

Hi Everybody!

July was a very hectic month, so I will be combining the July and August newsletters.

The DACOF (Dog Agility Competition of Florida) tournament was a great event for all the dogs from this state that participated. There were 62 teams this year, the largest number we have ever had. The Cool team ended up in 12th place and the Critter team in 41st place!

We had some individual placements as well: Hiroko Williams and Rat Terrier Ellie place 2nd in Excellent Jumpers with Weaves on Saturday, 3rd in Time 2Beat on Sunday, and 2nd in Excellent Standard on Sunday. Debbie Broadrick and Standard Poodle Hemi place 2nd in Novice Jumpers with Weaves on Sunday. Kathie Scott and Miniature Poodle placed 1st in Time 2Beat and 2nd in Novice Jumpers with Weaves on Sunday.

We had some great individual performances as well! Ellie ranked 4th out of twenty two 8" dogs in Excellent, Puggle Sasha ranked 5th out of forty dogs in 12" Excellent, Sheltie Tebow ranked 9th out of thirty five Excellent 16" dogs, Shepherd Sissi ranked 14th out of twenty two Excellent 24" dogs, Sheltie Dare ranked 12th out of thirty three Novice 12" dogs, Aussie Brie ranked 8th out of thirty nine Novice 16" dogs, Boxer Marley ranked 10th out of fifty-one Novice 20" dogs, Standard Poodle Hemi ranked 7th out of sixteen Novice 24" dogs, and Miniature Poodle Rudy ranked 7th out of twenty three Open 12" dogs.

Way to go Cool Critters! We have some great dogs and handlers.

From Sally Manning:

Bichon Frise In Need of Adoption: There ia a 7 year old male Bichon Frise in Hillsborough County looking for forever home

For more information please contact: Rebecca Sue Willis at rebeccaswillis@ufl.edu

From Amy San Martin:

Amy has Merrie Puppins Pet Sitting Service. She is a member of Pet Sitters International and can take care of birds, cats, horses, birds, and exotics. Amy's 8 year old corgi, Teddy Bear, was found to have cancer in one of his kidneys and the kidney had to be removed. It was, of course, very expensive, and Amy is doing a fund raising raffle. Five items are being raffled:

1. A Portrait of you pet by St. Pete artist Lisa Borhart
2. A photo shoot for your pet
3. A \$100 pet sitting package
4. A holistic dog treat package

The drawing will be Saturday, August 18, at 1PM. The winners will be notified by phone on Sunday August 19. I will have tickets for sale here at the school. All of the tickets will go in one drawing with 4 tickets drawn by Paul Taylor on the 18th. Of this month.

If you need more information, contact Amy (813)716-4135
Thank you for helping Teddy Bear!

Congratulations to our Latest Graduates!

Super Puppy Class

Beth Rice and Rose (Border Collie)
Shari Bittner and Cash (Yorkie)
Tiffanie Ivins and Titus (Boxer)
Cyanne Ivins and Charlyi (Boxer)
Christie and Adam Hattersley with Patton (Aussie)
Chrissy Simmonds and Gracie (Golden Retriever)
Joyce Phelps and Tinkerbelle (Chihuahua)
Lindsey Brazas and Blue (Labrador Mix)

Basic Agility

Mary Quinn and Swift (Boxer)
Kevin Everitt and Sophie (Terrier mix)
Kent Alexander and Scooter (Lab)
Janice Thomas and Kensi (Sheltie)
Daughn O'Neill and Sugar (Lab mix)
Jemy Hinton and Duncan (Labradoodle)

Basic Obedience:

Cathy Martinez and Hans (German Shepherd mix)
Marcia Lome and Diablo (Aussie mix)
Georgann Wyatt and Tuch-Ka (Samoyed)

Class Schedule

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting August 13, 2012)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (next class starting September 24, 2012)
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:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting September 12, 2012)
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 August 9, 2012)
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

Finally, from George Carlin:

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers.
This includes age, weight and height.
Let the doctors worry about them.
That is why you pay 'them.'
2. Keep only cheerful friends.
The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning.
Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever.
Never let the brain idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.'
And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud.
Laugh until you gasp for breath.

6. The tears happen.
Endure, grieve, and move on.
The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves.
Be ALIVE while you are alive.

7. Surround yourself with what you love,
whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever.
Your home is your refuge

8. Cherish your health:
If it is good, preserve it.
If it is unstable, improve it.
If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

9. Don't take guilt trips.
Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county;
to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.

10. Tell the people you love that you love them,
at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER :

**Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take,
but by the moments that take our breath away**

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

Ileana