

Hi Everybody!

Our next Agility trial is the Thanksgiving NADAC trial of November 27, 28 & 29. It will once again be at the Mosaic Arena in the Manatee County Fairgrounds in Palmetto. NASDAC is a really fun venue with a lot of games, and very friendly to new people in agility. Everyone is invited to come and watch!

We need help on Friday morning loading up the truck. We will start loading around 9AM. Once at the arena, we will have help from the exhibitors, but we desperately need help on Friday morning, as one of my sons will be out of town. Those who come and help will get a 4 week class card or a \$30 certificate applicable to class tuition.

Another fun trial is the NADAC Games trial of January 9 & 10, 2010. That trial will take place right here at the school, and will be a good opportunity to start the rookie dog and handlers.

### **No Classes**

There will be no classes on Thursday , December 10, Friday, December 11. I will be going to Long Beach California for the AKC Agility Invitational with my Boxer Tia, and Lucky, the little Coton de Tulear that I run for Brenda & Alvin Magnon.

December 14 thru January 4 will be the Christmas break. There will be no regular classes except for Basic Obedience, Basic Agility, and Super Puppy classes. Those will finish off without interruption.

### **A New Children's Book**

Those of you who have visited my website, know that I am an artist (by original profession) and that I illustrate children's books. The latest book published is Christmas Chanuka, written by Irene Buggy, who also wrote the book about Pollux the Funniest Pig Ever. To see the books, visit the Children's books section of my website ([www.coolcritters.com](http://www.coolcritters.com)).

### **Cool Dogs Shirts are back!**

My first limited edition print was titled "Cool Dogs", which is why the school is called "Cool Critters". The printer who produced the prints also made t-shirts, but the shirts never had the bright colors that made the prints unique. Rhea Houston has worked her magic with Photoshop and revived the shirts. These new shirts look great! They are also available in different colors. For more information, contact Rhea at 813-689-3766 or [rhea@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rhea@tampabay.rr.com).

### **From Ralph Houston**

If you know any woman currently undergoing Chemo, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides **FREE housecleaning** - 1 time per month for 4 months while she is in treatment.

All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service.

[www.cleaningforareason.org](http://www.cleaningforareason.org)

Please pass this information on to bless a woman going through cancer treatment. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along.

### **2nd Annual Dog Gone Healthy Pet Fest!**

On Saturday, December 5th, 10:00AM-3:00PM, Doggone Holistic will have their Pet Fest in their parking lot. There will be over 30 participants that will include pet food and pet product companies, pet rescue groups, & many other "pet" people and businesses!

You can visit their website [www.doggoneholistic.biz](http://www.doggoneholistic.biz) and then click on the events tab for more info and a full listing of participants!

There will be live music provided by "*Music by Zoom*" and yummy, healthy refreshments will be provided by "*Maui Wowi*" *Hawaiian Coffees and Smoothies!* Make a \$5.00 donation to any of the rescue groups to enter the raffles! One raffle is a *1 year supply* of Natural Balance Pet Food! Get 1 "free" raffle ticket just for attending! (Available at the front counter.)

So check it out! It will be a Dog Gone Great time!

Leashed pets are welcome!

See you soon,

Kim, Chris & Cameron

& *Stella, Hana & Kahuna*

### **From Jerry Manning**

This is extremely important information. We really need to read and re read what happen to this exhibitor and not only learn from her experience but try to formulate a plan of action to protect ourselves from this intrusion.

permission to cross post widely PLEASE

Marie A Fiore  
Brookhaven KC LI, NY

The 10 Year Celebration Magnolia Classic

Jack Russell Terrier Trial I and II  
November 14 and 15, 2009  
Germantown Charity Horseshow Grounds  
Germantown, Tennessee

Everyone needs to know that a dog club member was stopped by police near Birmingham, AL on the way to the Magnolia Classic Trial. The actual law enforcement officer was a sheriff's captain for Jefferson County. They held her for 45 minutes on the side of the road with 6 patrol cars flashing red lights. She was treated like a criminal. She and her daughter were both very frightened by the way they were treated. The policeman asked her if she knew why she was stopped and she told them, "No I don't". He said, "I stopped you because I saw you had dogs in your truck". Her dogs were in secured kennels elevated by a table in the back of her truck to be near the topper windows. Equipment was then stored under the table.

