

Hi Everybody!

It's hard to believe, but June is here already. The last weekend of June is DACOF (Dog Agility Competition of Florida). We'll be having a fundraiser for our teams on Friday, June 4, beginning at 6PM. We will be having a Standard course in the Advanced ring, and a Jumpers course in the Basic ring. It will be \$4 for the first run, \$2 for the second run, and \$10 for unlimited runs.

Around 8 PM we will be drawing the raffle. Remember, we are raffling off 2 tunnels and a teeter. All the proceeds will go to support our teams!

There will be no class on Monday, May 31, Memorial Day.

From Vikki Egan

We are desperately in need of foster homes for Southwest Great Dane Rescue. Maybe someone we know might be interested. They can contact me at k9daze@yahoo.com

Also, I have a friend that is a vet tech and someone brought in a little Shih Tzus in the clinic that had been hit by a car. Luckily no broken bones but cannot utilize her back legs. Kasey was wondering if I knew anyone that had a canine wheelchair for a small 10-12 pound dog that they would like to sell.

My friend is going to foster and perhaps even keep this little girl. She has already given her a name, Pandora.

Highlights of AKC Agility Rule Changes

Effective 9/1/2010:

- . Specialties can hold events concurrently with all-breed trials using the same judge as long as the all-breed trial excludes the breed(s) in the specialty and both events keep separate records.
- . Clubs can now submit their premiums (to AKC) electronically.
- . Clubs may now offer a wait list that can be filled after closing.
- . Clubs may now place entry limits on specific classes/judges/sets of classes (not by number of total runs/day).
- . Less tolerance and more information on aggressive and menacing dogs in and out of the ring.

- . A-Frame set to 5'0" for 4" and 8" jump heights.
- . Dogwalk up contacts are no longer judged.
- . Teeters must be calibrated prior to the start of every trial - clubs are responsible for having calibration materials.
- . Table behavior is now position-less. Table count begins as soon as four paws are on the table.
- . Dogs must restart weaves at pole one (can't fix pop-outs in the middle of the poles) and limited to three attempts.
- . During windy weather a panel jump can now be replaced by a bar jump
- . Tire heights now are 4" lower than the standard height. 24" dogs will jump a 20" tire. No word on the 4" preferred tire height.
- . Changes in YPS requirement (slower pace) for the 8" and 24" dogs - in Standard and JWW.
- . Handlers may now reattempt contact obstacles (and the chute) if a dog falls off. After the one reattempt the dog will be excused.

Effective July 1, 2011

- . No more MACH point multipliers for 1st and 2nd placements

Effective January 1, 2012

- . Chute shortened to 6'6"
- . 24" weave pole spacing
- . Mandating design on the double and triple (sides have to be transparent)
- . Time to beat (T2B) class becomes a titling event

Effective July 1, 2012

- . MXB, MXS MXG Titles - Lifetime achievement awards at the Bronze, Silver and Gold levels in STD, JWW and FAST.

Effective January 1, 2013

. PACH - Preferred Agility Championship Title: 20 QQ's and 750 PACH points

For a full list and description of the rule changes:

http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/board_minutes/0510.pdf<http://www.google.com/url?sa=D&q=http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/board_minutes/0510.pdf&usg=AFQjCNHuESpC_gYxcfDRy3udPs2gThHX5w

From Debi White

Thunder Phobia:

Having had a few dogs with this problem I found what worked here. Someone a long time ago had it on a list and I tried it. You take an old t-shirt, spray it with static guard and put it on the dog. I even went and bought our Prissy her own kid sized t-shirt and carried it when we went to dog shows. She had been through Katrina and it really scared her bad. Once she started shivering I just put the t-shirt on her and she would calm down in minutes and even take a nap. I figured when I first read of this, an old t-shirt and a can of static guard, it was cheap enough to try. There were several similar things on the internet but a bit pricey.

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From Sally Manning

TOY WARNING!!!

Last night at agility class, a vet, who is a fellow agility student was telling us about a case she had this week. The dog ate a child's teddy bear and was very sick. When she opened the dog up to remove what she thought was an intestinal obstruction she found a huge gelatin type mess inside and the dogs intestines were black and the tissue dead. The dog will die no surgery can fix him up there was no living intestine left from stomach to colon.

This was not an obstruction. so she called the manufacturer of the Teddy Bear on a quest to find out what the gel was and what killed the dog. Turns out the stuffing in children's toys contains ingredients for flame retardants and mite control! It is designed to become a gel. It is highly toxic. Now you would think a child's toy would be safe because it is for children, but they don't expect a child to eat the stuffing of the toys... huuummmm that seems

a bit scary too. But we all know dogs demolish stuffed toys.

So do not give or buy your dog any children's stuffed animals... some people get them at goodwill etc. The vet will be posting a warning and story and I will send any other facts as needed and as I learn more. Maybe some children's toys do not have this ingredient, but better to be safe than sorry. So meanwhile, make sure all your dog toys are for dogs. Please pass this on... it is a horrible death she described and one that can be avoided.
Permission granted to cross-post

PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO ALL PET OWNERS!!!!!!

Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates!

Basic Agility:

Nancy Marc & Osco (Brussels Griffon)
Heather Stone & Hunter (Westie)
Stacey Perz & Moose (Weimaraner)
Don White & Oliver (Boxer)
Tracy Zaccario & Navi (Weimaraner)
Amy DeStefanis & Lori (Boxer Mix)
Sue Davis & Gracie (English Cocker)
Suzi Kirkpatrick & Blast (Belgian Malinois)

Super Puppy:

Mike & Julie Ardnt with Ole (Springer Spaniel)
Mike & Ellen Brown with Henry (Golden Retriever)
Mary Graf & Jetta (Miniature Poodle)
Jackie Tew & Grady (Poodle / Shi-tzu)
Katie Tew & Wickett (Poodle / Shi-tzu)
Steve Quinn & Jasmine (Boxer)

Class Schedule

Monday:

6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting June 14, 2010)
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (next class starting July 26, 2010)
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:

10:00 to 11:00 AM - Rally
6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting July 28, 2010)
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Conformation (contact Jeanne: jsardo42@hotmail.com)
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 3, 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

From Jennifer Wolfgang

I RESCUED A HUMAN TODAY by Janine Allen

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her.

I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid. As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the overworked shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.

Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms.

I would promise to keep her safe.
I would promise to always be by her side.
I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile
and sparkle in her eyes. I was so fortunate that she came down my
corridor.

So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors.

So many more to be saved; at least I could save one. I rescued a
human today.

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

Ileana