

Hi Everybody!

Well, the rains have started! The good news is that the grass is finally green and growing...the bad news is that classes are getting rained out. I want to schedule make up days for these classes.

I don't do very much agility during the summer and the obedience trials in the indoor venues have been cancelled due to the canine influenza scare. I do advice, everyone to vaccinate your dogs. I vaccinated mine right away.

Since I am here during the weekends, my thought is to schedule a Basic Agility make up class Friday at 7PM if the Monday class is rained out. At 8PM we can do a make up Intermediate / Advanced class. What are your thoughts? Let me know. The Basic Agility students had momentum and were doing really well before the rains started...I don't want to lose that!

Advanced CGC Class:

In the middle of July or early August, I will be starting an Advanced CGC class. This class is for dogs that have already earned their CGC title and want to go a step further. The name of this class will be Community Canine. AKC Community Canine is the advanced level of AKC's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) program.

As with CGC, AKC Community Canine has a 10-step test of skills that dogs must pass to earn the official AKC Community Canine title. This is a title that appears on the dog's title record at AKC.

All skills on the test are tested on leash. The AKC Community Canine (CGCA) test may be done in a class, at shows, in pet stores or in the community. When the test is administered in community settings such as at a business or special event, evaluators must have the necessary approval of the business owners, etc.

While Canine Good Citizen tests are simulations of real world skills, (e.g., dog/handler walks through a "crowd" of evaluators in a ring), the goal of AKC Community Canine is to test the dog's skills in a natural setting. For example, rather than the dog being tested in a ring, in AKC Community Canine, the "walks through a crowd" test item will involve the dog walking through a real crowd at a dog show, on a busy sidewalk, in a therapy dog setting, or at a training club.

To earn the AKC Community Canine title, dogs must meet the following two requirements:

1. Must already have a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) award or title on record at AKC.
2. Must have an AKC number of one of 3 types (AKC registration number, PAL number, or AKC Canine Partners number). All dogs, including mixed breeds, can get an AKC number. The reason for the AKC number requirement is that this will be an actual title for the dog.

All dogs that enroll in this class must have had Basic Obedience and passed the CGC Test. This class will be 6 weeks. The training phase will be 5 weeks and the test day will be on week 6. The test will take place at a shopping center as it must be done in a real life situation! The price will be \$95 and will include the test.

I am thinking Thursdays at 6PM. A daytime alternative will be Wednesdays at 11AM. Please let me know what you think! I will need a minimum of 4 dogs to start a class.

No Classes:

No Daytime Agility class Friday, June 23

No Classes July 4

No Class July 11, 12, 13 & 14

News from NADAC!

I received this official update from Chris Nelson, CEO of NADAC:

Hi Ileana Nadal &

This email is going out to everyone who has competed, and earned a Qualifying run in NADAC in the last 10 years.

It's going to serve as a update to everyone on what recent changes have occurred with NADAC, as well as our plans for the future. If you would like to be removed from any future correspondence with NADAC please respond with "STOP" in the email body.

My name is Chris Nelson and I have been involved with NADAC since the beginning. I had taken over primary roles in the data management side of NADAC for the past 7 years, and as of April 1st, 2017 I have fully taken over the company and am running all aspects of the business. We have made some changes in the past few months since the transition and would like to let you know what those are, as well as our plans for the future of the venue.

Recent Changes within the last 6 months:

- **More Standard Course Time for small dogs**
- **Bonus dogs no longer run first in class, they now run inline with the class**
- **Judges have the choice to design their own courses for their assignments**
- **Hall of Fame is now online and updated every 3 months**
- **Yearly Top Ten is now available online and past years are also available**
- **Monthly leader boards for most points earned in a month**

Communication improvements:

- **Points are now uploaded weekly**
- **Awards now show up inline with your point history, and also update weekly**
- **Support@nadac.com is now the preferred method of contact. Response times are typically in the 24 hour range**
- **We have made a very concerned effort to keep our Website, Forum and Facebook page updated weekly. Any updates in the venue are announced on all three platforms.**
- **Facebook live chats to do real time question and answer sessions**
- **Weekly emails are now sent anytime you earn a title or award, congratulating you on the achievement**
- **Championship invites are now sent to your email when you qualify for the event**

Championships:

- **Qualification requirements are now posted each August**
- **Event location is now posted a minimum of 1 year in advance**

Plans for the future:

- **Improved communication**
- **Starting this August, 2017 we will start to mail out Awards to Associate members every 6 months. As opposed to the previous yearly mailings.**
- **Subscription service that would allow Title Certificates to be mailed the same week they are earned, as opposed to the online only option currently available**
- **Expedited Award mailing service**
- **Monthly NADAC focused training group with top level trainers from around the world**
- **More variety in course design**

As always I am incredibly appreciative of everyone who has supported the venue and continues to do so.

If you haven't done NADAC in awhile I hope this letter finds you in good health and enjoying your time with your dogs.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson

Teaching a Dog to Go to a "Place" and Relax:

This useful exercise involves teaching your dog to go to a specific place, like a mat, to lie down and relax. This can be a fixed location in your home or, you can use a portable carpet square, mat, or dog bed of some sort. This gives you the flexibility to send your dog to her spot wherever you are; you just have to take her mat along with you. This behavior is very useful for a dog that tends to "bug" you (or your guests) for attention.

Take your dog to a bed, mat, carpet square, or throw rug you have obtained for this purpose, say "place," "go to bed" (or whatever word or phrase you plan to use). You can lure her to the bed with a treat, or place a treat on the bed and encourage her to go to it and eat it. Reward when she does it, then ask her to "Down," and reward again. Do this a number of times until you think your dog is beginning to associate the word or phrase with lying down on the mat.

Then you can start cueing the behavior without the lure. Reward when she complies. You can also request a "Wait" so she doesn't pop right

back off the mat. When the dog is doing this part well, begin moving farther away from the mat before giving your "Place" cue.

Ultimately, if you wish, you can ask your dog to go to her place from anywhere in the house. You can name several different places and teach her to go to each on your request. You can also take the mat with you when you go out and use it in public or at friend's houses (this is why a small, portable throw rug or mat is ideal).

Challenge: Your dog lies near or only partially on the mat in an effort to be nearer to you or your guests (or whatever he'd rather be doing).

Solution: Be clear about how much of your dog has to be on the mat for it to "count" (your choice!) and reinforce your dog only if he meets that standard.

Dog Class Schedule

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting July 17, 2017)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (Next class starting July 10, 2017)

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

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Distance Class

Wednesday:

10:00 AM - All levels Rally Obedience

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (New class starting August 9, 2017)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Intermediate / Advanced Agility

Thursday:

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Obedience (Next class starting July 27, 2017)

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:

Super Star Puppy:

Odalys Santoni-Acosta and Rico (Mini Dachshund)
Carmen Witten & Jupiter (All American)
Jenny Brockwell & Scott Frank with River (All American)
Kristy Loman Chiodo & Rhytm (Havanese)
Melissa Fisher & Minnie (Golden Doodle)
Robert Figueroa & Recess (German Shepherd)
Barbie Frost & Zack (Boxer)
Sandra Ray & Freddy (Golden Retriever)

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

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