

Happy Thanksgiving Everybody!

At this time, we need to be grateful for all that we have and for the company of our pets. They make our lives so rich, it's hard to imagine what it would be like to not have their company! I am grateful for the opportunity to work with all of you and your dogs. Even the dogs that you consider difficult, or that embarrass you, put a smile on my face ☺ I love all of you for being yourselves.

Our Thanksgiving NADAC trial will take place on November 26, 27 & 28 at the Mosaic Arena in the Manatee County Fairgrounds in Palmetto. 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. We will start at 11AM on Friday, and 8AM on Saturday and Sunday.

On Friday at 8:30AM we will be loading the truck, and we'll need all the help we can get! All those who help load will get a 4 week class card.

NADAC Games Trial

On January 8 & 9, 2011 we'll be having our NADAC Games Trial here at the school. This is a great starting point for new dogs, since it's home turf. It's a lot of fun for new people to agility. That premium is now available for downloading at www.coolcritters.com.

Holiday Class Schedule

We will not be having classes on Thursday, December 2 through Monday, January 6. The Basic Obedience class will, however, go on. Lisa Glick will be teaching that class. I will be traveling to California for the AKC Agility Invitational.

Christmas break will be from Tuesday, December 21 through Monday, January 3. The Basic Obedience, Basic Agility, and Puppy Classes will continue uninterrupted.

From Dog Gone Holistic

3rd Annual Dog Gone Healthy Pet Fest! Saturday, December 4th, 10:00AM to 3:00PM

Come and enjoy this event held right in our parking lot! We will have over 20 participants that include pet food and pet product companies, pet rescue groups, & many other "pet" people and businesses!

Please visit our website www.doggoneholistic.biz and then click on the events tab for more info and a full listing of participants!

There will be music provided by
"Pure Power Productions"

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! The other raffles are gift baskets provided by us and our participants! Get 1 "free" raffle ticket just for attending. (Get more raffle tickets by making a \$25.00 purchase or by making more donations!) A portion of the day's sales will be donated to the attending pet rescue groups.

From Florida Boxer Rescue

For all of you who are Boxer lovers, Florida Boxer Rescue has an email list. They will also be rolling out a new website soon that will have the ability to sign up for their email list, but for now, if you would like to join, send email requests to this address (luvboxers@tampabay.rr.com).

Zachery is a Star!

Last month, Suncoast Animal League made the Guinness World Records for most dogs in Halloween Costumes. Donna Johnston's Golden Retriever Zachery is shown on the Guinness website. Follow the link below and scroll down to Most Dogs in Costume. You will see a picture of Zachery in his Carmen Miranda costume. Too Cool !!!!!!!

[Guinness World Records Day 2010](#)

From Karen Vance

Someone is looking for a dog! A friend wants an adult Labrador Retriever ASAP. It must get along w/ cats and at least act (bark?) like a watchdog. His Lab (age 7) suddenly became seriously ill & died last week. He doesn't want a puppy. As far as I know, either sex is fine. He does live close to Karen and she's willing to help out to make this happen.

Don Ryan...He prefers phone contact 813-748-0746
email is -- cbracdon@msn.com

Congratulations to our Latest Graduates!

Super Puppy Class

Cathy Skora & Alexis (Min. Schnauzer)
Lisa Glick & Flare (Greyhound)
Britten Pisowicz & Boomer (Min. Schnauzer)
Heather Le Blanc & Riley (German Shorthaired Pointer)
Megan Brown & Jax (Lab Mix)
Maureen Roberts & Aedan (Belgian Malinois)

Class Schedule

Monday:

6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting January 10, 2011)
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (next class starting January 17, 2011)
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 12:00AM - Advanced Obedience with Susi Kirkpatrick
6:15 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting December 1, 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 13, 2011)
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

Daytime Basic Agility Class

In January, I would like to schedule a Wednesday 9AM Basic Agility class. Everyone interested, please send me an email or call me. Daytime Basic Agility classes only take place in the winter months.

From the Canine Collection of Poems

Bet You Can't Own Just One...

Why own a Show dog? There's a danger you know.
You can't own just one, for the craving will grow.

There's no doubt they're addictive, therein lies the danger
While living with lots, you'll grow poorer and stranger.

One dog is not trouble, and two are so funny,
the third one is easy, the fourth one's a honey.

The fifth is delightful, the sixth one's a breeze.
You find you can live with a houseful, with ease.

So how 'bout another? Would you really dare?
They're really quite easy, but Oh Lord, the hair!

With dogs on the sofa, and dogs on the bed,
And crates in the kitchen, it's no bother, you said.

They're really no trouble, their manners are great.
What's just one more dog and one more little crate?

The sofa is hairy, the windows are crusty.
The floor is all footprints, the furniture's dusty.

The housekeeping suffers, but what do you care?
Who minds a few nose prints and a little more hair?

So let's keep a puppy, you can always find room.
And a little more time for the dust cloth and broom.

There's hardly a limit to the dogs you can add.
The thought of a cutback, sure makes you feel sad.

Each one is so special, so useful, so funny.
The food bill grows larger, you owe the vet money.

Your folks never visit, few friends come to stay,
except other dog folks who live the same way

Your lawn has now died and your shrubs are dead too,
Your weekends are busy, you're off with your crew.

There's dog food and vitamins, training and shots
and entries and travel, and motels cost lots.

Is it worth it, you wonder? Are you caught in a trap?
Then that favorite comes up and climbs in your lap.

Her look says you're special and you know that you will
keep all the critters in spite of the bill.

Some just for showing, and some just to breed,
and some just for loving, they all fill a need.

Winter is a hassle, but the dogs love it true,
And they must have their walks tho' you are numb and blue.

Late evening is awful, you scream and you shout
at the dogs on the sofa, who refuse to go out.

The dogs and the dog shows, the travel, the thrills
the work and the worry, the pleasure, the bills.

The whole thing seems worth it, the dogs are your life.
They're charming and funny and offset the strife.

Your lifestyle has changed, things just won't be the same.
Yes, those dogs are addictive and so's the dog game.

Author Unknown

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

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