

Hi Everybody,

Our NADAC trial of April 24 & 25 is approaching. The trial will be held at the Mosaic Arena in Palmetto and everyone is invited to come and watch. The directions to the arena are: From I-75: Take exit 224 onto US 301 westbound. It becomes 10th St. W. in Palmetto. Continue to 14th Ave. You will cross US 41 and business 41. Turn right onto 14th Ave. and continue to the fairground entrance on your right.

If you plan to enter the trial, the deadline for pre-entries is April 13. We will be accepting day of show entries, but if you want to take advantage of the early discount, your entry must be in by April 13.

We'll be loading the truck after the 10AM Agility class on Friday. All helpers will get a 4 week class card. If you come to the arena to help set up the rings, you will get another 4 week class card as well!

No Classes

There will be no classes Tuesday, April 6, through Thursday, April 8. I will be at Cavalier Nationals in Orlando. Also, there will be no classes on Friday, April 30 (Upper Suncoast Agility trial).

DACOF

It's time for DACOF (Dog Agility Competition of Florida). Our club rosters are in. The competition will not be on the 4th of July this year, it will be held June 26 & 27 at the Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee. We will need Excellent, Open, and Novice dogs. If you would like to participate, the cost is \$85 per dog for the weekend. We have not been able to raise very much funds for the team this year, since our winter was so harsh, but I do believe that there is a discount for early entries (sometime at the beginning of May). If you would like to be on the team, send me an email.

A Great Agility Dog Went Over the Bridge

Ralph and Rhea Houston recently lost their beloved Belgian Tervuren Crystal. Crystal was one of the top agility dogs in her breed for many years, and earned Agility Championships in AKC, USDAA, and UKC. She was very special to me because she was in my very first agility class when I taught at Almost Home Pet Resort.

Crystal would float around the ring and looked beautiful as she ran about the course. She was very accurate and a joy to behold. She lived to a ripe old age, and in her retirement years participated in Rally, earning her RAE, and had

lots of fun doing Hoopers in NADAC. We will all miss you Crystal!

Following Up On Dog Foods

Debi White recommended a website that reviews dog foods and has lots of information on nutrition as well. Check out www.dogfoodanalysis.com

The Importance of Proper Conditioning

Good food for your dogs is of course very important if they are to do performance, but physical conditioning is very important as well. One third of your agility training should be conditioning. Running, long walks, jump chutes, and swimming are excellent ways to get your agility dogs in shape. All Creatures Animal clinic in Lakeland has a conditioning pool where your canine athletes swim against a current, and can also get massages. The pool is also used for re-habing injured dogs. For more information, contact Andrea at 863-646-5683.

For Our Military

This is an organization that helps military personnel place their pets when they are deployed and don't have family members that can care for their pets. Guardian Angels - an organization that helps soldiers with their pets when they are deployed. Please forward this e-mail to everyone you know and help find a new family for precious, very scared doggies that don't understand war, not that I do either! <http://www.guardianangelsforsoldierspet.org/>

The Art of Rescue

Florida Boxer Rescue Presents

The Art of Rescue

A New Leash on Life

Saturday, May 15th

5:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Grasslands Golf and Country Club, 1600 Grasslands Boulevard, Lakeland

Don't Miss Out on This Fun Evening!

great art delicious hors d'oeuvres cash bar door prizes

*****Live and Silent Auctions*****

For more information go to: <http://www.flbr.org/ArtofRescue2010.html>

Massage Seminar

Andrea Nelson will be presenting a doggy massage seminar at All Creatures on Tuesday, April 13, at 7PM. Andrea is a doggy massage therapist and will teach you to do a full 45 min massage on your dog. This will be a working seminar, so bring your dogs and a mat to sit on. The seminar will be 2 hours, and the cost is \$25. For more information, contact Andrea at 863-646-5683.

Way Too Funny Human Agility

This trial was put on by the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America and the judges were Scott Stock and Blair Kelly. To raise money for Canine Cancer, Scott Stock agreed to run the Standard course himself if they raised \$500, if they raised \$1000, he asked if Joel Lavalley would race him (Joel is a former member of the World Team). Then someone asked Blair Kelly if they raised \$2000, would he run TOO, white pants and all! He is a formal person who always looks pristine in his white pants, blazer, dress shirt, and tie at an agility trial! The next day, Stacy Moss announced that \$2001 had been raised. THEN Scott said if Stacy would run, he would throw in another \$100 - she agreed! Through the efforts of everyone at the trial, \$4000 was raised for Canine Cancer.

