

" I used to look at my dog and think 'if you were a little smarter, you could tell me what you were thinking,' and he would look at me like he was saying 'if you were a little smarter, I wouldn't have to!"

Louis Sabin

Hi Everybody!

The big news this month is how well our teams did at DACOF (Dog Agility Competition of Florida). The camaraderie and teamwork was outstanding! They had a lot of fun decorating the crating area, and it was rewarded by their winning the Decorations Competition. I can't describe how awesome the decorations were, you all have to check it out in the Bulletin Board page at www.coolcritters.com to see the pictures.

Out of 55 teams, the Cool Team placed 16, and the Critter Team placed 35. There were many new exhibitors at the competition and they all had a great time. There were several placement trophies earned as well. Dianna Miller and Chica (Cocker) won 2nd place in Excellent Time T Beat for the Cool Team. Kristy Loam Chiodo and Willow (Havanese) placed 3rd in Excellent FAST, Patti Howerton and Skeeter (Parson Russell) placed 2nd in Standard, and Julie Martinez and Bode (Sheltie) earned a 1st in Jumpers. All of them were from the Critter Team.

I was so bummed to have to stay home! My Dr. wouldn't let me go since it was not even 2 weeks after my surgery, but I was glued to Facebook watching their videos and looking at all the pictures they posted! However, there are big plans for next year and I will be there with both Divot and Putter. We might even have three teams! We have a lot of new talent in the school! To be a part of the Cool Critters DACOF team, dog and handlers must be doing complete courses. I also require that they enter three shows before going to DACOF and one of those must be an AKC show. DACOF is a really big event, and dogs need to have some show experience or they can get very stressed out! More information on the event will be posted in my newsletter at the beginning of 2015. I will be picking the teams in February.

Car Trips with Dogs

Many of us love to travel with our dogs. Prevention Magazine had some valuable tips for keeping our pets safe on road trips. Never drive with your pet on your lap. Dogs should not ride loose in a car, not in the back seat, the bed of a pickup, and especially not in the front seat, where the air-bag risk is the greatest. In a crash, loose dogs become projectiles.

The safest way for pets to travel is in crates secured to the vehicle with tether anchors. If a crate does not fit in your car, a seatbelt harness, available at pet stores for about \$20 will keep pets secure. Look for one that has padding and wide straps made of seatbelt material.

Dogs should never be allowed to stick their heads out a window. Debris can get into eyes, nose and ears, especially at high speeds. I have had dogs jump out a partially open window!

From Jovonnie Androy

Jovonnie owns Stay and Play Resort in Parrish and is having a pet and family portrait session on October 18 and 19. The photographers are Kerrie Takarta and Megan Cloudman, who recently joined forces to establish K&M Photography. They shoot at most of the dog shows! They are super tough to book because they are so busy. They do incredible Ads for "The Chronicle", "Dog News", and many other large publications, a lot of work for her. To book a portrait appointment contact them at kmphotoinfo@gmail.com.

Stay and Play Resort is located at 3155 North Rye Road in Parrish, Florida 34219 www.stayandplaypetresort.com, stayandplay@tampabay.rr.com 941.920.1697

Regular Schedule of Classes Will be Starting in August

I am feeling fantastic! And the week of August 18, I will be starting the full schedule of classes, Obedience, Rally and Agility once more. I will be starting a new **Super Puppy Class on Monday, July 28**. I will be starting a Wednesday **Super Puppy Class on Wed., August 13**, and a **Basic Obedience Class on Thursday, August 14**. On **Basic Agility** will start **Monday, August 18**. If you would like to join any of these classes, please send me an email.

Class Schedule

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting **July 28, 2014**)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting in **August 18, 2014**)

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 (New class starting in **August 13, 2014**)
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 in **August 14, 2014**)
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

Get Those Tissues Out!

This is for those of us that have lost our special dogs. Have you ever wondered why they suddenly pop into your mind and tears come out? This is why:

<http://www.tickld.com/x/why-dogs-never-actually-die-this-guy-nails-it>

A Request From Pope Francis:

Weep not for what you have lost, fight for what you have.
Weep not for what is dead, fight for what was born in you.
Weep not for the one who abandoned you, fight for who is with you.
Weep not for those who hate you, fight for those who want you.
Weep not for your past, fight for your present struggle.
Weep not for your suffering, fight for your happiness.
With things that are happening to us, we begin to learn that nothing is impossible to solve, just move forward.

Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates!

Supper Puppy:

Robin Sanchez & Marley (American Bulldog)

Brian Cale & Sam (Lab / Shepherd Mix)

David & Cheryl Baumgartner with Shelby (Bloodhound / Coonhound mix)

Lydia & Teresa Sylva with Jo Jo (Lab mix)

Liza Verges & Max (Pitt Bull)

Sherri & BJ Van Eyck with Mo (Aussie Doodle)

Louva Hemingway & Dixie (Golden Retriever)

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

Ileana