off. On my drive home I got a flat tire. When I went into the trunk for the spare, it was flat too. A man in a BMW pulled over, gave me a ride, we chatted, and then he offered me a job. I start tomorrow.

6. Today, as my father, three brothers, and two sisters stood around my mother's hospital bed, my mother uttered her last coherent words before she died. She simply said, "I feel so loved right now. We should have gotten together like this more often."

7. Today, I kissed my dad on the forehead as he passed away in a small hospital bed. About 5 seconds after he passed, I realized it was the first time I had given him a kiss since I was a little boy.

8. Today, in the cutest voice, my 8-year-old daughter asked me to start recycling. I chuckled and asked, "Why?" She replied, "So you can help me save the planet." I chuckled again and asked, "And why do you want to save the planet?" Because that's where I keep all my stuff," she said.

9. Today, a boy in a wheelchair saw me desperately struggling on crutches with my broken leg and offered to carry my backpack and books for me. He helped me all the way across campus to my class and as he was leaving he said, "I hope you feel better soon."

10. Today, I was traveling in Kenya and I met a refugee from Zimbabwe. He said he hadn't eaten anything in over 3 days and looked extremely skinny and unhealthy. Then my friend offered him the rest of the sandwich he was eating. The first thing the man said was, "We can share it..."

The best sermons are lived, not preached...

Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year everyone!

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