Scott Stock:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQ3yK3ooBPw>

Joel Lavalley:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tLYuyUUxQg>

Blair Kelly:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3AVaaBOEhxs>

Stacy Moss:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOZcPlxDGtQ>

Abandoned Puppies

From: Heather Piatt <piatt.heather@gmail.com>

Date: March 18, 2010 5:39:25 PM EDT

To: Kim Cell <stormyw67@aol.com>

Subject: Puppies picture

These puppies were found abandoned on the side of the road one freezing cold morning by a friend of my sister's. They appear to be Golden/Lab mix. If you

know of anyone who would be interested in adopting one of these guys, please let me know.

Thanks!

Kim

BTW there are 11 of them ;)



Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates

Basic Agility:

Earlene Reid & Bongo (Goldendoodle)
Nikki Redding & Jelly Bean (Toy Poodle)
Juli Shinozuka & Kitty (Chinese Crested)
Lily Wyatt & Duncan (Westie)
Alice Armstrong & Teddy (Havanese)
Valerie Smiler & Charlie (Aussie)
Susan Kirkpatrick & Blast (Malinois)
Camile Cost low & Lola (German Shepherd)
Ellen Brown & Bear (Golden Retriever)
Christy Poulin, DVM & Teal's (Aussie)
Barbara Layton & Brie (Aussie)

Maureen Sullivan & Lady (All American)

Super Puppy:

Christina Dandrow & Yankee Noodle (Goldendoodle)
Shon & Sarah Hazuka with Lucky (Labradoodle)

Basic Obedience:

Tracy Zaccario & Navi (Weimaraner)
Jason Bonvallet & Twoosie (All American)
Liz Bonvallet & Jade (Pitt Bull)
Natalie Hermansen & Sophie (Border Collie mix)

From Debi White

You Know You've Been Doing Rescue Too Long When...

1. You have a mental list of people you'd like to spay or neuter.
2. You stopped at a house with a "Free Puppies" sign in the yard to have an Educational "Chat," and your kids had to post your bail.
3. Running out of paper towels is a household crisis.
4. You not only know all the characteristics of a good "stool," you discuss them at dinner.
5. Your checks have messages on them like "Subtract Two Testicles For Every Four Feet."
6. You have a bumper sticker that reads "My Golden Retriever Is Smarter Than Your Graduate Student."
7. You secretly wonder about such things as 'how animals can manage without wiping.'
8. You pray they will someday manufacture Teflon furniture.
9. You have phone calls forwarded to PetSmart.

10. You absentmindedly pat people on the head or scratch them behind their ears.

11. Given the choice of having your teeth cleaned or their teeth cleaned, they get their teeth cleaned.

12. You not only allow pets on the couch, guests have to sit on the floor because the dog has "territorial issues."

13. Your spouse missed the final game of the World Series because the cat wanted to watch his favorite video, "Birds of North America."

14. Anytime the animal appears lethargic, you go on-line and investigate vet med websites, pose questions to your address book and on e-lists, and by the time you digest all the information and field the correspondence, the animal has torn out the window screens, masticated a couch cushion and left something disgusting in your favorite pair of shoes.

15. Your chatroom handle is "Queen of Spayeds."

16. You and your vet are on a first name basis and he genuflects when you enter the waiting room. His daughter at Harvard refers to you as "Auntie."

17. You needed a prescription to recover from "Old Yeller."

18. You've forwarded more warnings about the dangers of chocolate, onions and mistletoe than the National Center for Disease Control has issued about anthrax and smallpox.

19. You wear white year 'round, not because you are flaunting a fashion law or belong to a religious sect but because you have a Dalmatian, Great Pyrenees, Samoyed or white Persian at home.

20. The world would never guess from your "dog or kittyspeak" posts to e-lists that in reality you are chairman of the IBM corporation.

21. By the time you investigate different flea control products, their advantages and potential risks, natural versus chemical methods, and study the life cycle of the flea, any fleas have died of old age.

22. You tell your children to "heel!" in a grocery store.

23. For relaxation, you went mall hopping with your girlfriends. Your eyes glazed over when you saw a sign in front of a pet shop, "20% Off All Puppies & Kittens," and you slapped three security guards before they got you safely contained in the manager's office.

24. People are still talking about your spay-neuter holiday greeting from last year, "Deck the Halls with Balls of Collies."

Class Schedule

Monday:

6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting April 5, 2010)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (next class starting May 17, 2010)

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

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:

9:00 to 10:00 AM - Basic Agility

11:00 to 12:00 AM - Rally

6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting March 10, 2010)

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 March 25, 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

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

Ileana