

Hi Everybody!

Our Thanksgiving weekend NADAC trial will be taking place right here at the school on Saturday and Sunday, November 24 & 25. Everybody is invited to come and watch! On Friday at 11AM after the agility class, we will be setting up the rings. We need all the help we can get. Helpers will get a 4 week class card. We have dogs from all over the state competing at all levels. We also have a great food vendor and some other vendors featuring doggy as well as people gift items. Parking will be in the Basic Agility field and along the fence area in front of the field. The area right in front of the house and by the Advanced field is for only for loading and unloading. The competition starts at 8AM both days, and will be finished by 3 or 4PM.

Our Games trial will be on January 5 & 6, 2013 also at the school. That premium is not approved yet, but will be available at the Thanksgiving Trial.

No Classes

There will be no classes on Thanksgiving, Thursday November 22. No classes Monday, December 24 through Monday, January 1, 2013. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

Canine Conditioning Seminar

Cool Critters will be hosting a Canine Conditioning Seminar with Liz McGuire. Liz is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist for both people and dogs. Canine conditioning, for those who are not familiar with the term, is essential if you are going to do performance events with your dogs.

Our first agility dogs all ended up lame because we didn't know how important it was to keep them in shape for the sport. Running around and playing is NOT enough for a dog that will be required to jump, climb, and turn on a dime. As Liz McGuire explained, Agility is most like plyometrics, fast twitch muscle activity, and explosive movements. When we don't condition our dogs and start running agility, a little tweak here and there starts becoming more serious because dogs will compensate for injuries, and they are expert at working through pain. They cannot tell us where it hurts until it becomes really serious. By building up the proper muscles, we avoid all this pain.

This seminar will be on Saturday, December 15 from 9AM to about 4:30PM. All the working spots are taken, but we will have unlimited auditing spots. Auditing spots are \$35, and includes lunch and water. If interested, please contact me right away for a registration form. All the forms have to in by December 10.

A Human Conditioning Seminar

Since Liz is a certified physical therapist, I had an idea for a seminar for middle aged, slightly gimpy handlers. Agility people don't need a personal trainer to get ready for an ironman competition, we need to train for running our dogs. This seminar would be conditioning, stretching, and cooling down to prevent injuries. This could be a two or three hour seminar, maybe in an afternoon. If you like this idea, please contact me.

From Rhea Houston

This was just beautiful, and something that I had never seen. My sons say it's called "Animusic", and at stressful times such as these, certainly a breath of fresh air. The Incredible Music Machine:

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/XlyCLbt3Thk?rel=0>

Contact Trainer for sale

Shela Ellis is selling her contact trainer. A contact trainer is a piece of equipment that has an A-frame on one side and a Dog Walk on the other. In this way, dogs can be taught the contact zones. It is made of aluminum and is in excellent condition. She would like to get \$200 for it. She paid around \$400 for it. Billy her Aussie is the only dog that has ever been on it.

If interested, contact Shela at shelae@htn.net.

Dog Gone Holistic Healthy Pet Fest

5th Annual Dog Gone Healthy Pet Fest!

Saturday, December 1st, 10:00AM-3:00PM

This awesome event held right in their parking lot! There will have over 20 participants 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 a Holiday Gift to you and your pets Dog Gone Holistic is offering 15% OFF EVERYTHING IN THE STORE! EVEN DOG & CAT FOOD! ONE DAY ONLY! SAVE BIG \$\$\$\$! No coupons needed for the savings! Check out all their information and events on the website!

New Classes Starting

The Super Puppy Class that was to start this Wednesday, November 7, has been moved to next Wednesday, November 14, at 6PM. The current class was supposed to graduate on October 31, Halloween night and we had to postpone it because all of them had kids.

I have had a request for a daytime Basic Obedience class. It would be Wednesdays at 9AM. I interested, please contact me and we can start now that it's not too hot.

Class Schedule

Monday:

1:00 to 2:30 PM - Advanced Obedience Skills (Starting December 3, 2012)
6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy (Next class starting December 10, 2012)
7:00 to 8:00 PM - Basic Agility (next class starting January 7, 2013)
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:

6:00 to 7:00 PM - Super Puppy class (Next class starting November 14, 2012)
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 December 13, 2012)
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

Supper Puppies:

Cyndi Holcombe & Gracie Joy (Lab Mix)
Doug Pawson & Simba (German Shepherd)
Lindsey Ragsdale & Ellie (Bichon Frise)
Stacey & Mike Pastuzyn with Buck (Labrador)
Ed & Jane McCauley with Jack (All American)
Colleen Diaz & Bosco (Australian Shepherd)
Maureen Roberts & Xander (Belgian Malinois)
Cheryl Gardner & Skylar (border Collie)
Kathy Williams & Rosie (Basenji)
Lynette & Mark Laguna with Jesse (Sheltie)
Elias Cura & Enzo (Cane Corso)
Bland & Erika Eng with Rusty (Beagle)

Basic Agility

Machelle Beasley & Raven (Boxer)
Beth Rice & Rose (Border Collie)
John Potts & Lily (Papillon)
Tiffanie Ivins & Titus (Boxer)
Don White & Caleb (Boxer)
Donetta Myers & Dixie (Papillon)
Jacquie Royce & Rocky (Boxer)

From Facebook

This was posted by a couple of my Boxer friends, and it's dedicated to all of us who have loved and lost our beloved Agility dogs:

JUST ONE MORE by Lori Hebert:

"I was sitting and watching at a recent trial when a novice girl joined me with a smile. She laughed and said "this is serious stuff, there's a lady by that ring down on her knees begging earnestly God just more please". I followed her gaze and felt my tears in my eyes when I saw the lady and dog still standing by.

I took a deep breath and turned to the girl. "You have no idea, none in the

world. The lady and the dog that you see standing there, they probably won't Qualify, but neither one cares. She was praying to God to give her one more, and believe me kid it's not the score. It's not about the points, and it's not about the ribbons. It's not about Qing or finding the line, she's not running to win this big class. The time of all that has long ago past. The dog you see is very very ill, the doctors can't cure him and there's no magic pill. They sent her out and told her it's done. They gave her permission to take him to run since above all else, that's what he wants. She brought him down here to take his last jaunts. The ribbons don't matter, there'll be no MACH (Master Agility Champion) run. They're just out there now to have some last fun. She'll pat him on the head and give him a kiss because when he's gone that's what she will miss. She realizes that and when she does pray, all that she is asking for, is just one more day. Just one more day to share a pillow at night. Just one more reason to continue the fight. Just one more lick of that ol' pink tongue. Just one more course to go out and run. Just one more wag of that trademark tail. Just one more trot to pick up the mail. Just one more is all she say. Just one more, God, just one more day."

I looked at the novice girl, now tears in her eyes. I stood up and left, no need for good byes. A little bit later I was passing the ring, when I happened to see a miraculous thing. Standing there waiting were my girl and her pup. They looked a little nervous and really revved up. Then I watched her relax and kneel on the floor. And I heard her whisper "Please God, just one more."

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone!

Remember this is a people Holiday, and our dogs should not be eating the leftovers. Turkey bones can kill dogs, and the fixings are too spicy for them!

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

Ileana