

Hi Everybody!

Our Cool Critters teams did great at the DACOF (Dog Agility Competition of Florida). Out of 57 teams competing this year, the Cool Team placed 11th and the Critter Team placed 33rd. We had some beautiful performances and many individual placements. Ellen Kurland with her Papillon Magic placed 3rd in Time 2 Beat and Open Jumpers on Saturday, and 2nd in Open Standard and Open Jumpers with Weaves on Sunday. Debbie Hartzell and Sheltie Max, placed 1st in Novice Standard and 2nd in Novice Jumpers with Weaves on Sunday. Debbie also placed 3rd in Excellent Jumpers on Saturday with her Puggle Sasha. Hiroko Williams and her Rat Terrier Ellie, placed 2nd in Excellent Jumpers on Saturday, and 3rd in Time 2 Beat , and 2nd in Excellent Standard on Sunday. Hiroko also earned a 1st Place in Novice Standard, and a 2nd in Novice Jumpers with Weaves on Sunday with her other Rat Terrier Skye. Julie Martinez earned a 3rd in Excellent Jumpers with her Sheltie Tebow. Lynn Shaber won a 1st in Time 2 Beat Sunday with her Sheltie Dare.

Great job everyone! We had a great crating area this year. We were on the second floor with lots of space and right behind the bleachers which all our visitors enjoyed very much.

Classes Starting Soon

Basic Agility starts Monday, July 29

Super Puppy starts Wednesday July 31

If you would like to join one of these classes and have not already done so, please send me an email.

Portrait of the Month

I updated my website this weekend and featured Chica, Diana and Tom Miller beautiful, turbo charged Cocker Spaniel!

New MACH

Congratulations to Hiroko Williams and Rat Terrier Ellie for finishing their AKC Master Agility Champion title!

From Chip Carter

Chip is doing field work with his young Golden Retriever and is looking for a

field with a gator free pond to do some field training a few times a month with Tully. It doesn't have to be a big field or a huge pond, just some water and land that would work for some field training scenarios. He would be willing to lease it on a monthly basis, if it wasn't really expensive, but if you all know of anyone that has this kind of property available, that would be great.

Chip's email is: carter.chip@me.com

From Amy San Martin

Zoey is an Australian Shepherd/Cattle Dog mix. She is housebroken, 2 years old, 25-30 lbs. , spayed, up to date on all shots, she has a lot of energy but is definitely trainable. She is very obedient. Her photo was not a file that could be copied, however, if you visit the Forever Saving Angels website she will be there...really cute dog!

Zoey is currently at FOREVER SAVING ANGELS Rescue

E-Mail: fsangel@aol.com

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Celll: 352-650-6436

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This rescue is run by Patti Hoogewind and it's where my son Bobby got his dog Bob. It's an excellent rescue.

From Sally Alford:

Below is the latest news provided exclusively by request for subscribers of UF Health Newsnet, which provides news reports and story tips about the latest medical and health advances from UF Health.

Veterinarians seek dogs for snakebite anti-venom study

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information contact Sarah Carey at 352-294-4242 or email careysk@ufl.edu.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Just in time for snakebite season, veterinarians at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine are recruiting dogs that were recently bitten by pit viper snakes for a study of an investigational anti-venom previously unavailable in the Southeast.

"The investigational anti-venom has successfully been used in other parts of the country, as well as in Mexico and parts of Central America, but never previously in this area," said Carsten Bandt, D.V.M., an assistant professor of emergency medicine and the service chief of emergency and critical care at UF's

Small Animal Hospital.

The purpose of this study is to test the potential benefits, safety, side effects and efficacy of the anti-venom known by the trade name of VenomVet. Dog owners have the option of receiving the standard anti-venom if they choose not to be involved with the study.

Dogs with moderate to severe signs of a pit viper snakebite, that have previously not been treated with steroids or other anti-venom and that are brought to the UF Small Animal Hospital emergency service within six hours of the bite, are eligible for inclusion in the study.

Participation includes treatment with the investigational anti-venom and a follow-up evaluation after the dog has been discharged from the hospital. The investigational anti-venom is provided at no charge for participants, although the pet owners are responsible for other diagnostic and medical expenses as needed. A cost estimate is provided to the dog owner at the time of admission.

Pit vipers include venomous snakes of the Crotalinae family. Five species of pit vipers are found in the Southeast: copperhead, cottonmouth (also known as water moccasins), and three types of rattlesnakes — Eastern diamondback, pygmy and timber. All pit vipers have a small sensory pit, used to detect infrared radiation and locate prey, below each eye.

For more information about the study, contact Bandt or Luiz Bolfer, D.V.M., at 352-392-2235 or visit <http://research.vetmed.ufl.edu/clinical-trials>.

Recent UF Health news releases are available at <https://ufhealth.org/news>
A guide to UF health experts is available at <http://www.experts.ufl.edu/>

Worth Sharing from Facebook

12 Dog Emergencies That Need Immediate Veterinary Attention

Knowing when a health problem is a serious concern can be a tough call. This website makes it a little easier. For a complete description please check out:

<http://www.dogster.com/lifestyle/12-dog-health-emergencies-immediate-veterinary-attention-ask-a-vet>

1. Difficulty Breathing
2. Restlessness, panting, inability to lie down comfortably, unsuccessfully attempting to vomit, and abdominal distention
3. Seizures
4. Collapse or profound weakness
5. Profuse hemorrhage or major known trauma
6. Protracted vomiting and/or diarrhea

7. Struggling to urinate
8. Not eating or drinking
9. Persistent Coughing
10. Loss of use of rear legs
11. Severe pain
12. Known exposure to dangerous poisons

It's important to have your vet's phone number always handy and also the number for the nearest emergency veterinary clinic in case your emergency does not happen during regular office hours (which is often the case). Some vets have extended and after hour services as well.

From Alyce Steward

One of Alyce's friends was waiting in line behind an older gentleman at Wendy's recently, and heard him ask for his senior discount. The girl at the register apologized and charged him less. When she asked the man what the discount was, he said that seniors over age 55 get 10% off everything on the menu, every day. This incident prompted her to do some research, and she came across a list of restaurants, supermarkets, department stores, travel deals and other types of offers giving various discounts with different age requirements. It was actually surprising to see how many there are and how some of them start at the young age of 50.

This list may not only be useful for you, but for your friends and family too. It is quite long, so if you want a copy of the list, please send me an email and I will send it to you!

Congratulations to our Latest Graduates!

Super Puppy:

Brenda Bowden & Mattie (Chihuahua)
Corey & Krista Englehardt with Bentley (Pit Bull)
Doris Rainey & Brownie (Lab)
Cynthia Huffman & Hunter (Golden Retriever Mix)
Mollie Royal & Mandos (Tibetan Mastiff)

Basic Obedience:

Susan Hanlon & Daisy (Welsh Terrier)

Linda Mahoney & Buddy (Dachshund)
Michelle Reitmeyer & Toby (Golden Doodle)

Class Schedule

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting August 26, 2013)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting July 29, 2013)

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:

9:30 to 10:30AM - Advanced Obedience

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting July 31, 2013)

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 22, 2013)

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...