

Hi Everybody!

Our Cool Critters team did really well at the 2010 DACOF Tournament. Out of 48 teams, the Cool Team ended up in 11th place and the Critter Team ended up I believe in 38th place. But, most important, we all had fun as a group!

And now, back to a very hot summer, as usual in Florida. Please make sure you keep your dogs and yourselves cool. I like to hose my dogs down and keep them wet, when I work them in this weather. Having plenty of water available is very important as well. Tia LOVES to crunch on ice cubes in her water. I also give my dogs and electrolyte an nutrient replacement in their water. It's important to use one made especially for dogs. Please don't give your dogs Gatorade or any other human product, as it will cause more harm than good. For my dogs, I use K9 Super Fuel (k9power.com). Another good product is K9 Go Dog, which can be found at Bodybuilding.com. My dogs seem to like Super Fuel better.

Keep your training sessions short, and either early in the morning, or late in the day when the sun goes down!

No Classes

We will have no classes Wednesday, August 11, through Monday, August 16. I will be going to Concord, North Carolina for a 4 day AKC show. We might still have Friday morning Agility classes, I'll check with Lisa Glick to find out if she can do the classes.

Vote for Oliver!

Debi White entered her Boxer puppy, Oliver, in a cutest puppy contest sponsored by Bella Dog Magazine. If he wins, Debi is donating the prizes to Boxer rescue. Right now, Oliver is in front, so let's keep voting! The contest goes through July 31, and you can vote once per hour. The link is:

<http://www.belladogmagazine.com/cutest-puppy-contest>

Fundraiser for Keegan

Sunday August 1st from 6-9p.m. 3414 Melissa Country Way, Lutz

Keegan and Courteous Canine, Inc. invite you to an afternoon of agility, rally and dock jumping at our Lutz location. Keegan has just been diagnosed with a spinal degenerative disease. After months of back pain and \$thousands in vet bills we finally have answers. Keegan was an amazing agility dog and we are pursuing

other interests that will hopefully keep him pain-free. Please come out and join us for some fun in the Florida sun.

Agility run thrus, Standard and Jumpers with Weaves \$5 first run, \$2 additional runs, \$10 unlimited runs

Rally run thrus \$5 first run, \$2 additional runs, \$10 unlimited runs

Dock Jumping \$5 for every 10 minutes

\$20 unlimited agility, rally and dock jumping!

We will also be holding a raffle with lots of great doggie prizes!

Protecting Your Pets From Pests

Use flea, tick and heartworm prevention; some flea and tick preventives also contain a mosquito repellent.

Avoid standing pools of water and keep water bowls fresh, to avoid mosquitoes.

Don't use 'human' mosquito repellents on animals, especially those containing the ingredient DEET, since they can cause neurological problems in pets.

Watch for fire ant nests on the ground.

Don't let your dog explore holes in the ground, logs or other objects where snakes or yellow jacket nests might be hidden.

After your dog has been in an area populated by ticks, thoroughly comb him within four to six hours to help prevent ticks from attaching.

Be on the Alert for Stings

If you suspect that your pet has been stung or bitten by an insect, it's always best to call your veterinarian immediately for advice on what to do.

Dogs are often stung on their face or paws and these stings can be extremely painful – sometimes you can't immediately tell what is wrong. A dog that has been stung will often become agitated and run around shaking his head or pawing at his collar. If stung in or around his mouth or throat, swelling can constrict his airway and be life-threatening. Multiple stings can also cause major problems, such as anaphylactic shock. Signs of shock can vary but may include depression, breathing problems, pale gums and a weak pulse.

If your dog is stung by fire ants, remove him from the area and brush off any ants remaining on him. Don't spray them off with water, as that will cause them to hang on with their jaws and continue to sting.

Spider bites can be very dangerous to dogs. Although generally harmless, there are several varieties of spiders that can cause severe problems. Some spider venom contains digestive enzymes that can damage skin tissue, causing a wound to grow quickly with a secondary infection.

Ticks can also pose a threat to your dog's health. If you suspect your dog has been exposed to ticks, inspect him thoroughly. Ticks can also carry and spread blood-borne diseases, such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and tick paralysis.

If your dog has been exposed to an area populated by ticks, thoroughly comb him within four to six hours to help prevent ticks from attaching. Ticks are most commonly found on the head, neck, ears, armpits and feet, although you should carefully check your dog's entire body.

Your veterinarian can suggest proper tick removal methods. If you do find an attached tick, remove it promptly. Also, observe your dog for any lethargy, lack of appetite or other abnormal behavior. If you suspect your dog could have contracted a disease from a tick bite, ask your veterinarian for advice.

From Ralph Houston

Doggy Dictionary

LEASH: A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go.

DOG BED: Any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

DROOL: A liquid which, when combined with sad eyes, forces humans to give you their food. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and get the drool on the human.

SNIFF: A social custom used to greet other dogs, similar to the human exchange of business cards.

GARBAGE CAN: A container which your neighbors put out once a week to test your ingenuity. You must stand on your hind legs and try to push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right you are rewarded with margarine wrappers to shred, beef bones to consume and moldy crusts of bread.

BICYCLES: Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards. The person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away.

DEAFNESS: This is a malady which affects dogs when their person wants them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.

THUNDER: This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly, and following at their heels.

WASTEBASKET: This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes, and old candy wrappers. It is important to evenly distribute its contents throughout the house before your person comes home.

BATH : If you find something especially good to roll in, humans get jealous, and they use this degrading form of torture to get even.

Be sure to shake only when next to a person or a piece of furniture.

LEAN: Every good dog's response to the command "sit!," especially if your person is dressed for an evening out. Incredibly effective before black-tie events.

BUMP: The best way to get your human's attention when they are drinking a fresh cup of coffee or tea.

GOOSE BUMP: A maneuver to use as a last resort when the regular bump doesn't get the attention you require ... especially effective when combined with the sniff. See above.

CHILDREN: Short humans of optimal petting height. Standing close to one assures some good petting. When running, they are good to chase. If they fall down, they are comfortable to sit on.

LOVE: A feeling of intense affection, given freely and without restriction. The best way you can show your love is to wag your tail. If you're lucky, a human will love you in return.

Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates!

Super Puppy:

Lisa Schmeling & Neo (Biewer Terrier)

Catherine Chandler & Jasmine (Tibetan Terrier)

Elisa, David & Rachel Gasser with Tank (Coton de Tulear)

Mary Kaufman & Luna (Terrier Mix)

Cary Kaufman & Cosmo (Terrier Mix)

Class Schedule

Monday:

6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting August 23, 2010)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (next class starting August 30, 2010)

8:00 to 9:00 PM - Intermediate Agility

Tuesday:

9:00 AM to 10:00AM - Small Dog Agility

6 to 7PM - Distance work class

7:00 PM Masters Level Agility

Wednesday:

6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting July 28, 2010)

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 19, 2010)

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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