

Hi Everybody,

Our NADAC Games trial was a lot of fun! Fortunately the weather cooperated this year and the temperature was ideal for running dogs. The sky was blue and there were some great runs! We had a wonderful food vendor, Mollie Royal with Great Pyrenees Rescue, who will be back for our Teacup Dogs Agility trial of February 26 & 27. The premium for the Teacup Dogs trial is up on the website, and the premium for the NADAC trial of April 23 & 24 will be up this week as well. I have printed copies available too.

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, March 26, we'll be having here at the school a doggie fun day, hosted by the Mid-Florida Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club. It will be open to all breeds, not just Cavaliers. More information to come.

No Classes

We will have no classes on Friday, January 28. I will be in Daytona.

From Barbara Layton

Timberlane Animal Hospital, 1704 Walden Village Court in Plant City is sponsoring a CGC Test to Benefit The American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The date of the test is February 5, from 12 to 2PM. For more information or to register call 727-475-9059 or email BaysideBehavior@gmail.com

From Southeastern Guide Dogs

From: Susan Wilburn

Sent: Friday, January 14, 2011 1:39 PM

As you know, Southeastern Guide Dogs is committed to finding loving, nurturing "forever homes" for ALL of our dogs – whether they are dogs which have the skills required to be a successful guide dog team, a dog finding a "career" as an Ambassador Dog, a dog which finds joy as a beloved pet through our Public Adoption Program, or a Breeder enjoying a much-earned retirement once they have finished their breeding commitments to the school.

From time to time, we have dogs that come available for adoption with very special circumstances – such is the case with this Black & Tan male Labrador puppy.

This cute pup is loving and energetic, but faces some challenges in his future. This beautiful boy was born on 11/24/2010. He is a sweet black and tan Labrador whose tail is always wagging! He gets along very well with other dogs, and is need of an incredible family who will be able to care for him through his

challenges.

This puppy suffers from what is known as a severe malocclusion (overbite). He will need either extensive orthodontic work, crown reduction of the mandibular canine teeth, or extraction of the mandibular canine teeth.

We are VERY anxious to find a home for this wonderful dog. He deserves a loving home and family that will love and care for him! If you or someone you know would be interested in adopting this amazing boy, PLEASE have them contact us as soon as possible. We are happy to give this pup to the right family **free of charge**.

Attached, please find a picture which you may use to determine if he is a right fit for your family or pass along to your friends, family, and/or neighbors. Let's work together, Southeastern Family, to find this gorgeous pup a home!

Kind Regards,

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From Jerry Manning

He checked the website, and it is legit

FYI.....You may not know someone going through chemo, but someone on your email list might. Please pass the information below on to your family & friends.

Cleaning for a Reason

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides **FREE** housecleaning - once per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment.

Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care.

Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along.

<http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>

THANK YOU FOR SHARING THIS MESSAGE!!

A Solution for Noise Sensitivity

Several weeks ago, I received an email from a former student with a dog with extreme thunder and noise phobia as well as separation anxiety. She was reluctant to medicate the dog but they were desperate. I had heard about the anxiety wraps having good results from other students that use them. Anxiety wraps also go under the name of Thunder shirts (you can Google them and get their website). Here is what Chris reported:

“Wanted to touch base and let you know, so far, the thundershirts have made a difference. I would say things aren't "perfect" but it appears to have calmed Ramsey and toned down Armstrong's extra energy. We occasionally will also use NewLife Calm tablets if we know there is going to be additional stress like lots of teens coming over and running through the house. The combo is even more effective. I would suggest a pressure wrap to any pup who has some anxiety issues.”

A Happy Ending

In July last year, a very small Yorkie by the name of Bentley went out in the yard (fenced in) and was not seen again. Their owners were Britten and Brian Pisowicz who just completed a puppy class with their Min. Schnauzer Boomer. Well, Britten called me that Bentley had been found! He was identified by his Microchip number!

I love stories about lost dogs that come to a happy end! My Sydney was lost for 3 weeks. If your dog is lost, never give up hope!

Chocolate Toxicity

One of our students, Jesse the Bichon, ingested chocolate last month and almost died. Chocolate is very toxic to dogs. The reason for this is that it is very high in fat and sugar content and mainly because it contains theobromine. Semisweet chocolate is 35% chocolate liquor, and milk chocolate contains 10% liquor. The more chocolate liquor, the more theobromine is present. Theobromine causes vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, tremors, seizures, abnormal heart rhythm, and death in severe cases.

Jesse's owners share with us a chocolate toxicity table provided by their vet:

Ounces of chocolate a dog would need to ingest for toxicity

Weight (lbs)	5	10	15	20	25	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
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Milk Choc. (oz)	2	4	6	8.2	10.2	12.3	16.4	20.5	24.5	28.6	32.7	36.8	41
Dark Choc. (oz)	0.7	1.4	2.1	2.8	3.5	4.2	5.5	6.9	8.3	9.7	11	12.5	13.8
Baking Choc. (oz)	0.23	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.9	2.3	2.8	3.2	3.7	4.1	4.6

Class Schedule

Monday:

6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting March 7, 2011)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (next class starting March 21, 2011)

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:

9:00 to 10:00AM - Daytime Basic Agility starting February 2, 2011

10:00 to 12:00AM - Advanced Obedience with Susi Kirkpatrick

6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting February 2, 2011)

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 11, 2011)

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

On Wednesday, February 2, at 9AM, we will be starting our daytime agility class. This class only happens when the weather is very cool!

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

Ileana