They said she didn't have water in the dog crates. She explained she had just stopped at a rest stop, let all the dogs go to the bath room, offered them water and they didn't do well with water in the cups while the truck moved. Then she poured water in the cups and none of the dogs drank. He then said that the back of the truck was not air-conditioned. She pointed out that the temps were 58 at the time. Then he said she had inadequate ventilation. She told him the dog's hair was moving as they traveled and there was plenty of ventilation.

He wanted to know where she was taking the dogs and why they were in her truck. She told him she was headed to a dog show. He asked where the show was taking place. She stammered and he was sure she was lying. He asked for documentation to prove she was attending a dog show and proof that she was entered as a contestant. She didn't have a flyer so she told him to go the JRTCA web site and the trial would be listed. He called his main office and had someone go on line to view the site. He told her if she was going to a dog show why didn't' she

have entry forms with her. She told him that she was going to enter when she arrived.

He looked in the van and asked about the research foundation equipment. She told him what it was and he stated it looked like drug paraphernalia to him. She showed him paper work for the DNA study to prove the equipment was for legitimate purposes.

He told her he wasn't convinced that it was a proper way to carry her dogs and he was going to call animal control to come and investigate. When he called them they said they couldn't come for an hour and a half so he took photos of her truck and dogs to show to animal control so animal control could decide if her set up is acceptable or not. They informed her they had all her information and knew how to contact her if animal control decided her set up was inadequate. Fortunately, animal control couldn't come immediately so they let her go.

She had forgotten her brief case with her rabies certificates in them. It was the greatest good fortune that they failed to ask. You all need to know that in many areas animal terrorist (nothing they do is right) groups are in control of animal welfare and of animal control.

During this event they would not let her daughter get out of the car to smoke a cigarette. One officer went to the side of the car after she asked and stood there to prevent her from leaving the vehicle. She became very frightened and called her father. Then she heard them tell the others to turn off the cameras and she became even more afraid. Both were made to feel like they were in a third world country because they had dogs in the car.

The following are some of the things that are critical to know to keep you & your animals safe:

1. Dog owners need to be alerted to the current climate. Please understand this current outrage may be the direct result of the influence of animal activist groups disguised as animal welfare groups. Law enforcement is on board with them in many areas because they view them as experts. HSUS gives law enforcement positive press. HSUS donates money to many reelection campaigns. Some officials have been given nice jobs with HSUS when they retired from public office.

Animal Terrorists are succeeding in getting laws passed that restrict our freedoms of animal ownership. Their influence is sometimes apparent among public officials at every level including law enforcement and animal control.

If you read Saul Alinsky - "Rules for Radicals" you will see the method they use to enact new laws that seem so warm-and-fuzzy but in reality are aimed

directly at each of us. They don't want us to have (pet owners you are not exempt) or breed animals and they are willing to do anything to stop us  
- lie, cheat, steal.

According to Alinsky "Rules for Radicals", to affect radical change, First: you create a problem (out of thin air). Animal Terrorists have created the language which includes the term "puppy mill", "back yard Breeder", "hobby breeder", "vanity breeder", "basement breeder". The uninformed jump on the band wagon and the next thing you know commercial breeders just breed another litter of pups to offset new costs while you and I are forced to become criminals, give up our dogs, or to sign away our constitutional rights in order to have a dog.

2. Keep your dog papers in your vehicle when you travel with your animals. I can't stress this enough. I've been guilty of driving without them but no more. It could cost you thousands of dollars, or worse you could lose your dogs. Your dogs could be taken into custody to a pound till you could get your papers to show authorities. You would be powerless to stop them. Meanwhile, no telling what they would be subjected to in that environment. Further, some communities/states have laws that state any animal confiscated and taken to a shelter must be spayed or neutered before it is returned. These things might be fought against in court but your animals would already be spayed or neutered, or even euthanized, before you could win in court. It has happened to others. Eventually some others have won in court but their animals were all already dead, spayed, neutered, and/or sold to pet people that "rescued" them from the shelter (who happened to make a chunk of change off your stolen dogs and from the PR of having "rescued" them).

