

Hi Everybody!

Our Thanksgiving NADAC Agility trial is this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Mosaic Arena in the Manatee County Fairgrounds in Palmetto Florida. NADAC stands for North American Dog Agility Council, and it is one of the nicest venues for beginner dogs and handlers to start out in this sport. The show starts at noon on Friday and 8AM both Saturday and Sunday. We will have a great food vendor and great bleachers for spectators. This will be our ten year anniversary of hosting NADAC trials, and we want it to be a special event.

Directions to the arena: 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. Everyone is invited to come and watch!

On Friday morning at 9AM, we will be loading the truck to take the equipment to the arena, and we need all the help we can get. Helpers will get a 4 week class card. The more people here, the quicker we can get the job done.

GAMES Trial

The premium for our January NADAC Games Trial has been approved, and is now available for downloading at www.coolcritters.com. That trial will be here at the school on January 7 & 8, 2012.

Agility Equipment For Sale:

Mary Quinn is selling an almost new **aluminum dog walk**, regulation size, and ready to set up in the back yard. The price for this dog walk is \$500. For more information call Mary at 352-518-9039

I am selling one of the **competition teeters**. It is regulation size, aluminum, and totally refurbished, and newly painted. This is the teeter in the Basic Agility field. I am asking \$450 for this teeter, brand new, it sells for more than twice that much.

I am also selling one of the **tires** used in the USDAA shows. It is all PVC, and very sturdily constructed with a USDAA regulation tire, which is a bit smaller than the AKC one. This price for this tire is \$75.

In two months, I will be advertising the this equipment on Craig's List.

K9 Shower:

I recently tried out a really neat way to wet my dogs down when it's hot at the shows. The K9 shower was originally designed to clean your dog's dirty feet before they come in the house, but here in Florida, it's a great way to take a

gadget to the 4 shows and wet dogs down with a gentle mist before they run in the hot sun. I am in the process of finding out if I can become a supplier. Check it out at www.thek9shower.com if anybody is interested in purchasing one, let me know, maybe we can do it as a fundraiser.

From Juli Shinozuka

"I just got my email today with the work schedule for the AKC Agility Invitational. I work all three days, mostly as ring crew. I have to wait for tickets and some other information to arrive.

Now the challenge. Either I have to drive out there every day and back. Or I find a hotel out there to stay in. Better yet if I can find a roomie instead of getting a hotel myself. If I have to get one myself then I will probably have to stay a distance away where the cost should be cheaper, I hope. I am very limited in my budget... If you know anyone who is looking for a roomie or someone to share costs, please let me know. I am so excited to go."

Juli's email is awussy@hotmail.com if you would like to share a hotel room with her for the Invitational.

From Sally Manning:

You are invited to the **Holiday Show & Go** to be held Dec. 3rd at Mary Help of Christians Center in Tampa. This *'fun event'* is sponsored by the Hillsborough County Florida Dog Fanciers (HCFDF). Show & Go classes in Conformation, Obedience and Rally will have 'officials' conducting each ring. No placements, just 'practice' with your dogs in the show ring. Classes will run between 10:00 and noon, with a picnic lunch following from noon to 1:00.

Tickets are only \$1.00 and can *be used* for Show & Go classes, games, raffle or food items. Ticket sales & HCFDF registration start at 9:30 AM on site.

For more information on the **Holiday Show & Go** contact Tim Golden onemrmom@aol.com . For info on HCFDF go to: www.HCFDF.org

Feel free to forward this information to your 'dog friends.'

P.S. If you want the flyer emailed to you, contact Tim Golden or send me an email...Ileana

A Good Home Needed:

From Tami Todd

Subject: Gracie needs a forever home (great with kids) - pass around please

My friend, Mindi, found Gracie (small lab mix, will get to about 55 lbs) on the street, starving and emaciated to the point of near death. Mindi (being a cat person with no experience raising a dog) took Gracie in, got her healthy, all shots, spayed, microchipped, all while knowing she would not be able to keep Gracie. Mindi works very long hours and Gracie needs to be in a home where she has people around her and room to run and play. Gracie loves kids, other animals (even cats), is playful and loving, very smart and a quick learner, leash trained, loves the dog park. She is still in the puppy stage and needs a home where someone can devote the time needed in training and taking care of a dog. Mindi is heartbroken about having to give Gracie up to a better situation, but Mindi knows it is best for Gracie and that's what's important.

Please pass Gracie's photo around and let's find this little girl a forever home (preferably with a yard and kids). You can reach Mindi at 727-432-1882 or me at 813-401-1313. Thanks for your help.

From Dog Gone Holistic

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

You are invited to this awesome event that include pet food and pet product companies, pet rescue groups, & many other "pet" people and businesses!

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

This year, as their Holiday Gift to you and your pets they are offering 15% OFF EVERYTHING IN THE STORE! EVEN DOG & CAT FOOD! ONE DAY ONLY! SAVE BIG \$\$\$! No coupons needed for the savings! Make a donation for 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. We are also having a 50/50 Raffle to benefit the attending Pet Rescue Groups. All money collected for the 50/50 raffle will be divided between one lucky winner and the attending rescue groups. The 50/50 is CASH only and the winning number will be posted on the website on Monday, December 5th!

There will also be Human food available from Smokey Bones BBQ of Brandon and Scigliano's Italian Market. So be sure to bring y appetites! A portion of the money earned selling the "human" foods will be donated to the attending rescue groups.

So check it out! It will be a Dog Gone Great time and a Dog Gone great opportunity to save some \$\$\$!
Leashed pets are welcome!

Don't forget about Holiday Pet Photos on Saturday, November 19th!

This year's Boxer Bash is Sunday, December 11th.

Congratulations to Our Latest Graduates!

Basic Agility

Ben Ledwon and James Bond (Shih Poo)
Pamela Baines & Gaspar (Standard Schnauzer)
Barbara Robles & Ruth Maund with Lily (All American)
Marie Logue and Tam (Cavalier King Charles)
Susi Metz & Fielder (Labrador)
Mardee & Ken Buchman with Murray (Springer Spaniel)

Super Puppy

Lynn Shaber & Kindle (Aussie)
Marlene Horne & Riley (Lhasa Mix)
Alexander & Katya Tipps with Sadie (German Shepherd)
Holly Rowlette & Tucker (Goldendoodle)
Helen & Tom Lynett with Fergie (Labrador)
Joanne Boerner & Sig (Wheaten Terrier)

Class Schedule

Monday:

1:00 to 2:00 PM - Rally Obedience
6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting February 6, 2012)
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (next class starting January 2, 2012)
8:00 to 9:00 PM - Intermediate Agility

Tuesday:

9:00 to 10:00AM - Advanced Agility
10:00 to 11:00 AM - Intermediate Agility
6 to 7PM - Distance work class
7:00 PM Masters / Advanced Level Agility

Wednesday:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting January 4, 2012)

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Intermediate Agility
8:00 to 9:30 PM - Advanced K9 Nosework class

Thursday:

7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Obedience (Next class starting December 1, 2011)
8:00 to 9:00 PM - Rally Obedience

Friday:

7:00 to 8:30PM - Beginning Nosework Class

I would like to start a Wed. Morning Basic Agility and Basic Obedience class now that the weather is cooler. If you're interested in one of these classes please let me know, we need at least 3 dogs.

Have a great Thanksgiving, and remember the Thanksgiving feast is for the humans and not the dogs!

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

Ileana