

Hi Everybody!

Our January NADAC Games trial was a big success and lots of fun. We had a lot of nice dogs competing for the first time! The weather turned out to be beautiful in spite of what the weatherman said, and we ended up with 523 runs over the weekend.

Our next show will be the Teacup Dogs Agility Association on February 15, 16 & 17. On Friday, February 15, from 12 to 4PM we will have a Strategy Games Seminar conducted by Judge Jeff Boyer. Jeff judges not only Teacup, but CPE and USDAA as well. Are you intimidated by games such as Snooker and Gamblers? Then this is the seminar for you! The premium and entry forms can be downloaded from the website.

Our date for the Spring NADAC trial has been changed to March 16 & 17. The premium will be available for downloading this week. On the weekend of April 20 & 21, which would have been our normal Spring NADAC trial we will be having a NADAC Beginners trial. This is designed for the young newbie dogs that are not quite ready for showing yet. We will be testing beginners' skills. The description of this program is posted on the Bulletin Board section of the website. Check it out!

### **Over the Rainbow Bridge**

Last week, Michael and Lisa Fortschneider had to make that difficult decision of helping their beloved German Shepherd, Voo Doo over the Rainbow Bridge. Voo was their first agility dog. Our first Agility dog is always very special because it's the dog that we make all our mistakes with. Voo was Lisa's learning dog in both Agility and Obedience, and later was also Michael's first Agility partner. She was very patient with both of them, and in their journey, earned many titles in both venues. Rest in Peace, dear Voo Do, you will be greatly missed.

### **No Classes**

We will not be having Friday daytime agility classes on February 15. This will be the day of our Strategy Games Seminar with Jeff Boyer.

### **New Class**

We will be starting a new daytime Agility Distance Class on Wednesdays at 10:30AM. This will probably be during the cooler weather.

We will also be starting a daytime Basic Agility class at 9 AM on Wednesdays, if we have enough people interested. Let me know.

### **It's All About the Fun!**

Two weeks ago, I was at an AKC Agility Trial, and a lady had a meltdown because they had slightly changed the running order in her class and she had to wait a little longer to run. After all that carrying on, her dog had a beautiful run. She later told me her dog runs better when she's stressed out! Really people, our sport is all about the fun and our relationship with our dogs. Whether we qualify or not, will not affect the economy, bring down the price of gas, or solve world hunger. The reality is, nobody really cares, but us.

Never forget, it's all about the fun. The truth is, the ax can fall at any time. We can die suddenly, or our dogs can get really sick, and then, how sad if our last run with our agility partners was ruined by our poor attitude. Let's go out there and enjoy it as if it really was our last run!

### **The Key to Success in Dog Agility**

So many things can happen to us on our journey in Agility. If you feel like you can't make it and get discouraged, please watch this video!

<http://dogagilityvideos.com/the-key-to-success-in-dog-agility-is-in-your-hands-alone/>

### **CGC is Now a Title!**

As of January 1, 2013, Canine Good Citizen® will become an official AKC title that can appear on the title records of dogs registered or listed with AKC. Dog owners who complete the CGC as a Title process may list the suffix "CGC" after the dog's name.

Since the program began in 1989, CGC™ has been considered an "award," meaning that it has not been listed on a dog's title record. As a result of frequent, ongoing requests from dog owners and instructors for AKC to recognize CGC as a title, dog owners will have the option of having CGC added to their dog's title record and appear as a part of the dog's titled name. Frequently Asked Questions About CGC as a Title

There will be a grandfathering procedure for the new title. Owners of dogs who are on record as having already earned the CGC (i.e., you got a CGC certificate) after January 1, 2001 will be able to apply to have the CGC listed on the dog's title record.

Simply download and complete the "[Add Canine Good Citizen to your Dog's Title Record \(The Grandfathering Form\)](#)" form and submit the form with the \$20 processing fee. Regardless of when the form is received by the AKC, The Grandfathering Application will not be processed until on or after Tuesday, January

1, 2013.

## **School Roster**

Our school roster is now posted on the Bulletin Board in the website. The rosters for the annual DACOF (Dog Agility Competition of Florida) are due March 4. If you want to be on the Cool Critters team, make sure that your name is on the list!

Other important dates:

2/4/2013 Preferred Jump Height Cut-off Date

4/1/2013 Title Cut-off Date

5/4/2013 Early Bird Discount Cut-off Date

6/8/2013 Entry Deadline

DACOF 2013 -- June 29 & 30 in Kissimmee, FL at the Silver Spurs Arena

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

Super Puppy:

Brenda Paquin & Alex (Aussie)

Dawn Stayton & Blizzard (Samoyed)

Cheri Russell & Ciara (Samoyed)

Yesica Reyes & Snow Beau (Samoyed)

Fritz Hege & Lightning (Siberian Husky)

Belinda Hopkins & Parker (Terrier Mix)

Cami Gibertini & Oliver (Shih Tzu)

## **Class Schedule:**

Monday:

1:00 to 2:30 PM - Advanced Obedience Skills

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting February 18, 2013)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting March 4, 2013)

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:

9:00 to 10:00AM - Basic Obedience

10:30 to 11:30AM - Distance work class

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting March 13, 2013)  
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 February 21, 2013)  
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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