

Hi Everybody!

Our March NADAC trial went really well. The weather was great, the judge was really nice with great courses, and we had a lot of ribbons. It was wonderful to see many of my students entered for the first time, and doing quite well. It's very important, before every new handler enters a show, that they go to the website of the organization sanctioning the show and download the rules for exhibitors. In this case, it would be NADAC.com. It's important to know what to do, and not to do! But I am very proud of all of you who participated.

A big heartfelt thanks to all of you who helped set up, take down, and worked in the ring. You all made the show a big success, and I certainly could not have done it without you.

In November, we will be holding two NADAC trials here. One sponsored by the Tampa Bay Boxer club, and our usual after Thanksgiving NADAC trial. Roger Coor will be coming back to judge our trial. I have not contracted a judge for the TB Boxer club yet.

Our next trial here will be the Teacup Dogs trial on April 19 & 20. It's the Easter weekend, and we have an Easter theme: The Cool Critters TDAA Eggstravaganza! This will be our last trial of the spring season until we start back in November. Once again, I am asking for help with set up and take down. Helpers get a 4 week class card.

No Classes

There will be no morning Agility classes on Tuesday, March 31 (I have a Dr's appointment).

No classes on Friday, April 11 (Pasco Paws CPE trial)

No classes Monday, April 21 (it's the Monday after the TDAA trial and I have to put all the equipment back)

From Karen Vance

"300 people were in this webinar today which covered (for me) a "new" job for Therapy Dogs (& cats). It is known that the abused often become abusers and it may become a cycle. To break that cycle, children have to speak up to parents or adults, get interviewed by police/attorneys, get examined by medical staff, and testify in court (at the very least - and more scary things).

This is the summary I wrote:

The Webinar was about "Interrupting child abuse cycles by getting children to speak, be examined by medical staff, have the "guts" to testify and get abusers convicted through the use of Therapy Animals! There are standards about handlers always staying with the dogs. This may include a child & dog behind a curtain in an ER with handler holding the leash OUTSIDE of the curtain. To ease nerves dogs may be trained to "answer" (bark) when a child calls it's name. When the dog answers, the child relaxes for questions or medical tests. Dogs must be behind a witness stand so juries don't see them but handler & leash need to "blend into the woodwork" so the case outcome is optimal. The handler must advocate for the dog by knowing when a break is needed or the dog becomes stressed."

That's 2 hours crammed into a few words. Please feel free to forward this to anyone at all. As far as I know only 1 other CGC evaluator was in the "room". There were pet owners, Therapy Dog people, prosecutors, all kinds of legal folks there. They did say Florida and Texas lead the US in these programs. I have a link to the recorded version that I can give to interested parties.
Karen Vance"

If anyone needs Karen's contact information, please send me an email.

From Jerry Manning:

Cleaning out a burned pot

If you've ever experienced the pain of a burnt frying pan, I bring good news! You can put away your rubber gloves and rest your weary arms. I have found a solution that is chemical-free, halves scrubbing time and let's you keep your pan. Cheer!

What You Need

Materials

1 cup of vinegar

2 tablespoons of baking soda

1 cup of water (give or take depending on the size of your pan)

A burnt stainless steel pan that was left empty and unattended on a heated hot plate. oops!.

A scourer, because I can't find any way to avoid it entirely

Instructions

- 1.** Fill the bottom of the pan with a layer of water.
- 2.** Add the vinegar.
- 3.** Bring the pan to the boil. It should be looking a bit cleaner already.
- 4.** Pour out the vinegar and water then add the baking soda.
- 5.** Scour as normal, if necessary add an extra bit of dry baking soda.

6. If there are any super stubborn marks that don't come off with scouring, make a paste of baking soda and a couple of drops of water. Leave the paste on the marks for a while and return to clean as normal.

Classes Starting at Cool Critters

Super Puppy starts on Wednesday, April 9

Would anybody be interested in a daytime Basic Obedience class? It would be on Wednesdays at 11AM after the Basic Agility class graduates. That date would be April 23. I will need at least three people to do this class, so let me know.

Class Schedule

Monday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting May 12, 2014)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility

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

10:30 to 11:30AM - Basic Agility

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting April 9, 2014)

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

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 Puppy:

Kimberly Colton & Bellatrix (German Shepherd Mix)
Chris Erikson & Savannah (Lab/Pointer Mix)
Karen Jarvis & Yuma (Siberian Husky)
Pete & Jean Almanza with Baron (Cockapoo)
Kathryn Vona & Daisy (Cavalier King Charles)
Becky Beck & Lucy (Hound Mix)
Emily Carson & Chief (Lab mix)
Jan Poulton & Favor (Bullmastiff)
Jennifer Finger & Bree (Labrador)
Cathy May & Angel (Havanese)
Shela Ellis & Taisie (Border Collie)
Olivia Suttmiller & Emmit (Papillon)
Katie Pope & Tebow (Min Schnauzer)
Rich & Matt Kase with Cato (Morkie)
Scott & Monica Tappan with Jinx (Border Collie)

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

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