

Hi Everybody!

Our NADAC Games trial of January 3 & 4 was a lot of fun. I am very proud of all the people who competed with their dogs for the first time, and how well they did. Everyone that came enjoyed themselves thoroughly and the judge, Nadia Barrett, who is actually on the board of NADAC had a blast.

Our next NADAC trial will be April 18 & 19 at the Mosaic Arena in the Manatee County Fairgrounds. The judges are Sarah Fix and Carol Bevan. Sarah judged our Games trial last year and is one of our favorite judges. The premium for that trial will be ready in a month or so.

New Agility Champions

We have several dogs finishing agility championships since the last newsletter: Katrina Walters and Beagle **Max**, finished their MACH (AKC) the last weekend of November 2008. Kathy Brown and Toy Fox Terrier **Juliette** finished their MACH (AKC) December 27, 2008. **Solo**, my Cavalier King Charles finished his Versatility NATCH (NADAC) on January 3, 2009. Vikki Collins and Sheltie **Dunkin** finished his MACH 3 (AKC) on January 10, 2009. **Lucky**, the Coton de Tulear that I train and show for Brenda and Alvin Magnon, received his UKC Agility Grand Champion 2 title in the mail. Apparently UKC are now issuing multiple titles retroactively. Congratulations to our new champions!

No Classes

There will be no classes on Friday, January 30 (CPE Trial), Thursday February 19 & Friday, February 20 (Vero Beach AKC trial), and Friday February 27 (IPOC AKC trial).

From Debbie McKnight:

Hi All,

Please click on the below link to find out how we (dog owners) will be affected if the upcoming breed specific legislature becomes law. We NEED to maintain the State Statute that does NOT allow breed specific legislation.
[NAIA Trust | For the protection of animals, animal owners, and animal enterprises](#)

Please pass this information along to others. Dog Specific legislation will threaten many of our popular breeds.

Thank you for your support for our dogs/animals.
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From Karen, More Troublesome Dog Legislation

HEADS UP !!!

OK Everyone...WE....FLORIDA....are now in the cross hairs...;-) On Jan 20, 2009 HB451 was filed in the Florida Legislature. This is a MANDATORY SPAY/NEUTER BILL!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We are in deep doodoo!!! They are hoping that Florida will be the first state to pass MSN...so you can bet your sweet bippy that they will put every effort into this. PLEASE!!!! Spread this to every pet owner...every show person...every animal lover you know...let's get our letters going....let's storm the capital if need be and let's beat this attack. If we do not act now...this bill could be passed as early as May...and then we will be up the proverbial creek without a paddle. The bill also says only those licensed by the county can breed a litter. The bill is found at this link:

<http://www.myfloridahouse.com/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=40352&BillText=dogs&HouseChamber=H&SessionId=61>

While I believe in spaying and neutering your pets or any dog/cat you do not want to use for breeding, I don't agree with the legislative state or federal telling us what we HAVE to do! This is not a case of oh it will reduce pet population this is a case of big brother telling us how we are allowed to care for the dogs and cats we own. We purchased them, we own them, we should not be regulated on how to care for them. There are already reasonable laws to provide for spaying and neutering feral dogs and cats.

IF you don't think this matters ignore the message, but be prepared when you are the one headed to court when you don't spay or neuter your pet. To do nothing is to encourage this legislation to be passed.

You have permission to cross post as necessary. Please pass this on to everyone you know!!!

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Karen & Thor CGC SD

<http://www.yourspecialdog.com>

Petsmart Recalls Dog Biscuits

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- PHOENIX, AZ, January 20, 2009 -- PetSmart is voluntarily recalling seven of its Great Choice® Dog Biscuit products that contain peanut paste made by Peanut Corporation of America (PCA). PCA is the focus of

the U.S. Food and Drug Administration investigation into potential salmonella contamination of peanut butter and paste made at its Blakely, Georgia facility.

Although PetSmart is not aware of any reported cases of illness related to these products, it has removed these products from its store shelves and website and is conducting the recall as a precautionary measure.

The recalled products include only the following types of Great Choice Dog Biscuits sold between Aug. 21, 2008 and Jan. 19, 2009:

- Small Assorted 32 oz., UPC 73725702900
- Small/Medium Assorted 4 lb., UPC 73725700601
- Small/Medium Assorted 8 lb., UPC 73725700605
- Small/Medium Assorted 10 lb., UPC 73725702755
- Large Assorted 8 lb., UPC 73725700638
- Extra Large Assorted 8 lb., UPC 73725700779
- Peanut Butter 4 lb., UPC 73725700766

Customers who purchased the recalled dog biscuit products should discontinue use immediately and can return the product to any PetSmart store for a complete refund or exchange. Customers can visit www.petsmartfacts.com for more information or contact PetSmart Customer Service at 1-888-839-9638. No other products or flavors are included in this recall.

Contact:

PetSmart Customer Service
1-888-839-9638

From Jerry Manning

90# on your telephone

I dialed '0', to check this out, asked the operator, who confirmed that this was correct so please pass it on . . . (I also checked out Snopes.com <<http://snopes.com/>> . This is true, and also applies to cell phones!)

PASS ON TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW

I received a telephone call last evening from an individual identifying himself as an AT&T Service Technician (could also be Telus) who was conducting a test on the telephone lines. He stated that to complete the test I should touch nine(9), zero(0), the pound sign (#), and then hang up. Luckily, I was suspicious and refused.

Upon contacting the telephone company, I was informed that by pushing 90#, you give the requesting individual full access to your telephone line, which enables them to place long distance calls billed to your home phone number.

I was further informed that this scam has been originating from many local jails/prisons DO NOT press 90# for ANYONE.

The GTE Security Department requested that I share this information with EVERYONE I KNOW.

After checking with Verizon they also said it was true, so do not dial 90# for anyone !!!!!

Class Schedule

Monday:

6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting February 9, 2009)
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (next class starting March 9, 2009)
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Conformation (This is an on-going class)
8:00 to 9:00 PM - Intermediate Agility

Tuesday:

9:00 AM to 10:00AM - Small Dog Agility
6 to 7PM - Distance work class
7:00 PM Masters Level Agility

Wednesday:

10:30 to 11:30 AM - Rally
6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting March 11, 2009)
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 19, 2009)
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 Basic Agility class on Wednesday February 11 at 9AM. All those interested please send me an email.

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

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