

Hi Everybody!

The raffle of the teeter and Tunnels did really well. Between the raffle and the run thrus, plus a couple of other fundraisers, we collected \$459 for our DACOF team. The winners were Anne Lee (teeter), Jerry Manning (tunnel), and Shela Ellis (tunnel)

DACOF stands for Dog Agility Competition of Florida, and it's a tournament of clubs, training schools, and agility groups. It will take place this weekend at the Silver Spurs Arena, in Kissimmee. The arena is fully air conditioned with lots of seating for spectators, so everyone is welcome to come and watch agility dogs from all over the state. Admission is free. For directions to the arena, go to www.ohpark.com/services-directions.html.

Cool Critters is taking two teams. The Cool Team: Novice: Hiroko Williams and Ellie (Rat Terrier), Lisa Glick & Boone (Siberian Husky), Ileana Nadal & Rocket man (Cavalier King Charles). Open: Debbie Hartzell & Sasha (Pugle), Julie Martinez & Tebow (Sheltie), Lisa Schmeling & Huxley (Sheltie). Excellent: Lisa Glick & Scout (Swedish Valhund), Julie Martinez & Annie (Sheltie), Ileana Nadal & Tia (Boxer)

The Critter Team: Novice: Lisa Fortschneider & Sissi (German Shepherd), Susi Kirkpatrick & Luna (Siberian Husky), Margo Barker & Gracie (Sheltie). Open: Lisa Fortschneider & Sosa (German Shepherd), Susi Kirkpatrick & Buffy (Doberman), Kathie Scott & Rudy (Poodle), Excellent: Lisa Fortschneider & Voo Doo (German Shepherd), Susi Kirkpatrick & Birdie (Siberian Husky), Ileana Nadal & Lucky (Coton de Tulear).

Good Luck to all our Critters!!!

No Classes

There will be no classes Wednesday, July 7, thru Friday, July 9. I will be at Perry Georgia for their big summer trial.

Fundraiser

We will be having run thrus on Friday, July 2, from 6 to 8PM. This is a fundraiser for Vikki Egan, and her adopted Great Dane Catahoula mix, Dodger. Vikki fostered Dodger for many months, but nobody wanted him because he is deaf, and heartworm positive. Vikki ended up keeping him and is now faced with the heartworm treatment bill. In Vikki's own words:

"I took in a foster dog back in March for SWGDR that is heartworm positive. Due to Dodger's heartworm condition and that fact he is deaf I decided to keep him and give him the love and forever home that he deserves. Unfortunately at this time I am not in a financial position to cover the entire

treatment cost of \$692.00. Most of you know that I pretty much broke the bank trying to keep my Ronan going who I lost in December."

So, run thru's at Cool Critters on Friday July 2nd from 6:00 to 8:00 to help raise money for Dodger's treatment. The cost will be \$4.00 per run, \$2.00 for each additional or unlimited runs for \$10.00. There will both a standard and jumpers course available.
Let's keep our fingers crossed for clear skies that evening.

From Alyce Stewart

This is a dog that a coworker took home to try to adopt-she was found wandering the streets and no one has claimed her. Diane has nursed her back to health but due to the age of her dogs and her husband's health issues she is looking for someone to give Susie a permanent home. I thought of you and all of your contacts and thought you might be able to help her.

To quote Diane: WE LOVE SUSIE. She understands how to be part of a family and very much wants to please us. She is goofy and full of energy, she'll sit for us and is so so very sweet. She needs a family with kids or other pets to play with (my dogs are OLD and SLOW! – and so is my Husband!!). ...PLAY TIME is Susie's middle name!!

She has one ear that flops up and one that flops down, has a very soft coat like mink, and her teeth are bright white (like brand new baby teeth). If you can help us find her a FOREVER home – we would so appreciate it. She has been evaluated by Mary Peters of Still Water Dog Training at the Humane Society and they give her a "high 5" for highly adoptable! She gets along with pets and children.

She is also healthy (gaining weight and her coat is filling out; she's approx. 42 pounds)

From Kathy Fornes:

KEEPING YOUR PETS SAFE DURING FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS

The days following the 4th of July are among the busiest for shelters across the United States. Why? Many dogs are left unattended while their humans "celebrate." Frightened by the pyrotechnics, dogs jump or dig under fences, try to gnaw their way out of crates, cross invisible fence barriers, etc., and are often found miles from home.

If you are going out on the 4th, please be sure your dogs are safely at home,

inside, and secure. Leave music or TV on for distraction. Better yet, celebrate at home and let your dog's dog friends come too. Just keep them clear (of course) of any fireworks area. Remember that dogs' sensitivity to storms, guns, or fireworks changes as they get older, so be sure you know how your dog reacts. And regardless, all dogs should be safe inside during such festivities. Lots of people do lots of stupid things when you put fireworks in their hands.

Dr. William Fortney, professor of veterinary medicine at Kansas State University, offers these tips for keeping your pet safe through the Fourth of July holiday.

- Keep your pets away from all fireworks.
- If you take your dog for a walk be prepared for surprises and keep your pets on leashes.
- Keep your pets indoors or otherwise secured during fireworks
- If you think your pets might need tranquilizers take them to their veterinarian now. Don't wait until just before the holiday or you may not get an appointment.
- Some pets won't go outside when fireworks are going off. If your pet goes outside to relieve itself, take it out before it gets dark.

During the Fourth of July holiday, some people see a side of their dog they've never seen before. Just as the snap, crackle and pop of fireworks can be heard, Fido or Lady can go from beloved family pet to Tasmanian devil dog. All it takes is the unexpected bang of a firecracker.

"We're talking about two types of fear. There are those animals who are just afraid and may come to you and shake or sit at your feet and whine. Or there are those dogs with extreme fear, or phobias," said Dr. William Fortney, professor of clinical sciences at the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. "These dogs can exhibit some bizarre, very drastic behaviors associated with that high level of anxiety and fear." Fortney said he's heard of dogs crashing through windows and screen doors, jumping off porches or taking off hysterically and running away.

If your dog reacts either way to fireworks, there are several steps to take toward solving the problem. But first be sure you don't reinforce their fearful behavior, Fortney said. "If your dog is afraid and comes to you and you give it a lot of nurturing, you are reinforcing that behavior," Fortney said. "If they come to you and you let them get on your lap or sleep with you or get on the couch, which is the natural thing for people to do, then you end up encouraging the fearful behavior. You need to distract them, not coddle them due to their fears

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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:

10:00 to 11:00 AM - Rally

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

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Conformation (contact Jeanne: jsardo42@hotmail.com)

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

Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates!

Basic Obedience:

Hiroko Williams & Ellie (Rat Terrier)

Carmen Hufstetter & Bailey (Irish Setter)

Cyndi Sexton & Cassie (Golden Retriever)

Eric Tidwell & Whisper (German Shepherd)

Debi White & Oliver (Boxer)

Cathy Lombard & Roscoe (Labrador)

Heather Hudak & Willow (Hound Mix)

Vanessa Diaz & Sydney (Aussie)

Leigh Jackson & Clint (Jack Russell Mix)

Debi Christi & Diesel (American Bulldog)

Amy Destrehan's & Rudy (Shepherd Mix)
Tammy Moore & Bear (Aussie)

Super Puppy:

Kandee Curl & Jada (Cane Corso)
Barbara Lamneck & Monte (Golden Retriever)
Dorothy Shettle & Norah (Irish Wolfhound)
Tammy Gizzi & Zoey (Schichon)

...and now,

time for a paws...

Ileana