

"In Dog Years, I'm Dead"Unknown

Hi Everybody!

The big news this month is the DACOF Tournament. DACOF stands for Dog Agility Competition of Florida and it's a friendly competition amongst the agility groups in our state. Cool Critters will be taking two teams. Each team has three dogs in each level. Our teams are:

The Cool Team: In Novice, Bobby Nadal & Beau (Australian Shepherd), Kristy Loman Chiodo & Gypsy (Papillon), Sheila Heath & Penny (Cavalier King Charles). In Open is Steve Quinn & Jasmin (Boxer), Lisa Schmeling & Neo (Biewer Terrier), Cari Graham & Windy (Schipperke). In Excellent Ileana Nadal & Putter (Cavalier King Charles), Dianna Miller & Chica (Cocker Spaniel), Julie Martinez & Tebow (Sheltie)

The Critter Team: In Novice Jackie Royce & Rocky (Boxer), Diann Andress & Sammy (Min Pin), Adrienne Swisher & Brogan (Sheltie). In Open Don White & Oliver (Boxer), Kim Floyd & Trixie (Australian Terrier), Tiffanie Ivins & Tessa (Boxer), In Excellent Ileana Nadal & Divot (Cavalier King Charles), Kristy Loman Chiodo & Willow (Havanese), Julie Martinez & Bode (Sheltie)

The Tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday, June 27 & 28 at the Silver Spurs Arena, 1875 Silver Spur Lane, Kissimmee, Florida 33815.

It's a beautiful air conditioned horse arena with great stadium seating. If you have the weekend free and would like to see dogs from all over the state competing in agility, come cheer for our school. We decorate our crating area (last year we were the winners) and have lots of fun. There will also be some great vendors!

Summer Class Hours

To avoid the intense summer heat, we will be starting Tuesday and Friday morning Advanced Agility classes at 8:30AM. The Intermediate classes on those days will be starting at 9:30AM.

These new hours will begin July 1

No Classes

We will have no classes on Friday, June 26 (DACOF)

No classes Wednesday, July 8, Thursday, July 9, Friday, July 10, and Monday, July 13. I will be in Perry, Georgia those days.

Over the Rainbow Bridge

This month Lisa and Toby Schmeling lost their Yorkie Jedi. He was Lisa's Novice A dog who taught her more about life than these silly sports we play. He was one of the great Yorkies in history, earning title after title in multiple agility venues, and also in rally and obedience.

More importantly, he brought so much happiness to their lives, and a smile to everyone's face, even when he was at his most exasperating. Lisa said: "It seems like only yesterday that I was at the breeder's house seeing him for the first time at 6 weeks, watching him walk out of the breeder's bedroom for the first time in his life, looking down her hallway, and squaring his shoulders with defiance like he was ready to take on the world. He went through his life with so much dignity, so much courage right through to the end."

Jedi was my Boxer Tia's traveling companion to the agility trials. Sometimes after class we would let them run together around the agility field. One time Tia jumped over Jedi, and he barked furiously at her as if saying "how dare you"! My funniest memory of Jedi was when he decided to jump on the tunnel and run on top of it instead of inside it!

C-ATCH (CPE), C-ATCH2 (CPE), TACH (TDAA) **Rasta's Padawan Learner, "Jedi"** CD, RN, RA, RE, RAE, RAE2, NA, OA, AX, MX, NAJ, OAJ, AXJ, MXJ, NAP, OAP, AXP, MXP, MXP2, MXPB, NJP, OJP, AJP, MJP, MJP2, MJP3, MJPB, NF, NAC, OAC, EAC, NJC, OJC, EJC, NCC TN-N, TN-O, TG-N, WV-N, PD SPS SPG APJ APK SPR. September 5, 2001 - June 2, 2015

"Soon will I rest, yes, forever sleep. Earned it I have. Twilight is upon me, soon night must fall." - Yoda, Return of the Jedi

We have lost many great agility dogs in the past couple of years. Life is a fragile thing and we never know when the next time we step in the ring with our companion will be their last. We should enjoy each run as if it was the last one with our dog.

Dog Class Schedule

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting August 10)
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting in June 15)
8:00 to 9:00 PM - Intermediate Agility

Tuesday:

8:30 to 9:30 AM - Advanced Agility
9:30 to 10:30 AM - Intermediate Agility

Wednesday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (New class starting in July 15)
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Intermediate / Advanced Agility

Thursday:

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Obedience (Next class starting in July 16)
8:00 to 9:00 PM - Rally Obedience

Friday:

8:30 to 9:30 AM - Advanced Agility
9:30 to 10:30 AM - Intermediate Agility

Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates!

Super Puppy:

Jonathan Paiva & Cali (All American)
Mark Young & Gunni (Labrador)
Kim Harper & Riley (Schnoodle)
Jennifer Davids & Bella (Great Dane)
Pamela Peurrung & Fergie (Aussie Doodle)
Michael Berulic & Uli (Malinois Mix)
Becky Lewis & Tilly (Airedale)
Patrick Mosley & Nova (German Shepherd)
Jennie Parry & Piper (Corgi)

The passing

author unknown

"We have a secret, you and I

that no one else shall know,

for who but I, can see you lie

each night in fire glow?

And who but I, can reach my hand

before we go to bed

and feel the living warmth of you

and touch your silken head?

And only I walk woodland paths

and see ahead of me,

your small form racing with the wind

so young again, and free.

And only I can see your face

In every place I pass

and when I call, no one but I

can see the bending grass."

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

Ileana