

"Dogs need to sniff the ground; it's how they keep abreast of current event. The ground is a giant dog newspaper, containing all kinds of late-breaking dog news items, which, if they are especially urgent, are often continued in the next yard."

Dave Barry

Hi Everybody!

2018 started with a bang! The first weekend in January was our NADAC Games trial. This year we made it a three day trial and it was a real success! In spite of the weather, we had over 600 runs and lots of qualifying scores.

Last weekend was our winter TDAA trial. While it is a smaller venue than NADAC, it was lots of fun and the turnout was nice. We had a Petit Prix qualifier for the first time as well.

Our next two NADAC trials are February 3 & 4, and March 3 & 4. Those premiums are available for downloading at www.coolcritters.com

DACOF

It's time for a DACOF team again! DACOF stands for Dog Agility Competition of Florida and it is an agility tournament among the Agility groups. Cool Critters always sends two teams to the competition. Last year it almost did not take place because of the canine flu but the show was re-scheduled and our Cool Critters team was able to make it and have a lot of fun as usual. There is always a prize for the crate area decorations and our group has won every year! For pictures some cool DACOF pictures, please visit the Bulletin Board page at coolcritters.com.

DACOF is lots of fun, and under the leadership of Don White and Dr. Jackie Royce, it is truly a memorable experience for the participants. If you are currently training in agility here, let me know if you would like to be on the team. I do require of course, that you are at competition level, and since it is run under AKC rules, I would like for you and your dog to enter an AKC trial to gain some experience. The competition is held at the Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee on June 30 and July 31. This is a beautiful, air conditioned facility.

I will be sending our school roster to the DACOF membership chairman around the middle of February. Next week I will posting the roster on the Bulletin Board section of the website and if you would like to be on the team, make sure your name is on that list! We will need 3 Novice dogs, 3 Open dogs, and 3 Excellent dogs for each team.

No Class Days:

There will be no class on Friday, February 2. We will be setting up for the NADAC trial.

Need Agility Equipment?

Mary Quinn, who builds my agility equipment, also builds backyard equipment that is very affordable. Her phone number is (352) 518-9039... agilityperson@hotmail.com

New Classes Starting at Cool Critters:

Daytime classes:

I would like to start a **daytime agility** class on Wednesdays at 9:30AM. I was thinking of Wednesday, February 14. I have one person interested, but need at least 3 people to start the class. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to participate

I would like to also start a Community Canine class after the end of the Wednesday morning Beginning Obedience class. This class is a 5 week class and at the end the dogs get tested for the CGCA (Advanced CGC) and the price is \$95. The class limit is 4 dogs. Part of this class is done in public settings such as shopping centers. That's why the name is "Community Canine" Class! It's a lot of fun.

Evening Classes:

STAR Puppy Foundation Class: New class starts Monday, February 5 from 6 to 7PM

Beginning Agility: Starts Monday, February 12 from 7 to 8PM

Weaving Proficiency Class: Starts Tuesday, January 30 at 7PM

Beginning Obedience Foundation Class: Starts Thursday, February 15 from 7 to 8PM

If you would like to sign up for any of these classes and have not already notified me, please call me or send me an email.

Please note: the Distance Class will now be held at 6PM on Tuesdays!

Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates!

STAR Puppy Foundation Class:

Megan Schici & Kinnick (Lab mix)
Heidi Gries & Jasper (Goldendoodle)
Tara Titus & Astro (Cockapoo)
Deb & Jim Spears with Neffie (Rhodesian Ridgeback)
Jim & Julie Hughes with Rio (Mini Aussie)
Brittany Benton & Belle (Chihuahua Mix)
Carol Swanson & Rocky (Border Collie)
Tami Hughes & Athena (Morkie)

Class Schedule:

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting February 5, 2018)
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting February 12, 2017)
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 7PM - Distance Class
7PM - Weaving Proficiency Class

Wednesday:

9:30 to 10:30AM - Beginning Obedience (Will be replaced by
Beginning Agility)
11:00AM - All levels Rally Obedience
6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (March 7, 2018)
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Intermediate / Advanced Agility

Thursday:

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Beginning Obedience (Next class starting February
15, 2018)
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

Private classes available as well.

...and now, time for a pause...

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