3. Stay Street-Legal. Make sure your car is travel worthy before any trip. No lights burned out, no out-of-date inspection sticker, etc. Give them no reason to stop you for a minor infraction. The constitution still protects us against illegal search and seizure without probable cause. Above all DO NOT SPEED. If you are in a big hurry, leave earlier. Giving the police a right to stop you under color of law has officially just gotten way more expensive.

Apparently our fellow club member was stopped unconstitutionally - IMO. Right or wrong, she was victimized only because they could see her dogs in her car. It is a sad state of affairs when our constitutional rights can be violated because we have a visible dog in the car. Sadly, you might have to consider this when you get your next vehicle.

4. Buy or borrow a video camera. Video tape your dogs kennels, the condition of the kennel, your dogs' condition, water containers, bedding, etc. Have a video of your dogs competing at a dog show. If animal control shows up video tape the entire event. If they take your dogs, go to the shelter & video tape the place they take them if possible. One fellow in AL with show pit bulls did this and he got his

dogs back.

5. Keep a contact person's number in your cell phone. If you get into a situation like the one that happened near Birmingham you might need someone to call that can send help. We need to develop a system of hot lines through out the country so a volunteer in each state or area could come to help in an emergency.

6. JRTCA members and the Magnolia Group should join with the My Dog My Choice members and contact the elected state officials for AL and the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce &/or Jefferson County officials to lodge a formal written complaint. We need to organize a letter writing campaign. I will create a sample letter and get us addresses to use. Email me at [mbyrd@centurytel.net](mailto:mbyrd@centurytel.net) (mailto:[mbyrd@centurytel.net](mailto:mbyrd@centurytel.net)) for this information.

If an area gets the reputation of being in an unsafe place for dog owners to travel, exhibitors will not attend events in that area. The person that had been victimized went home through Birmingham after dark and went to a different town to spend the night because she was afraid. Even then she was afraid in the motel so close to the area.

It is bad for the local economy to lose a source of revenue. How many people would go to the GA trial, for instance, if they worried about traveling through AL? Dollars spent in a community roll over 9 times in that area.

Having a dog in the car does not automatically make us criminals and remove our 4th amendment rights against illegal search and seizure.

7. Just so you know, TN is the state where police shot a man's dog and victimized his family when he accidentally left his wallet on top of his car. They thought the money blowing off was evidence that he was a robber. The man has won a suit in court over it but his dog is dead, his wife and children are traumatized and his knee is permanently injured.

In LA a man's pit bulls were taken and killed within 24 hours. He proved he was innocent in court but all his animals were already dead. He is suing.

The newest hype they are introducing as another "First create a problem" is the idea that dogs have a larger carbon foot print than an SUV. Think that is too far out to be believed or to matter? Will you still think so if they pass a law which requires you to pay a Cap and Trade tax to keep your dog, or a national limit on the size and number of dogs you can own?

You can't begin to imagine the things I'm reading about the victimization of animal owners & the loss of our freedom of animal ownership in communities all

over the USA. We must all wake up and become proactive before it gets any worse.

Don't be sucked into any of the animal terrorists' agendas (like puppy mill bills etc). And for heaven's sake don't send money to any of them or let your families and friends do so. It's not just the commercial breeder. It's not just the pit bull people. It is not just the other guy. It is your personal freedom of quiet enjoyment with your animals and it is happening TODAY. We can stand together or we can all fall one by one. Think about it please.

<http://www.mydogmychoice.com> (<http://www.mydogmychoice.com/>)

### **Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates**

#### Super Puppy:

Camille Costlow & Lola (German Shepherd)  
Ellen Brown & Bear (Golden Retriever)  
Suzi Kirkpatrick & Blast (Malinois)  
Caroline & Scott Valdez with Venus (German Shepherd Mix)  
Stephanie Hulbert & Cali (Labrador Retriever)

### **Class Schedule**

#### Monday:

6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting November 23, 2009)  
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (next class starting January 4, 2010)  
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Conformation (This is an on-demand class)  
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 - Advanced Agility  
10:00 to 11:00 AM - Intermediate Agility  
10:00 to 12:00 AM - Rally  
6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting January 6, 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 January 14, 2010)

8:00 to 9:00 PM - Rally Obedience

Friday:

No morning classes until after the new year

**Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!**

Ileana