

Hi Everybody!

The January NADAC Games trial was as usual, a ton of fun. We had a lot of nice runs with new dogs competing for the first time and doing really well. We had a really nice raffle and collected \$165 for our State Championship team. We will be holding a raffle at every trial and the proceeds will go to the team. If you have doggy items that you can donate to the team, we would really appreciate it!

Our next trial will be the Teacup Dog Agility and, you guessed it! Small dogs...really cute, with some amazing agility games. The date will be February 14 & 15. You're all invited to come and watch. We also appreciate help with setting up and taking down the equipment. People who come to help will get a 4 week class card for set up, and another 4 week class card for helping with take down.

On March 21 & 22, we will be holding another NADAC trial, this time with the Regular classes and some games as well. The premiums for both the Teacup trial and the NADAC trial can now be downloaded at www.coolcritters.com.

More NADAC Trials

Some of you had asked about NADAC trials in our area because waiting for the March 21 & 22 trial was too long. OK Agility will be hosting two NADAC trials before then, February 7 & 8 and March 7 & 8. OK Agility is in Zephyrhills and their website is www.okagility.com.

No Classes:

We will not be having classes on Monday, February 16, which is the Monday after our TDAA trial.

At the Rainbow Bridge:

MACH 3, NATCH, Versatility-NATCH, ATCH, PDCH, C-ATCH, T-ACh, U-GRACH **Fair Oaks Han Solo,(Solo)**, XF, CGC, TDI

This past weekend, I had to say good bye to my little Cavalier Solo. The vets at Blue Pearl were not able to control the grand mal seizures that started at 9:30PM. Somehow I knew even then that the prognosis was not going to be good. Solo was a multiple Champion in 7 Agility organizations: AKC, NADAC, USDAA, ASCA, CPE, UKC, and TDAA.

He was the healthiest dog I've ever owned up until one hour before the seizures. He was a sweet and gentle soul, always the little gentleman. After having him be such an important part of my life for over 14 years, I am totally lost without my little shadow. The house feels very empty without him.

Dog Agility Competition of Florida

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 27, and Sunday June 28. 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 (UKC, USDAA, AKC, NADAC). Mixed breed dogs are welcome. 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. Individual scores are all added together to form a cumulative club score.

There will be individual awards as well as the Highest Scoring Organization Award, and a prize for crating area decorations which Cool Critters won last year! It is really LOTS of fun. The money we take from the raffles will be used to offset the entry fees and traveling expenses of the team members.

Important Dates for DACOF 2015:

2/2/2015 – Preferred Jump Height Cut-off Date

3/1/2015 – Roster Deadline

3/30/2015 – Title Cutoff Date

5/2/2015 – Early Bird Discount Cut-off

6/6/2015 Entry Deadline

I will be posting our club roster in the Bulletin Board at www.coolcritters.com this weekend. Make sure your name is on that list if you would like to be on the team and send me an email letting me know. Last year I had to stay home because of my hip surgery, but this year...here I come! Our crating area artists were Don White and Jackie Royce. I hear they have an awesome plan for this year!

February Classes Starting:

February 2 (Monday) Super Puppy

I have two people interested in a daytime Basic Obedience class. I need three people to start a class. It would be Wednesdays at 11AM. If you are

interested, please let me know.

Class Schedule:

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting February 2, 2015)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting in March 16, 2015)

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 - Weaving Proficiency Class (Beginning March 16, 2015)

7:00 PM - Distance Control Class

Wednesday:

9:30 to 10:30AM - Basic Agility

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (New class starting in March 4, 2015)

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 in March 5, 2015)

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

Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates:

Basic Obedience:

Kim & Justin Santiago with Petey (All American)

Dylan Roberts & Athena (German Shepherd)

Jeff Fabry & Sophie (Golden Retriever)

Kathleen Durham & Mindy (Morkie)

Katelyn & Justin Phelps with Major (Boxer)

Basic Agility:

Debra Bradford & Kota (Malamute)

Dawn Blankenship & Katie Bell (Goldendoodle)

Jan Poulton & Favor (Bullmastiff)

Kelly Haywood & Scout (Aussie)

Lydia Silva & JoJo (Lab mix)

From Our Pets at the Bridge:

*"I explained to St. Peter I'd rather stay here outside the pearly gates.
I'll be very patient and wait. I'll be here, chewing on a celestial bone. No matter
how long you may be.*

I'd miss you so much if I went in alone. It wouldn't be heaven for me"

Author Unknown

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

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