

" Money will buy you a pretty good dog, but it won't buy you the wag of it's tail".....Unknown

Hi Everybody!

The January NADAC Games trial was a real success. We had a good turnout and great weather. The judge kept the trial moving pretty well and we beat the rain on Saturday! It was cool, overcast and great agility weather. We had a lot of qualifying scores, and actually ran out of Q ribbons! This games trial is always the most fun of all my trials.

On February 5, 6, and 7th the NADAC staff is coming to do a Funraiser here at my place. We start running at 2PM on Friday. They will be doing the Intro classes and Double runs.

Intro Level courses are shorter in length than Novice courses. Jump heights can be chosen by the handler without regard to the dog's height, with 16" being the maximum jump height allowed. There are no contact/tunnel discriminations and the only class with weaves is Intro Weavers with one set of six.

In a **Double Run** trial. Any classes offered twice in a day will run the same course twice with no second walk through. Have you ever wished you had a second chance? This is it!

The premium for my March 19 & 20 trial has been approved and is now available at www.coolcritters.com I will be offering Double runs and Intro classes as well.

For my students that have been working on Distance, the Intro class is a great opportunity to practice distance in a simpler course! Intro is great for newbies, and also a fun way to offer an old dog an opportunity to participate since you can choose your jump height.

The premium for the Teacup Dogs Agility trial of February 20 & 21, 2016 has also been approved and is available for downloading at the website. Teacup is mainly for small dogs, but at this trial, since I have the room, we are allowing 20" dogs although the courses are pretty tight. Teacup always has a lot of games, and this is what makes the venue so much fun.

No Classes:

There will be no classes Friday, January 22.
No class Friday, February 5

No class Friday, February 19, Monday, February 22 & Tuesday, February 23

DACOF Team Competition

It's that time of the year when each club starts planning a team to enter in the State Agility competition or DACOF. DACOF stands for (Dog Agility Competition of Florida)

It 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 25, and Sunday June 26. 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.

This is an opportunity for our Cool Critters members to have fun together as a group. Fun is the operative word, as we all get along and enjoy the competition as a team! There is an entry fee involved, and a hotel stay unless you drive back and forth. We do fundraisers between now and then and, we also have a \$75 bonus certificate because our crate area came in second place in the crating area decoration competition. There are pictures of our decorations and costumes in the Bulletin Board page at www.coolcritters.com.

I do require that the Novice dogs enter a couple of trials in order to be part of the team. The tournament is a pretty big event and I don't want the new dogs (or people) to get intimidated.

If you would like to participate in this event, send me an email.

Daytime Obedience Class:

I am planning to start a daytime Basic Obedience class in February. The class will be on Wednesdays at 10AM. I will need at least three people in order to start this class. If you are interested, please let me know.

Dog Class Schedule

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting March 7, 2016)
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting in March 14, 2016)
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 (Next Class starting Jan 19)
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Distance Class

Wednesday:

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 March 14, 2016)
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!

Super Puppy:

Michaela Richards & Murdock (Great Dane)
Mona Dixon & Conan (Rottweiler)
Lynn & Larry Kaler with Lucy (All American)
Lyndsi Hemmingway & Marshall (Labradoodle)
Gregory Czaus & Asher (Shilo Shepherd)
Arelina Williams & Auggie (Bichon/Poodle)
Sandra Johnson & Charlie (Boxer)
Mary Clark & Tony Parachini with Brandy (Golden Retriever)

Kristen Razvillas & Greta (Great Dane)
Beth Stevens & J. Peterman (Weimaraner)
Maureen Roberts & Arko (Malinois)
Alison Meyer & Bauer (Cavalier King Charles)
Lisa Tipton & Ginger (Golden Doodle)
Stoney Schiro & Jane (Jack Russell)
Brenda Schiro & Mary (Jack Russell)
Rebecca & Paul McAneny with Luke (Husky Mix)
Sandra Stevens & Madelaine Molina with Mai Tai (Pomeranian)

Basic Agility:

Brittany Parsons & Chantilly Lace (Italian Greyhound mix)
Jane Bugni & Bella (Russell Terrier)
Bill Bugni & Coal (All American)
Debbie Melendez & Charlie (Pyrenean Shepherd)
Lori Korte & Jake (Labradoodle)

I hope that 2016 brings you all that you wish for and that all of us, our families, and furry friends stay healthy!

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

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