

Hi Everybody!

It's time for the DACOF competition. DACOF stands for Dog Agility Competition of Florida. It is an annual competition which provides the opportunity for handlers and dogs to represent their organization as a team. The tournament will take place this year in the Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee, Saturday June 29, and Sunday June 30. The show will be indoors, air conditioned in a big dirt arena. There is very comfortable stadium seating for spectators and you are all invited to come and watch.

Each eligible organization can bring a maximum of three teams. A team consists of 3 dogs in Novice, 3 in Open, and 3 in Excellent. At each level, the top two scores will be added for the highest scoring organization award.

We have two teams entered: The Cool Team: Steve Quinn and Boxer Jasmin, Debbie Hartzell and Sheltie Max, Lisa Schmeling and Biewer Terrier Neo in Novice, Ellen Kurland and Papillon Magic, Tiffanie Ivins and Boxer Tessa, Bobby Nadal and Boxer Marley in Open, Debbie Hartzell and Puggle Sasha, Lisa Schmeling and Sheltie Huxley, Ileana Nadal and Cavalier Rocketman in Excellent. The Critter Team: Hiroko Williams and Rat Terrier Skye, Lisa Fortschneider and German Shepherd Wicca, Christy Layton, DVM and Rottweiler Luna in Novice, Julie Martinez and Sheltie Bodie, Don White and Boxer Oliver, Lynn Schaber and Sheltie Dare in Open, Michael Fortschneider and German Shepherd Sissi, Julie Martinez and Sheltie Tebow, Hiroko Williams and Rat Terrier Ellie in Excellent.

The address for the Silver Spurs Arena is 1875 Silver Spur Lane, Kissimmee, Florida 33815, y'all come and cheer for our school teams!

### **No Classes:**

There will be no classes on Friday, June 28 (set up date for DACOF)

No classes Thursday July 4 (Independence Day)

No classes Tuesday, July 9 through Friday, July 12 (I will be at the Perry Georgia Agility trials) We will have make-up days for the two Thursdays.

### **New Classes starting at Cool Critters**

Basic Obedience class starting on Thursday, June 20 at 7PM

Super Puppy class starting on Monday, July 1 at 6PM

If you would like to join one of these classes, send me an email or call me.

## **Snake Bite Clinic**

I received this from Denise O'Hare from the Tampa Bay Boxer Club:

"I have contacted a vet in Alachua that holds the snake clinics. Four years ago I had two of my dogs bit 10 days apart. Fortunately the dogs survived but not my bank account. It cost \$2100!!!!

Wendy Mayhall 's Izzy tangled with a coral snake a few months ago. \$3500 later and a trip to Gainesville Izzy is fine. She has had the snake training and Wendy says with great success! Wendy is going to take Izzy for a refresher. Wendy Mayhall was Tia's breeder.

If anyone is interested please let me know. It will be the last week end this month. Its \$50 for the first dog and \$35 for the second in same household.

Dr.C normally doesn't hold the clinics until fall so if you live in Florida :) consider going. Let me know A.S.A.P."

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Folks, if you live in the country and have killed poisonous snakes in your yard, then it's important to train you dogs to stay clear of these dangerous snakes! \$50 is a lot cheaper than the anti-venom treatment! And, some dogs have a reaction to the anti-venom and die anyway.

## **Bufo Toads**

Because of the new trap-neuter-release policy of the county, people will be leaving cat food out to feed the feral cats in the area. The dumpster at the shopping center behind the school has food containers all over the ground. Unfortunately, there is also a large retention pond in the center and this will probably attract the deadly Bufo Toads.

The Bufo Marinus, or Bufo Toad is most common in Southern Florida. It was originally released in the sugar cane fields in 1935 to help control rats and mice. It is now commonly found in the South Florida yards, and has migrated to our part of the state as well. It is a large toad, from 4" to 9" that breeds year round in standing water, streams, canals, and ditches. It's primary diet is roaches, beetles, and other large insects, but it also eats dog and cat food that is left outside. It is rather sluggish, but when threatened, secretes a highly toxic, milky substance from glands in the back of it's head. This secretion will burn the eyes, inflame the skin, and kill dogs and cats that ingest it. The poison enters the animal's system

rapidly through the membranes of the mouth. A typical example is a dog mouthing the slow moving toad playfully. The dog will immediately start salivating and experience irritation of the mucous membranes of the mouth and throat. If the dog eats the frog or otherwise receives a large amount of toxin, vomiting, seizures, and death may follow in as little as 15 minutes. Even a toad that sits in a pet's watering dish for some time, may leave enough toxin to make the pet very sick. According to [www.safeharboranimalrescue.com](http://www.safeharboranimalrescue.com), the death rate for untreated animals exposed to Bufo Toad poisoning is nearly 100% in Florida.

Veterinarian Dr. Ellen Matheson states that "signs of Bufo toad toxicity vary according to the size and health of the exposed animal and amount of exposure. Some signs that you may see include salivation, head shaking, walking like they are drunk, increased respiratory rate, vomiting, diarrhea, apparent blindness and convulsions."

No medications found in the home are of any value in treating the affected pet. The pet's mouth should be immediately rinsed out with lots of water. Use a water hose and send the water from one side of the pet's mouth out the other. Be careful that the animal does not swallow the rinse water. Dr. Matheson urges that the pet be taken to a veterinarian immediately.

In landscaped suburban neighborhoods, the Bufo toads like to hide in shrubbery. In fact, one the top Westie in Agility was killed by a Bufo last fall. They rushed to the emergency clinic but did not make it in time.

If you Google Bufo Toads, you will see pictures of the animal, and probably advise on how to kill it. I was told to put it in a plastic bag and then put the bag in the freezer. I don't know if I would like that kind of package next to my frozen meats though.

## **Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates!**

### Basic Obedience:

Julie Martinez & Cooper (Sheltie)  
Heather House & Cally (All American)  
Wayne Faust & Rudy (All American)  
Debbie Woodworth & Jazz (Boxer)

## **Class Schedule**

### Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting July 1, 2013)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting July 15, 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 (Begins July 3, 2013)

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting July 17, 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 June 20, 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...

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